

## **UCF-5.020 Religious Observances**

- (1) The University of Central Florida will reasonably accommodate the religious observances, practices, and beliefs of individuals in regard to admissions, class attendance, the scheduling of examinations and class assignments, and University-sponsored events/activities. A student who desires to observe a religious holy day of his or her religious faith must notify all of the instructors teaching the class(es) from which the student desires to be excused as soon as practicable prior to the observance.
- (2) The student will be held responsible for any material covered during the excused absence, but will be permitted a reasonable amount of time to complete any work missed. Where practicable, major examinations, major assignments and University ceremonies will not be scheduled on a major religious holy day.
- (3) Students who are absent because of religious observances and have complied with this regulation will not be penalized.
- (4) When a student requests an accommodation for a religious observance, the instructor should promptly acknowledge the request, discuss any responsibilities that may be affected, and offer a reasonable accommodation. If there are questions or concerns regarding accommodations for student religious observances, instructors should contact the Office of Nondiscrimination & Accommodations Compliance (ONAC).
- (5) A student who believes that he/she has been unreasonably denied an educational benefit due to his/her religious belief or practices may seek redress with ONAC in accordance with that office's investigation procedures.

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