

Classroom Attendance

Academics & Research – Academics & Instruction

Academic Policy 303-23

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Authority: University President

Proponent: Academic Senate

Summary

This policy provides a framework for classroom attendance at Eastern Washington University (EWU), that promotes student academic success and engagement. This policy also provides guidance for faculty and students and flexibility for when students face unforeseen circumstances requiring absences or leave.

History:

This policy supersedes the previous version dated March 23, 2016.

I. Faculty Authority

Faculty must set expectations for students to attend class regularly to ensure regular and substantive interaction as per federal regulations. Faculty are also responsible for communicating their course-specific attendance policies. These policies should be clearly outlined in the syllabus and discussed during the first class meeting. Faculty shall accommodate students with approved leave, as per the guidelines in any policies. Examples of leave policies include but are not limited to: EWU 402-06 Pregnancy and Parental Leave, EWU 403-01: Holidays & Religious Accommodations, Chapter 172-135 WAC: Mandatory Medical Leave of Absence and Return. When accommodating leave, faculty should ensure that such leave does not negatively impact a student's grade, unless other attendance or matriculation policies are in place due to and subject to program accreditation. Students should request approved leave through their instructor, or in the case of prolonged leave due to illness or disability, through other appropriate channels including SASS.