STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The principal objective of the Code of Academic Integrity is to promote an intellectual climate and support the academic integrity of the University of Vermont. Academic dishonesty is in direct contrast to ethical expectations of students and the educational mission of the University, and serves to devalue students’ education. As a result, the University takes all violations of academic dishonesty seriously. Sanctions are significant and can include an XF in a course, suspension, or dismissal.

Each student is responsible for knowing and adhering to the Code of Academic Integrity. Please refer to the Code of Academic Integrity (http://www.uvm.edu/policies/student/acadintegrity.pdf) policy webpage.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes. The instructor has the final authority to excuse absences. It is the responsibility of the instructor to inform students of his or her policy for handling absences and tardiness, and the penalties that may be imposed. Notification should be done both verbally and in writing at the beginning of each semester.

It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor regarding the reason for absence or tardiness from class, and to discuss this with the instructor in advance whenever possible. The instructor has the right to require documentation in support of the student’s request for an absence from class. If an out-of-class exam is scheduled which conflicts with a regularly scheduled class, the regularly scheduled class has priority.

The instructor has the right to disenroll any student from a course if that student

1. does not meet the prerequisites of the course, or
2. fails to attend a scheduled course by the third instructional day of a semester or the second scheduled class session of a course, whichever comes later, unless the student has notified the instructor and has been excused.

To disenroll a student, the instructor must notify the registrar by the add/drop deadline. Upon such notification, the registrar shall remove the student’s name from the class list and the course from the student’s schedule. The student is responsible for determining whether she or he is enrolled in a class.

*When a student is unable to attend class for a health reason, the student may give permission for the instructor to discuss the situation with a representative from the Center for Health and Wellbeing. As with all absences, the faculty member has final authority to excuse students from classes.

Athletic-Academic Conflicts Students participating in intercollegiate athletics should plan their schedules with special care, recognizing the primary importance of all of their university academic responsibilities. Each semester, members of UVM varsity and junior varsity teams are responsible for documenting in writing any conflicts between their planned athletic schedule and the class schedule to their instructors by the end of the second full week of classes. Students and instructors should then discuss potential conflicts between course requirements and intercollegiate competitions. When an unavoidable conflict exists, the student and instructor should seek a resolution which permits the student to address the course requirement and participate in the athletic competition. The instructor has final authority on this matter.

Religious Holidays Students have the right to practice the religion of their choice. Each semester students should submit in writing to their instructors by the end of the second full week of classes their documented religious holiday schedule for the semester. Faculty must permit students who miss class for the purpose of religious observance to make up the course work.

Each student is held responsible for knowledge and observance of these rules and regulations, including those concerned with academic honesty. Please refer to the Code of Student Rights and Responsibility (http://www.uvm.edu/policies/student/studentcode.pdf) policy webpage.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

Faculty and students will at all times conduct themselves in a manner that serves to maintain, promote, and enhance the high quality academic environment of the University of Vermont. To this end, it is expected that all members of the learning community will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Faculty and students will attend all regularly scheduled classes, except for those occasions warranting an excused absence under the University Attendance Policy (e.g., religious, athletic, and medical).
2. Students and faculty will arrive prepared for class and on time, and they will remain in class until the class is dismissed.
3. Faculty and students will treat all members of the learning community with respect. Toward this end, they will promote academic discourse and the free exchange of ideas by listening with civil attention to comments made by all individuals.
4. Students and faculty will maintain an appropriate academic climate by refraining from all actions that disrupt the learning environment (e.g., making noise, ostentatiously not paying attention, and leaving and reentering the classroom inappropriately).