

CLASS ABSENCE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Rationale:

Seattle University sponsors intercollegiate athletic programs at the Division I level. We wish to recognize the role students have outside the classroom in making distinctive contributions to the university. The purpose of this policy is to set forth principles and procedures that support students' academic success, facilitate their participation in Division 1 sports, reduce scheduling conflicts, provide a framework for negotiating those that remain unavoidable, and ensuring both the integrity of the academic process as well as the equitable treatment of our students

Principles:

1. At Seattle University, our student-athletes are held to the same standard of academic excellence expected of all students.
2. In accord with NCAA Bylaws, the athletics program will take every measure to minimize the number of classes student-athletes must miss due to athletic competition by taking the academic calendar and schedule into account when scheduling athletic competition, practice, and team meetings.
3. Faculty members should not penalize student-athletes for missing classes due to conflicts with scheduled athletic contests or related travel.
4. It is recognized that certain course activities are necessary to meet course and/or program requirements. Student-athletes should make every effort to minimize conflicts with such academic activities, e.g. clinicals, labs and field trips.
5. Authorized absences for scheduled athletic competitions and related travel do not relieve student-athletes of their class responsibilities, including any course material covered during a missed class.
6. Where there are schedule conflicts, absences, or other issues, students, faculty, Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) and the Assistant Athletic Director (AAD) should work in concert for the most optimal solution. This protects the integrity of the academic process while enabling, when possible, the student to participate in university sanctioned athletic events.

Procedures:

Prior to Term

1. The Faculty Athletics Representative and Assistant Athletics Director will meet annually with each college and/or departments in order to best collaborate to support student-athletes' academic success.
2. The Faculty Athletics Representative and Athletics Administration will review a 90% complete proposed travel schedule for each sport 6 months in advance of the season. The draft will include the time and date of competition, destination, departure time, travel

time, and return time. The Faculty Athletics Representative has the authority to ask that the travel schedule be modified to reduce the number of class absences.

3. Faculty should have previous course syllabi available to students. Students-athletes should consult syllabi in considering their course selections and contact faculty should they have any questions.
4. Student-athletes will make an effort to schedule classes that limit the amount of class missed due to scheduled competitions and associated travel. They should always consult with their academic advisors for help in developing their schedules.
5. Faculty should indicate on the course syllabus, available to students on the first day of class, the dates of all major exams, due dates for paper or project submissions, and dates of field trips and other mandatory class-related activities. This does not preclude faculty changing the syllabus as needed during the quarter.
6. Competition will not be scheduled on any day on which final examinations are scheduled unless prior approval has been received from the Provost.
7. No practice session or team meeting may be scheduled during mandatory Orientation sessions, e.g., summer orientation, school orientations.

Start of Term (before add/drop)

1. For sports in season, student-athletes will receive class absence notification forms from the Assistant Athletic Director prior to the

