

POLICY ON RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS

FAQ

1. Why did SU adopt a new policy? Doesn't the University already accommodate students who observe religious holidays?

Yes, the University has a longstanding practice of reasonably accommodating students who seek adjustments in their academic classes/programs due to the observance of religious holidays.

In the 2019 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed and Governor Inslee signed into law [Substitute Senate Bill 5166](#) that amends [RCW 28.10.039](#) and requires colleges and universities to adopt policies requiring faculty to reasonably accommodate students who, due to the observance of religious holidays, expect to be absent or endure a significant hardship during certain days of

“Notice Regarding Religious Accommodations

It is the policy of Seattle University to reasonably accommodate students who, due to the observance of religious holidays, expect to be absent or endure a significant hardship during certain days of their academic course or program. Please see, *Policy on Religious Accommodations for Students* (https://www.seattleu.edu/media/policies/Policy_ReligiousAccommodationsfor-Students-FINAL.PDF).”

5. Who do I contact if I have questions about the policy?

Please contact the Office of Institutional Equity at (206) 2962824.