

College Policy on Class Attendance

Courses at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College are provided for the intellectual growth and development of students. The interaction with instructors and other students is an important element of the learning process, and a high correlation exists between class attendance and course grades. Therefore to attain maximum success, students should attend all their classes, be on time, and attend all scheduled course activities. Absence from class, for whatever reason, does not excuse a student from full responsibility for class work or assignments missed. Students must accept this responsibility.

Individual instructors will establish attendance policies for each class, will publish the policy in the course syllabus, and keep attendance records. The penalty for absences is at the discretion of the instructor and may include failure of the course. Whenever a student is absent, the student must assume responsibility for making arrangements for any assignments missed due to the absence.

A student who stops attending class without officially withdrawing will still receive a grade for the course.

A student penalized for excessive absences may appeal through the grade appeal process, as stated in ABAC's college catalog and student handbook.

A student who serves as an official representative of the College is defined as one who: is authorized to use the College name in public relationships outside the institution; regularly interacts with non-college individuals and groups over an extended period of time (at least one semester); represents the College as a part of a group and not as an individual; represents the College under the direct supervision of a College faculty or staff member; and is authorized, in advance, by the President of the College.

Such a student is in no way released from the obligations and responsibilities of all students, but will not be penalized with unexcused absences when absences result from regularly scheduled activities in which he/she represents the College.

Further, it is the responsibility of each student to contact instructors prior to the absence and to make arrangements to make up any work that will be missed, in a manner acceptable to the instructor. Advisors of activities will schedule off-campus activities in a manner that does not unduly disrupt the learning process for a student.