



## RUTGERS POLICY

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### 10.2.7 COURSE ATTENDANCE

- A. Attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings of a course shall be expected. A student shall be permitted to make-up required exercises and examinations missed as a result of absences when these are authenticated. Each college or school shall designate an appropriate authority to authenticate the reason for absences from any regular part of a course including final examinations.
- B. It is the policy of the University not to cancel classes on religious holidays such as the Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur, Succoth, and Good Friday. However, students and faculty members are expected to exercise their own judgment as to attendance in accordance with the dictates of their own consciences. Generally no public ceremonies should be scheduled for these religious holidays. In any case, any ceremonies necessary on these days should be cleared through the appropriate Provost.

It is also the policy of the University to excuse without penalty students who are absent because of religious observances and to allow the make-up of work missed because of such absence. Examinations and special required out-of-class activities shall ordinarily not be scheduled on those days when religiously observant students refrain from participating in secular activities. Absences for reasons of religious obligation shall not be counted for purposes of reporting.

- C. The President of the University or an official appointed by him or her is authorized to cancel classes at the University or any part thereof in the event that weather conditions so dictate.

D. The recognized grounds for absences are:

- (1) Illness requiring medical attention.
- (2) Curricular or extracurricular activities approved by the faculty.
- (3) Personal obligations claimed by the student and recognized as valid.
- (4) Recognized religious holidays.
- (5) Severe inclement weather causing dangerous traveling conditions.