



**Broward
Community
College**

Policy Manual

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Broward Community College values the right and freedom of religious choice by all individuals. Accordingly, the College will seek not to schedule major college events, such as major class assignments, major examinations, and official ceremonies, on major religious holidays whenever practicable. Reasonable alternatives shall be provided for students to carry out their responsibilities as students when their religious observance, practice and belief interfere with admission, registration, class attendance, examinations, class work assignments, and participation in official ceremonies.

Students shall notify instructors in advance of absences to observe religious holy days in their own faith, and shall be excused from such absences without penalty. However, if non-penalized absences occur on the first day of class, students shall notify their instructors of the reasons for their absences at the next class meeting. Students shall be held responsible for material covered during their absences and shall be granted a reasonable time to make up any work or tests missed for non-penalized absences.

All absences shall be subject to the provisions of Broward Community College Policy 6Hx2-4.18, *Class Attendance*.

Students may seek redress when they believe they have been unreasonably denied educational benefits because of their religious beliefs or practices by following the procedure for resolving grievances set forth in Broward Community College Policy 6Hx2-4.19, *Grades and Grade Appeal Process*.

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