



~~FGCU POLICY 4.005~~

~~Student Observance of Religious Holidays~~

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Responsible Unit:

Student Success
and Enrollment
Management

~~A. POLICY STATEMENT~~

~~The Florida Board of Governors and state law govern University policy regarding observance of Religious Holidays. All students at Florida Gulf Coast University have a right to expect that the University will reasonably accommodate their religious observances, practices, and beliefs.~~

~~B. REASON FOR POLICY~~

~~To inform the Florida Gulf Coast University community of its Policy on the student observance of Religious Holidays.~~

~~C. DEFINITION OF TERMS~~

- ~~1. *Student*: A person enrolled in a course at Florida Gulf Coast University.~~
- ~~2. *Religious Holiday*: A religious holy day of the student's faith.~~

~~D. PROCEDURES~~

- ~~1. Students, upon prior notification to their instructors, shall be excused from class or other scheduled academic activity to observe a religious holy day of their faith.~~
- ~~2. Students shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the material or activities covered in their absence.~~
- ~~3. Students shall not be penalized due to absence from class or other scheduled academic activity because of religious observances.~~
- ~~4. Where practicable, major examinations, major assignments, and University ceremonies will not be scheduled on a major religious holy day.~~
- ~~5. A student who is to be excused from class for observance of a Religious Holiday is not required to provide a second party certification of the reason for the absence.~~
- ~~6. A student who believes that he or she has been unreasonably denied an educational benefit due to religious beliefs or practices may seek redress through the student grievance procedure administered by the University Ombudsperson.~~

Authority

BOG Regulation 1.001, University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties

History of Policy

New 09/24/08; Amended Organizational Change and Format Changed 09/10/19;

APPROVED: _____

Michael V. Martin, President

September 24, 2008
Date

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Michael V. Martin, President

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