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# Policy on Attendance and DN (On-Campus & Online)

### **Policy**

This policy clarifies the rules and regulations associated with attendance and dismissal from a course—whether delivered on-campus or online—for failure to meet YU attendance requirements.

#### Introduction

This policy clarifies who is responsible for the enforcement of attendance at YU and sets expectations for both face-to-face and online learning environments.

### **Policy Content**

Attendance and punctuality are required for all YU classes (on-campus and online). Faculty will record all absences faithfully and daily in the Edugate/LMS system.

#### **Attendance Procedures**

#### 1. On-Campus Classes

- Attendance must be taken as soon as class begins.
- Students are allowed a 10-minutes grace period after which they will NOT be permitted to enter the classroom and will be counted absent.
  - Students who leave early will also be marked absent.

### 2. Online Synchronous Classes

- Students must log in and be fully present (audio/video as required) within the first 10 minutes of the scheduled start time.
- Late logins beyond the grace period, early log-outs, or failure to engage as directed by the instructor will result in an absence.



• The learning management system (LMS) log and the virtual-meeting attendance report constitute the official record.

## 3. Responsibility for Connectivity & Equipment

- Students are solely responsible for ensuring they have a reliable internet connection, functioning computer or mobile device, camera, microphone, and any required software.
- Personal technical difficulties—including loss of internet connectivity, device failure, or software issues—do **not** constitute a valid excuse for absence.
- Only large-scale, verifiable outages acknowledged by YU IT Services may be considered for exception.

#### Dismissal for Excessive Absence

Once a student accumulates absences equal to 20% of the scheduled contact hours in any course, the student will be dismissed from the course and will receive a DN grade. The student will be notified via text message and email. A DN grade is not subject to appeal.

### Exception

The University-Council reserves the right to decide any situation/circumstances outside the conditions stated in this policy

#### Authorization

The policy was authorized by:

University President

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Date