

DRAFT MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to revise the catalog statement on attendance as indicated below:

Attendance

UAF is committed to student success and academic integrity. UAF faculty expect that students are committed to academic achievement. You are expected to adhere to the class attendance policies set by your instructors.

General Absences: If you miss class, you are responsible for conferring with your instructor as soon as possible concerning your absence, and to discuss the possibilities for arranging alternative learning opportunities. Note that some departments drop students who miss the first day of class and who fail to obtain their instructor's prior approval for the absence.

UAF-Sanctioned Absences: If you are scheduled to miss class for an academic requirement or to represent UAF in an official capacity (e.g., NCAA athletic competition, music performance), you must notify your instructor in writing ~~by the first Wednesday of~~ within the first five class days of the semester in which the absences will occur. The notification should list all scheduled absences and bear the signature of a UAF school official.

Instructors are encouraged to make reasonable accommodations for students who miss class to participate in these official, UAF-recognized activities. However, it is your responsibility to follow up the notification of absence by discussing alternative learning opportunities with your instructors before the end of the drop/add period (typically the second Friday of the semester). Doing so will allow you to drop the class and to add another if, after a good faith effort, you and your instructor cannot arrange for comparable learning opportunities that would enable you to be successful in the class.

Effective: Spring 2017

Rationale: Due to schedule alignment across the UA system, UAF classes now start on a Monday instead of a Thursday, giving students just two class days to notify their instructors instead of the previous five class days. This revision will ensure that students have the full five days to notify their instructors of their participation in official, UAF-recognized activities.
