

# RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND ATTENDANCE

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Pace University offers reasonable accommodation of students' religious beliefs. No person shall be expelled from or be refused admission as a student to Pace University for the reason that he or she is unable, because of his or her genuine and sincere religious beliefs, to register for or attend classes or to participate in any examination, course or work requirements on a particular day or days. Any student at Pace University who is unable, because of his or her religious beliefs, to attend classes on a particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from any examination or any course or work requirements. It shall be the responsibility of the student who must be absent to provide reasonable advance notice to the faculty member teaching the course or the appropriate administrative official. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty and of the administrative officials of Pace University to make available to each student who is absent from school with appropriate advance notice because of his or her religious beliefs, a reasonable equivalent opportunity to register for classes or make up any examination, course or work requirements which he or she missed because of such absence on any particular day or days. No fees of any kind shall be charged by Pace University for making available to the said student such equivalent opportunity.

If registration, classes, examinations, course or work requirements are held on Friday after 4:00 p.m. or on Saturday, similar or makeup classes, examinations, course or work requirements or opportunity to register shall be made available on other days, where it is reasonable and practicable to do so. No special fees shall be charged to the student for these classes, examinations, course or work requirements or registration held on other days.

In effectuating the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the faculty and the administrative officials of Pace University to exercise the fullest measure of good faith. However, a reasonable make-up opportunity need not necessarily be the one preferred by or most convenient for the student. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his or her availing himself or herself of the provisions of this section.

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