Medical excuse policy

College Health Services does not routinely provide excuses for students who miss class due to illness or injury. A student who needs to miss class or an exam should notify her professor that she is ill or injured and unable to attend class. It is the purview of the faculty to determine when or if a student will be excused from class.

This policy is consistent with our commitment to maintain confidentiality, encourage appropriate use of health care resources, encourage appropriate self care measures and support meaningful dialogue between faculty and students. Students are responsible for promptly notifying their instructors about absences caused by illness or injury, preferably prior to the class time rather than after the class time.

Students and faculty members are encouraged to have conversations that allow the student to explain her situation and the faculty to identify how the student can fulfill her academic responsibilities and continue her academic efforts, while working around her illness.

Students are encouraged to consult with health center staff regarding self care measures and to determine the need for medical evaluation. Students should contact health center staff when health issues require hospitalization, prevent return to campus or an acute illness persists for more than one week. The Health Center will strive to provide assistance with medical care, support services and facilitate communication with the Office of the Academic Deans.

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