

Attendance Policy for Online Education

The following statements elaborate upon the University of Mississippi's general attendance policy stated in the Catalog and apply to courses that are delivered online.

The University of Mississippi believes that students must attend class if they are to be well prepared for the workplace. Online courses are no different from traditional classroom courses in this regard. Online students are subject to the same attendance policy and procedures as traditional students. However, participation is defined in a different manner.

Student attendance in online courses is defined as **active participation** in the course as described in the individual course syllabus. Unlike Individual Study or iStudy courses, online courses will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for student participation no more frequently than daily, which can be documented by any or all of the following methods:

- Completion of tests or quizzes
- Discussion forums
- Submission/completion of assignments
- Communication with the instructor
- Or other course participation

Having these weekly mechanisms in place requires that students attend class each week or as specified in the syllabus. *The student is solely responsible for checking updates related to the course.* If a student fails to meet attendance requirements as stated in the syllabus, he or she will be given an absence. Aside from the learning opportunities missed due to absences from class, there are cases when a class absence or multiple absences may result in a student being dropped from a course. See the course syllabus and the University of Mississippi's policy on Credits and Grades for more information. In case of an anticipated absence, such as military deployment, a student should contact the instructor in advance.

Note: Nonattendance may affect financial aid resulting in reduction of aid, financial aid probation or financial aid suspension. Refer to the Office Financial Aid for more information.