



## Policies and Procedures Manual

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Title: Policy for Missing Class  
Policy Administrator: Athletic Director  
Effective Date: Mar-16-2009  
Approved by: Director of Athletics

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### **Purpose:**

Holy Cross strives to have a strong, competitive athletic program. Achieving this goal requires a substantial commitment of time and effort by administrators, coaches and student-athletes. At the same time, the academic well-being of our student-athletes remains our first priority

### **Policy:**

1.0 Accordingly, Holy Cross will conduct its athletic program in a manner that recognizes the importance of athletics, but endeavors to minimize academic conflicts. In particular, Holy Cross will operate in a way that minimizes missed classes. Consistent with NCAA rules, missing class for practice is not allowed. At times, it may be necessary to miss class to participate in a scheduled competition, including required travel to that competition. As an overriding principle, Holy Cross student-athletes will never miss class for athletic competition unless it is absolutely necessary. To the extent that we can control it, Holy Cross will schedule competitions to limit missed classes for student-athletes to the following:

- a. For classes that meet three or four times per week – Four classes per semester
- b. For classes that meet two times per week – Three classes per semester
- c. For labs – One class per semester
- d. For seminars that meet once per week – One class per semester

2.0 Each Montserrat cluster has some special events which occur outside of the normal class time. These events are integral to the academic component of the courses and are considered part of the curriculum. If a special event is included as part of the syllabus at the beginning of the semester, we are expected to schedule

around it. The only possible exception to that would be an excused absence strictly for a scheduled intercollegiate athletic event.

The above goals recognize that there may be additional postseason competitions beyond our control which could result in additional missed classes. Any exceptions to the above guidelines must be approved in advance by the Director of Athletics, who in turn will review the request with the Deans' Advisory Group.

**Procedures:**

**Forms:**

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**Related Information:**

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