
Subject: Observance of Religious Holidays in Courses Policy

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1. Purpose

The School of Integrative Health (SOIH) at NDMU recognizes the diverse faith traditions represented among its campus community and supports the rights of students to observe according to these traditions.

2. Policy

Students shall not be penalized because of their religious observances. Students who miss a course session because of an observance of their religious belief must be allowed:

- a. To make up any examinations, other written tests, or class work,
- b. To have access to any handouts or other material distributed in class,
- c. To have the opportunity to obtain or review any duplicated lecture notes or slides presented in class, and
- d. To schedule or reschedule clinic appointments.

SOIH prohibits faculty from scheduling examinations on the following religious holidays: Diwali, Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Fitr, Good Friday, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur.

3. Procedures

Students who anticipate being absent for religious observance should notify their faculty member(s) as soon as possible, and a minimum of two weeks in advance so that proper consideration can be made.

4. Approval and Revisions

Approved by Dean, School of Integrative Health, Christina Sax, PhD (August 2025).
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