TEMPORARY POLICY Mandatory Syllabus Statement on In-Class Attendance & Participation

Effective: August 1, 2021 - TBD

1.0 Introduction

SLU’s current University Attendance Policy does not address challenges related to in-class attendance (and in-person participation in class-related activities) raised in the COVID-19 era.

2.0 Scope

This statement is required for all syllabi for all courses offered in person at all locations (except the Madrid Campus) offered by the colleges/schools and other academic units reporting to the University Provost.

3.0 Mandatory Syllabus Statement on In-Person Class Attendance and Participation

The health and well-being of SLU’s students, staff, and faculty are critical concerns, as is the quality of our learning environments. Accordingly, the following University policy statements on in-person class attendance are designed to preserve and advance the collective health and well-being of our institutional constituencies and to create the conditions in which all students have the opportunity to learn and successfully complete their courses.

1. Students who exhibit any potential COVID-19 symptoms (those that cannot be attributed to some other medical condition the students are known to have, such as allergies, asthma, etc.) shall absent themselves from any in-person class attendance or in-person participation in any class-related activity until they have been evaluated by a qualified medical official. Students should contact the University Student Health Center for immediate assistance.

2. Students (whether exhibiting any of potential COVID-19 symptoms or not, and regardless of how they feel) who are under either an isolation or quarantine directive issued by a qualified health official must absent themselves from all in-person course activities per the stipulations of the isolation or quarantine directive.

3. Students are responsible for notifying their instructor of an absence as far in advance as possible; when advance notification is not possible, students are responsible for notifying each instructor as soon after the absence as possible. Consistent with the University Attendance Policy, students also are responsible for all material covered in class and must work with the instructor to complete any required work. In situations where students must be absent for an extended period of time due to COVID-19 isolation or quarantine, they also must work with the instructor to determine the best way to maintain progress in the course as they are able based on their health situation.

4. Consistent with the University Attendance Policy, students may be asked to provide medical documentation when a medical condition impacts a student’s ability to attend and/or participate in class for an extended period of time.

5. As a temporary amendment to the current University Attendance Policy, all absences due to illness or an isolation/quarantine directive issued by a qualified health official, or due to an adverse reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine, shall be considered “Authorized” absences.
4.0 Development and Approvals

Development:
This statement was developed by a committee of faculty and staff from the Faculty Senate and Provost’s Office for the 2020-2021 academic year. It was updated by a committee of faculty, students, and staff for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Approvals:
1. Revised statement approved by CADD: 7/19/2021
2. Revised statement approved by Provost: 7/19/2021