6.0115 Religious Observances of Religious Holy Days.

- (1) <u>Each university board of trustees shall adopt a regulation which</u> reasonably accommodates the religious observance, practice, and belief of individual students in regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments.
- (2) <u>Each regulation shall include a grievance procedure by which a student</u> who believes that he or she has been unreasonably denied an educational benefit due to his or her religious belief or practices may seek redress.
- (3) <u>Such regulation shall be made known to faculty and students annually in inclusion in the institution's handbook, manual, or other similar document regularly provided to faculty and students.</u>
- (1) Each university shall adopt a policy on the observance of religious holy days in accordance with these minimum requirements and the requirements of Section 240.134, Florida Statutes.
- (2) A student who wishes to observe a religious holyday of his or her religious faith will notify all of his or her instructors and be excused from class to observe the religious holyday.
- (3) The student will be held responsible for any material covered during the excused absence, but will be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up any work missed. Where practicable, major examinations, major assignments, and university ceremonics will not be scheduled on a major religious holy day.

 (4) Students who are absent from academic or social activities because of religious
- (5) Each university shall provide a procedure for students to seek redress in cases where the students believe they have been denied educational benefits because of their religious belief or practice.
- (6) The policy on the observance of religious holy days and the applicable procedure shall be included in the student handbook, university catalogue, or other material regularly distributed to university students and faculty members.

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observances will not be penalized.