



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Memorandum

To: Deans and Faculty
From: David W. McLaughlin, Provost
Date: August 28, 2012
Subject: Students' Religious Observance and Class Attendance

As a nonsectarian, inclusive institution, NYU policy permits members of any religious group to absent themselves from classes without penalty when required for compliance with their religious obligations. The policy and principles to be followed by students and faculty may be found here: [The University Calendar Policy on Religious Holidays](#).

It has come to my attention that notwithstanding the University's supportive approach to these matters, some students feel uncomfortable alerting their professors to upcoming absences related to religious observance. As we start the new semester, I thank you for your continued cooperation in creating an atmosphere of understanding and accommodation in response to our students' commitment to religious observance.