

Law Center Policy Statement PS-22LC: Class Attendance

Regular and punctual class attendance is a prerequisite for receiving credit in a course. Pursuant to the pertinent accreditation requirements imposed by the American Bar Association, the faculty has established guidelines for course absences. The faculty has voted that a student who has more than the number of absences prescribed below shall not be allowed to take the exam or receive credit, regardless of the reasons for the absences, unless specific permission is granted by the faculty or its delegate.

Fall and Spring Semesters

3-hour courses that meet 3 times/week—9 class absences.

3-hour courses that meet 2 times/week—7 class absences.

3-hour courses that meet 1 time/week—3 class absences.

2-hour courses that meet 2 times/week—7 class absences.

2-hour courses that meet 1 time/week—3 class absences.

4-hour courses that meet 4 times/week—14 class absences.

4-hour courses that meet 3 times/week—10 class absences.

The requirement to attend 75 percent of classes applies to Legal Research and Writing (5021) and (5022), and Advanced Appellate Advocacy (5609), but the number of classes for those courses may vary from the number normally scheduled for other two-hour courses. The maximum absences allowed in those courses (typically 5) will be announced at the beginning of the semester.

Courses taught by visiting scholars

1-hour course that meets 3 weeks (6 classes)—1 class absence.

2-hour courses that meet 6 weeks (12 classes)—2 class absences.

Summer Term

3-hour courses that meet 5 times/week—8 class absences.

2-hour courses that meet 5 times/week—6 class absences.

The requirement to attend 75 percent of classes also applies to one-hour courses and all courses taught in the Summer in France Program.

In seminars and other special courses, the attendance requirement may be higher. Individual professors may impose additional sanctions for absences.