

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND AUDITING

Student Attendance

Attendance is the responsibility of the student. Students who do not attend the first class session may be dropped from the class at the discretion of the instructor. In the event of excessive absences, the instructor may drop a student from a course or may lower a student's grade. An instructor who drops a student for non-attendance shall do so in accordance with Administrative Procedure 4230. Such students may be reinstated only at the discretion of the instructor for extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances shall be defined as reasons for absence beyond the control of the student. Typical examples of such circumstances would be extended illness, hospitalization, court appearances, or death in the immediate family. Official documentation may be required by the instructor for requests to be considered.

Auditing of Classes

An "auditor" shall mean a person who attends a course but is not regularly enrolled and does not receive credit or a grade for the course. To be eligible to audit, a person must be currently enrolled in at least one other course. Students may enroll as an auditor by permission of the instructor only. Participation in an audited class is subject to the discretion of the instructor. Students may audit a specific course only once and shall be limited to auditing two courses per term. Audited units shall be included in determining student unit load maximums. However, audited units shall be excluded in determining student status of credit unit load for financial aid, scholarships, and athletic eligibility. All official restrictions to enrollment shall apply to auditors, including placement and prerequisite requirements. Priority in class enrollment shall be given to students taking the course for credit.

Auditors may enroll only after the conclusion of the open enrollment period and before the end of the fourth week of class for a 16-week course or an equal percentage of the course length for shorter term courses. The fee for auditing a class shall be in accordance with the California State Education Code and any materials fees that are ordinarily required for the course. Students enrolled in classes to receive credit for ten or more units shall not be charged a fee to audit three or fewer units per semester. Fees are to be paid before auditing the course, and fees are non-refundable.

Auditors shall not be permitted to change their enrollment status in order to receive credit for a course. Regularly enrolled students may not change to audit status. Auditors shall not be permitted to earn credit by examination for an audited course.