Attendance/Tardiness

Punctuality and regular attendance are essential for the proper operation of each department in the University. These important factors are taken into consideration for merit reviews and promotional opportunities. Employees who are unable to come to work, or are going to be late, should notify their supervisor as soon as possible. The reason for lost time and the anticipated duration of the absence should be provided. For the duration of an absence, employees are required to use paid time off before requesting unpaid time off. If unable to call, a member of the employee’s family may make the call instead. In the event that the immediate supervisor cannot be reached, contacting the Human Resources Office will fulfill the obligation to report.

Unreported absences will automatically be considered lost time and will not be creditable toward sick leave or other paid time. Additionally, any approved absences would be credited toward personal, vacation or sick time, however, if an employee has no creditable time available then time taken would be considered personal unpaid. All time taken as personal unpaid time must be approved by a supervisor in advance. Supervisors have the responsibility to assure that bi-weekly time reports are correct and should notify Human Resources if tardiness or frequent absenteeism is interfering with employee performance.

Excessive absenteeism and/or tardiness may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. If an employee is absent for two consecutive workdays without notification, he/she may be subject to separation from employment without notice or benefits. If an employee is absent for more than five consecutive days due to an illness, a doctor’s note must be provided to the employee’s supervisor upon returning to work.