It is the student’s professional responsibility to review the absenteeism policy and procedure and specific attendance requirements for all course and curricular activities in which he/she is involved. All mandatory curriculum sessions are noted on the BlueDogs schedule/calendar. Students are expected to be present at ALL required-attendance sessions and to SIGN IN using BlueDogs. The date and time of access will be recorded along with the name of the student. The Office of Education will monitor this in order to check on attendance in required events.

Procedure for Missing a Mandatory Session with An Acceptable Reason

The following constitute acceptable reasons for being absent from a mandatory curricular activity:
- Personal illness or illness in immediate family member
- To seek health-related care
- Death in the family
- Religious holiday observances
- Participation in a scientific conference where the student is the lead author/presenter and directly participating in the conference presentation
- Thesis related research of critical importance when it is impossible for the activity to be conducted at any other time.

If a student anticipates missing a mandatory session due to one of the acceptable reasons, he/she must communicate by emailing Attendance.YSM@yale.edu in advance, when possible. In cases involving illness and unexpected emergencies, students should email Attendance.YSM@yale.edu as soon as possible. Students wishing to discuss personal reasons for absences may contact the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Procedure When a Student Misses a Mandatory Session without an Acceptable Reason

After a student misses the first mandatory session, he or she will receive from the Co-Directors of the Pre-Clerkship Curriculum an email that notifies the student of his or her absence and a reminder that further absences risk the student being referred to the Progress Committee. If the student attended the session but forgot to sign-in, the student has until 11:00 PM on the day of the mandatory session to email Attendance.YSM@yale.edu and explain that he or she forgot to sign-in. Forgetting to sign-in a second time or failure to notify Attendance.YSM@yale.edu of a forgotten sign-in will result in the student being charged with one absence.

After a student misses a second mandatory session during the Pre-Clerkship Curriculum, he or she will receive from the Co-Directors of the Pre-Clerkship Curriculum an email that notifies the student that he or she has missed two mandatory sessions. The student’s Academic Advisor will be copied on the email.

After a student misses a third mandatory session during the Pre-Clerkship Curriculum, he or she will receive from the Co-Directors of the Pre-Clerkship Curriculum an email that notifies the student that he or she has missed three mandatory sessions and will be referred to the Progress Committee. The Office of Education will communicate the student’s name to the Progress Committee.

The Progress Committee is responsible for reviewing the academic record and professional development of students to determine their suitability for advancement and graduation.


Progress Committee revision/update October 2018
The school is concerned that a pattern of missed mandatory sessions might indicate a lapse in professional behavior and be associated with difficulties in academic performance.

https://medicine.yale.edu/education/ppgg/professionalism/Professionalism%20Policy-Feb2016_281932_284_35661_v1.pdf

After 3 unexcused absences from pre-clerkship mandatory sessions, the student will be referred to the Progress Committee. The members of the Progress Committee will review the missed sessions in the context of the student's record of academic progress and professional conduct to date, and as needed will make recommendations intended to help the student address and successfully remediate any concerns that are identified.

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