Medical Excuse Policy

Effective April 4, 2011, Student Health Services no longer provides medical excuses for short-term absences due to illness or injury. In circumstances when the illness or injury is prolonged (an absence of more than five days) and requires medical attention or hospitalization, we will work with students to provide appropriate documentation. When a student is hospitalized or has a serious, ongoing illness or injury, Student Health Services will, at the student's request and with the student's consent, communicate with the student's academic adviser and/or Student Disability Services. Students may use this informational letter explaining the Student Health Services policy.

Students are instructed to contact their professor/instructor/coach in the event that they need to miss class, etc. due to an illness, injury or an emergency. All decisions about the impact of an absence, as well as any arrangements for making up work, rest with the instructors. Academic advising staff members are available to provide assistance to students or faculty members who have concerns about attendance issues.