

Statement Regarding Attendance for School of Law Online Classes for the Spring 2020 Semester (dated 03/27/20)

We and our students are trying to adjust to ever changing circumstances. We need to be flexible with our attendance policy while doing all that we can to ensure our students receive the content that they need. We have students who work in the healthcare field who may have obligations to their employers that have disrupted their normal schedules; some now have children at home; others may be caring for sick family members; some will have technical difficulties that prevent them from attending an online class.

Faculty are expected to maintain attendance records for online classes and students should be encouraged to attend the synchronous class session whenever possible. Those who will not be able to attend the synchronous class session should, to the extent possible, let the faculty member know before the class begins. Those who miss class can make up the class by reviewing the Panopto recording of the class session and will then be counted as present for the class. For interactive classes, such as Trial Advocacy, faculty are encouraged to work out individual plans for students to make up missed work.

Our goal should be to maintain attendance requirements while working with students on a case-by-case basis to provide needed flexibility.