



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST

August 28, 2015

Dear Faculty, Part-time Instructors, Adjuncts, and TA's,

Faculty members have inquired whether Syracuse University has a position regarding the class absence of students who are required to travel as part of their obligations to intercollegiate athletics. As you perhaps know, Syracuse University participates in NCAA Division 1 sports competitions as scheduled by the Atlantic Coast Conference and the NCAA Championship series. While our student-athletes are obligated to meet both their academic and athletic commitments, there are times when required travel will conflict with class schedules and other academic responsibilities. I request that you not penalize these students for their required absences. Furthermore, I request that you accommodate, within an appropriate time frame, their need to fulfill their academic assignments.

As a Syracuse University instructor you should expect any student-athlete in your class who is required to travel to bring you a letter from the Student-Athlete Development office prior to any travel commitments. This letter will state that student "X" is a member of team "Y," and it will provide a specific travel schedule. This will give you an opportunity to talk with the student about how he or she might deal with the circumstances surrounding his or her required absence.

Sincerely,

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Interim Vice Chancellor and Provost

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