Student are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes, labs, and other course-related activities. Students are expected to accept personal responsibility for absences and are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and completing assignments in each course. However, on some occasions students may need to be absent. When possible, students should inform their instructors if they plan to be absent from class. Instructors are privileged to establish reasonable absence regulations, which should be clearly stated in the syllabus. The instructor is expected to determine when the number of absences has reached the level where any additional absences would prevent the student from attaining the objectives of the course.

Writing
Writing is a way of learning as well as a way of communicating. The development of skill and fluency in the written use of language is inseparable from the development of skill and fluency in thought. As part of their learning experiences, students should expect to write in a variety of modes, from class notes, diaries and poems to examination essays and research papers. Opportunities for writing are a feature of every course in the college. To help develop skill and fluency in writing of various kinds, students may seek assistance from the staff of the Tutoring Center.

Examinations
One purpose of examinations is to benefit students. Examinations make more memorable the structure and materials of the course, satisfy the need for definite goals and provide an opportunity to exercise knowledge and skill in the subject. They are experiences in which students can learn about the subject and themselves.

In their syllabi, instructors specify examinations of a kind and number that are, in their judgment, appropriate to the needs of the students and to the objectives and conditions of the course. Normally, a final exam is given in each course during the final exam period. An instructor who wishes to omit final exams are to be administered during the final week of classes.

Academic Support Services
Students whose prior academic record or performance on placement examinations indicates that they will need additional help to succeed in their college work will be placed into special sections or courses that are designed to assist them in their future course of studies. Students may also be advised to take special courses or sections if their performance in the first year indicates such special attention may be helpful. When necessary, the college, working through the Griff Center for Academic Engagement and the various departments, may require that such courses be taken.