

Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective: Friday, February 10, 2023

Students Affected: Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.

Amendment Type: Language addition.

Academic Regulation: Regulation II.A.2

Amendment Description:

The following statement has been added to Academic Regulation II.A.2:

“Requests for military leave of absence must be directed to the Vice Dean for Students. These requests need to be supported by appropriate documentation that is provided within 60 days of the date of the initial request but no later than 30 days after the end of the semester. Permission to return to campus following a military leave of absence must be supported by appropriate documentation. Readmission petitions should be directed to the Vice Dean for Students. This policy applies to active or reserve service members and can be modified for temporary leaves if a student is unable to attend class due to military short term obligations. The school will follow all Department of Education and Department of Defense financial aid requirements when deciding on Service Member petitions.”

The revised Academic Regulation II.A.2 now reads:

Requests for leaves of absence should be directed to the Registrar. Except as noted below, leaves may be granted for up to one year. Ordinarily, no leave will be granted before the completion of the first semester of the first year.

A student in the Accelerated JD program must apply to the Committee on Standards for any leave of absence. Petitions must be submitted by March 15 for summer term, by August 15 for fall term, and by November 15 for spring term. See also regulation III.A.7.

Requests for leaves of absence beyond one year must be addressed to the Committee on Standards. Requests for medical leaves of absence must be directed to the Vice Dean for Students. These requests need to be supported by appropriate medical documentation that is provided within 60 days of the date of the initial request but no later than 30 days after the end of the semester. Permission to return to campus following a medical leave of absence must be supported by appropriate medical documentation which states a student is healthy enough to continue their studies, including a written plan to manage the underlying condition while in school. See also regulation III.A.6.b.(2).

Requests for military leave of absence must be directed to the Vice Dean for Students. These requests need to be supported by appropriate documentation that is provided within 60 days of the date of the initial request but no later than 30 days after the end of the semester. Permission to return to campus following a military leave of absence must be supported by appropriate documentation. Readmission petitions should be directed to the Vice Dean for Students. This policy applies to active or reserve service members and can be modified for temporary leaves if a student is unable to attend class due to military short term obligations. The school will follow all Department of Education and Department of Defense financial aid requirements when deciding on Service Member petitions.

Approved by the Committee on Standards: Friday, January 27, 2023

Approved by the VLGS Faculty: Thursday, February 9, 2023