



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3344-2-11 Religious accommodations.

Effective: April 26, 2026

- (A) The Testing Your Faith Act, section 3345.026 of the Revised Code, requires universities to provide reasonable accommodations, without penalty, for students who miss up to three days each academic semester due to sincerely held religious or spiritual beliefs or to participate in organized activities conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination, church or other religious or spiritual organization.
- (B) All requests for religious accommodation shall be submitted to the respective course instructor within the first fourteen calendar days of the course. Requests received outside of this timeframe may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the instructor. Each accommodation request shall include the specific dates for which the student requests alternative accommodation due to sincerely held religious or spiritual beliefs.
- (1) Instructors shall accept without question the sincerity of a student's religious or spiritual belief system.
 - (2) Instructors shall include in each course syllabus a statement referencing this policy, including:
 - (a) A description of the general procedure to request an accommodation;
 - (b) Contact information for the office for protected rights, who may be contacted for more information about religious accommodations; and
 - (c) The procedure under which a student may notify the university regarding a complaint under this policy.
- (C) Alternative accommodations shall be provided to students who miss exams and/or other academic requirements due to absences under this policy. Test dates or due dates may be rescheduled at a time either before or after the originally scheduled date and shall be coordinated by the instructor or the academic services office.
- (D) A non-exhaustive list of religious holidays may be found on the office for protected rights website and the office of the provost. Requests should not be denied due to the cited holiday not being included within this non-exhaustive list.
- (E) Students who have concerns that the policy is not being properly applied should first contact the office for protected rights. If the concern is not resolved, an appeal may be filed with the office of the provost.



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- (F) For additional information about this policy, please contact the office for protected rights at opr@csuohio.edu or 216-687-2223.
- (G) The office for protected rights is responsible for this policy. At a minimum, every five years, the director shall ensure the policy is reviewed and recommend whether the policy should be reaffirmed without revision, amended or rescinded. Policies may be reviewed on an earlier timeline depending on necessity and change in law or practice.