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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the course of the semester some important Jewish holidays fall on scheduled class days. On these days, Jewish students are often required to fulfill religious obligations at times that classes are being held or are unable to take examinations.

The University of Miami Academic Bulletin for 2019-2019 states that

“Any student absent from class in observance of a religious holy day shall not be penalized in any way for an examination or assignment missed during the period of absence. Absence in observance of a religious holy day does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the period of absence. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments shall be offered a reasonable opportunity to make up the work without penalty, if the student previously arranged to be absent...”

In the Fall 2018 semester, the holidays that may coincide with classes are:

Rosh Hashanah Eve	September 9
Rosh Hashanah, 1 st day	September 10
Rosh Hashanah, 2 nd day	September 11
Yom Kippur Eve	September 18
Yom Kippur	September 19
Sukkot Eve	September 23
Sukkot, day 1	September 24
Sukkot, day 2	September 25
Shmini Atzeret Eve	September 30
Shmini Atzeret	October 1
Simchat Torah	October 2

(Note: Jewish holy days begin at sundown the previous evening. A student who can't travel after sundown may need to leave before in order to make it home before the sun sets.)

Students who miss classes because of these holidays, must be given an equivalent make-up opportunity.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 305-284-8118 or rabbilyle@miamihillel.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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