

**PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM #76**

**SUBJECT: Religious Accommodation for Students**

**DATE: January 24, 1989**

**I. PURPOSE**

This memorandum establishes institutional policy to implement the requirements of Section 240.134, Florida Statutes, which took effect July 1, 1988.

**II. POLICY**

Students at Florida Atlantic University, in accordance with rules of the Board of Regents and Florida law, have the right to reasonable accommodations from the University in order to observe religious practices and beliefs with regard to admissions, registration, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments.

Students who wish to be excused from course work, class activities or examinations must notify the instructor in advance of their intention to participate in religious observation and request an excused absence. The instructor will provide a reasonable opportunity to make up such excused absences.

Any student who feels aggrieved regarding religious accommodations may present a grievance to the Director of Equal Opportunity Programs. Any such grievances will follow Florida Atlantic University's established grievance procedure regarding alleged discrimination.

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President

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