

Detroit Mercy does not require that faculty take attendance in classes, labs, and studios. The U.S. Department of Education requires (32 CFR § 668.22) the University to determine whether a student who receives financial aid and fails to earn a passing grade in the course has attended and/or completed the course, or withdrew from a course without providing official notification to the university. In addition, for students who officially withdraw, the University is also required to document that the student also

If attendance is not taken, provide the date of the last academically-related activity. The definition of academically-related activity is below. The student is considered to have not begun attendance if the institution is unable to document the student's attendance (34 CFR § 668.21(c))

The last activity may include, but is not limited to:

- Class attendance.
 - Turning in a class assignment.
 - Taking an exam.
 - Attending a study group that the institution assigns.
 - Participating in an online discussion about the course.
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member regarding the course material.
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- Living on campus.
 - Participating in school meal-plan.
 - Logging into an online course without further active participation.
 - Academic counseling or advising.