

CHAPEL AND ATTENDANCE EXPECTED PROGRAMS POLICY

Because Judson College is committed to providing programs that contribute to the comprehensive education of her students, the Chapel and Attendance Expected (AE) program was developed to offer students opportunities for growth in spiritual, cultural, intellectual, and social areas of their lives. Events are designed to allow students (1) to strengthen faith, (2) to experience the arts, (3) to increase social consciousness, and (4) to develop a sense of community.

The Chapel and AE program encompasses three areas: Chapel/Assembly, Concert/Lecture and Campus Community. The events provide an opportunity for the College community to come together for times of worship, concerts, lectures, and special events. The events encourage spiritual growth by providing shared worship experiences designed to examine the nature and importance of faith in Christ within a diversity of understanding, and they encourage intellectual development by offering cultural enrichment programs and presentations on issues of current interest.

Most programs are held on Tuesday or Thursday, at 11:10 AM in the fall and spring semesters, unless otherwise announced. Each fall and spring semester includes at least one week of special emphasis during which services are held on Wednesday and Thursday as well as the regular Tuesday service. The adjusted Wednesday class schedules for special emphasis weeks are assigned by the Senior Vice President and Dean of the Faculty.

Requirements

A schedule of events, both Chapel and AE, will be distributed at the beginning of each semester. Additional events occasionally will be announced during a term. **All full time students** (resident and commuter) are expected to fulfill the Chapel and AE requirements. Students who do not hold full-time student status are encouraged to fulfill the Chapel and A.E. program requirements. Non-traditional students enrolled in the Distance Learning Program of the College are encouraged to and may elect to participate in religious programs and cultural events in their respective communities, and are always welcome to attend events on campus.

Chapel/Assembly

Students should strive to attend all chapel services. Students are allowed to miss three chapel services during each semester. Students who miss more than three chapels/assemblies will be referred to the Honor Council for disciplinary action, which will include writing a five page paper for the first absence over the limit. The length of the paper will increase with each additional absence over the limit. If the paper is not completed by the due date, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action which may include suspension from the college.

Concert/Lecture Series

All Concert/Lecture Series events are Attendance Expected (AE). During each academic year certain events will be designated as "Attendance Expected" (AE) by the Office of

Student Life. Students are required to attend each of these events unless otherwise exempted by the Office of Student Life. AE events will be designated on the official college calendar. However, additional events may be announced during a term. Students who miss Concert/Lecture Series events without an approved exemption will be referred to the Honor Council for disciplinary action.

Campus Community Events

Students who miss Campus Community events without an approved exemption will be referred for disciplinary action. Students may expect the following designated Campus Community AE events:

All Students

- Personal Safety Assembly
- Rose Sunday rehearsal, ceremony and worship service
- Honor Assembly (Signing of the Honor Code)
- Pageant
- Christmas Tea and Vespers
- Black History Program
- Alabama Women's Hall of Fame
- Parents' Day
- Women's Conference
- Honors Convocation
- Class Day

Seniors

- J-Day Weekend Activities (Golden Club Banquet, Business Meeting and Alumnae Awards Luncheon)
- Commencement rehearsal and graduation

Junior/Sophomores

- Judson College/MMI Step Sing/Reception

New Students

- New Student Orientation sessions and events
- Judson College/MMI Picnic/Step Sing/Reception
- President's Reception
- Designated Etiquette Dining Events

In order to be counted present for Chapel and AE program events, you are expected to:

- Bring your student ID card to have your attendance recorded
- Arrive on time
- Stay for the entire event
- Avoid distracting the speaker or other participants
- Wear appropriate clothing.

Students who are present for Chapel or an AE program, but do not have their student ID card with them to have their attendance recorded may submit a one page paper detailing

the event to demonstrate that they attended the event. The paper must be submitted to the Office of Student Life within three days of the event.

Students who fail to comply with these guidelines will be counted absent for the event and may have their behavior referred for disciplinary review for the following infractions:

- Studying
- Talking
- Use of cell phones, including texting
- Eating and/or drinking
- Leaving early
- Participating in any other distracting activity.

Attendance is monitored for each event by Honor Council representatives. ***It is the responsibility of each student to record her own attendance.*** Records of student Chapel and AE program attendance are updated monthly and will be available in the Office of Student Life for review.

NOTE: All co-curricular events given an AE designation must be approved through the Office of Student Life prior to the announcement of the event.

Absences

Routine medical appointments, job interviews, and other such matters should be scheduled at other times or planned as one of the allowed absences for the semester. An application for a Chapel or AE exemption may be obtained in the Office of Student Life and must be approved by the Senior Vice President and Dean of the Faculty or the Vice President and Dean of Students. Applications are considered for the following circumstances:

- **Participation in required College activities:** Students who must be absent from a Chapel or AE event due to required College activities must have their sponsor submit their names to the Office of Student Life no less than 24 hours prior to the event.
- **Serious illness** of the student or student's immediate family that requires the student to be confined to her room or be away from campus for an extended period of time (2 days or more): Exemption from chapel or AE event attendance will require a written statement from the student's physician or from the parent/guardian in the event of the serious illness of a member of the student's immediate family.
- **Participation by a student in a significant activity** - one which occurs only once in a lifetime (e.g., wedding of a sibling, the graduation of a sibling, 50th wedding anniversary of her grandparents): Exemption from attending a chapel or AE event will require a written statement from the student with a description of the significant or unusual nature of the activity.