

Justification

Military and veteran students may have unique responsibilities that require them to miss class. The original policy excluded known activities that these student commonly face. The policy changes identified below include:

- service related medical appointments that often are made months in advance and can jeopardize their medical benefits if missed;
- military orders to appear for ROTC placement evaluation that typically occur on short notice.
- changes in National Guard weekend drills, responding to natural disasters, and other short term deployments that may not be scheduled in advance.

Current Language

10.4.3.3 Military Service

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Recommendations from VMAAC IRSC

10.4.3.3 Military Service (Showing changes)

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~~obligations) performing required National Guard or other United States military service obligations (other than annual training). When a student's military or veteran obligations are for more than two weeks, the student should meet with their advisor to discuss the situation and academic options and work with their instructors to discuss potential accommodations. When a student is called to active duty for more than two weeks, instructors should meet with the student and the student's adviser to discuss the situation and academic options.~~ University procedures are in place for such situations and should be followed. In all instances, students have a responsibility to communicate with their instructors to ensure they are continuing to meet course expectations and requirements. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to utilize the ISU Veterans Center and review information at veterans.iastate.edu.

10.4.3.3 Military Service (Proposed w/ Changes Accepted)

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