Early Notification Requirement for Observed Religious Days

In accordance with USF Policy 10-045, USF faculty members will try to avoid scheduling examinations on customarily observed religious holidays. Students must provide written notice to their instructors at the beginning of each academic term if they expect to be absent for a class or announced examination for the observance of religious holy days. In any case, no student shall be compelled to attend class or sit for an examination at a day or time when such activity is prohibited by his or her religious belief, as long as the student has provided timely notice.

If a student believes that an instructor or program has not responded reasonably to a timely notice of expected observance of religious days, he or she may seek review of a complaint through established University Academic Grievance Procedures (found in the Graduate and Undergraduate Catalogs) and those provided by the University’s Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity.