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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to revise Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break, will be an agenda item for the April 23, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting. This proposal was approved by the Educational Affairs Committee on March 22, 2021.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



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March 15, 2021

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to revise Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break, will be an agenda item for the March 22, 2021, full Educational Affairs Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Annette Poulsen, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu  
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

## Policy 4.06-5 Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break

<https://provost.uga.edu/policies/academic-affairs-policy-manual/4-06-class-attendance/#p-4-06-5>

### Rationale for Revision:

Active student participation in the learning process is viewed as an integral part of the educational mission of the University of Georgia. One criteria of a student's success in school is regular and punctual attendance. Frequent absences may lead to poor academic work and possible academic failure. For this reason, many UGA instructors have incorporated an attendance policy into their syllabus and grading system. However, the University also recognizes that from time to time, students will be required to be absent from attending classes and has established Class Attendance Policies to assist instructors and students in making exceptions to required attendance policies.

The following proposed revision to Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break expands and clarifies the exceptions made for military service, in recognition that many UGA students have obligations to branches of the military other than Air Force ROTC.

### Current Policy

*Policy 4.06-5 Air Force ROTC Military Service Commitment and Summer Break*

Air Force headquarters is aware of UGA's semester completion dates and will not assign students to early summer encampments. If a mistake should be made, adjustments would be made so that students could complete their exams. This is consistent with Air Force ROTC policy that its participants are students first and cadets second.

### Proposed Revisions

*Policy 4.06-5 ~~Air Force ROTC~~ Military Service Commitment and Summer Break*

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- Mandatory monthly drill instruction, such as duty completed by National Guard members and military reservists (typically this involves a one-day absence in order to extend weekend training).
- Service-related medical appointments where failure to appear might result in loss of benefits.

Students must give written notice to the faculty member at least one week in advance of the absence unless last-minute schedule changes make this notice impossible. Students are strongly encouraged to inform each faculty member of their known and anticipated absences as far in advances as possible, preferably at the start of the term.

Students should be given reasonable accommodation by faculty to make up any work missed during the absence or, at the instructor's discretion, will be given an alternative assignment in lieu of the work missed. Such assignments may be prior to the date of the absence and may include placing the weight of the assignment on another component of the course, including the final examination.

### **Revised Policy**

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