

Chapel Attendance:

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is a Full-Time Traditional Undergraduate Student?

A. A Full-time Traditional Undergraduate Student is any student enrolled in 12 credit hours or more in a Bachelor's degree pathway on the Jackson campus.

Q. If I only have Tuesday/Thursday classes, do I still have a chapel requirement?

A. Yes. Traditional undergraduate students enrolled at the Jackson campus in 12 or more undergraduate credits have a chapel requirement of 14.

Q. If I am a commuter, do I have a chapel requirement?

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Q. Can I receive an exemption or reduction for my work schedule?

A. No. The university expects that students plan their work and extracurricular schedules in a way that does not inhibit their ability to meet the university's chapel requirement.

Q. What internships qualify for exemption?/How do I know my internship qualifies?

A. Chapel attendance exemptions and reductions are processed and applied at the beginning of the semester for students that are studying abroad, meeting full-time internship requirements through the College of Education and the School of Social Work, or who are enrolled in clinicals through the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Pro tip: if you have an internship that is required for a course and are discussing your hours with the employer, be sure to mark the 10 o'clock hour on Wednesdays and Fridays as busy so you are able to meet your chapel requirement without worrying about missing planned internship hours.

Q. How long do I have to correct any missed chapel attendance?

*A. Students are responsible for 1) Attending chapel and 2) Keeping track of their attendance. Students who believe their chapel attendance record is incorrect have **7 days** from the time of the missed chapel to correct their attendance with the Office of University Ministries. Students must email chapel@uuu.edu within **7 days** of the service, and the University Ministries staff will review the request and respond.*

Q. How do I check my chapel attendance?

*A. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of their own chapel attendance. Students may check their chapel attendance at any time on SelfService under Academics. Students will also receive an Attendance Reminder email every Friday with a list of all the chapels on the student's chapel balance. If there is a discrepancy, students must email chapel@uuu.edu within **7 days** of the service in question.*

Q. Can I use the Eatable (Creative Dining) App to scan for chapel?

A. No. The ID scanners are not compatible with the QR Code provided on the app.

Q. What counts towards my chapel attendance?

A. Chapel credit is only received by attending chapel in person.

Q. I'm concerned about being in a room with a lot of people because of COVID. What are my options?

A. The Office of University Ministries is committed to abiding by the rules and guidelines of the University. At this time, Union University does not have required COVID precautions in place for classrooms or other large group gatherings. Because of this, students are expected to attend chapel in person. As always, students are welcome to wear face coverings if they so choose.

Q. I'm registered in an accelerated course that will end mid-semester, and at that time I will be taking fewer than 12 credit hours. Will I still have a chapel requirement at that time?

A. Yes. The number of credits students are enrolled in does not change when an accelerated course ends. A student registered in an accelerated course that ends mid-semester will still be categorized as a full-time student when the course is completed.

Q. Is there a Warning Semester?

A. No. If students fail to meet the chapel requirement for one semester they will be placed on chapel probation with the University and in the subsequent semester will be required to attend 14 chapels in addition to the chapels missed in the previous semester.

Q. What happens if I don't meet the chapel requirement for a second semester?

A. Students who do not meet the chapel requirement during the first probationary semester will not be allowed to participate during the following semester in leadership positions in areas of academic departments, University Ministries, Student Life, Institutional Advancement, Undergraduate Admissions, and Business Services or allowed to participate in Athletics or Intramurals. Students on chapel probation for a second semester will also receive a 10% reduction to all Union Aid. Students are also required to attend 14 chapels in addition to the chapels missed in the previous semester.