## NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE Policy Number 6Hx17-7.211

TITLE RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE BY STUDENTS

REFERENCE FS 1001.64(8)(g)

HISTORY New Policy, September 1989; Revised September, 2011

## Local Language

- (1) Northwest Florida State College shall accommodate the religious observance of students under existing state directives. Provision shall be made for students to complete the following activities when their religious observance interferes with:
  - a. admission and registration;
  - b. attendance in class, class activities, examinations, and official ceremonies, and
  - c. classwork assignments
- (2) This policy shall provide for the following:
  - a. Students who wish to participate in a recognized religious holiday observances are to let the instructor know, in advance, of their absence. Students will be excused for such absences without penalty.
  - b. Students are responsible for any material covered during their excused absence. A reasonable amount of time will be allowed to complete make up assignments.
  - c. Students who believe they have been denied an education benefit because of their religious belief or practice may seek redress as outlined in the NWFSC Student Grievance Procedures.
- (3) This policy shall be made known to faculty and students by annual publication of the college catalog, and faculty and student handbooks.