

Policy on Attendance and Course Participation

Participation in course synchronous class meetings, discussion boards, group projects, and other required online group activities is necessary in order to pass each digitally mediated course.

Central Seminary has attendance requirements for all classes, including those offered online. In a face-to-face class a student who misses more than 20% of a course's contact hours fails the class. The same principle is true for online courses. Central's learning management systems (LMS) automatically monitor when a student participates, how much the student participates, and whether or not the student participated at all in an online assignment. Deciding not to participate in such exercises is not an option.

While it is possible occasionally to miss a group participation activity and still pass the course, failing to participate in more than 20% will result in automatic failure. This means that the student must participate, and must do so on a regular basis.