FAQ for Faculty and Students

How do I deal with ‘apparently sick’ students in class?

Out of concern for health of the sick students and wellness of all other students in class, an instructor may ask students sick with contagious illness to not travel to class. If a visibly ill student should attempt to attend class, the instructor reserves the right to encourage the student to return to his/her residence. Instructors are advised to use best judgment and approach supported by common sense.

When and how should I excuse students from exams, quizzes, projects, and homework?

Based on the current H1N1 flu virus, it is likely many students will be out sick for 5-10 days during the semester. Students who are sick should email their instructor as soon as possible (preferably as soon as they know they will not be able to come/attend a class, rather than after the fact). This information, together with the instructor’s makeup policy, will dictate how students will be able to make up lost work.

Can syllabi and grading policies be altered?

In order to accommodate instructional constraints brought on by emergency circumstances, it may be necessary for instructors to alter syllabi in terms of course content, assignments, examinations and/or grading policy. Students should monitor the main university site for declarations of emergency and their course blackboard sites for individual course changes.