

Excuse Notes

Bard College Student Health Services does not provide excuses for routine illnesses, or injuries that may lead to missed classes, labs, studios, exams, or deadlines. This policy is consistent with the recommendations of the American College Health Association and resembles those of most other colleges and universities.

We at Health Services recommend that you contact your professors directly if you are going to miss a class due to illness. It is best that you let them know BEFORE the class meets, if possible, and make arrangements with your professor to accommodate your illness, e.g.; get make up work, request an extension on deadlines, etc. It is understood that not all illnesses require that you be seen at Health Services and Bard College expects that students will be honest with their professors and professors are expected to work with students on these issues. Academic advising staff members are available to provide assistance to students and faculty with concerns about attendance issues.

If a student will be out of class for an extended period with a verified injury or illness, Health Services will contact the student's dean with the student's permission, and that office will inform professors of the legitimate absence. DOSA will work with the student and Health Services to ensure a speedy and smooth return to full academic life.

If professors request that you bring in a medical excuse for a short-term illness, please print a copy of this document and give to them. If you have concerns regarding their request or response, please speak with your advisor or dean.