

Spiritual Life Policy:

The Word of God and Prayer

Inasmuch as the Bible is inspired by God and is God's revelation to humankind, all students are expected to study its contents daily in personal devotions. Likewise, students are expected to pray daily as an act of worship that glorifies God, reinforces our need for Him, and advances God's purposes in the earth. Daily Bible study and prayer are the foundations upon which Ascent College builds a culture of academic excellence and leadership development.

Chapel Services

Chapel services are a key component of our commitment to build a community of faith that is supportive, encouraging, and enduring. Students are strongly encouraged to attend a chapel service on a monthly basis for every session they are enrolled. Each student is required to attend at least one chapel service per eight-week session they are enrolled (summer sessions are excluded). There are three options for fulfilling the monthly chapel attendance requirement:

- 1) The main chapel service is held at 7:00 PM, on the third Thursday of each month. These services are recorded. A link for virtual attendance will be provided.
- 2) Students unable to attend the main chapel service can attend a make-up chapel at 7:00 PM on the following Tuesday evening (fourth Tuesday).
- 3) Students who are unable to attend option 1 or 2 above over the course of the session, will be provided a link to view a recorded main chapel service. Upon review of the recording, students will submit a one-page, double-spaced, written summary to the College Chaplain no later than five calendar days after the last makeup chapel of the session.

Once a student attends the required chapel service, Ascent College will waive the next student activity fee that is due.

Church Attendance Policy

Ascent College supports and is committed to instilling the biblical concept of the local church into the school's framework. Thus, church attendance is mandatory for all with the expectation that students are actively engaged in their local services. Students involved with a Partner Site will attend the Partner Site church services and other spiritual activities as described by

the Partner Site. Students not connected with a Partner Site will engage in practical ministry and spiritual development at a local church in their area.

Practicums

These connections and involvements at the Partner Sites or the local church will be documented through the Practicum programs. These Practicum programs are integrated into the curriculum and students receive spiritual mentoring as well as practical experience through the required Practicums. These Practicums have an element of spiritual development via local church involvement and mentoring from local church leaders. Refer to the Ascent College Practicum Manual for a detailed description of these mentoring elements.

Chaplain

The College Chaplain provides pastoral oversight to the students at Ascent College, similar to the role and functions of a church pastor by offering prayer, exhortation, counseling, etc. The Chaplain promotes the spiritual life and vitality of the College by engaging with students weekly through phone calls, email, video, and social media. The Chaplain oversees and facilitates chapel services and is responsible for the Ascent College Spiritual Life Policy.

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