

Petition for Chapel Attendance Alternative Spring 2017

*****The last day to apply for a chapel attendance alternative for Spring 2017 semester is January 31st, 2017.***

Name: _____ **Student ID#:** _____

On-campus mailbox #: _____ **Phone #:** _____ **Date:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I have received an attendance alternative in the past (Please list the semester) _____

The Simpson University Chapel is a valued part of a student's educational experience at Simpson University. More than a week-day version of church, it is an important place for information and transformation associated with living out the Christian life. It is where "our hearts and minds encounter God." This is why Simpson University has an attendance requirement for full-time students (66% of chapels), and why chapel attendance alternatives are granted for extreme cases only.

Are you requesting a FULL or PARTIAL Chapel Attendance Alternative?

FULL: I will not be able to attend any Wed/Fri chapels and I will complete chapel attendance alternatives (any combination of attending alternative chapels, listen/respond to online chapel messages, and/or selected article reflections)

PARTIAL: I will attend at least 9 Wed/Fri chapels, and complete 8 chapel attendance alternatives (any combination of attending alternative chapels, listen/respond to online chapel messages, and/or selected article reflections). OR Half of my required chapels.

Reason for requesting a chapel attendance alternative: (use back of page if needed)

Work - Please list your work schedule and how many hours you work per week and what days.

Commuter - Do you commute to school? If so from where?

Medical – Please list any conditions you have and provide documentation

Family – Please explain family related needs that would exclude your participation in chapel

Other – Please list other reasons in detail.

The Chapel Attendance Alternative

Campus chapel at Simpson University is geared to intentionally develop the life of our community through meaningful worship, inspirational messages, and opportunities to share our spiritual journeys. It is a central part of our life together. Chapel normally convenes two times weekly (Wednesday, and Friday from 10:20 am to 11:20 am) providing opportunity for community worship, inspiration, and spiritual instruction.

Under extreme circumstances, we understand some students may not be able to attend chapel for the required amount (66%). Therefore, we offer to them a Chapel Attendance Alternative in order that you may still benefit from this vital aspect of the Simpson University experience. When you listen to chapels on-line, although you will miss out on the community aspect, you will still have the opportunity to hear the same message as the rest of the student body. We have also selected specific articles for you to read or videos to watch that also touch upon the same topics we will focus on in chapel this semester. You may also attend any of our alternative chapels.

FULL Chapel Attendance Alternative Requirements:

You must complete 17 alternatives (any combo of alternative chapels, audio messages, or chapel articles listed below)

1. Alternative Chapels:

You can always receive chapel credit by attending the variety of alternative chapel opportunities on campus. If you wish, you may receive all of your alternative credit through these means. They include:

1. Wally Quirk's Bible Study - Saturdays @ 10am – 12pm in the Library.
2. UNITE - Mondays @ 8:30pm in the Prayer Chapel (Starts January 23rd)
3. Special evening chapels - Jan 26th, March 16th, and April 5th (details in chapel schedule, which can be found at <http://simpsonu.edu/chapel>)
4. Women Made Well events (See Wellness Center for details)

2. Chapel Podcast Reflection Papers:

If you would rather complete reflection papers you can listen to **up to 14** individual chapel messages (they must be from the current semester) and write a **300 word** reflection paper on each session. Visit www.simpsonu.edu/chapel to find the iTunes link for Simpson University Chapels. The chapels should be available on-line within a week.

Each reflection paper should include your name, the date of the chapel, word count, and an acknowledgment that you listened to the entire chapel message. Suggestions for the content of the reflection paper:

- *What did the Lord have for you in the chapel message? Was the Lord speaking anything to you?*
- *One aspect that challenged/helped you in the message (or an aspect you disagreed with)*
- *One way you will apply something from the chapel session to your life.*

3. Readings and Reflection Papers

Reading #1: Foster, Richard. Chapter 13: The Discipline of Celebration. *The Celebration of Discipline*. p. 191-201

Due February 15th

Reading #2: McMaken, Bonnie. Why Community Matters. *Relevant Magazine*. November 3rd, 2010.
Niequist, Aaron. Church Is Bigger Than the Church. *Relevant Magazine*. March 28th, 2012.

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Due March 15th

Reading #4: Calhoun, Adele. Part 4: Share My Life With Other (excerpt). *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us*. p. 138-153

Due April 15th

You may also read each of the assigned articles and write a **300 word** reflection paper on each one. You can download the four articles from the “17SP Chapel Attendance” course in Moodle.

Each article reflection paper should include your name, date, word count, title and author of the article, and an acknowledgment that you read the entire article. Suggestions for the content of the article reflection paper:

- *What did the Lord have for you in the chapel message? Was the Lord speaking anything to you?*
- *Your response to the article (points of agreement or disagreement)*
- *A significant quote(s) that especially challenged/helped you*
- *How the content of this reading applies to your current situation in life*

Due Dates for FULL Chapel Attendance Alternative Papers:

1. **Due February 15th:**

- 4 Chapel Reflection Papers
- Reading Reflection Paper #1 (Richard Foster chapter excerpt)

2. **Due March 15th:**

- 5 Chapel Reflection Papers
- Reading Reflection Papers #2 & #3 (Barthel & Edling excerpt; Bonnie McMaken and Aaron Niequist articles)

3. **Due April 15th:**

- 5 Chapel Reflection Papers
- Reading Reflection Paper #4 Adele Calhoun excerpt)

Please turn in all papers to Kevin Bennie in the Student Development Office (OC 206)

Or e-mail them to kbennie@simpsonu.edu

Consequences for Late or Incomplete Work

Due to the constraints of the office work schedule of Spiritual Formation, work that is turned in late runs the risk of not being counted. Students who fail to complete the required work of the Chapel Attendance Alternative will be given a chapel warning, chapel probation, or chapel suspension for the semester, whichever is applicable (see the student handbook at www.simpsonu.edu/handbook for the chapel code).

PARTIAL Chapel Attendance Alternative Requirements:

1. You must attend 9 Wed/Fri chapels in person (scan in for each chapel)
2. You must complete 9 alternatives (any combo of alternative chapels, audio messages, or chapel articles)

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Due Dates for PARTIAL Chapel Attendance Alternative Papers:

1. **Attend 9 Wed/Fri chapels by the end of the Spring 2017 semester (be sure to scan in and out)**

4. **Due February 15th:**
 - 2 Chapel Reflection Papers
 - Reading Reflection Paper #1 (Richard Foster chapter excerpt)

5. **Due March 15th:**
 - 1 Chapel Reflection Paper
 - Reading Reflection Papers #2 & #3 (Barthel & Edling excerpt; Bonnie McMaken and Aaron Niequist articles)

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