RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

D'Youville University complies with state regulations regarding religious holidays. State Education Law S224-a, regarding students unable because of religious beliefs to attend classes on certain days, states the following:

1. No person shall be expelled from or be refused admission as a student to an institution of higher education for the reason that he/she is unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes or participate in any examination, study or work requirement on a particular day or days.
2. Any student in an institution of higher education who is unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes on a particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from any examination or any study or work requirements.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty and the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to make available to each student, who is absent from school because of religious beliefs, an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study or work requirements the student may have missed because of such absence on any particular day or days. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to the student such equivalent opportunity.
4. If classes, examinations, study or work requirements are held on Friday after 4 PM or on Saturday, similar or make-up classes, examinations, study or work requirements shall be made available on other days, where it is possible and practicable to do so. No special fees shall be charged to the student for these classes, examinations, study or work requirements held on other days.
5. In effectuating the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the faculty and of the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to exercise the fullest measure of good faith. No adverse or prejudicial efforts shall result to any student who makes use of the provisions of this section.
6. Any student, who is aggrieved by the alleged failure of any faculty or administrative officials to comply in good faith with the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to maintain an action or proceeding in supreme court of the county in which such institution of higher education is located for the enforcement of rights under this section.