

Inclement Weather Policy

The State University of New York College at Oneonta is a public trust, and is committed to fulfilling all its obligations faithfully. College policy is that the campus will operate as scheduled: Classes will be held, offices will be open, and services will be performed. It is recognized, however, that under certain extreme weather conditions, students and/or staff members cannot and should not attempt to come to campus; this is a decision which must ultimately be made by each individual, regardless of the reason.

Only under the most severe weather conditions, the President will make the final decision to cancel classes or curtail services.

In the event that it is necessary to cancel classes, or curtail services, the President's Office will inform the campus community and local media. Official announcements will be placed on the University Police Department's weather phone at (607) 436-2000. College officials will make every effort to see that closure announcements come as early as possible, so that those who must drive to campus can make appropriate plans. Due to the uniqueness of College operations, it is quite possible that the College will remain open on days when the public schools in the area have been closed. A large number of students live on campus, and these students are dependent upon food services, the heating plant, and University Police, regardless of weather conditions. The College will continue to provide these essential services, and, in addition, every effort will be made to keep the Library open. Commuting students who miss classes due to inclement weather will be permitted to make-up academic work without penalty.

The Office of Continuing Education will have the responsibility of canceling off-campus extension classes, when necessary, at each site, and making proper notification.

Employees who report to work despite weather conditions may be given alternate work assignments, not necessarily at their normal work stations. Provisions will be made for alternate campus work assignments and locations for those who cannot get to their regular work sites and/or when the completion of their regular work assignment is not possible because of building or weather conditions.

Please bear in mind, however, state regulations stipulate that unless the campus is officially closed by order of the Governor, all weather related absences must be charged to annual leave credits.

Regardless of any official action taken or not taken by the College, reasonable judgment should be considered regarding your own safety. If your personal safety is jeopardized, you may choose to stay at home.

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