

Chapel Services

In keeping with the commitment of our mission, Loma Linda University (LLU) students have special requirements—such as chapel attendance each Wednesday morning, except during Week of Renewal when these chapel services are held daily. Chapel, which is held in the University Church, provides opportunities to integrate faith and learning.

Campus Spiritual Health

Chapel meets each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and represents a critical dimension of the educational experience at Loma Linda University. It is required as part of the curriculum. By devoting one hour each week to a chapel program, the University emphasizes the value of spiritual development, corporate worship, and community. In addition, chapel provides a variety of opportunities for the entire University community to benefit from teaching that integrates faith and learning, and to address current issues that require the implementation of faith in contemporary life. Weeks of Renewal are held in the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters of each school year. Central to the mission of Loma Linda University, these weeks are set aside to corporately focus on a relationship with God and the calling to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus. These required meetings are scheduled each weekday morning at the regular chapel time. The School of Religion offers courses that emphasize ethical, theological, and relational development. The University Catalog provides further information. Student-organized spiritual activities and various student organizations, such as Loma Linda University Student Association (LLUSA), foster opportunities for social and spiritual growth.

Chapel Attendance and Decorum

Loma Linda University's chapel services are at the heart of campus life and central to each academic program's objectives for mission-focused learning. In keeping with the University's mission, attendance at chapel is required.

The purpose of chapel is to enhance the spiritual lives of students from diverse backgrounds. Students are expected to be respectful and maintain appropriate decorum. Students must refrain from activities that are at cross-purposes with a religious service, such as, but not limited to, studying, eating, and using electronic devices.

Adherence to the following attendance guidelines is expected:

Attendance

- Regular attendance at chapel is required unless exempted by an academic Program's schedule.

- All students with a class prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of chapel are required to attend the service.
- A current LLU student ID badge is required to receive attendance credit.
- Attendance will be taken by scanning the student's ID badge.
- At the end of chapel, students should wait for an usher to scan their ID badge.
- Only one ID badge will be scanned per person.
- The ushers will dismiss one row at a time.
- The ushers will not scan badges for anyone not in the row in which they were seated.
- Disruptive behavior and/or inappropriate use of technology may disqualify a student from receiving attendance credit.

Tardies

- Students arriving from 11:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. will have their ID badge scanned in the lobby and recorded as tardy.
- Tardy students will receive attendance credit when their ID badge is scanned at the end of chapel.
- Three tardies equal one unexcused absence.

Absences

- A record of attendance will be sent to the Dean's office of each School.
- An email will be sent to the student's LLU email account if records indicate an absence.
- More than two absences per quarter may jeopardize the student's status in their academic program.
- Excused absences should be cleared immediately with the Dean's office of the student's School.

To request consideration for an excused absence, contact Gaby Kunze at gkunze@llu.edu. A request for an absence due to illness shall be accompanied by verification from Student Health Services or from the student's physician. Medical students are not required to attend chapel on a day in which a midterm or final exam is held or when no classes are scheduled.

Monitor Your Personal Chapel Attendance

To access the chapel attendance record, go to <https://llu.edu/campus-spiritual-life/student-services/student-experience> and click on "My Chapel Attendance" under the Spiritual Life heading. This university attendance system records attendance on a quarterly basis with the understanding that no more than two absences are allowed per quarter. **Note, however, the School of Medicine allows its students to accumulate credits and absences from year to year beginning**

with summer quarter of their first year. Thus, a student who does not have any absences for a quarter will have two additional absences (for a total of four) available the following quarter and so on. **Students are strongly advised to not accumulate a deficit during their first year, especially since the academic requirements of the second year are more time intensive.** Failure to meet this responsibility will be subject to the same type of process as any other academic deficiency and will become part of the student's academic record. Students who fail to fulfill the chapel attendance requirement are referred to the Academic Review Committee. The Academic Review Committee typically requires students to delay the start of their third year for a minimum of one month while they make up the requirement.