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**JHUSOM Attendance Policy<sup>1</sup>**

**Scientific Foundations of Medicine  
Foundations of Public Health  
Genes to Society  
Topics in Interdisciplinary Medicine**

Among the goals of the Scientific Foundations of Medicine and the Genes to Society courses are to develop a sense of professionalism, to promote collegiality, to engage students in teaching one another, and to give students experience working in teams where different backgrounds and expertise are represented. Meeting these goals requires each student to be actively engaged, therefore attendance is mandatory at all group learning and teamwork activities. Attendance is also mandatory at all activities that involve patients and/or guests.

Mandatory attendance:

- Small group sessions
- Clinical Correlations
- Events involving interaction with a patient
- Case discussions
- Labs
- Activities in the Simulation Center
- GTS Workshops

Failure to attend at least 80% of these events in a block will result in the student being reported to the course and block directors and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Unexcused attendance below 80% will affect the student's performance in the course and will be considered a breach of the standards of professionalism expected by the School. In blocks where at least five sessions of one type of event occur (e.g., Small Group Discussions), attendance at 80% of these sessions is required in addition to overall attendance at 80% of interactive and patient and guest events.

Excused absences may be granted in cases of illness, religious observance, family emergency, presentations at scientific conferences, or required legal activity (e.g., jury duty) through discussion (in advance whenever feasible) with the section director, course director, and/or Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by EPCC, June 4, 2009