Walla Walla University (WWU) values and supports a diversity of students, faculty, and staff on our campuses. In order to support students of various religious traditions, and to be in compliance with Washington State law (WA State Bill SSB 5166), WWU will reasonably accommodate a student for an absence of up to two days per academic year for reasons of faith or conscience, observance of religious holidays, or for participation in an organized activity conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination, church, or religious organization. Accommodations are made without adverse impacts to a student's grades.

To request an accommodation a student must submit a written request to the Associate Academic Vice President (undergraduate students) or the Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies (graduate students) within the first two weeks of the term. The student must list all courses for which an absence is being requested. The Associate Vice President will evaluate the merit of the request and approve or deny it. The decision will be communicated to the student via Walla Walla University email. If the request is approved the Associate Vice President will contact each course instructor to inform them of the request and the need for reasonable accommodations. If a request is denied, and the student does not believe their request was evaluated fairly, they may request a second consideration by the Academic Standards Committee (undergraduate students) or Graduate Council (graduate students). The decision of the Committee is final.

The request form can be found online on the university web site (Religious Accommodation Request). There is no fee for the request whether approved or denied.