The Dean of Students Office issues University-Excused Absences according to the excused absence policy in the ECU Undergraduate Catalog. This includes the following reasons, ALL OF WHICH REQUIRE SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION:

- Participation in an AUTHORIZED activity as an OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE of the University
- Participation in a required-by-faculty ACADEMIC activity
- CRISIS situation (an EXTREME personal emergency) that is DOCUMENTED and APPROVED by the Dean of Students Office (examples: car accident, victim of an assault, apartment fire)
- DEATH of an IMMEDIATE family member
- Student participation in RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS
- Participation in REQUIRED military training

ECU does NOT issue University-Excused Absences for reasons including, but not limited to the following:

- ILLNESS or any other MEDICAL or PSYCHOLOGICAL situation, including hospitalizations, doctor visits, etc.
- COURT APPEARANCES - unless you are a CRIME VICTIM, see crisis above, OR you are under SUBPOENA to testify in a trial as a witness to a crime (documentation is required).
- FUNERALS for EXTENDED family members (aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.) and people not related to you.
- Other events such as WEDDINGS, INTERVIEWS, CAR TROUBLE, TRIPS, VISITING SICK RELATIVES/FRIENDS, WORK, WEATHER, etc.