

# No Show, Last Day of Attendance, Academic Engagement

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## **Definition of Distance Education 'No Show' Students:**

DE Students will be dropped as 'no shows' if their online activity before the census date consists of solely logging into the online course platform without actively engaging in academic related activity (such as online discussions).

## **Definition of 'Last Day of Attendance' (LDA) for Excessive Absences of Online Students:**

Faculty policy regarding dropping students for excessive absences in an online course should be based on the last recorded academic activity of the student after (such as one full week of non-engagement by the student). Per an individual instructor's syllabus and course materials, students should be informed of the instructor's guidelines on withdrawal from an online course and the necessity of actively engaging in academic activity. Students should be informed that 'active engagement' is not simply accessing the online course platform, but entails evidence of participation in online assignments as well as regular and substantive interaction between students and faculty.

## **Definition of Academic Engagement:**

Faculty should document regular and substantive interaction which demonstrate students' active engagement in the online course. 'Active engagement' includes participation in electronic conversations, discussions, completed assignments or any other assessment designated by the individual instructor.