

Attendance Policy 2026

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Part 1 Purpose and application

1.1 Purpose

- (1) This policy requires attendance monitoring of all students enrolled in University of Sydney Preparation Programs (USPPs), including compliance with the requirements of the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (The National Code).

1.2 Start date

- (1) This policy commences the day after the day on which it is registered.

1.3 Application

- (1) This policy applies to students enrolled in the University of Sydney Preparation Program delivered on behalf of the University of Sydney by Navitas Australia Pty Limited (CRICOS Provider Code: 01682E) trading as Taylors College Sydney (the College), and to staff of the College.

1.4 Policy is binding

- (1) Except to the extent that a contrary intention is expressed, this policy binds the University of Sydney Foundation Programs Pty Limited (CRICOS Provider Code: 00026A), staff, students and affiliates.

Part 2 General Principles

- (1) All students must attend at least 80% of the scheduled class hours for their course, in order to achieve satisfactory academic progress. Failure to achieve satisfactory attendance may result in cancellation of enrolment.
- (2) The College starts notification and consultation before a student's attendance drops below 80% (See Attendance Procedures)
- (3) Non-student visa holders, who have a Maximum Possible Attendance below 80%, are deemed to be failing to achieve Satisfactory Attendance in accordance with this policy. The College will notify such students (via email) its Intention to Cancel Enrolment for not achieving Satisfactory Attendance.
- (4) Students receiving an Intention to Cancel Enrolment notice may access The College's complaints and appeals process (See Attendance Procedures)
- (5) To support student success, the College may require students to attend additional Module Support based on their academic performance, including diagnostic assessment results and ongoing academic progress.
 - (a) Students who are required to attend Module Support will be notified by the College.
 - (b) Module Support will be included in the student's timetable, and attendance will be monitored and counted towards attendance requirements.

- (6) The College monitors student attendance to ensure compliance with student visa conditions. This applies throughout the study period. Students at risk of missing the requirement of 80% attendance for course contact hours are notified and supported.
- (7) The College starts notification and counselling before a student's attendance drops below 80%. Students are informed that if their attendance stays below 80% and there are no compassionate or compelling circumstances, they are reported to DHA for breaching visa conditions. Students with questions about visa conditions or the consequences of breaching them are referred to DHA.
- (8) Attendance records are reviewed by the College and reported to DHA based on Standard 8 of the National Code. The College uses intervention strategies for students at risk of falling under 80% attendance.
- (9) The College values high attendance as key to active learning and engagement.

Part 3 Records Management

Records in association with this policy will be kept in accordance with the Records Management Policy and Procedures. Confidential documents related to the implementation of the policy will be maintained according to relevant privacy requirements.

Part 4 Definitions

Affiliates	means consultants and contractors to the College; members of the Board of USFP; members of College committees; and any other persons appointed or engaged by USFP to perform duties or functions on its behalf.
Appeal	means the request by a student for a review of a decision made by the College: • about an outcome of a complaint by a student or about a student • to cancel an enrolment • in response to a Notice of Intention to Report (NIR) • in response to a request by a student to suspend their enrolment • on a grade outcome • in response to a student's application for special consideration • as a result of a misconduct finding and/or penalty.
Attendance mode or attendance pattern	means the attendance pattern for a course is full-time or external, depending on the student attendance requirements and the student load.
The College	means Taylors College Sydney, including its staff, affiliates and contractors.
College Director	means the most senior staff member for the College (or their delegate).
Compassionate or compelling circumstances	means circumstances generally beyond a student's control which have a significant impact upon a student's course progress or wellbeing.
Course	means a sequence of academic subjects to achieve stated learning outcomes.
CRICOS	means Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students.
Attendance to Date	means the current attendance percentage. The current attendance percentage is calculated by the total number of lessons to date minus the total number of lessons missed to date, including approved absences; divided by the total number of lessons to date; multiplied by 100.
Delegate	means a person who has been authorised to perform a specific responsibility.

Delivery mode	means an indication of how students receive the instruction for a unit of study. The delivery mode must be identified for each unit as distinct from the attendance mode of the student, i.e. attendance at scheduled lectures, tutorials etc. at a campus of the College.
Department of Home Affairs (DHA)	means the Australian Government department responsible for issuance of student visa and provision of student visa services (www.homeaffairs.gov.au).
eCoE	means the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) issued by the University of Sydney to verify a student's enrolment in a course.
International student/overseas student	means a person (whether physically located within or outside Australia) who holds or needs a student visa with rights to study in Australia, and who has the right to enrol at the College.
(The) National Code	means the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 made under subsection 33(1) of the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 (Cth) . It outlines nationally consistent standards for the conduct of registered providers and the registration of their programs.
Notice of Enrolment Cancellation (NEC)	means the notification from the College to a student, stating the College's intention to cancel the student's enrolment for one of the following reasons: • unsatisfactory attendance • unsatisfactory course progress • misconduct (academic or non-academic) • non-payment of USPP course fees.
Notice of Intention to Report (NIR)	means the notification from the College to a student, stating the College's intention to report the student to the DHA for not meeting enrolment conditions associated with their student visa.
Maximum Possible Attendance	means the maximum percentage attendance reached by a student if the student attends all classes for the rest of the study period.
Principal Course of study	means the highest qualification covered by the student's visa, normally the last course where the visa has been issued for multiple courses of study.
Student	means a person who is currently an enrolled student in a University of Sydney Preparation Program (This does not include former students and/or student graduates).
Student Management System (SMS)	means the system used to record student personal information and grades.

Study period

means a discrete period of study within a course, namely term, semester, short course of similar or lesser duration, or as otherwise defined by the College, as long as that period does not exceed six months.

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means the non-award pathway programs offered by the University of Sydney and delivered by Navitas Australia trading as Taylors College Sydney. They include the University of Sydney Foundation Program and the High Achievers Preparation Program (HAPP).

Part 5 Notes

Recissions and replacements

This document replaces the following, which are rescinded as from the date of commencement of this document:

USPP Attendance Policy 2025

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Date adopted	30 June 2025
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Rescinded documents	USPP Attendance Policy 2025
Related documents	Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2019 Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021 National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (the National Code) National Standards for Foundation Programs Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) Enrolment Cancellation Appeal Form (Phase 3) Student Formal Complaint Form (Phase 2) Cancellation and Refund Policy and Procedures Deferment, Suspension, Withdrawal or Cancellation of Enrolment Policy and Procedures Monitoring Course Progress Policy and Procedures Records Management Policy and Procedures Student Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedures Student Enrolment Terms and Conditions Student Privacy Policy Student Progression and Exclusion Policy and Procedures

Part 6 Amendment history

Register Version	Approved by	Clause	Amendment	Commenced
1	BOS	Part 2 Clause 1-5	Attendance requirements extended to permanent residents and formalised for support sessions.	3/9/26