



CARSON-NEWMAN

A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Dear Student,

We are excited about your return to campus to begin the 2022-2023 school year. As you return to campus, we wanted to inform you of some recent changes to our Community Life and Worship (CLW) Policy. The past 3 years have been a challenging time for many of us, from the COVID pandemic to challenging life situations to seasons of loss or grief. In the spirit of offering grace and mercy, **we have erased all CLW deficiency starting this fall.** All students are now considered current in their CLW credits. The President's Executive Leadership Team voted unanimously to approve this change. In addition, all students who have banked CLW credits for the upcoming semester will still find those banked credits in their CLW total. If a student has completed their CLW requirement, then they will not be required to attend CLW/Chapel events prior to graduation.

You will notice a change in how we track chapel attendance from semester to semester. CLW and chapel attendance will now be on a pass/fail system semester by semester. Students will still be required to earn 10 CLW credits per semester, with 5 of those coming from chapel services on Tuesday mornings and some select Thursday events. **Students will still be responsible for monitoring their CLW attendance in CN-Connect.** Campus Ministries will continue to track CLW attendance for all students. At the end of each semester, students will receive a pass or fail grade (this does not affect GPA). If a student fails to meet the required amount of CLW credits or attend at least 5 chapel services in a semester, they will be notified of their deficiency by Campus Ministries and receive a failing grade.

- If a student does not meet the required 10 CLW credits and/or 5 chapels in that semester they will be issued a **warning**. The following semester, students can be removed from their warning semester when they complete the required 10 CLWs for the current semester and the number deficient from the previous semester.
- If a student does not meet the required number of CLW credits during their warning semester, then they will be placed on a CLW **probation**. CLW probation will require the student to meet with their academic advisor, and a representative of Campus Ministries to sign a contractual agreement to complete the number of CLW credits that are deficient in a timely manner.
- If a student fails to complete the probation contract or fails a third consecutive CLW semester, that student will be notified of their **suspension** from Carson-Newman for a semester. After the suspension notice is received there will be guidelines in the CLW policy to submit an appeal.

At Carson-Newman University, we want to first extend grace to all our students but also align our policies with our practice. In Campus Ministries we believe that Chapel and CLW events are crucially important to our students as we continue to help them reach their full potential as educated citizens and world-wide servant leaders. For any questions, please reach out to Campus Ministries.

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