Spiritual Life

SCU offers its students a quality academic education as well as an opportunity to develop the total person (spiritual, intellectual, communal and physical). Spiritual Life plays a key role in the students overall experience at SCU.

Church
Christian fellowship and worship are vital components of the Christian life; therefore, all SCU students are encouraged to faithfully attend and participate in churches from their own traditions.

Campus Chapel Services
SCU Chapel services are a time for the whole University to come together intentionally to challenge, to reflect, to engage, and to worship the living God. Chapels are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:50am – 11:50am.

Chapel Attendance Guidelines
• SCU Students are encouraged to attend all chapel services;
• Students arriving more than ten (10) minutes after the service begins will not receive credit for the service;
• Students who leave before the service ends will not receive credit for that chapel service;
• Courtesy and respect to fellow students and speakers is expected;
• Student Handbook Violations (SHV) will be assessed to students who disrupt or distract during the chapel service;
• These procedures apply to Chapel, Spiritual Emphasis Services and other Spiritual Life Events;
• One Chapel Credit is earned per chapel service.

Full-time students (12+ hours)
Students enrolled in 12+ hours must earn 23 Chapel Credits and 10 Community Life Credits for the semester.

Part-time students (<12 hours)
Students enrolled in 9-11 hours must earn 11 Chapel Credits and 5 Community Life Credits per semester. 3 credits need to be earned from SCU designated events and 2 mandatory events.
Students enrolled in 8 hours or less must earn 9 Chapel Credits and 2 mandatory Community Life Credits per semester.

Chapel Exemption
The Chapel Exemption form is available at the Office of Student Life and must be tuned in for approval by the VPSL. This exemption is for students who have conflicts with chapel service and work schedule.

Community Life Credit Guidelines
• SCU Community Life Credits are not chapel credits.
• 10 Community Life Credits will have to be earned each semester.
  0 7 credits can be earned from any SCU designated event
3 credits are mandatory

• Many groups including SGA and Clubs can come up with events that will help students earn these credits.
• The President and the Provost will have the opportunity to add Community Life Credits that are mandatory.
• Students will be able to see their chapel credits and their community life credits on their portal. Also, they can see when they received those credits.

EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES
The VPSL does not recognize “excused” and “unexcused” absences regarding chapel credits. Chapel credits are recorded at each chapel session and are updated in a timely manner to your student portal. There are over 30 opportunities to earn chapel credit every semester.

Note: The VPSL reserves the right to review specific situations in which students missed more than the required number of chapels and make decisions regarding absences.

Student Director for Campus Ministry
The Student Director for Campus Ministry will meet with ministry groups, academic field trip groups, and sport teams in order to present the chapel service devotion if they are unable to attend the regular chapel service. This is an alternative way for students to receive chapel credit because of travel. It is the responsibility of the professor, ministry leader, or coach to confirm with the Student Director of Campus Ministry about the time and location to meet PRIOR to the scheduled travel event. Please note: The Student Director will turn in attendance to the VSPL and only those on the list will receive credit for chapel.

Example: If the Volleyball team is scheduled to play in Texas on Tuesday evening and must leave Tuesday morning before chapel service, the Student Director for Campus Ministry should be invited to practice on Monday and be given a few minutes before or after practice to conduct the chapel service devotional. The Student Director for Campus Ministry is located in the Office of Student Life.

The Student Director for Campus Ministry will also help to organize community outreach opportunities for student groups and sport teams. The director will meet with coaches, professors and the SCU Student Government Association to plan and promote these special events.