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**Vacations, Weddings, and Other Social Activities During Term Time**

Dear Students:

Michener has a very tightly packed and coordinated program of academic activities, with each new component being dependent upon successful completion and comprehension of the preceding component. At the end of a program of study, Michener certifies to external agencies, such as the CSMLS, that each student has successfully completed all aspects of the program of study as described in the Model Route.

While Michener will make reasonable alternate arrangements to teach and assess activities missed due to illness or unavoidable external circumstances, it cannot normally reschedule activities or grant exemptions for academic activities that students miss through their own choice; in fact, students who choose to miss graded assessments or laboratory sessions are liable to incur academic penalties.

It is Michener's position, therefore, that students are very strongly encouraged to avoid scheduling vacations, weddings or other social activities during term time that will require them to miss part of their academic program. That being said, you are all adults and must make your own choices regarding the balance between your studies and other aspects of your lives. If you choose to miss any academic activities, it is entirely your responsibility to ensure that you "catch up" and have a thorough understanding of the material delivered to, and understood by, your fellow students.

Wishing you success in your programs,



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