

## **Policy on Visiting Courses for Which One is Not Registered**

### **Fall 2025**

The CMU policy on this issue is clear: “[You must be registered for a course in order to attend in-person](#).” Students may be registered for credit or for audit, but [audit registrations](#) require the instructor’s permission. [Visiting/Non-Degree](#) students may also attend classes for which they register.

In practice, instructors have been given discretion to allow non-registered visitors to observe their classes and/or participate (e.g., visiting friends or family members of registered students, students considering registering for the course in future semesters, etc.). In addition, the CMU Admissions team occasionally solicits faculty willing to open their classes to prospective students and those traveling with them.

At all times, faculty have the right to refuse access to non-registered students, even if there are seats available in the room.

In addition:

- 1) Registered students must have priority in class participation, i.e., asking and answering questions, making comments, etc.
- 2) Everyone in the room must follow the course policies indicated in the syllabus, including those related to use of [devices](#) and [recording](#). Note that students with [notetaking accommodations](#) that permit recording include specific guidelines and signing a commitment not to share the recordings.
- 3) The instructor can, at any time, terminate the visitor’s permission to attend.

If, in dealing with the above situations, an instructor feels there is an immediate safety risk, they should contact [University Police](#) at 412-268-2323.

If an issue arises but does not cause an immediate safety risk, the instructor can initiate the [Community Standards Process](#).