



## VERMONT COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS ACADEMIC POLICIES

### ATTENDANCE POLICY Approved: June 2008

#### POLICY:

An integral component of the MFA programs is the 10-day residency period which brings students and faculty together on the VCFA campus every summer and winter. Required to initiate each semester's work, these residency periods are dense with exchanges that offer an extraordinary range of input, feedback, and ideas. The residencies provide students with a breadth of exposure to balance against the more specific focus of the semester projects, an opportunity to choose a faculty advisor, and to plan their next non-residential period of independent study. All enrolled students are expected to participate fully in the entire ten-day residency period. Graduating students are also expected to participate in a final, culminating residency at the end of their program of study, prior to graduation.

During the independent study portion of the semester, vigorous and productive dialogue between students and their faculty advisors is required. Such participation (during both the residency and the independent study portion of the semester) is required for the semester's credit and for the granting of the degree.

See the program sections of the Student Handbook for more program-specific attendance information.