Chapel is an essential part of fulfilling JBU’s mission of providing Christ-centered higher education. The purpose of chapel is to gather in the context of corporate worship in order to:

- better know, love, and glorify God;
- gain God’s perspective on our learning; and
- grow together as a Christ-centered community so that we might serve in the world as Jesus’ disciples.

In summary, all full-time students (12 hours or more) are required to attend a minimum of 21 chapels per semester. At least 15 of those must be "regular" weekday chapels (generally Tuesdays and Thursdays). Six of the 21 may be obtained by attending "regular" chapels, or by attending "The Gathering" on Sunday night and/or other additional opportunities.

To receive credit, students must bring their JBU ID to chapel, and scan both in and out of chapel within the posted timeframes.

Students should make a habit of regularly checking their attendance record on EagleNet under "Chapel Stats." If the attendance is not accurate as of the "Data current as of" date, they should contact our office as soon as possible to correct the situation. Common reasons students do not receive credit include losing or forgetting their ID card, failing to scan both in and out of chapel, arriving late, or leaving before official dismissal. If they do not receive a credit that they expected, they can go to the "Comment" link in the "Chapel Stats" section on EagleNet and e-mail our office with their inquiry.

There are two ways to view chapel opportunities. 1) The complete schedule is available on the web at http://www.jbu.edu/life/christform/chapel/schedule. Additional opportunities are available at http://www.jbu.edu/life/christform/chapel/additional. Please note that additional opportunities are added throughout the semester, so students should refer to this link regularly for updated information. 2) "Regular" and "additional" opportunities may be viewed in a consolidated list through the "Full Report" link of the "Chapel Stats" section on EagleNet. This report will also tell students specifically for which chapels they have received credit.

Students who feel they will be unable to attend chapel as required may contact our office for an Application for Chapel Exemption. These are due in the Office of Christian Formation during the first week of classes. Eligibility for exemption will be determined by the Chapel Exemption Committee.

The JBU Student Handbook with a complete Chapel Expectations section can be accessed at http://www.jbu.edu/life/studev/handbook.

Still have questions?

Please feel free to contact our office at (479) 524-7213.*

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