Faculty and Administrative Professional Personnel Leave

OVERVIEW

The faculty and administrative professional personnel (AP) leave regulations included in this section are based upon policies in the Faculty Manual, the Administrative Professional Handbook, the Business Policies and Procedures Manual, and the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC 201).

Types of leave described in this section are:

- Annual leave
- Civil leave
- Compensatory time
- Disability leave
- Emergency leave
- Faculty leave with pay
- Faculty retraining leave
- Faith or conscience holiday
- Family medical leave (FML)
- Holiday
- Leave due to suspended operations, emergency closures, or inclement weather
- Leave for life-giving procedures
- Leave for spouse of member of the military
- Leave for voting
- Leave without pay (LWOP)
- Military leave
- Parental leave
- Personal holiday
- Professional leave
- Sick leave
- Training release time
- Unauthorized absence
- Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- Work-related injury or illness

For information regarding shared leave, see BPPM 60.58.
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Ineligible for Leave

The following categories of faculty and AP employees do not earn leave:

- Retired faculty and AP employees who are rehired on less than half-time (e.g., 40 percent FTE) appointments
- Visiting faculty on summer appointments
- Temporary faculty employed less than half time
- Temporary faculty employed less than one semester (academic appointment) or less than six months (annual appointment)
- Time-card faculty (hourly appointments)
- Adjunct faculty

Ineligible for Annual Leave

Faculty on academic appointments do not earn annual leave.

Departmental Guidelines

In addition to the rules specified in the Business Policies and Procedures Manual (BPPM), the Faculty Manual, the Administrative Professional Handbook, and the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC 201), departments should develop internal processes for requesting and approving all leave.

Assistance

Supervisors and employees may contact Human Resource Services (HRS) regarding leave issues and for interpretations of these regulations; e-mail hrs@wsu.edu, or telephone the campus HRS office at:

- Pullman: 509-335-4521
- Spokane: 509-358-7566
- Tri-Cities: 509-372-7302
- Vancouver: 360-546-9587

Reporting Leave

Faculty or AP employees who are ineligible to earn overtime report leave on a Leave Report form (see BPPM 60.63).

Faculty or AP employees who are eligible to earn overtime report leave on a Time Report for Overtime-Eligible Employees (see BPPM 60.60).

Annual leave cannot be taken before it is earned.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Earning Annual Leave

AP employees earn annual leave at the rate of 16.67 hours per month of completed service, based on full-time equivalent. Part-time appointments earn annual leave based on their full-time equivalent, e.g. 50 percent FTE earns 8.34 hours annual leave per month. AP appointments are not established for less than 50 percent FTE and/or for less than a six-month term.
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Earning Annual Leave

See the *Administrative Professional Handbook* for more information. To view the handbook, go to the HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/ap-handbook/

Faculty on annual appointments earn annual leave at the rate of 16.67 hours per month of completed service, based on full-time equivalent. Faculty on academic-year appointments do not earn annual leave.

NOTE: Prior to September 1, 2017, the rate of annual leave was 14.67 hours per month of completed service, based on the full-time equivalent.

Employees hired or separated within the month receive leave on a prorated basis. Prorated annual leave for the month is calculated as follows:

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\text{Number of days worked ÷ number of working days in the month} = \text{Fraction}
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\text{Fraction} \times 16.67 \times \text{Percent FTE} = \text{Annual leave accrual}
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Maximum Accrual

The maximum annual leave accrual is 352 hours (44 working days).

LWOP

Faculty and AP employees accrue annual leave on a prorated basis for portions of months that include leave without pay.

Prior State Service

An employee who transfers to WSU with no break in service transfers accrued annual leave hours if he or she transfers from:

- A state of Washington agency.
- A state of Washington higher education institution.
- A state of Washington educational service district.
- A state of Washington school district.
- The office of the Washington superintendent of public instruction.

Employment by a state of Washington educational service district and a state of Washington school district is not considered to be state service. Employees may transfer accumulated leave from the educational service district or school district. However, such employees do not receive credit for state service. See *BPPM 60.19* for more information and instructions.
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Using Annual Leave

An employee may not use annual leave before the leave is earned. EXCEPTION: The annual leave hours earned during the final month of the appointment may be used in the final month.

Leave is scheduled with the approval of the unit administrator.

Faculty members moving from an annual to an academic year appointment must use any accrued annual leave within one year to avoid loss of earned leave.

Faculty or AP employees on a temporary appointment must use accumulated annual leave prior to the termination date of the appointment unless the employees receive a written exception from the appointing authority.

Leave Must Be Allowed

The unit administrator must allow an employee to take annual leave for:

- Serious health condition of employee.
- Emergency or serious health condition of employee's eligible family member.
- Health condition of employee's minor or dependent child, which requires treatment or supervision.
- Parental leave.
- Active duty or to take part in active training duty in the armed forces of the U.S (see Military Leave).
- An employee whose spouse is a member of the military who has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty or who has been deployed (see also Leave for Spouse of Member of Military).
- Care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin who is suffering from a serious illness or injury arising from injuries incurred in the line of duty in the armed forces of the U.S. (see Leave to Care for Service Member for definition of the term next of kin).
- Recovery from and coping with the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (see Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking and RCW 49.76).
- Absence due to inclement weather, suspended operations, or emergency closures (see Leave Due to Suspended Operations, Emergency Closures, or Inclement Weather).
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Use of Annual Leave While on LWOP

An employee may not use annual leave while on leave without pay (LWOP).

EXCEPTION: An employee who is on LWOP for one of the following reasons may schedule paid leave each month to maintain eligibility for WSU-sponsored employee benefits:

- Family medical leave up to 12 weeks
- Disability leave up to four months
- Disability leave due to pregnancy or childbirth, as long as medically certified;
- Parental leave up to 12 weeks
- Worker's compensation (see Work-Related Injury or Illness).
- Military leave service in the uniformed services of the United States or the state of Washington, as long as required to serve
- Leave for an employee whose spouse is a member of the military who has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty or who has been deployed (see Leave for Spouse of Member of Military)
- Leave to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin who is suffering from a serious illness or injury arising from injuries incurred in the line of duty in the armed forces of the U.S. (see Leave to Care for Service Member); up to 26 weeks;
- Domestic violence leave (see Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking).

NOTE: Due to the multiple types of leave available for disability, maternity, or parental leave, or worker's compensation, as well as leave for military spouses or victims of domestic violence, consult with HRS regarding appropriate use of leave.

Sponsor Restrictions

Some sponsored agreements require that annual leave earned on a given contract be used during the contract. Leave balances earned while the employee is supported by any other source of funds may not be used during such a contract.

International Contracts

International contracts include the above restriction. When a WSU employee is appointed to an international contract, the employee's existing annual leave balance is frozen. The employee must use all annual leave earned while abroad within the effective dates of the appointment or forfeit any unused hours.

Upon completion of the assignment abroad by assignment to a domestic project or to a state-funded appointment, the previously frozen annual leave balance is unrestricted and available in accordance with WSU policies.
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### Payment Upon Separation

See *BPPM 55.49.*

### CIVIL LEAVE

WSU grants employees leave of absence with pay to serve on jury duty, as trial witnesses, or for other subpoenaed civil duties.

### Jury Compensation

The employee may keep any compensation he or she receives for serving as a member of a jury.

### Official Capacity

If an employee is appearing in court or at a hearing in a WSU official capacity, the employee is not on leave from the University. The activity is considered to be part of the employee's regular assignment. The employee is reimbursed for any incurred expenses in accordance with University procedures.

### Voluntary Expert Testimony (Faculty Only)

Voluntary expert testimony by faculty members is governed by University policies regarding compensated outside service and extended professional activities for faculty. See *BPPM 60.44* and the *Faculty Manual*.

### COMPENSATORY TIME (AP Employees Only)

Full-time overtime-eligible AP employees receive time and one-half regular pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours per week.

Part-time overtime-eligible AP employees receive straight time pay up to forty hours per week. These employees are eligible to receive time and one-half regular pay for hours worked in excess of forty hours per week.

Overtime eligible AP employees receive cash payments for overtime for hours worked in excess of 40 hours in one workweek. However, at the employee's request, an employing official may approve compensatory time off in lieu of cash.

All paid holidays during an overtime-eligible AP employee's regular work schedule are considered as hours worked for purposes of determining overtime.

Leave with pay taken during the employee's regular work schedule is not considered as hours worked for purposes of determining overtime.

### DISABILITY LEAVE

Faculty and AP employees may be qualified to receive disability leave, including leave due to pregnancy and/or childbirth, under the FML program (see *Family Medical Leave*).
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Requesting Disability Leave
An employee reports inability to work due to a disability, including disability due to pregnancy and/or childbirth, to his or her supervisor. The supervisor then refers the employee to HRS to apply for disability leave.

The employee must submit medical certification or verification to HRS for the period of disability.

For advisory guidelines and more detailed information about disability leave, including disability leave due to pregnancy and/or childbirth, contact HRS; telephone 509-335-4521, or see HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/employees/disability-services/medical-leave/

Leave Usage

Disability Because of Pregnancy or Childbirth
Disability leave related to pregnancy, childbirth, and/or FML may be a combination of sick leave, annual leave, personal holiday, compensatory time, and LWOP. The employee chooses the combination and use of paid and unpaid leave during such disability leave.

Disability (Not Pregnancy, Childbirth, or FML-Related)
Disability leave not related to pregnancy, childbirth, or FML may be a combination of sick leave, annual leave, personal holiday, compensatory time, and LWOP. However, the employee may not move in and out of paid status during such disability leave. Usually, the employee uses paid leave until such leave is exhausted and then uses unpaid leave for the remainder of the disability leave period.

Continuing Employer-Paid Benefits
If necessary due to disability, the employee is allowed to use a minimum of eight hours of accrued paid leave per month for up to four months of disability leave due to pregnancy and/or childbirth (or as long as medically certified) to provide for continuation of employer-paid benefits. (The total months of such disability leave include the twelve workweeks provided under the Family and Medical Leave Act, if eligible.)

NOTE: If using LWOP, eight hours of paid leave per month may not be sufficient to cover the employee's portion of the insurance premiums. Contact HRS for more information.

During the fourth month following the FML period, or if the employee is not eligible for FML, the eight hours paid leave should be used on the first working day of the month.
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**EMERGENCY LEAVE**

Faculty and AP employees may use emergency leave for a death in the family or of a household member/partner or other comparable emergency.

Refer to the *Faculty Manual* and the *Administrative Professional Handbook* for definitions of family members and household members/partners.

To view the *Faculty Manual*, go to:


To view the *Administrative Professional Handbook*, go to the HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/ap-handbook

Deans or principal administrative officers may grant emergency leave not to exceed five days.

**Extended Emergency Leave**

**Faculty**

The Provost or the Provost's designee may extend leave up to ten days for faculty employees. See the *Faculty Manual* regarding procedures for requesting extended emergency leave.

**AP Employees**

The employee's administrative officer *and* the Director of HRS may extend leave up to ten days for AP employees. See the *Administrative Professional Handbook* regarding procedures for requesting extended emergency leave.

**FACULTY LEAVE WITH PAY**

Leave with pay for purposes of official duties or services on behalf of the University may be authorized for faculty employees by the dean or principal administrative officer. For deans and principal administrative officers, the Provost may authorize leave. (*Faculty Manual*)

**Special Leave With Pay**

Ten days of special leave with pay may be requested by faculty members after two years of completed service. Additional requests may be made after each two-year period of completed service. Route written requests to the Provost and Executive Vice President through the intermediate administrative supervisors. (*Faculty Manual*)
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FACULTY RETRAINING LEAVE

Faculty members may request retraining leave for up to two semesters or one year, respectively, for academic or annual year appointments.

Faculty members are eligible for retraining leave provided they expect to serve WSU for at least five years following the leave and before retirement.

Procedures for applying for retraining leave are available from the Provost’s Office. See the Faculty Manual for additional information.

FAITH OR CONSCIENCE HOLIDAYS

Faculty and AP employees are eligible to take two unpaid holidays per calendar year for reasons of faith or conscience or to engage in organized activity conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination, church, or religious organization. *(RCW 1.16.050)*

Employees may select the days desired for the unpaid holidays. Employees must provide reasonable advance notice to the employing official. The employing official must allow the requesting employee to take the unpaid holidays on the selected dates unless the employee's absence would impose an undue hardship on the University or the employee's attendance is necessary to maintain public safety. HRS is available to assist in making hardship determinations.

Employees must take each unpaid holiday as a full day or full shift. Employees may not split an unpaid holiday by taking part of the hours on one day and the balance on another day.

See Accruals While on LWOP for information about how LWOP affects leave accruals.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

Faculty and AP employees may use annual leave, sick leave, or LWOP for FML.

Family medical leave benefits are provided concurrently with University leave benefits, in accordance with the federal Family Medical Leave Act.

Contact HRS for information concerning current University procedures used to implement the Family Medical Leave Act, or see HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/employees/disability-services/medical-leave/
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Requirements

In accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 USC 2601 et seq.), an employer must grant eligible employees a total of 12 workweeks of absence during a rolling 12-month period for any of the following reasons:

- Seek treatment and recover from the employee's serious health condition.
- Care for the employee's parent, spouse, or child who has a serious health condition.
- Provide care to the employee's newborn, adopted, or foster child.

Leave to Care for Service Member

Upon request, the University must grant eligible faculty or AP Service Member employees up to a total of 26 workweeks of absence during a rolling 12-month period to care for an allowed individual. Allowed individuals include a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin who is suffering from a serious injury or illness arising from injuries incurred in the line of duty in the U.S. armed forces. For FML purposes, the term *next of kin* is defined as the nearest blood relative of the ill or injured individual.

Eligible Employee

An eligible employee is an employee who has:

- Worked for the state for at least 12 months, and
- Worked at least 1250 hours during the previous 12-month period. NOTE: Paid leave is not counted toward the 1250 hours of work.

Definition of Spouse

The FMLA regulatory definition of *spouse* includes all individuals in legal marriages, in all locations in the United States. Legally married couples, whether opposite-sex, same-sex, or common law, have family leave rights regardless of whether the state in which they currently reside recognizes such marriages (29 CFR Part 825.102 and 825.122(b)).

FML Provisions

The following provisions apply to the granting and use of FML:

- HRS designates which employee absences meet the criteria of FML.
- Designated paid or unpaid leave is counted toward the 12 weeks of FML.
- The employee may choose to use accrued paid leave or LWOP for FML.
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FML Provisions (cont.)

- The employee is to return to the same or equivalent position which he or she held prior to the FML absence.
- The University continues an eligible employee's University-paid health insurance benefits during the FML period. (Contact HRS regarding benefits if the employee does not return to work at the end of the FML period.) The employee is responsible for his or her portion of the premiums and must make arrangements with Payroll Services to ensure that the premiums are paid.

Application

For application advisory guidelines and more detailed information concerning FML, see the HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/employees/disability-services/medical-leave/

Additional Information

Faculty and AP employees may refer to the FML rules in the Faculty Manual and the Administrative Professional Handbook regarding such disability leave.

To view the Faculty Manual, go to:


To view the Administrative Professional Handbook, go to the HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/ap-handbook

HOLIDAY

A holiday is a day when all University offices and departments on a WSU campus are closed except for certain essential service units.

The University provides ten holidays each fiscal year for faculty, AP, and civil service employees. Refer to the holiday schedule in BPPM 60.76 for current WSU holiday schedules for specified University locations.

An employee on a less than 12-month appointment is eligible for holidays scheduled within the appointment term.

NOTE: An employee must be in pay status the work day prior to the holiday in order to receive pay for the holiday.

Academic Faculty Only

For academic faculty on less than 12-month appointments, a break in the academic calendar when classes are not taught is not considered a holiday unless the break coincides with a designated University holiday (see BPPM 60.76). Academic faculty positions include instructional and research positions.
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**Academic Faculty Only**

NOTE: The University expects academic faculty with ongoing responsibilities to perform those duties during academic breaks.

If faculty members are exempt from this requirement as part of the employment contract, this is indicated on the Personnel Action form in Remarks (see BPPM 60.25).

**LEAVE DUE TO SUSPENDED OPERATIONS, EMERGENCY CLOSURES, OR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The University administration determines whether to implement periods of suspended operations or closures due to emergencies or inclement weather (see BPPM 50.40).

**Administrative Professional (AP) Employees**

AP employees may request the use of annual leave, personal holiday, compensatory time (if overtime-eligible), or LWOP to cover absence due to suspended operations, emergency closure, or inclement weather. As an alternative to using leave, AP employees must be given an opportunity to reschedule work time lost, which must be rescheduled and worked within the workweek.

The appropriate manager in an AP employee's supervisory chain may authorize the employee to work from home during inclement weather. NOTE: A temporary telework arrangement is not required to accommodate work from home during a period of suspended operations, inclement weather, or an unanticipated circumstance lasting less than a week that requires an employee to remain at home, such as care of a family member. (See BPPM 60.34 regarding telework arrangements.)

AP employees may use up to three days of sick leave per calendar year for absence due to suspended operations, emergency closures, or inclement weather after all other paid leave is exhausted.

**Overtime-Eligible APs**

An overtime eligible AP employee may be required to use compensatory time for absence due to inclement weather before using annual leave hours, unless this requirement would result in a loss of accumulated annual leave.

**Faculty**

The department chair or director may authorize a faculty employee to work from home during inclement weather. NOTE: A temporary telework arrangement is not required to accommodate work from home during a period of suspended operations, inclement weather, or an unanticipated circumstance lasting less than a week that requires an employee to remain at home, such as care of a family member (see BPPM 60.34).

Refer to the Faculty Manual.
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Faculty (cont.)
Faculty who are not required to work use annual leave or LWOP for absence due to inclement weather, suspended operations, or emergency closures.

Faculty who accrue sick leave may use up to three days of sick leave per calendar year for absence due to suspended operations, emergency closures, or inclement weather after all other paid leave is exhausted.

All Employees
All employees refer to BPPM 50.40 regarding suspended operations and emergency closures.

All employees refer to BPPM 60.40 regarding staffing during suspended operations and emergency closures.

LEAVE FOR LIFE-GIVING PROCEDURES
Employees are eligible for paid leave for the sole purpose of participating in life-giving procedures. Paid leave for participation in life-giving procedures:

- Is not to exceed five days in a two-year period.
- Is not charged against sick leave or annual leave.
- Does not require the use of LWOP.

(Executive Order 02-01)

A life-giving procedure is defined as a medically-supervised procedure involving the testing, sampling, or donation of blood, platelets, organs, fluids, tissues, and other human body components for the purposes of donation, without compensation, to a person or organization for medically necessary treatments.

Employees must provide reasonable advance notice of a desire to take paid leave time to participate in life-giving procedures. Supervisors may take into account program implementation and staffing replacement requirements in determining whether or not to grant such leave time.

In order to be credited with organ/blood donation leave time, an employee must provide written proof from an accredited medical institution, physician, or other medical professional that the employee participated in a life-giving procedure.

Any additional time needed for life-giving procedures is subject to University leave policies and collective bargaining agreements. Supervisors may also continue or implement informal, flextime, or other leave arrangements for these purposes.
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LEAVE FOR LIFE-GIVING PROCEDURES (cont.)

The University's life-giving procedures leave policy does not create any entitlement or other right, which may be converted to cash, other compensation, or any other benefit. The policy is intended only to encourage altruistic life-giving procedures, and to allow paid leave to participate in such procedures.

LEAVE FOR SPOUSE OF MEMBER OF MILITARY

During a period of military conflict, an employee whose spouse is a member of military who has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty or who has been deployed is entitled to a total of fifteen days of unpaid leave per deployment. Applicable military units are the Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, or reserves.

The employee may choose to use accrued paid leave, e.g., annual leave, to cover any or all of the fifteen days of leave per deployment for which he or she is entitled.

The employee is entitled to fifteen days of military spousal leave:

• After the military spouse has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty and before deployment; or
• When the military spouse is on leave from deployment.

Notifying HRS

An employee who seeks military spousal leave must provide HRS with notice in either of the following cases:

• Within five business days of the employee's spouse receiving official notice of an impending call or order to active duty.
• Within five business days of the employee's spouse receiving official notice of leave from deployment.

LEAVE FOR VOTING

Supervisors are to arrange faculty and AP employees' working hours on the day of a primary, general, or special election to allow employees reasonable time to vote. (Up to two hours may be allowed.) (RCW 49.28.120)

The supervisor may not deny the use of compensatory time or annual leave for up to two hours on an election day if:

• The employee's work schedule does not include two consecutive free hours during the time the polls are open, and
• The employee was not advised of his or her work schedule in time to obtain an absentee ballot.
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**LEAVE WITHOUT PAY (LWOP)**

Faculty employees may refer to the *Faculty Manual* for more information about faculty LWOP availability, restrictions, and procedures. To view the manual, go to:


AP employees may be granted up to 12 months of LWOP upon approval of the appointing authority. An extension for up to an additional 12 months may be granted upon the approval of the appointing authority and the Director of HRS. Refer to the *Administrative Professional Handbook*, available at the HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/ap-handbook

**Requesting LWOP**

Employees are to submit requests for extended LWOP in writing. Faculty and AP employees follow the procedures in the *Faculty Manual* and the *Administrative Professional Handbook* to prepare and route LWOP requests for appropriate administrative approval. Submit approved LWOP requests to HRS.

**Family Medical Leave**

If the LWOP request is for the employee's serious medical condition, maternity or parental leave, or to attend to the serious medical condition of a family member, refer to the FML rules (see *Family Medical Leave*).

**Accruals While on LWOP**

Faculty and AP employees do not earn annual or sick leave while on full LWOP, i.e., not working any days in a calendar month.

Faculty and AP employees who are on partial LWOP, i.e., working one or more days in a calendar month, accrue annual and sick leave on a prorated basis.

**Insurance Benefits**

Leave without pay for a period that is equal to or greater than one calendar month requires personal payment of insurance premiums unless one or more of the following apply:

- Faculty or AP employee is on approved FML and is using paid leave to cover his or her portion of the premiums.
- Faculty or AP employee is on parental leave under FML for up to 12 weeks and is using paid leave to cover his or her portion of the premiums.
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Insurance Benefits (cont.)

- Faculty or AP employee is not eligible for FML, is on disability LWOP or parental leave, and
- Faculty or AP employee is using eight hours of paid leave per month to keep benefits in effect for up to four months for his or her own condition or parental leave.
- NOTE: Eight hours of pay may not generate enough pay to cover the employee's portion of the insurance premium. Contact HRS to inquire how much leave must be used each month to cover employee's portion of the insurance premiums.

An FML-eligible employee may use eight hours of paid leave for one additional month beyond the FML period in order to maintain benefits.

An employee may not move in and out of paid status during a disability leave not related to pregnancy, childbirth, or FML. Usually, the employee uses paid leave until such leave is exhausted and then uses unpaid leave for the remainder of the disability leave period.

Contact HRS regarding personal payment of insurance premiums, as needed; telephone 509-335-4521.

Review the following for more information regarding eligibility for benefits during periods of LWOP:

- Family Medical Leave
- Disability Leave
- Parental Leave

MILITARY LEAVE

The University grants leave with pay and LWOP for military leave to employees called to active duty or to take part in any active training duty with any of the armed forces of the United States.

Military Leave With Pay

Employees must be granted military leave with pay not to exceed 21 working days during each year in order to report for active duty or to take part in active training duty in any of the following:

- Washington National Guard
- Army reserves
- Navy reserves
- Air Force reserves
- Coast Guard reserves
- Marine Corps reserves of the United States
- Any organized reserve or armed forces of the United States
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Military Leave With Pay (cont.)
For purposes of calculating military leave, the year begins October 1st and ends the following September 30th.

The employee receives paid military leave in addition to any annual or sick leave to which he or she is entitled. Paid military leave is not to result in any reduction in employee benefits, performance rates, privileges, and pay.

Physical Examination
Employees are not charged leave hours for time used to take a physical examination to determine fitness for military service. Employees do not report leave hours taken for this purpose on Time or Leave Reports.

Military Leave Without Pay
If the leave exceeds 21 working days, the University must grant employees a military leave of absence without pay for service in the uniformed services of the United States or the state, and reinstatement as provided in RCW Chapter 73.16.

Shared Leave During Periods of Military Leave
Refer to BPPM 60.58 for information regarding eligibility and application for shared leave during military leave.

Requesting Military Leave
Upon presentation of military orders to the appropriate dean or principal administrative officer, the University grants employees leave with pay and/or LWOP for active armed forces training duty and active service duty.

PARENTAL LEAVE
An eligible employee may request parental leave for up to 12 weeks for the birth and care of the employee's newborn child or the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care. (RCW 49.78.220) This leave may be in addition to any leave for illness or temporary disability due to pregnancy and/or childbirth.

Contact HRS for additional information regarding parental leave.

PERSONAL HOLIDAY
Faculty and AP employees on annual appointments are entitled to one personal holiday to be used each fiscal year. The personal holiday is eight hours for full-time employees. Part-time employees earn a personal holiday based on their full-time equivalent.

If the personal holiday is not used during the fiscal year, it does not carry forward and is considered lost.
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PERSONAL HOLIDAY (cont.) Employees must take all personal holiday hours on one day. EXCEPTION: Employees may take personal holiday hours as a partial day if some of the personal holiday hours are used in either of the following ways:

- Donated for shared leave (see BPPM 60.58)
- Used for emergency leave

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE Faculty and AP employees are eligible for professional leave. Refer to the written instructions from the Provost's Office and the Faculty Manual for more information.

SICK LEAVE

Earning Sick Leave

Faculty Faculty on full-time, annual appointments earn sick leave at the rate of eight hours per month of completed service.

Faculty on part-time, annual appointments earn sick leave based on their percent of full time employment; e.g., half-time employees earn four hours per month of completed service.

Faculty on academic-year appointments earn sick leave at the rate of one working day (eight hours) per month of completed service for a total of nine working days per year. Academic faculty accrue four hours of sick leave for the months of May and August, which when combined with the rest of the academic year add up to nine working days of sick leave per year. One additional working day of sick leave is earned for each completed month of full-time summer employment.

AP Full-time AP employees earn sick leave at the rate of eight hours per month of completed service.

Part-time AP employees earn sick leave based on a percent of full-time employment; e.g., half-time employees earn four hours per month of completed service.

Leave Accrual Employees hired or separated within the month receive leave on a prorated basis. Prorated sick leave is calculated as follows:

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\text{Number of days worked} \div \text{number of working days in the month} = Fraction
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Fraction \times 8.00 \times \%\text{FTE} = \text{Sick leave accrual}
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Employees may accumulate an unlimited number of sick leave hours.
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**LWOP**  
Faculty and AP employees accrue sick leave on a prorated basis for portions of months that include LWOP.

**Prior State Service**  
An employee who transfers to WSU with no break in service transfers accrued sick leave hours if he or she transfers from:

- A state of Washington agency.
- A state of Washington higher education institution.
- A state of Washington educational service district.
- A state of Washington school district.
- The office of the Washington superintendent of public instruction.

Employment by a state of Washington educational service district and a state of Washington school district is not considered to be state service. Employees may transfer accumulated leave from the educational service district or school district. However, such employees do not receive credit for state service.

See **BPPM 60.19** and **WAC 357-31-110**.

The University restores unused sick leave balances for any state of Washington employee listed above who is reemployed within three years of the termination of prior state employment.

**Using Sick Leave**  
Employees *must* earn sick leave before it is used.

Employees may use sick leave under the following conditions:

- Illness or temporary disability of the employee or the employee's immediate family.
- Personal medical, dental, or optical appointment or a family member's appointment when the presence of the employee is required.
- When an overtime-eligible employee's place of business has been closed by order of a public official for any health-related reason, or when the employee's child's school or place of care has been closed for such reason, per **RCW 49.46.210**.
- When an overtime-ineligible (exempt) employee's place of business has been closed by order of a public official for any health-related reason, or when the employee's child's school or place of care has been closed for such reason.

- Qualified FML (see [Family Medical Leave](#)).
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• Leave for an employee whose spouse is a member of the military who has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty or who has been deployed. See also Leave for Spouse of Member of Military.

• Leave to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin who is suffering from a serious illness or injury arising from injuries incurred in the line of duty in the armed forces of the U.S. See Leave to Care for Service Member for definition of the term next of kin. (WAC 357-31-525)

• Leave to recover from and cope with the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. (RCW 49.76) See also Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking.

Employees may use up to three days of sick leave per calendar year for absence due to suspended operations, emergency closures, or inclement weather after all other paid leave is exhausted.

The University may require medical verification or certification of the reason for sick leave use upon the employee's return to work.

AP Employees Only

AP employees may use sick leave for condolence or bereavement.

Use of Sick Leave While on LWOP

An employee may not use sick leave while on LWOP.

EXCEPTION: An employee who is on LWOP may schedule sick leave each month for up to four months to maintain eligibility for University-sponsored employee benefits and/or to cover his or her portion of the insurance premiums if the employee is eligible for:

• Worker's compensation from the Department of Labor and Industries (see Work-Related Injury or Illness), as long as medically certified; or

• Family medical leave for up to 12 weeks, and/or

• Disability leave for up to 4 months, and/or

• Parental leave for up to 12 weeks.

• Leave for an employee whose spouse is a member of the military who has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty or who has been deployed; up to 15 days (see Leave for Spouse of Member of Military).
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Use of Sick Leave While on LWOP (cont.)

- Leave to care for a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin who is suffering from a serious illness or injury arising from injuries incurred in the line of duty in the armed forces of the U.S.; up to 26 weeks (see Leave to Care for Service Member and WAC 357-31-525).
- Domestic violence leave (see Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking).

Requesting Leave/Notifying Supervisor

An employee reports inability to work due to illness or disability to his or her supervisor at the beginning of any period of sick leave and daily thereafter unless the employee and the supervisor make other arrangements.

The employee should apply for FML if the need for sick leave usage involves either of the following:

- Causes the employee to miss more than three days of work.
- Is a chronic condition that requires ongoing treatment or ongoing intermittent treatment.

For application advisory guidelines and more detailed information regarding FML, see HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/employees/disability-services/medical-leave/

Payment For Accrued Sick Leave

The following two options allow an employee to be paid for accrued sick leave:

- Attendance incentive (see BPPM 60.41).
- Payment upon retirement or death (see BPPM 55.49).

At retirement, an eligible employee may either receive benefits from the Voluntary Employee's Benefit Association Medical Expense Plan (VEBA MEP) or receive payment for accrued sick leave. The employee does not personally choose between VEBA MEP or sick leave payment. See BPPM 55.49 for more information.

NOTE: Employees who separate from WSU for any reason other than retirement or death are not eligible for payment of accrued sick leave.

TRAINING RELEASE TIME

Employees are entitled to 96 hours of training release time per year to attend training sessions (see BPPM 60.72). Applicable training sessions may include management-assigned Skillsoft online classes.

Training leave is considered time worked for purposes of computing overtime for overtime-eligible employees.
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**UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE**

Unauthorized absences are treated as unauthorized leave without pay. Possible ramifications of unauthorized absences are addressed in the *Faculty Manual* and the *Administrative Professional Handbook*.

To view the *Faculty Manual*, go to:


To view the *Administrative Professional Handbook*, go to the HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/ap-handbook/

**VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING**

If an employee or an employee's family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the employee may take unpaid leave or use any accrued leave to recover from and cope with the effects of such violence.

Individuals considered to be family members are parent, step-parent, sister, brother, parent-in-law, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, minor/dependent child, and child. For the purpose of leave for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, family member also includes a person with whom the employee has a dating relationship.

For definitions of domestic violence and sexual assault, see *RCW 26.50.010*. For definition of stalking, see *RCW 9A.46.110*.

**Documentation**

Employees seeking to use accrued leave or unpaid leave may be required to submit the following documentation to HRS.

**Verification of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking**

When an employee or the employee's family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and the employee is seeking to use accrued leave or LWOP, HRS may require verification to support the request. If verification is required, the employee provides HRS with one or more of the following:

- A police report indicating that the employee or the employee's family member was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- A court order protecting or separating the employee or employee's family member from the perpetrator of the act of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
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Verification of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (cont.)

- Evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that the employee or the employee's family member appeared, or is scheduled to appear, in court in connection with an incident of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- The employee's written statement that the employee or the employee’s family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- Documentation from any of the following persons from whom the employee or employee's family member sought assistance that the employee or the employee's family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking:
  - An advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
  - An attorney
  - A member of the clergy
  - A medical or other professional

Verification of Familial Relationship

If the victim of domestic violence, assault, or stalking is the employee's family member, verification of the familial relationship between the employee and the victim may include but is not limited to the following documents:

- A statement from the employee
- A birth certificate or a court document
- Other similar documentation

WORK-RELATED INJURY OR ILLNESS

In the event that a faculty or AP employee sustains a work-related injury or illness and is approved to receive workers' compensation from the Department of Labor and Industries, the employee may:

- Receive workers' compensation exclusively, and go on LWOP with WSU.
- Use accrued paid leave for his or her time off while receiving workers' compensation.
- Use a combination of LWOP and accrued leave while receiving workers' compensation.

During the first three months in which an employee is off, he or she may use any combination of leave and LWOP.

As of month four, University policy does not allow for an employee to move back and forth from a paid leave to LWOP status.
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**WORK-RELATED INJURY OR ILLNESS (cont.)**

For more information regarding sick leave buy back, see HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/employees/disability-services/workers-compensation/

See also SPPM 2.30.

**Use of Accrued Leave While on Worker's Compensation**

For information regarding the implications of using sick leave, annual leave, compensatory time, or holiday pay while on worker's compensation, see SPPM 2.30.

NOTE: An employee may use any combination of leave and LWOP during the first three months he or she is off work.

For additional information, contact HRS; telephone 509-335-4521; or see HRS website at:

hrs.wsu.edu/employees/disability-services/workers-compensation/