

## Babies in Class Policy

### Policy Purpose

MaKami College recognizes the importance of staying engaged and consistent with attendance in our programs. If an infant under the age of 1 requires the attention of a caregiver or parent who is a student in the program, they are permissible in class while following the expectations outlined in this policy.

### Policy Details

#### General

Each situation is different, and this policy is intended to serve as a point of reference. You are required to meet with a SAS member to determine which options work best for you.

Each child's level of need is different, but it is expected that if you need to remove yourself from class to assist the child that you take no longer than 20 minutes at a time – otherwise you jeopardize missing out on critical instruction. To obtain an appropriate modification letter from SALT, it is requested that the child is not passed around to other non-designated students during class time.

For convenience – it is suggested that the child and caregiver(s) situate themselves close to an exit or area which will cause minimal disruption to the class. The SALT department will assist in identifying an appropriate space and communicate this to the instructor(s) involved in the class.

It is expected that volume is kept to a minimum to avoid distraction for other students. Noisy toys and activities are not permissible in class. It is suggested that only soft toys without noise makers (such as crinkling, rattling and the like) be brought with you in class if required. It is also suggested that you only bring what you are capable of transporting yourself along with your child.

The child must be held at all times or placed in permissible equipment such as a stroller or car seat. The child should not be left on the ground. Playpens, activity pods and the like are not permissible in class.

It is expected that the parent/caregiver be willing and aware to receive cues from instructional staff to remove themselves from class if the child is causing a distraction.

Exam days, clinic days, tutoring and community outreach events will require you to make alternate arrangements where the child will not be present in campus. For exams if required as a secondary option, a pre-arranged modification for date and/or location of the exam can be made based on availability – otherwise standard exam policies apply.

#### Expectations

If provided feedback that you are not complying with the requirements of the modification and adjustments are not made, there is a risk that the modification may be cancelled or revoked, and you will be asked to leave the classroom. MaKami staff member will notify the SALT Department to arrange a meeting with SALT Director/Supervisor to discuss the incident.

As an adult learner, you are still required to ensure your accurate understanding of material and make any arrangements as necessary to ensure your understanding of anything you may have missed while attending to your child.

If you are absent from a significant portion of the instruction on a particular day, you may be marked as absent by the instructor at their discretion.