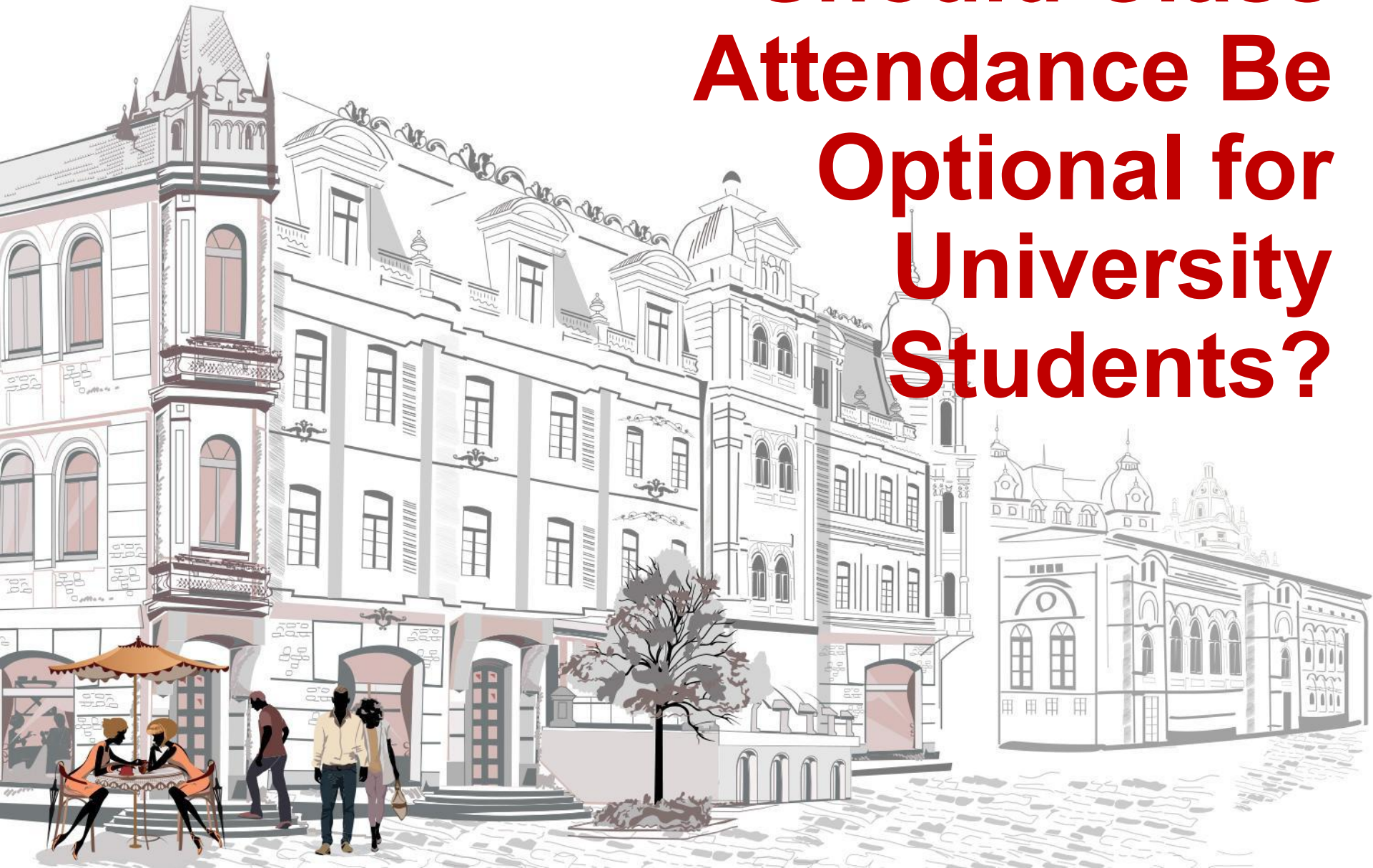


Should Class Attendance Be Optional for University Students?



Vocabulary

□ **attendance** – the act of going somewhere such as a church, school, etc regularly – *посещение*

□ **intramural** – situated or done within the walls of a building. **Intramural department** – *очное отделение*

□ **correspondence education** – distance learning; a form of education that involves teaching students who are not physically present in a classroom – *заочное обучение*

□ **pay attention to** – to look at or listen to sb or smth carefully – *обращать внимание, прислушиваться*



Vocabulary

□ **devote smth to** – to use time, energy, etc for a particular purpose – *посвящать*

□ **lag behind** – to achieve less than someone or something else – *отставать от кого-либо*

□ **optional** – it is available but you do not have to have it – *необязательный*

□ **compulsory (obligatory)** – you must do it because of a rule or law – *обязательный*



Advantages

- Students become more responsible for their decisions
- More time for working and earning money for an independent life
- If you combine working and studying at the same time, it denotes that you are a hard-working and ambitious person
- You can pay attention only to the subjects which are actually useful for you
- You won't waste your time on pointless subjects which you don't really need



Disadvantages

- You may become fully devoted to your job and have no time for self-education
- Lots of teachers are against it whatever the reasons, so they might have negative attitude towards you
- Passing the exams gets more difficult if you don't attend classes
- Eventually you might end up lagging behind other students
- Self-education is difficult and requires time and effort if you want to succeed





What is your opinion about the optional attendance?

Would you approve of such an idea as a future teacher?

**Thanks for your
attention!**

