Dear Professor [Last Name],

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to inform you that I was unable to attend class on [date] due to [brief reason, if appropriate]. I wanted to ask whether this absence may be excused.

I understand the importance of attending class and will make sure to review the material covered and complete any missed work. Please let me know if there is anything specific I should do to stay on track.

Thank you very much for your time and understanding.

Best regards,
[Your Name]
[Your Student ID]
[Course Name / Section]