

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Academic freedom for students is essential to encourage students in their search for knowledge, clear thinking and critical judgment. This freedom consists of certain basic rights which are just claims upon the academic community. Rights become a reality only when all members of a society exercise responsibility in honoring rights of others. Therefore, to preserve his or her rights, each student must assume his or her own share of the responsibility.

Student Rights

Each student has the right to:

- Have comprehensive information about College regulations, procedures, programs, and services available.
- Propose change in College regulations and procedures and have such proposals considered with reasonable promptness and receptivity.
- Read, hear, and express ideas and points of view within the limits of common decency and law on any matter and in any manner which does not interfere with the College program.
- Distribute printed materials or petitions, wear buttons, badges, or other insignia which are within the limits of common decency and law. The College Administration may specify the time, place, and manner of the use of the bulletin boards and the distribution of the printed materials or petitions.
- Form organizations to promote any lawful purpose or point of view.
- Have unbiased and balanced coverage of student ideas and activities in student body publications.
- Take reasonable exception to opinion in any course.
- Have instructors who know their subjects well and are fully qualified teachers.
- Be evaluated solely on course achievement based on an objective and systematic method clearly stated and uniformly applied.
- Request and receive a full explanation of grades substantiated by accurate records.
- Have instructors available for specified weekly conference hours.
- Insist that course content be reasonable and consistent with the course description presented in the course outline.

Student Responsibilities

Each student has the responsibility to:

- Respect and support the rights of faculty, staff, and other students.
- Speak and act in a manner which is compatible with the College purpose.
- Speak and act in a manner which does not offend standards of common decency.
- Exercise care in the use of College equipment and property.
- Abide by all the rules and regulations of the College.
- Abide by local, state, and federal laws.
- Become informed regarding curriculum requirements.
- Become informed regarding course assignments.
- Prepare course assignments in the time and manner prescribed by the instructor.
- Pursue the basic goal of learning.