
STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to become familiar with and to abide by College regulations and acceptable standards of conduct is assumed by students upon registration at the College. Students failing to observe College regulations or to maintain acceptable standards outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, Policy 5420A, on campus, in its on-campus housing or at College sponsored functions or facilities are subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action by the College may proceed while criminal proceedings are pending and shall not be subject to challenge on the grounds that criminal charges involving the same incident have been dismissed or reduced.

Upon registration, students are entitled to the freedoms and/or rights published in the College catalog and Student Handbook provided their use is accomplished in accordance with College procedures and does not result in disruption or disturbance.

Rights (including but not limited to):

- The right to due process.
- The right to have the freedom to exercise the rights of citizenship, association, inquiry, and expression.
- The right of privacy and confidentiality of academic records, social security numbers and credit card information.
- The right to fair and equal treatment, including but not limited to instruction, evaluations and services.
- The right to complaint and grievance procedures for academic and behavior issues.

Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

- Responsible for registration in classes and for attending classes.
- Responsible for following the rules and regulations of the College as found in the College Catalog.
- Responsible for payment of tuition and fees.
- Responsible for adhering to College regulations to ensure proper and responsible conduct.
- Responsible for satisfactory academic progress.

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Right to Due Process

The College assures students the right of due process. Students have a right to a hearing when:

- They are suspended or dismissed from the College,
- They cannot resolve an academic grievance with a teacher,
- They cannot resolve a behavior or non-academic issue,
- They have violated the law, or
- They have been deprived of a property right.

The following procedure describes the process applicable in each of the four situations.

Hearing on Suspension or Dismissal

Students suspended or dismissed from the College may have a hearing before the Student Appeals Board. (Procedure 5430C)

Notified of the suspension or dismissal, the student must submit a written appeal request to the Vice President for Student Success Services within 48 hours.

Whenever possible the Student Appeals Board will meet within five (5) working days and decide on the appeal. If scheduling this within five (5) working days is not possible, all involved parties will be notified about the delay and the reason the delay is necessary.

If the student does not agree with the Appeal Board's decision, he or she may appeal to the President.

Hearing on Academic Grievances

Students in an unresolved academic conflict with an instructor in a particular course may file a grievance according to the procedures of the Academic Grievance policy 5430B.

Hearings on Violations of the Law or Alleged loss of a Property Right

Students are assured due process.

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