

Administrative Regulation — Student Conduct and Student Rights

I. Code of Student Conduct

The Vice President for Student Success (VPSS) will maintain and publish the Code of Student Conduct (the Code) promoting the University's core values and establishing students' academic and non-academic rights and responsibilities. The Code applies to behavior of all students and student organizations that occurs on and off University property, and it extends into virtual, distance and online education and educational experiences. Concerns about the management of the Code or students' rights may be brought to the Vice President for Student Success. All students, regardless of individual college or program membership, are subject to the Code. Individual colleges or schools, due to various standards of ethics or professional requirements, may have additional academic, clinical or ethical codes, so long as they are reviewed by and housed with the Vice President for Student Success.

II. Student Rights

Student rights refer to the fundamental freedoms and protections that individuals are entitled to while pursuing education. These rights are based on principles of accountability, equality, dignity and due process. The University protects student rights and aims to ensure that students can learn in an environment that promotes mutual respect.

A. Academic Rights

- A fair and just evaluation of each student's performance in educational endeavors.
- A right to have an absence treated as excused when it meets the standard defined by University policies.
- A right to have no more than two (2) final exams on the same day.
- A right to notice and an informal meeting with the course instructor and department chair before a student is determined to have committed an academic offense.
- A right to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in the classroom without being penalized.
- A right to receive fair and just grades.

- A right to receive fair and just evaluation of performance in a program and regular feedback on academic performance for all coursework as outlined in the course syllabus.
- A right to have their academic records kept separate and confidential absent written consent to have them revealed.

B. Non-Academic

- A right to free expression.
- A right to be free from discrimination/harassment.
- A right to privacy within the confines of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and unreasonable search and seizure. Students have various levels of rights to privacy as outlined in the Code.
- A right to a free student press.

Students who believe they have experienced discrimination should contact the [Office of Equal Opportunity](#) for assistance.