

STUDENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Responsibilities of Students

As members of the academic community at Utah State University, students share responsibility for USU's growth and continued well-being, as well as for maintaining an environment that encourages free inquiry and expression. Students are expected to engage in reasonable and substantial preparation for their coursework, to follow course and class guidelines as set forth in syllabi and as enunciated by their instructors, and to complete all academic exercises with integrity. All interactions with faculty members, staff members, and other students shall be conducted with courtesy, civility, decency, and a concern for personal dignity. These responsibilities are the foundation of the University's Standards of Conduct. The University seeks to vest students with primary oversight of these responsibilities through their participation in hearings boards.

Rights of Students

Students can reasonably expect the following:

1. The right to a learning environment free of harassment and unlawful discrimination.
2. The right to due process in all disciplinary proceedings, which means fundamental and procedural fairness in accordance with the provisions of *The Code of Policies and Procedures for Students*.
3. The right to inquire, including specifically the right to engage in reasonable academic discussion and dissent within the framework of course material, with due regard to factors such as class size and the limits on the instructor's time for conferences.
4. The right, subject to time, place, and manner restrictions, to express personal opinions on campus, to support or oppose causes, to arrange public assemblies, and to hold rallies, demonstrations, and pickets which do not materially and substantially interfere with normal University activities or the rights of others. Institutional control of facilities shall not be used as a censorship device. Any institutional regulation regarding time, place, and manner of expression must be content-neutral, must be narrowly tailored to serve a significant University interest, and must leave open ample alternative channels of communication.
5. The right to organize and the freedom of association.
6. The right to publish and the freedom from censorship.
7. The right to meaningful representation in the formulation of University policies which affect students.
8. The right to a proper academic evaluation through orderly procedures and announced criteria designed to prevent prejudice and capricious judgment.
9. The right to confidentiality of records and due limitation of disclosure of personally identifiable information.

For more information, see the USU Student Code at <http://www.usu.edu/policies/pdf/Student-Standards.pdf>