

FS 11-12/132/FPC/APC/EX STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (SRR)

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This University exists to provide an opportunity for education to enable students to live a more perceptive and fulfilling life. Its aim is to inspire them in creative and critical thinking and to encourage them to contribute their ideas for the improvement of the society in which they live.

Basic to the achievement of these purposes is freedom of expression and communication. Without this freedom, effective sifting and testing of ideas ceases, and research, teaching and learning are stifled. Knowledge is as broad and diverse as life itself, and the need for freedom is equally broad. The University always must strive to strike that balance between maximum freedom and necessary order which best promotes its basic purposes by providing the environment most conducive to the many-faceted activities of research, teaching, and learning.

Upon enrollment, the student becomes a member of the academic community and thereby accepts both the rights and responsibilities associated with that membership. As a member of the academic community, students have the right to challenge any attempt to deprive them of their rights, either as a citizen or as a student. The policies and procedures contained in this document attempt to define both the student's rights and responsibilities.

Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities is subject to and limited by all applicable regulations of the Constitution of the United States and of state law, including regulations passed by the Trustees of the California State University and local campus regulations duly instituted by the President of the University.

It is the student's right and responsibility to know the policies, procedures, standards, and regulations which affect student rights; and it shall be the student's responsibility to obtain and act appropriately on such information. Ignorance of the information made accessible to the student shall not be cause to waive policies, procedures, standards, and regulations.

The campus is not a sanctuary immune from civil law and authority, and students may be prosecuted for violation of the law, whether an action occurs on the campus or off; however, University sanctions will be imposed only for those violations that interfere with University functions.

A number of policies are in place to protect student rights and to facilitate the definition of student responsibilities at California State University, Sacramento. The following sections of California State University, Sacramento's policy manual contain those policies. Students are encouraged to carefully review the policies below in order to be informed of their rights and responsibilities.

Existing Policies Related to Student Rights and Responsibilities

Academic Honesty Policy and Procedure:

<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/student/stu-0100.htm>

Outlines the classroom responsibilities of students and faculty; right to due process and procedures to ensure fairness.

Complaint Hearing procedures for Students:

(<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/student/stu-0110.htm>)

Addresses unfair policies or inequitable treatment of students and provides procedures for review, determination and appeal.

Discrimination Complaint Procedure for Current Students or Applicants for Admission:

(<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/hr/ums16310.htm>)

Ensures equal opportunity for students and applicants to the university.

Grade Appeals Procedures:

(<http://www.csus.edu/acaf/academic%20resources/policies%20and%20procedures/gradeappealpolicy-jun-2017.pdf>) Provides students with procedures to address unfair assignment of grades.

Notice to Students of their Rights Under (FERPA) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act:

(<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/student/umf04650.htm>)

Ensures a student's right to privacy.

Statement of Faculty Responsibilities and Professional Ethics:

(<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/hr/hrs-0117.html>)

Outlines faculty responsibility to students.

Student Conduct Code (<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/student/ums16150.htm>)

Outlines student conduct.

Student Conduct Procedures (http://www.csus.edu/student/procedures_student_conduct.html)

These procedures are established pursuant to Section 41301 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, and govern all student disciplinary matters system wide.

Student Organizations and Leadership (<http://www.csus.edu/soal/>)

Provides students with assistance in finding and forming clubs, organizations and interest group.

Time Place and Manner of Individual Expression and Conduct of Campus:

(<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/student/stu-0125.htm>)

Establishes guidelines for the expression of beliefs (freedom of speech) and use of university facilities.