

Student Rights and Responsibilities

- I. Students enjoy the same basic rights and are bound by the same responsibilities to respect the rights of others as are all citizens.
 - A. It is assumed that the student as a citizen has the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, freedom of political beliefs, and freedom from personal force and violence, threats of violence and personal abuse.
 - B. The student as a citizen has a right to be considered equally for admission to, employment by, and promotion within the campus in accord with the provisions against discrimination in the general law.
 - C. It is held that Jacksonville State University is no sanctuary from the general law and, furthermore, that the campus is a community of growth and fulfillment for all, rather than a setting described in the concept of in loco parentis.

- II. All students have responsibilities and rights based upon the nature of the educational process and the requirements of the search for truth and its free presentation. These rights and responsibilities include:
 - A. Each student has the freedom, dependent upon level of competence, to teach, to learn, and to conduct research and publish findings in the spirit of free inquiry.
 - B. Each student has the right to pursue normal curricular and extracurricular activities, including freedom of movement.
 - C. Students have the right to expect that records maintained on them contain only information which is reasonably related to the educational purposes or health and safety of the individual or others. Furthermore, it is assumed that the student has the right to protection from unauthorized disclosure of confidential material contained in university records.
 - D. Students have the right to reasonable and impartially applied rules, designed to reflect the educational purposes of the institution and to protect the safety of the campus.
 - E. Students have the right to recourse if another member of the campus is negligent or irresponsible in the performance of his or her responsibilities or if another member of the campus represents the work of others as his or her own.
 - F. Students who hold opinions about basic policy matters of direct concern to them have the right to have them heard and considered at appropriate levels of the decision making process. It should be noted that students who have a continuing association with the institution and who have substantial influence have an especially strong obligation to maintain an environment supportive of the rights of others.

- III. The University has rights and responsibilities which include but are not limited to the following:
 - A. The University has a right and an obligation to present and debate public issues.
 - B. The University has a right to prohibit individuals and groups who are not members of the University community from using its name, its finances, and its physical operating facilities for commercial or political activities.
 - C. The University has the right to prohibit students from using its name, its finances, and its physical and operating facilities for commercial activities.

- IV. All students have the right to fair and equitable procedures which shall determine the validity of charges that they have violated University regulations.