STUDENTS’ RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The university respects and upholds the principles of due process and a fair and equitable process as specified in the Board of Regents’ Policy 09.02 Student Rights and Responsibilities. For more information regarding the rights and responsibilities of students, refer to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities website (https://www.uaf.edu/csrr/). You are encouraged to read the Board of Regents’ policy carefully to fully understand your responsibilities to our community.

We strive to create a safe and respectful environment for all members of our community. If you have questions about expectations of you as a student or believe your rights are being violated, we encourage you to reach out to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities for help. UAF reserves the right to suspend, expel or take other necessary and appropriate action in cases where a student is unable or unwilling to uphold community standards and campus safety.

Student Code of Conduct

1. As with all members of the university community, the university requires students to conduct themselves honestly and responsibly and to respect the rights of others. Students may not engage in behavior that disrupts the learning environment, violates the rights of others or otherwise violates the Student Code of Conduct (09.02), university rules, regulations or procedures. Students and student organizations are responsible for ensuring that they and their guests comply with the code while on property owned or controlled by the university or at activities authorized or sponsored by the university.

2. Sexual and gender-based misconduct is addressed separately in accordance with Regents’ Policy and University Regulation 01.04, which provides policies and regulations for the reporting and investigation of alleged sexual and gender-based misconduct. Sanctions for sexual and gender-based misconduct are imposed according to the student code of conduct.

3. The university may initiate disciplinary action and impose sanctions on any student or student organization found responsible for committing, attempting to commit, or intentionally assisting in the commission of any of the following prohibited forms of conduct:
   • cheating, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty;
   • forgery, falsification, alteration or misuse of documents, funds, property or electronic records;
   • damage or destruction of property;
   • theft of property or services;
   • harassment;
   • discrimination, including sex or gender-based discrimination, which is also addressed in Regents’ Policy and University Regulation 01.04 (https://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy-regulations/chapter-01-04-titleix.php);
   • hazing;
   • endangerment, assault or infliction of physical harm;
   • sex or gender-based misconduct;
   • disruptive or obstructive actions;
   • mistreatment of animals;
   • misuse of firearms, explosives, weapons, dangerous devices or dangerous chemicals;
   • failure to comply with university directives;
   • misuse of alcohol;
   • misuse of drugs or other intoxicants;
   • violation of regents’ policy, university regulation, rules or procedures; or
   • any other actions that result in unreasonable interference with the learning environment or the rights of others.

4. Examples of actions that constitute these prohibitions will be described in the university regulation and major administrative unit rules and procedures.

5. This policy and university regulation and major administrative unit rules and procedures are not intended to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms but rather to set forth examples to serve as guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable behavior.

The university has established procedures for enforcing the UA code of conduct. Each student at the university shall be afforded due process in all disciplinary matters. For a complete guide to these procedures, please refer to Board of Regents Policy and University Regulation 09.02 (https://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy-regulations/chapter-09-02-student-rights-responsibilities.php).

Student Behavioral Standards

Education at the university occurs inside and outside the classroom, with the goal to enhance personal growth and development. UAF behavioral expectations (as outlined by Board of Regents’ policy) create clear guidance for navigating the university environment in a way that supports all community members. They are not designed to ignore your individuality but rather to encourage you to exercise self-discipline, accountability and awareness of social responsibility. Contact the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (https://www.uaf.edu/csrr/) for more information.

For students wanting to address complaints about faculty or staff conduct, UAF provides one level of administrative oversight for decisions made by university employees. The Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities can assist students with addressing concerns and complaints and, in situations where it is appropriate, can provide mediation for a situation. Individuals are encouraged to first attempt informal resolution with the employee making the decision or the employee’s supervisor. An individual seeking further review has the option of filing a written request with the employee’s supervisor for decisions made by university employees that are not covered in other university policies, regulations and procedures. The request must include all relevant information to be considered during the review. The supervisor will consider the information available at the time of the review and provide written notification of the outcome to the individual who filed the request. The supervisor’s written response will be the final decision of the university.