Students' Rights and Responsibilities

The university subscribes to principles of due process and fair hearings as specified in the "Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students." This document can be found at the website of the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (http://www.uaf.edu/csrr/). You are encouraged to read it carefully.

Most students adjust easily to the privileges and responsibilities of university citizenship. The university attempts to provide counsel for those who find the adjustment more difficult. UAF may terminate enrollment or take other necessary and appropriate action in cases where a student is unable or unwilling to assume the social responsibilities of citizenship in the university community.

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 (Code), university rules, regulations, or procedures. Students and student organizations will be 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. 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:
   a. cheating, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty;
   b. forgery, falsification, alteration or misuse of documents, funds, property or electronic records;
   c. damage or destruction of property;
   d. theft of property or services;
   e. harassment;
   f. discrimination;
   g. hazing;
   h. endangerment, assault or infliction of physical harm;
   i. gender-based or sexual misconduct;
   j. disruptive or obstructive actions;
   k. mistreatment of animals;
   l. misuse of firearms, explosives, weapons, dangerous devices or dangerous chemicals;
   m. failure to comply with university directives;
   n. misuse of alcohol;
   o. misuse of drugs or other intoxicants;
   p. violation of regents’ policy, university regulation, rules or procedures; or
   q. any other actions that result in unreasonable interference with the learning environment or the rights of others.

3. Examples of actions that constitute these prohibitions will be described in the university regulation and MAU rules and procedures.

4. This policy and university regulation and MAU 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 (http://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy/09-02.pdf) (PDF).

For additional information and details about the student academic misconduct policy, please visit the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (http://www.uaf.edu/csrr/).

Student Behavioral Standards

Education at the university is conceived as training for citizenship as well as for personal self-improvement and development. Generally, UAF behavioral regulations are designed to help you work efficiently in courses and live responsibly in the campus environment. They are not designed to ignore your individuality but rather to encourage you to exercise self-discipline and accept your social responsibility. These regulations, in most instances, were developed jointly by staff and students. Contact the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities for more information.

UAF provides one level of administrative oversight for decisions made by university employees. 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 be signed and 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 within the university.