

Student Freedoms, Rights and Responsibilities

University policies, procedures and regulations are formulated to guarantee each student's freedom to learn and to protect the rights of others. Students, as well as other members of the university community, enjoy the same constitutional and civil rights guaranteed all citizens. At the same time, university affiliates are subject to local, state and federal law as well as university policies and regulations developed to protect the integrity of the institution and to ensure the freedoms of others are not diminished. This handbook contains various pages explaining certain rights and certain responsibilities with which each student should be familiar. A general statement regarding student's rights can be found in Regents' Policy and University Regulation Chapter 09.02, relevant portions of which are copied below.

Regents' Policy & University Regulation

(Note: This Handbook is not the official publication of Regents' Policy & University Regulation. Policies and regulations may be updated from time to time. To see the current versions, please visit the Board of Regents website (<https://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy-regulations/>.)

Chapter 09.02 - Student Rights and Responsibilities [Excerpt]

P09.02.010. General Statement: Student Rights and Responsibilities.

- A. The university will maintain an academic environment in which the freedom to teach, conduct research, learn, and administer the university is protected. Students will enjoy maximum benefit from this environment by accepting responsibilities commensurate with their role in the academic community. The principles found herein are designed to facilitate communication, foster academic integrity, and defend freedoms of inquiry, discussion, and expression among members of the university community.
- B. Students will have the right:
1. to pursue an education free from illegal discrimination and to be judged on the basis of relevant abilities, qualifications, and performance;
 2. to fair and impartial academic evaluation and a means of recourse through orderly procedures to challenge action contrary to such standard;
 3. to free inquiry and expression;
 4. to access their own personnel and education records and to have the university maintain and protect the confidential status of such records, as required by appropriate legal authority;
 5. through student representatives, to participate in formulating and evaluating institutional policies;
 6. to organize and join associations to promote their common and lawful interests;
 7. to be able to protest on university premises in a manner which does not obstruct or disrupt teaching, research, administration, or other activities authorized by the university;
 8. to an academic environment conducive to intellectual freedom;
9. to a fundamentally fair and orderly disciplinary process; and
 10. to have access to accurate information regarding tuition, fees and charges, course availability, general requirements for establishing and maintaining acceptable academic standing, and graduation requirements.
- C. Students are responsible for knowing, understanding, and complying with the University of Alaska Student Code of Conduct, which outlines both student rights and responsibilities as members of the academic community. The student code of conduct is available in the student handbook and/or online
- D. Students are expected to balance these rights and responsibilities to promote a learning environment that is conducive to the academic success of all members of the community and strive to be a positive, contributing member of the academic community
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