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Student Rights

Any community of more than 20,000 people needs rules.

As a registered DePaul University student, the DePaul Code of Student Responsibility isn't a list of things you can do wrong; it's a code designed to protect your rights and those of all DePaul students.

STUDENT RIGHTS

1. The University shall be open to all students who qualify under its admission standards, regardless of race, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or gender. All students have equal right of access to the public facilities and services of the University, in accordance with University policies.
2. Students have the right to their own ideas, beliefs and political associations. Students have the right to ask questions and express their opinions without affecting their academic evaluations, as long as such do not interfere with the normal operations of their classes or infringe on the rights of other students in their classes. Instructors shall evaluate students' performances without prejudice.
3. A student has the right to a hearing within the established University procedures, in all matters that can result in the imposition of sanctions for misconduct. Usually, a student's status within the University will not be permanently altered until final outcome of any judicial action. However, the University reserves the right to take actions to reasonably ensure safety and security, including removing and/or suspending a student from the University pending final determination of any judicial action.
4. A student duly admitted to and registered at the University has the right to receive a clear and concise written statement concerning academic and nonacademic regulations and commitments made by the University prior to or upon initial registration for classes. A student also has the right to be advised of any changes in such matters.
5. Students have the right to join associations and are free to promote their common interests. This includes the right to become affiliated with any recognized student organization without discrimination or prejudice regarding race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, parental status, family relationship status, military status, sexual orientation, sex, gender, or other status protected by local, state, or federal law in its education settings, although fraternities and sororities are exempt from the restriction of discrimination due to gender.
6. Students have the right to participate in the governance of the University through the Student Government Association.
7. Under the guidelines established by the University, students have the right to edit and/or operate the student media.
8. In accord with University policy, for all classroom courses, a syllabus must be distributed in written form beginning on the first day of class. The dean of the college is responsible for implementing the syllabus requirements.
9. Students shall be given the opportunity to be represented at all departmental meetings by at least one full-time student majoring in the appropriate discipline. The student representative shall be chosen annually in accordance with Student Government Association guidelines and shall be a full-time voting member. The student who accepts this responsibility has the moral obligation to attend these departmental meetings.
10. Students shall have the right to vote on search committees that choose academic deans. Membership on such committees shall be achieved through the auspices of the Student Government Association.
11. Students have the right to petition institutional authority for changes in either academic or nonacademic regulations.

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12. Students have the right to regular academic advisement. Undergraduate and graduate students have the right to an assigned academic advisor who is available and informed to assist and advise in class selections, to meet academic requirements and career goals.

Political Campaign Activities Policy**Sales and Solicitation-Residence Halls**

13. Students have the right of reasonable access to University administrators and faculty during specified office hours.

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14. Undergraduate and graduate students (in all colleges but the College of Law) have the right to be informed formally of their academic standing in class by the midpoint of each quarter.

Space Reservations**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

15. Students have the right of protection from University personnel engaging in unreasonable search or seizure unless:

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a. there is probable cause that a violation of University policy is likely to occur, is presently occurring or has occurred;

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b. there is an apparent emergency or danger to self or others;


Disciplinary Process Compliance

c. in order to repair damage to University property;

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d. students' rights shall always remain subject to the searches of law enforcement officers who are performing their statutory duties in accordance with legally defined procedures governing search and seizure

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