STUDENT/UNIVERSITY-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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POLICY STATEMENT

4.1
Student/University-Affiliated Organization Rights
Students at the University have the same rights and protections under the Constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan as other citizens. These rights include freedom of expression, press, religion, and assembly. The University values freedom of expression, that includes voicing unpopular views and dissent. As members of the University community, students have the right to express their own views, but must also take responsibility for according the same rights to others.
Students and UAOs have the right to:
• Be treated fairly and to be free from acts of harassment and discrimination, including sexual misconduct, and from harassment and discrimination based on age, color, disability, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex/gender (including gender identity and expression), sexual orientation, veteran or active duty military, or weight.
• A fair system of dispute resolution that provides them with the due process protections to which they are entitled including both conflict resolution and student conduct processes.
• To be educated about the contents of the Anchor.
4.2 Student/University-Affiliated Organization Responsibilities
Students/UAOs are expected to respect the rights of individual students, faculty, and staff; to act consistently with the values of the University community and its policies; to comply with published University policies; and to obey local, state, and federal law.
All students are responsible for refraining from academic misconduct, meaning all academic

work should be done by the student to whom it is assigned without unauthorized aid. Acts of academic misconduct violate the University values of excellence, integrity, and community that are fundamental to a community of scholars.

Each student is responsible for maintaining a current understanding of the contents of the Anchor. Students/UAOs have the responsibility to:

• Act in a way that does not infringe on others' rights or property.
• Maintain an atmosphere that promotes respect for learning and human dignity.
• Know and comply with the Anchor, other University policies, and applicable laws.
• Students are expected to participate fully and honestly in the University conduct process.
• Facilitate the learning environment and the process of learning, including attending class regularly, completing class assignments, and coming to class prepared.
• Recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved as well as upon the entire University community.
• Recognize the University's obligation to provide an environment conducive for learning and academic inquiry.
• Uphold and maintain academic and professional honesty and integrity and to adhere to the academic requirements determined by individual instructors.
• Serve as a responsive bystander, reporting safety concerns and violations of the Anchor.

PROCEDURES

Section 6.0 - Conduct Process and Resolution Procedures outlines the procedures related to this policy.

For a summarized, visual overview of the University conduct process, please click here.