

SUBJECT: STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

I. PURPOSE: To provide a policy that delineates student responsibilities and rights and a process for addressing student violations of the Policy.

II. POLICY:

A. STUDENT CONDUCT OVERVIEW

1. Students of Southern Utah University share with many others a vital interest in the essential mission of their college. True to its founders and motto, "Learning Lives Forever," Southern Utah University is a center of learning where students prepare in knowledge and self-discipline for the responsibility to make, as free men and women, a worthy contribution to the social, cultural, and economic progress their forefathers thus far advanced. This purpose forges a compelling bond of common interest among all administrators, faculty members, students, alumni, and fellow citizens of the region and state—who share the responsibility for cooperative action and support to fulfill it.
2. Each student is expected to uphold and improve the partnership in his/her University, exhibiting conduct that respects the rights and interest of others. This code is designed to provide basic standards for student conduct to ensure the fulfillment of the common perspective stated above.
3. As citizens of the larger community, students have all the responsibilities which devolve upon any citizen. While the University is deeply concerned with what happens to students both on and off campus, the University generally holds students to be adults responsible for their own actions and subject to local, state, and national laws, together with all related regulations.
4. Students who violate these laws or regulations or the following standards of conduct will be subject to disciplinary action. Incidents occurring on the campus, or occurring off campus but present concern, will normally be handled by appropriate University agencies. Incidents occurring away from the campus which do not present concern for campus safety or University property will usually be under the jurisdiction of and subject to the prosecutorial discretion of local authorities. Students should be aware, however, that the campus is not a legal sanctuary and that local law enforcement officials have authority to intervene when circumstances warrant. Moreover, University officers may exercise authority and jurisdiction off campus.

















