

III. STUDENT RIGHTS

The University of Montana recognizes that its students retain the rights provided by the United States and Montana Constitutions, Federal and State statutes, and other applicable University policy, while attending the University. The provisions of this Student Conduct Code are intended to be consistent with these rights, and to limit or restrict only conduct that goes beyond the responsible exercise of these rights recognized by law.

The following rights are specifically recognized and implemented in this Student Conduct Code:

A. Right to Confidentiality

The University of Montana complies with the principles of privacy found in the Montana Constitution, Montana Code Annotated, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. A student's name and other identifying information -- including address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, degrees awarded, and honors received -- may be considered public information, unless the student requests the University in writing to hold the information in confidence.

A student's rights in a proceeding involving the Student Conduct Code include the following:

- 1. All disciplinary proceedings are closed to the public.**
- 2. The University, including individuals involved in a disciplinary proceeding, will not disclose information to anyone not connected with the proceeding.** The fact that there is a disciplinary proceeding concerning the incident may be disclosed; however, the identity of individual students will not be disclosed.
- 3. The University, including individuals involved in a disciplinary proceeding, will disclose the results of the proceedings, including sanctions imposed, only to those who need to know the results for purposes of record-keeping, enforcement of the sanctions, further proceedings, or compliance with Federal or State law.** The fact that a disciplinary proceeding has been concluded and appropriate action taken may be disclosed. The Campus Security Act of 1990 allows, but does not require, the University to disclose the results to an alleged victim of a violent crime.