

with both the customs of a free society and the nature and function of an institution of higher learning." See University Rules at [www.uc.edu/trustees/rules/](http://www.uc.edu/trustees/rules/) (Students-Division 40-5-03 A. 1. b.).

c. The authority for disciplinary action is contained in rule 3361:40-5-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code and section 3345.21 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) . The university may proceed through the disciplinary process as outlined below, regardless of any action by other authorities (e.g., city/state police, local/state/federal courts).

d. Ten representatives of the administration, faculty and students constituting a Student Code of Conduct Review Committee provide a democratic mechanism for the creation and review of student conduct standards (40-5-03 B).

e. It is each student's responsibility to know and comply with the University's Student Code of Conduct and/or Rules and Policies of the University of Cincinnati. The provisions of the Student Code of Conduct are not to be regarded as a contract between the University and the student. The University reserves the right to change the Student Code of Conduct at any time during the student's term of enrollment, but no *ex post facto* rule of misconduct will be adopted.

f. It is the University's responsibility to make reasonable efforts to make the Student Code of Conduct available for students. Toward that end, the Division of Student Affairs and Services will regularly circulate the Student Code of Conduct along with other rules, regulations, and policies, which directly affect students at the University of Cincinnati. The Code will be available for review in the following locations: the Office of the University Ombuds, the University Judicial Affairs Office, and the UC web page.

## 2. Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities

a. Students are members of society as well as members of the academic community. As members of society, students have the same responsibilities as other members of society and enjoy the same freedom of speech and peaceful assembly, and the right of petition that other members of society enjoy. As members of the academic community, they shall have the rights and be subject to the responsibilities which accrue to them by virtue of this membership. Institutional authority shall not be employed to inhibit such intellectual and personal development of students as is often promoted by the exercise of their rights and responsibilities both on and off the campus" (40-05-01).

b. Students shall be free from unreasonable searches and seizures by university personnel.

c. Students shall be responsible for maintaining established standards of scholarship and conduct essential to the educational mission and community life of the university. See University 40-5-05.

## 3. Jurisdiction