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Statement of Rights and Responsibilities

As a component of its Mission, the University assists students to develop as critically reflective and socially responsible persons capable of exercising leadership, by providing an environment in which the intellectual, emotional, imaginative, technical, social, religious, and spiritual abilities of students are nurtured and strengthened. To strive to enhance, and maintain a climate of integrity and subject to the University's Mission and its Jesuit, Catholic heritage, the following rights are assured.

All programs and activities at Saint Louis University are open to all students without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status.

The University recognizes each student's right of freedom of speech, freedom of association, and free exercise of religion. The University also recognizes each student's right of freedom of assembly, so long as such assembly is in accordance with published University policy.

The student media shall be free of censorship and advance approval of material, provided that its student leadership develop written editorial policies, operating procedures and provide balance news coverage, all based on the highest journalistic standards, state and federal law and the mission of the University.

Students shall be secure in their persons, living quarters, papers and effects from unreasonable searches and seizures. Student disciplinary action will be based on sanctionable offenses identified in the Student Handbook, other University policies, and University contractual agreements to which the student is a party.

Student disciplinary procedures set forth in the student handbook will be followed, unless preempted by published University policy, or contractual agreements to which the student is a party, in which case the procedures as established in the preempting policy or contract will be utilized.

Information from disciplinary, academic, or counseling files shall not be available to unauthorized persons on campus, or to any person off campus without the express consent of the student involved. The right is subject to legally established exceptions.

The student body shall have formal and clearly defined means of participating in the formulation of University policy in student-related matters. Such participation will include, but not be limited to, membership on appropriate University committees.

Each student shall have the right to petition the University for redress of grievances, amendment of University regulations, and modifications of University policy.

Students shall have the right to establish and elect a democratic student government, including designated organizations that fall under its penumbra, shall be recognized as the official and final voice of the student body.

All students are entitled to receive the highest standards of respect and professional integrity from the faculty, staff, and administration of the University

As a member of an academic and social community, each student accepts the following responsibilities:

- All students will be respectful of different backgrounds, religious traditions, personalities, and beliefs of the students, faculty, and staff who make up the Saint Louis University community.
- In exercising the rights under the Statement of Student Rights, students will behave in a civil manner which is respectful of the rights of all other members of the University community- students, faculty, staff, and administrators, and will be guided by the duly adopted policies of the institution which promote an orderly, safe, and secure environment in the community.
- Students have a responsibility to inform themselves on issues which affect them and the University, and to base their concerns and actions on accurate and timely information.
- Students are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled and for putting forth their personal best efforts to be active and participating learners.

As responsible members of the University community, students will conduct themselves in academic settings in a manner respectful of the rights of their fellow learners and their teachers.

- Students have a responsibility to participate in the election and operation of the student government to assure it is representative of the diverse views of the student body, responsive to its varying needs and desires, and provides legitimate representation of student opinion.
- Students have a responsibility to follow duly adopted policies of the University concerning appeals of decisions, adjudication of grievances, and access to activities.
- As responsible community members, students agree to follow the laws governing use of alcohol, controlled substances, firearms, and similar regulated substances and items, and to abide by the duly adopted policies of the University which are based on those laws and the community's desire for a healthful and safe environment.
- All students are expected to extend the highest standards of respect and professional integrity to the faculty, staff and administration of the University.