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Regulations

The stated aims and purposes of Delta State University indicate that a student attending this institution should not only achieve intellectual enrichment, but also spiritual, moral, physical, and social enrichment as well. Students are expected to be honest and truthful, to abide by the student regulations, to respect and obey existing laws, to respect private and public property, to observe generally accepted standards of conducts, and to respect the rights of the individuals. Violations of these principles may subject students to disciplinary action determined by the established University judicial system.

When a student registers at Delta State University he/she understands that there are certain rules and regulations he must follow to insure the proper and orderly functioning of the institution. These regulations are listed in order that each student may familiarize himself with them. It is the responsibility of the student to know these rules. These regulations are written in the spirit of cooperative guidelines for the good of the entire Delta State University community. Students are also responsible for reading notices posted on official bulletin boards and for information presented in official residence hall meetings. Those who are willing to live within these boundaries usually find student life at Delta State pleasant and beneficial.

It is impossible to predict all human behavior or to write down all rules and regulations for proper conduct; therefore, no student regulations can be totally comprehensive. Students at Delta State are to conduct themselves and their affairs in keeping with generally accepted principles of our society and the university community.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION TO GIVE THEIR CORRECT LOCAL ADDRESS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS AND REGISTRAR OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN ONE WEEK OF SUCH CHANGE.

The statements listed below, although not inclusive, enumerate certain violations of the student regulations and may subject violators to appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion:

1. The use and/or possession of illegal drugs or narcotics. Violation of this regulation will result in automatic suspension from the residence hall, as well as other disciplinary actions.
2. The possession, consumption, and/or sale of alcoholic beverages or public drunkenness on campus, in university living units, or at university sponsored functions on the campus of Delta State University is prohibited. Violators will be subject to having any or all contraband confiscated. Violation of this regulation will result in one or more of the following for a first offense: probation up to six months, assigned work up to ten hours or the equivalent in counseling, and a fine of no less than \$25.00 and no more than \$50.00. If necessary, violation may be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.
3. Unauthorized entry by members of opposite sex into residence hall.
4. Participation in a riot, raid, or unauthorized demonstration or refusing to leave the scene of a riot, raid, or other unauthorized demonstration when ordered to do so by an authorized official.
5. Refusing to show University identification card when requested by proper authority. Students are responsible for having their I.D. cards in their possession at any time they are outside their place of residence.

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6. Failure to meet financial responsibility to the University.
7. Use and/or possession of firearms, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, or other lethal weapons on campus.
8. Gambling in any form.

9. Plagiarism, cheating, or knowingly furnishing false/and/or misleading information to the University or other similar forms of dishonesty in University related affairs.

10. Forgery, alteration, destruction or misuse of University documents, records, identification, or telephone access codes.

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11. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administrative activity, disciplinary procedures, or other authorized activities on University premises.

12. Physical or verbal abuse of any person or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any such person.

13. Theft, arson, or damage, to property of the University and/or leased from an outside agency, or a member of the University community or campus visitor.

14. Unauthorized use of University facilities, including entry or exit doors.

15. Unauthorized or illegal use of the University computer system.

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16. Disorderly, lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct, or language. This includes, but is not limited to, music lyrics when such music is played loud enough to be heard by other residence hall students or by pedestrians if played by a car or portable sound system.

17. Refusal to respond to a request to report to a University administrative office and/or failure to comply with directions of duly authorized University officials acting in the performance of their duties.

18. Inciting others to violate written University policies and regulations.

19. Unauthorized sales and solicitations on the Delta State campus.

20. Use of a residence hall room or phone for soliciting or conducting business.

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21. Conduct which is in violation of local, state, and federal laws.

22. It is a violation of university regulations and state law for any student to damage or misuse any fire detection equipment or initiate a false fire alarm. Violators will be suspended from University Residence Halls, face other disciplinary actions and, and may be subjected to criminal charges.

23. Students are responsible for the actions of their guests on campus. All visitors on our campus will abide by Delta State University rules and regulations.

24. Any student using an I.D. card other than his/her own or loaning his/her I.D. card to another for the purpose of gaining admittance into the cafeteria or any other University functions will have his/her I.D. card confiscated and will be assessed a \$10.00 fine as well as possibly face other disciplinary actions . Students are responsible for the use/misuse of their identification cards.

25. Students are to abide by the Residence Hall Code and all Housing policies including notices posted in the residence halls by Housing administration or staff.

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26. Any student who commits an offense, whether on or off campus, may be subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to this DSU student handbook.

27. Harassment of another individual is strictly prohibited. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, impeding another persistently, or to wrong or bother another persistently. It also includes bothering

another for the purpose of obtaining a sexual favor.

28. Any student charged with or convicted of a violation of law, or University regulation, injurious to the health and welfare of the University community shall be subject to immediate administrative suspension, with or without prejudice, depending upon the nature and circumstances of the case by the President of the University or his delegate.

29. The convictions of a student for a criminal offense of any kind which may interfere with the orderly educational operation of the University or of a kind, which if the student were allowed to remain enrolled, may endanger the health, safety, or property of the members of the academic community shall be sufficient grounds for administrative disciplinary action against such student.

30. Words, behavior, and/or actions which inflict mental or emotional distress on others and/or disrupt the educational environment at Delta State University are strictly prohibited.

31. Stalking of another individual is a criminal offense and will not be tolerated. Stalking is defined as willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following or harassing another person, or making a credible threat, with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury.

32. Students are responsible for displaying respect toward diverse populations.

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