

PREFACE

The *UNCW Code of Student Life* outlines the rights and responsibilities and expected levels of conduct of students on and off campus. The purpose of the rules herein is to prevent abuse of the rights of others and to maintain an atmosphere in the university community appropriate for an institution of higher learning. Sections in the *UNCW Code of Student Life* cover academic concerns (grievances and standards) and student conduct and appeals.

Rules included in the *UNCW Code of Student Life* are subject to amendment or revision. Any member of the university community may submit proposed amendments or revisions to the vice chancellor for student affairs. The vice chancellor for student affairs may also ask the Committee on Student Matters, a standing advisory committee of the Faculty Senate, to make recommendations. All substantive changes are reviewed in consultation with the General Counsel and the chancellor is informed accordingly.

Students at the University of North Carolina Wilmington are subject to, and enjoy the protections of, the Constitution and laws of the United States and of North Carolina, as well as the [Code of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina](#) and relevant policies of the Board of Governors and of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina Wilmington. This *UNCW Code of Student Life* is interpreted by reference to these sources of law and guidance. The following sections of the [Code of the Board of Governors](#) should be noted especially:

Section 600.

Freedom and Responsibility in the University Community

- (1) The University of North Carolina is dedicated to the transmission and advancement of knowledge and understanding. Academic freedom is essential to the achievement of these purposes. The University therefore supports and encourages freedom of inquiry for faculty members and students, to the end that they may responsibly pursue these goals through teaching, learning, research, discussion and publication, free from internal or external restraints that would unreasonably restrict their academic endeavors.
- (2) The University and each constituent institution shall protect faculty and students in their responsible exercise of the freedom to teach, to learn and otherwise to seek and speak the truth.
- (3) Faculty and students of the University of North Carolina shall share in the responsibility for maintaining an environment in which academic freedom flourishes and in which the rights of each member of the academic community are respected.

Section 608.

Students' Rights and Responsibilities

- (1) The University of North Carolina affirms that the first goal of each constituent institution is to educate the students admitted to its programs. The freedom of students to learn is an integral and necessary part of the academic freedom to which the University and its constituent institutions are dedicated. Each constituent institution shall provide, within allotted functions and available resources, opportunity for its students to derive educational benefits through developing their intellectual capabilities, encouraging their increased wisdom and understanding, and enhancing their knowledge and experience applicable to the effective discharge of civic, professional, and social responsibilities. No constituent institution shall abridge either the freedom of students engaged in the responsible pursuit of knowledge or their right to fair and impartial evaluation of their academic performance.
- (2) All students shall be responsible for conducting themselves in a manner that helps to enhance an environment of learning in which the rights, dignity, worth and freedom of each member of the academic community are respected.
- (3) In applying regulations in the area of student discipline, each constituent institution shall adhere to the requirements of due process as set forth in Section 502 D(3) of this *Code*.