

# UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS

---

[Home \(/\)](#) > [Student Handbook \(https://www.binghamton.edu/student-handbook\)](https://www.binghamton.edu/student-handbook) > [University Policies \(https://www.binghamton.edu/student-handbook/policies/index.html\)](https://www.binghamton.edu/student-handbook/policies/index.html)

---

Binghamton University is committed to fostering responsible community living. Individuals and organizations are held accountable for actions that violate the standards for community behavior. All students and student groups are expected to abide by the Binghamton University Code of Student Conduct.

1. All members of the University community are expected to conduct themselves lawfully, maturely and responsibly, and to share the responsibility of maintaining standards of behavior that are essential to the smooth functioning of the institution.
2. The tradition at Binghamton, a public university, is that the full exercise of First Amendment rights is encouraged and protected. The expectation is that the rights are practiced with respect and responsibility, and with the recognition that abusing the rights of any one person or group ultimately endangers the rights of all. Obscene speech or conduct - that which appeals to prurient interests, is patently offensive, and lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value - is not protected by the First Amendment.
3. Every member of the University community has a right to feel secure in person and property and has the responsibility to respect and protect the rights of others.
4. Conduct that interferes with or threatens the operation of the University or the rights of others, either in or out of the classroom, is not condoned.
5. Students are expected to abide by the rules of the University and by state, local and federal laws, and cannot be granted sanctuary by the University.
6. Students are expected to check their binghamton.edu domain e-mail weekly while classes are in session, as this will be the University's primary means of communication with students.

As a student, you are a valuable member of the Binghamton University community. Through your words and deeds you contribute to the building of an inclusive community in which all can live and learn in an environment of academic freedom and respect where all students have the opportunity to succeed.

