

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following rights and responsibilities apply to all registered students.

A. STUDENT RIGHTS (IN THE CLASSROOM):

1. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: Students are free to take reasoned exception to the information or views presented in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion. Regardless of the differences in opinions and views expressed, students are still responsible of achieving the specified course objectives.
2. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: Students have the right to be informed about academic requirements of courses and programs.
3. PROTECTION AGAINST IMPROPER ACADEMIC EVALUATION: Students are protected against prejudiced, arbitrary, or capricious academic evaluation. At the same time, students are responsible for achieving standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled.
4. PROTECTION AGAINST IMPROPER DISCLOSURE: Information about individual student views, beliefs, private activities, and political associations which instructors or other staff acquired as a result of a student's enrollment at Clatsop Community College will be considered confidential and revealed only in accordance with federal and state laws and the constraints of College policies and procedures.

B. STUDENT RIGHTS (OUT OF THE CLASSROOM):

1. RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY: Students' educational records are protected and governed by federal and state laws and College policy and procedures. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 the College, except as provided for by the Act, will not disclose information from a student's education records without the prior written approval of the student. For purposes of compliance with the Act, the College considers all students to have independent status.

The College may, however, release what is deemed "Directory Information." Directory Information includes student name, major field of study, terms

attended, and degrees and awards received. Students have the right to request that Directory Information not be disclosed. Requests must be made, in writing, to the Registrar's Office.

In addition to privacy rights, FERPA establishes the rights of students to review and inspect their education records and provides guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. College procedures for complying with FERPA are maintained in the Registrar's Office.

2. RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATION: Students have the right to join any recognized student organization or club. The Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) establishes procedures for establishing and managing student clubs and organizations.
3. RIGHTS OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: Students have the right to an environment that is free from illegal forms of discrimination including sexual harassment, in accordance with College policies. (Policies 1.001 and 1.001P)
4. RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION: Students have the right to express their views on College policy or matters of general interest, but such expression must be made without disruption to the operations of the College or interference with the rights of others. Without written authorization from the College President, students do not have the right to represent a point of view on behalf of the College.

Student publication editors shall be free to develop their own materials subject to the guidelines contained in current student publication policies. However, it is understood that authorized student advisors shall review copy to protect the institution from legal actions relating to obscenity, criminal or civil libel or copyright infringement. Student publications shall state that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the College or the student body.

5. RIGHT TO BE INFORMED: Federal regulations require that certain information be provided to all enrolled students on an annual basis, and to all prospective students. This information includes general information regarding the College such as cost of attendance, academic programs, accrediting agencies, special services for students, appropriate campus contacts, etc. In addition, the College is required to provide students with information on available federal, state, and institutional financial assistance; graduation rates, rights regarding their education records and statistics on campus safety. This information is made available to students in a variety of ways including the College catalog, quarterly class schedule, handbooks, and the College's web site.
6. RIGHT TO INITIATE COMPLAINT PROCESS: Students have the right to initiate complaints in accordance with the College's Students Complaint Resolution Procedures (6.220P).

C. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students have the responsibility to obey and follow College policy and procedures, federal and state statutes and city ordinances, to respect the rights of others, to fulfill academic requirements of their courses, to contribute to a positive, productive learning environment at the College, and to take responsibility for personal decisions and conduct.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

Title VI, VII and XI
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Americans with Disabilities Act
CFR Part 668.41-Student Assistance General Provisions

See Also:

Discrimination/Sexual Harassment (1.001/1.001P)