

Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy

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Learning Freedom

The Catholic tradition and the mission of Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU) recognize and encourage every student to practice their rights and duties, and to sincerely engage in the search for truth. It is within the NDU tradition to encourage every student to be involved in activities related to learning and research, and to support all students to benefit from the knowledge imparted to them at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Freedom of Expression

NDU students are entitled to the freedom of expression as part of the learning process. Accordingly, students are entitled to the freedom of speech as growing intellectual citizens contributing to the development of themselves and of the community. As university students, their attitude and performance should be characterized by accuracy, objectivity, and respect for others' opinions. Therefore, NDU students should not accept nor engage in any behavior that jeopardizes this freedom of expression. Any such demeaning behavior will be sanctioned by the University. A non-comprehensive list of frowned-upon behavior is included hereunder:

- Possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or drugs;
- Possession and/or use of firearms, explosives, dangerous chemicals or compounds or the brandishing of any object in a threatening manner on University premises or entrances;
- Cheating, fabrication, falsification, forgery, multiple submissions, plagiarism, complicity, or other forms of academic dishonesty;
- Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of the University community;
- Improper or unwanted sexual invitation, revelation, or indecent exposure; and
- Theft or other abuse of University computing resources.

University Benefits and Use of Facilities

The University student is entitled to draw on the moral and intellectual benefits provided by the University for its internal community. Students are also entitled to make use of every learning facility, whether electronically, in the form of printed matter, or otherwise. Laboratories and conference halls are at the disposal of every single student in order to facilitate his/her all-round growth and ongoing performance.

However, when a student's or student organization's behavior is judged to threaten the health, safety, and/or property of any individual or group, said student or student organization will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. A non-comprehensive list of such demeaning behavior is included hereunder:

- Disruptive behavior by any student or group of students, in or out of class, which for any reason materially disrupts the classwork of others, involves substantial disorder, invades the rights of others, or otherwise disrupts the regular and essential operation of the University;
- Any behavior that leads to physical violence on University premises;

- Tampering with or misuse of fire or any other safety equipment or disregarding, circumventing, or disabling any security or safety device or system;
- The use of another person's identity, password, identification number, University identification card or any other identification card; or assisting in any of the above cases; and
- Attempted or actual removal or, theft of, damage to, littering on or defacing property of the University or any of its constituents.

Learning Responsibilities

Within the Classroom

- Demonstrating the ability to learn;
- Contributing in the learning process; and
- Participating in the creation of an atmosphere favorable to suitable education.

Outside the Classroom

- Preparing regularly written and oral daily homework;
- Writing term papers, reports, projects, and theses, when and if required;
- Keeping in contact with the academic advisor during office hours;
- Being familiar with the curriculum and academic requirements of one's major; and
- Abiding by academic rules and regulations related to course schedules, examinations, and the grading system.

University Service Responsibilities

- Participating in student assembly meetings, club meetings, commencements, and other student activities on campus;
- Offering services, where and when possible, to the larger university community; and
- Getting involved in the social and cultural student campus life.

Student Dress Code

Students are expected to dress appropriately for an academic setting. Clothes should be neat, decent, and not provocative. Reasonable suggestions by the Dean of Students with respect to what constitutes appropriate dress will be communicated to students. Refusal to comply with such specific reasonable requests may constitute ground for University disciplinary action.

Students' Responsibilities

1. Reading the catalog carefully.
2. Being familiar with degree programs and requirements at the University.
3. Seeking out answers to questions.
4. Developing self-awareness.
5. Keeping scheduled appointments.
6. Following through on advisor recommendations.
7. Accepting ultimate responsibility for personal decisions.
8. Making fair use of all resources on campus.