



## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students at Idaho State University have the same rights and protections under the Constitutions of the United States and State of Idaho as other citizens. The following statement of students' rights and responsibilities is intended to reflect the values and mission of the University. The association of a student with a University also brings obligations and responsibilities. Students are expected to act consistently with the values of the University community and to obey local, state, and federal laws. Respect the rights and property of all community members, both on and off campus.

Where these Student Rights and Responsibilities conflict with specific laws and provisions of the United States of America, the State of Idaho, the State Board of Education or Idaho State University, the specific laws and provisions would apply.

### FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

#### Rights

Students have the right to organize and to participate in associations of their own choosing. Freedom of association will not be forbidden based on the general political or philosophical orientation of any specific group. Affiliation with an external organization shall not in itself disqualify a student organization from institutional recognition or from the use of University facilities, although reasonable provisions may be made to safeguard the autonomy of a campus organization from domination by outside groups.

#### Responsibilities

Students are responsible for participating in associations that are neither illegally discriminatory in their treatment of other members of the University nor operating in a manner which substantially interferes with the rights of others. Campus organizations have an obligation to avoid representation or giving the impression that their actions reflect the views of the University. All student organizations are responsible for following the policies, processes and procedures for organization development and operational functions as determined by the [Student Leadership and Engagement Center](#).

### FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY

#### Rights

Students have the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, with no University rule that in any way abridges the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition, and peaceful assembly as set in the U.S. Constitution. Students' expression will not be restricted solely based on disapproval of or fear regarding their ideas or motives. Students are free to examine and discuss all questions of interest to them and to express opinions publicly and privately. Student organizations are allowed to invite and to hear any person of their own choosing. Institutional control of campus facilities will not be used as a censorship device.

#### Responsibilities

Students are responsible for reviewing the University's expectations of [Student Expression](#) and for supporting causes by orderly and peaceful assembly which do not infringe upon the rights of others. Modes of expression or assembly that are manifestly unreasonable in terms of time, place or manner may be forbidden. Students are also governed by applicable city, state, and federal laws. Defamation, public obscenity, certain incitements to crime, as well as other civil or criminal misconduct under laws

applicable to a manner of speech or assembly directly damaging to the rights of others may be subject to institutional redress as specified in the Student Code of Conduct and other University policies.

Student organizations are responsible for understanding and following routine procedures required by the University before a guest speaker is invited to appear on campus to ensure orderly scheduling of facilities and adequate preparation for the event. Student organizations must be clear to the academic and larger community that sponsorship of guest speakers or events does not necessarily imply approval or endorsement of the view expressed.

## **FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**

### **Rights**

Students have the right to establish and disseminate publications free from ideological censorship or other official action controlling editorial policy or content. Regulations of student publications that operate on the same basis as other private enterprises are subject only to the same control as those respecting reasonableness of time, place, and manner of distribution.

### **Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for understanding and abiding by University policy and regulations relating to distribution/posting of materials on campus.

## **NONDISCRIMINATION**

### **Rights**

Students have the right to be treated fairly, with dignity, and to participate in all areas and activities of the University, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, genetic information, disability, or protected veteran status or any other status protected by federal, state, and local law. We abide by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and encourage students who believe they have been discriminated against to visit with the [Office of Equity and Inclusion](#).

### **Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for treating other community members with dignity and respect and for creating a community free from harassment and discrimination.

## **PRIVACY AND EDUCATIONAL RECORDS**

### **Rights**

Students have the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike. Student records are not to be available to unauthorized on-campus and off-campus personnel without the express consent of the student. Students have a right to examine, correct, or amend information contained in their educational records (See the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, i.e., Buckley Amendment](#), for further details.) *There are limited exceptions.* Idaho State University may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address listings, etc. (a full listing of [FERPA directory information](#) for ISU can be found on the Registrar's Website). Students (or a minor student's parent) has the right to request the University not disclose the student's directory information.

Campus authorities will not enter premises occupied by students unless appropriate authorization has been obtained. Residence hall rooms may, however, be subjected to reasonable inspections by staff and

resident advisors for order, safety, or cleanliness. In general, searches may be conducted when there is reason to believe University regulations and/or state and federal laws are being violated.

### **Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for taking reasonable measures to protect confidential information of other students that may be disclosed during classes, events, or other University associated events. Students are responsible for understanding the circumstances for and complying with University officials, who in the scope of their job, may need to inspect student spaces or property to uphold University standards and regulations.

## **DUE PROCESS & FAIR TREATMENT**

### **Rights**

Students have the right to be protected from capricious decision-making by the University and to have access to University policies which affect them. The University is committed to providing students a fundamentally balanced and fair system for dispute resolution, investigations, and University proceedings for all matter of situations.

### **Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for reading and complying with the Student Code of Conduct, [Academic Integrity and Dishonesty](#), and other University policies and regulations, as well as federal, state, and local laws.

## **EQUAL TREATMENT**

### **Rights**

Students have the right to have University rules applied equally to all students who are similarly situated. This does not mean, however, that the University is required to refrain from acting against some offenders because there are other offenders who cannot be identified or who are not presently being charged for some other valid reason. In the absence of evidence of illegal discriminatory enforcement, the University may properly act against some offenders although there are other offenders who are not before the Student Code of Conduct.

### **Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for understanding policies, processes, and procedures of the University and to ask for clarification when needed.

## **FREEDOM OF EDUCATION AND IN THE CLASSROOM**

### **Rights**

Students have the right to pursue an education with support and assistance from the University in maintaining a climate conducive to thinking and learning. Students have the right to free inquiry and scholarly investigation, including the right to discuss, exchange, and publish any findings or recommendations, either individually or in association with others.

Students have a right to reasonable notice of the general content of their courses, what will be required of them, and the criteria upon which their performance will be evaluated. Students have a right to have their performance evaluated promptly, conscientiously, without prejudice or favoritism, and consistently with the criteria provided at the beginning of the course.

### **Responsibilities**

Students are responsible for upholding University's standards, policies, regulations, and applicable laws while pursuing their education. Students are responsible for maintaining behavior which is consistent in supporting a learning environment and to recognize the University's obligations to provide an environment for successful learning for all students.

Students are responsible for upholding academic integrity standards as defined by the University. Students should become familiar with the expectations of their instructors and to ask for clarification if they do not understand those expectations.