

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Functional Lead: Provost

Division: Academic Support Division

Responsible Office: Academic Policy Officer

Reference: (a) Standard 12.3 SACSCOC Student Rights 2024 Edition

(b) Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation Fourth Edition Published 2024

(c) SECNAVINST 5211.5F DON Privacy Program

(d) MCO 1700.23G Request Mast Procedures

(e) MCO 5354.1F Marine Corps Prohibited Activities and Conduct Prevention and Response Policy

1. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to delineate the rights and responsibilities of students at Marine Corps University (MCU).

2. Background. Students attending MCU programs have certain rights afforded to them and responsibilities expected of them by virtue of their status as students. These rights and responsibilities are intended to contribute to their overall success and satisfaction in their academic and professional pursuits.

3. Policy

a. Student Rights. Students at Marine Corps University have the same rights afforded by the Constitution of the United States of America. These rights include freedom of expression, press, religion, and assembly. They also include the right to privacy, fair treatment and dignity. Student rights include the following:

(1) Right to be free from discrimination on the basis of race, gender, color, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and national origin.

(2) Right to open and free expression of thoughts and concepts in an environment of academic freedom.

(3) Right to ownership of appropriate intellectual property.

(4) Right to due process and/or request mast.

(5) Right to be free from sexual harassment.

(6) Right to be free from physical violence and/or intimidation.

(7) Right to submit a written complaint on University policies, procedures, or actions through the MCU Chain of Command.

(8) Right to security of academic records and personally identifiable information.

(9) Right to appropriate due process in student performance evaluations and academic dispute resolution (should not be equated with procedures used in civil or criminal court).

b. Student Responsibilities. Students are ultimately responsible for their success by fulfilling program requirements with due diligence and dedication to excellence. After being administratively joined to MCU, students may not voluntarily disenroll themselves from a resident educational program. Student responsibilities include:

(1) Responsibility to abide by the academic policies and procedures of the University and of the educational program to which enrolled.

(2) Responsibility to respect the opinions of other students.

(3) Responsibility to prepare adequately for each class.

(4) Responsibility to perform student leadership duties as assigned by faculty and administrators.

(5) Responsibility to uphold academic integrity and the tenets of academic freedom.

(6) Responsibility to report acts or threats of physical violence or intimidation to appropriate authority.

(7) Responsibility for U.S. military members to abide by the standards of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for all students to abide by appropriate department or agency rules, regulations, and standards of conduct.

(8) Responsibility to provide feedback about program quality and effectiveness.

(9) Responsibility to actively and thoughtfully engage in the class sessions, to be willing to bring ideas to discussions, and to be willing to learn from others.

4. Procedures. The nature, scope and procedures for exercising these rights and responsibilities are addressed in the relevant sections of the references, the MCU regulations (see related policies below), and the annual catalog.

Related Policies:

Academic Freedom and Non-attribution Policy

Academy Integrity

Copyright Ownership Policy

MCU President's Combined Policy Statement

Student Assessment and Feedback

Student Complaint Policy

Student Performance Evaluation Board

Student Roles in Institutional Decision Making

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