

requirement are eligible to participate in Commencement ceremonies on a restricted basis. These students will have restricted participation in the ceremonies if they have submitted a written plan to the registrar by the end of the first week of May which details how all deficiencies will be satisfied by the following December. Participation in Commencement will be restricted in that students in this category will be seated in the last row behind those who are receiving their diplomas; they will not walk across the platform, nor will their names appear in the Commencement program. (*Note:* Restricted participation students would be eligible to participate *fully* in the following year's Commencement ceremony, upon their completion of all degree requirements.)

3. Students who have not successfully completed at least 28 Colgate course credits and satisfied the seven-semester residency requirement will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies on any basis and will not be listed in the Commencement pFERrogram, irrespective of their class year upon matriculation at Colgate University.

Questions about this policy should be referred to the Office of the Registrar in McGregory Hall. (June 2012)

Student Rights and Responsibilities

- Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities
- University Policy on Nondiscrimination
- Affirmative Action Compliance
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("Buckley Amendment")
- Recommendations
- Grievance Policy

Colgate University has taken a number of steps in the last several years to codify student rights and responsibilities. The resultant codes and policy statements are collected below.

Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities

The Colgate University Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities was approved and adopted by the University Council on March 12, 1975, and modifications have been made periodically through the University Governance System. The Code deals with those rights and responsibilities that are of particular importance to students as members of Colgate University, and it is printed below in its entirety.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY CODE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Preamble This Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities attempts to clarify, enumerate, and gather rights and responsibilities which are of particular importance to students as members of Colgate University. Students are also members of the com-

munity at large, and no enumeration of their rights and responsibilities as students shall be deemed to conflict with rights they enjoy and rightful responsibilities they incur as citizens. Furthermore, this particular Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities shall not be presumed to preclude other rights and responsibilities which properly belong to students as members of an educational community. Colgate University is constantly evolving, and the rights and responsibilities of members of this community must be regularly reassessed.

In order to create the best possible climate for learning, the University recognizes the importance of providing personnel and facilities of high quality and of maintaining the rights of free inquiry, expression and assembly. In addition, the University recognizes the need to protect the inviolability of the student's personal and civil rights: specifically, the right to be secure in one's person, speech, living quarters, papers, and effects against unreasonable search and seizure; and the freedom from disciplinary sanction except by due process, with avenues of recourse available when a student claims to have been subjected to pre-judicious, discriminatory, or capricious treatment.

The student members of the academic community are expected to make the best possible use of the educational resources of the University. In addition, they are expected to abide by the rules, regulations and procedures which the University has developed to implement its educational objectives and to respect the University's right to safeguard property, assure the safety of individuals, and maintain public order on its premises.

It is not the intention of this Code nor in the power of the university governance system to change the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of Colgate University, nor is it the intention of this Code to abridge the rights and responsibilities of other members of the Colgate community who are not students.

The responsibility for interpreting and for maintaining the rights and responsibilities of students at Colgate University belongs to the Dean of the College who may be advised in this responsibility by the Committee on Student Rights and Responsibilities.

1. Campus Expression Pursuit of a liberal education requires an atmosphere conducive to the full and free expression of opinion; responsive membership in the Colgate University community also requires a respectful awareness of individual and group sensibilities.

- a. The right of discussion and expression of all views is a basic principle within the University. In the course of any public lecture, a speaker has the right to present his or her subject without interruption. Students or other prospective members of the audience may request beforehand the right to question the speaker at the speaker's convenience and shall be informed prior to the speaker's presentation what the response has been to such a request.
- b. Students, student groups and student organizations may invite and hear any persons of their own choosing subject to the requirements of the use of University facilities.
- c. A student, student group or student organization may distribute without prior approval written material in areas wherein distribution shall not interfere with classes or University authorized functions.
- d. The right to peaceful demonstration is accepted by the University with the understanding that Colgate must act to assure the safety of individuals, the protection of property, and the continuation of the academic process without interference on its premises.
- e. The University condemns statements, symbols, and actions which denigrate