

course. Admissions and Records will circulate copies of the reinstatement form to all parties involved. If a student seeks reinstatement, it is with the clear understanding that the student is responsible for all assignments missed and that all grades to be assigned will reflect the student's actual accomplishments.

After the deadline for dropping courses or resigning from the University as specified in the Academic Calendar, a student who remains officially enrolled in a course, including a student who has received a "Warning--Attendance Violation" notice, but who has not yet been officially dropped for non-attendance from a course, must complete the course or receive an "F" ("NC" if the action involves a non-graded developmental education course) at the end of the semester. A student who has been dropped for non-attendance may not, at this point, request reinstatement in the course.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

LSUA Policy Statement 228

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PURPOSE: To define a Code of Conduct for students enrolled at LSUA, to identify penalties for violations of the Code, and to prescribe the procedures to be used when violations occur.

NOTE: The Director of Student Services will perform all the duties and responsibilities specified for the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs in this policy statement.

I. POLICY

LSUA has adopted this Code of Conduct (also referred to herein below as "Code") to facilitate its educational goals and objectives and to help provide security for the University community. This Code of Conduct establishes reasonable standards of academic and personal conduct for LSUA students. LSUA has the right to deny membership in the University community to those students who fail to meet or maintain these standards and to impose reasonable disciplinary sanctions on students who fail to meet or maintain these standards. This policy is generally administered by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; however, any issue that involves classroom behavior, grades, and/or faculty shall be adjudicated in cooperation with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Only the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs may

authorize dismissal or alteration of grades as a result of a conduct issue.

II. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

LSUA's students possess all of the rights and freedoms conferred on them by the constitutions of the United States and the State of Louisiana. In addition, LSUA recognizes the following specific rights and responsibilities of students:

A. Rights

1. The right to the opportunity for an education.
2. The right to participate in any club or organization chartered or recognized by LSUA regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, handicap, marital or veterans' status.
3. The right to know all LSUA rules, regulations, and policies by which students are governed.
4. The right to due process in all student disciplinary proceedings as defined by the constitutions of the State of Louisiana and of the United States.
5. The right to be accompanied by an advisor of the student's choice during all stages of the formal disciplinary process set forth herein.
6. The right to use the appeals procedure set forth herein when disciplinary action adversely affects the student.
7. The right to confidentiality of educational records consistent with 20 U.S.C. §1232, et seq.

B. Responsibilities

Membership in the LSUA community carries with it certain responsibilities and an obligation to abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and standards of LSUA. No student is compelled to be a participant in the University community; each does so voluntarily. Each student shall abide by the laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, all local laws and ordinances, and all policies, regulations and rules of LSUA. Any student who violates any of these may be subject to disciplinary sanctions under this Code. Specific responsibilities include the following:

1. Learning and complying with all policies, rules, regulations, and standards of LSUA related to student conduct and University activities.
2. Respecting the rights and freedoms of others.

3. Maintaining personal and academic integrity, thus contributing to the integrity of the University community.
4. Using LSUA facilities and property in ways that are not damaging to the facilities and property.
5. Exhibiting behavior that is consistent with generally accepted standards of conduct.

III. DUE PROCESS

- A. LSUA is committed to providing due process protection for its students. To ensure due process, all LSUA policies, rules, regulations, and standards are described in properly promulgated documents. All regulations affecting conduct of students and sanctions for misconduct by students are based on the principle of equal treatment, including like sanctions for like violations, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, marital or veterans' status.
- B. This Code of Conduct is LSUA's basic policy statement regarding student conduct and discipline. Within the University, however, each academic department may establish and promulgate additional rules, regulations, policies and standards for its departmental relationships, so long as those standards are consistent with this Code and are approved by the dean of the college and by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
- C. No disciplinary sanction may be imposed upon a student by LSUA except in accordance with the provisions of this Code. A student accused of violating any LSUA rule, regulation or policy (including departmental regulations) may require that the accusation be considered in accordance with the provisions of this Code. Any sanction imposed by LSUA must be consistent with provisions in this Code. This does not preclude a student's voluntary acceptance of departmental or administrative discipline in the alternative to formal disciplinary sanctions or proceedings pursuant to this Code.

IV. STUDENT MISCONDUCT

- A. Temporary Emergency Action
After an investigation and a preliminary hearing (meeting) with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, wherein the accused student is presented with evidence against him and given an opportunity to admit, deny, or explain any

allegations of misconduct, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs may ban an accused student from the campus and from any or all University activities until the formal process for discipline of student is completed, when there is evidence that the student:

1. Has been convicted of a felony of such nature that the student's continued contact with the University community is potentially dangerous to the health or safety of others.
 2. Has been formally charged with the commission of a felony of such nature that the student's continued contact with the University community is potentially dangerous to the health or safety of others.
 3. Is accused of engaging in an activity of such nature that the student's continued contact with the University community is potentially dangerous to the health or safety of others, whether or not criminal or civil charges have already been brought against the student.
- B. General Misconduct
A student may be formally charged with misconduct for any of the following actions allegedly committed on campus or in any way related to any University activity:
1. Assault, battery or any other act or attempted act of violence committed against another.
 2. Any act of arson.
 3. Disruption of, or interference with, any University activity.
 4. Tampering with emergency equipment, including but not limited to fire extinguishers, alarms, or hoses, or falsely reporting any potentially dangerous activity, situation or incident, including but not limited to the presence of explosives, fire, or any other potentially dangerous condition.
 5. Interfering in any way with any LSUA agent or employee or any police officer who identifies himself as such.
 6. Rioting, inciting to riot, or assembling for the purpose of rioting.
 7. Distributing literature or otherwise suggesting to another person that he/she engage in any misconduct.