

Instances of student behavior that may be the result of a mental health disturbance require specific consideration and action. The dean of students, in consultation with director of student development, chief of University police, the chancellor and others deemed appropriate will assess and treat as unique each student's behavior and determine if administrative action is warranted. The University may take the following actions in response to instances of student behavior where there is a reason to believe the conduct is the result of a mental disturbance or the behavior poses a threat of physical harm to the individual or others: counseling, referral for evaluation, remediation, therapeutic treatment, disciplinary action, voluntary or involuntary withdrawal, or other action deemed appropriate.

D. Rights and Prohibited Conduct

Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed to limit or restrict the student's freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of an institution of higher education; and to this end, peaceful, reasonable, orderly demonstrations in approved areas shall not be subject to interference by members of the University community. However, those involved in demonstrations may not engage in conduct that violates the rights of other members of the University community. These rules should not be construed as to restrain controversy or dissent, or to prevent, discourage, or limit communication among faculty, students, staff and administrators. The purpose of these rules is to prevent the abuse of rights of others and to maintain public order conducive to a learning environment. In this regard, it shall be the responsibility of every student to obey the Code of Student Conduct, which includes the Code of Academic Integrity and the Code of Campus Behavior. USC Upstate students who are appointed or elected to positions in University-recognized student organizations or who are awarded financial assistantships or scholarships are required to be in good academic and disciplinary standing. Good academic standing is defined as having a 2.0 or greater cumulative grade point average. Good Disciplinary standing is defined as not being on university or conduct probation at the time of service. This document is reviewed by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, the vice chancellor for student and diversity affairs, the faculty senate and is approved by the chancellor of the University.

E. Student Arrest Policy

Students who are apprehended and charged by law enforcement agencies with felony criminal conduct on or off campus are required to inform the dean of students of such matters within five working days.

II. Student Conduct for the Classroom

USC Upstate supports the principle of freedom of expression for both instructors and students. University policies on appropriate behavior in the classroom cannot be used to punish reasonable classroom dissent. The lawful expression of a disagreement with the instructor or other students is not in itself inappropriate/disruptive behavior. Maintenance of these rights requires classroom conditions which do not impede their exercise. Classroom behavior that seriously interferes with either 1) the instructor's ability to conduct the class or 2) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program will not be tolerated. The community of scholars at the University of South Carolina Upstate is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. Freedom to teach and freedom to learn depend upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on campus, and in the larger community. Faculty members and students at USC Upstate are expected to exercise their freedoms with a sense of responsibility and sensitivity to the educational interest of others. Faculty and students conduct themselves in a civil, cooperative, orderly, and purposeful manner in all educational settings. Faculty members have authority to set reasonable standards of conduct for classrooms, laboratories, the Library, internships, field placements, and campus-wide activities. Please review the following general guidelines and act accordingly.

A Member of the USC Upstate Community of Scholars:

Displays personal and academic integrity.

You are honest, truthful, and trustworthy. You do not lie, cheat, or steal. You do not present others' work as your own or collaborate with others without acknowledgement or permission from the faculty member.

Accepts responsibility for actions.

You do not blame others for academic consequences resulting from your own decisions and behavior. You follow established policies and procedures in