The Southern University
Student Handbook

Your Guide

The purpose of the *Southern University Student Handbook* is to provide you general information on the University's policies, procedures, rules, and regulations affecting student life for on-campus and off-campus students, including part-time and cross-registered students. It also is designed to provide general information on non-academic services and extracurricular activities available to students. This handbook is provided and distributed to the student body by the Division for Student Affairs.

Although this handbook deals primarily with non-academic issues, the University affirms its commitment to academic excellence, the philosophy of humanism, and the total development of its students. The environment that has been established for student development outside the classroom promotes scholarship, social responsibility, inquiry, respect for property and the rights of others, and tolerance of differences of opinion.

It is your responsibility to read and become familiar with the contents of this handbook. Failure to obtain a copy of this handbook and to become acquainted with its stated policies, procedures, rules, and regulations will not excuse you from observing these regulations. The University reserves the right to modify or discontinue, without notice, any of the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations contained in this handbook.

Students are encouraged to participate in campus activities and to take advantage of the services and opportunities available to them.

For details on academic programs, curricula, and other information/details not included in this handbook, please refer to the University's two-year course catalog (issued to freshmen through University College and to other students through various academic departments.) Many students may purchase the catalog at the University bookstore near the Smith-Brown Memorial Union building. Departmental, college, and school brochures also may include updates regarding various offerings and policies.