

# Due Process

Academic institutions exist for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students, and the general wellbeing of society. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals. As members of this academic community, students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth.

Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the community. Students should exercise their freedom with responsibility.

As members of the larger community of which the College is a part, students are entitled to all rights and protection accorded them by the laws of that Community.

By the same token, students are also subject to all laws, the enforcement of which is the responsibility of duly constituted authorities. When students violate laws, they may incur penalties prescribed by legal authorities. In such instances, college discipline is initiated when the presence of the students on campus or at college sponsored activities disrupts the educational process of the college, or if college discipline is required by law. When students' violations of the law also adversely affect the college's pursuit of its recognized educational objectives, the College may enforce its own regulations. When students violate college regulations, they are subject to disciplinary action by the College whether or not their conduct violates the law. If students' behavior simultaneously violates both college regulations and the law, the College may take disciplinary action independent of that taken by legal authorities.