



AP 5990 Student Responsibilities, Rights and Freedoms

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STUDENT RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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PREAMBLE

Rogue Community College (RCC or the College) provides an environment which encourages learning. The College is dedicated to the open exchange of knowledge and skills, growth in student capacity for critical thinking, and the development of ethically sensitive and responsible students. The College recognizes that all individuals and groups at RCC have dignity and worth.

Learning and teaching are inseparable aspects of academic pursuit. Standards of academic rights and freedoms for students, as outlined below, are essential. Students have responsibilities for performance and conduct. Students' enrollment (or attempted enrollment) implies their acceptance of their responsibility to comply with college policies and procedures.

I. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Students will be responsible for:
1. Learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled, participating in class activities, and knowing the rules and regulations governing the educational community.
 2. Following the lawful direction of college personnel, including providing information and personal identification when requested.
 3. Respecting the teaching/learning environment by interacting with civility within the classroom, including face-to-face, online, and hybrid class formats, and following safety guidelines

4. Respecting the rights of others and cooperating to ensure that such rights are protected.
5. Exercising dissent in a responsible manner and within a framework compatible with the orderly resolution of differences
6. Maintaining honesty and integrity in all work (as outlined in the Academic Integrity procedure), communication, and interactions;
7. Maintaining the standards of academic performance established by instructors for the courses in which they are enrolled.
8. Properly using college equipment, computers and facilities, including timely return of loaned equipment/materials
9. Complying with all college policies and regulations, including those posted in labs and classrooms.
10. Complying with local, state, and federal laws.
11. Utilizing established procedures to influence change or challenge RCC policies & regulations.

II. **STUDENT RIGHTS**

- A. Students will have the right to:
 1. Be protected against improper academic evaluation. Students have protection through orderly procedure against unfair academic evaluation (See AP 4231 Grade Appeal & Grade Change Process). Student's grades will be based solely on academic achievement, unless otherwise specified by the instructor in writing in the syllabus.
 2. Confidentiality of student records. RCC will abide by federal and state regulations regarding the privacy of student records and comply with the law regarding access procedures.
 3. Due process in disciplinary proceedings. Students will have the right to be notified of the charges, will be afforded the opportunity to be heard, and will have the right to be assisted without prejudice by an advisor who may be an attorney. (See BP/AP 5500, AP 5520)
 4. Reasonable accommodation. RCC is committed to providing opportunities to students with disabilities in order for them to have meaningful access to college programs and services.
 5. Exercise their rights of citizenship. As citizens, students have the same freedoms of speech, right to peaceful assembly, and the right to petition as other citizens. As members of the College community, students are subject to the obligations as a student which accrue to them by virtue of this membership. International and undocumented students, though holding citizenship in another country, are considered members of the college community.

Activities of students may sometimes result in violation of law. Students who violate the law may incur penalties prescribed by civil authorities. College authority is not



used merely to duplicate the function of general laws. RCC's special authority may be asserted at those times when its interests are involved.

III. **STUDENT FREEDOMS**

A. Students will be free to:

1. Organize and join associations to promote common interests subject to the formal requirements for recognition by the Associated Student Government of RCC, the college's Student Government, as a condition of institutional recognition. Students, student clubs, and student organizations may invite individuals as presenters for forums outside of classes and do not discriminate on the basis of protected classes as outlined by Administrative Procedure 3435.
2. State any reasoned exception to information or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion without it affecting their grade as long as the disagreement is not disruptive to the instructional process.
3. Examine and discuss all questions of interest to them and express opinions publicly and privately. In accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 3900 Speech – Time Place and Manner, students will be free to support causes by orderly means, in ways that do not disrupt the regular and essential operation of the College or violate college policies or procedures.
4. Participate in institutional governance. The Associated Student Government of RCC (ASGRCC) serve as the student government body, and through this body, students are afforded the right to have student representation on selected RCC councils and committees. Students may participate in formulating and applying policies and procedures affecting academic and student affairs through student government as well as through the various college councils and committees. Students are free to express their views on issues of college policy and matters of general interest to the student body. Students may also make presentations to the RCC Board of Education, as citizens, by contacting the Assistant to the Board of Education at (541-956-7001) and requesting to be added to the next monthly Board meeting agenda.
5. Engage in free and responsible discussion through student clubs, organizations, publications and student press, all questions of interest to them and express opinions publicly and privately. They may support causes by orderly means, which do not disrupt college operations. in conformance with local, state and federal laws and professional codes.



It should be made clear to the academic and larger community that, in their public expression, students, student clubs, and student organizations speak for themselves and not as representatives of the College or the College Community.

B. Students will be free from:

1. Unlawful discrimination. In order for Rogue Community College to maintain a place of learning and work that is free of unlawful discrimination, Rogue Community College provides equal educational and employment opportunities and provides service benefits to all individuals without regard to sex, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, place of birth, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, disability, political affiliation or belief, GED, veteran status, or/and other status or characteristic protected by applicable state or federal law and in compliance with Administrative Procedure 3410 Non-discrimination and 3430 Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment.
2. Unlawful harassment. Rogue Community College is committed to providing a learning and working environment free of harassment; in compliance with AP 3430, 3432, and 3435.
3. Unlawful sexual harassment/sexual assault and violence. Rogue Community College is committed to providing all individuals with the opportunity to work and learn in an environment free from sexual harassment/sexual assault; in compliance with AP 3433. For physical assaults/violence, see also AP 3500 Campus Safety, AP 3510 Workplace Violence, and AP 3515 Reporting of Crimes.

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