

Title	Student Rights and Responsibilities		
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This policy is applied in a manner consistent with applicable statutory and legal obligations, including university collective agreements and terms of employment.

NOTE: The most up-to-date versions of our policies are posted on the policy & procedure website. If you've printed this policy, check the website to be sure you have the current version.

Board Policy Statement

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the educational mandate of the University as an institution of higher learning, and in accordance with generally accepted standards of behaviour and published University policies, procedures, and guidelines. In addition to enjoying the rights accorded them by law, Students have the right to free and open intellectual inquiry and to membership in the University community. Students are responsible for making themselves aware of applicable laws and University policies, procedures, and guidelines that are available online on the University website, and abiding by these.

This policy applies to all Students enrolled in the University, regardless of place of residence, and applies to behaviours or conduct occurring in both academic and nonacademic settings and may be applied to behaviours or conduct occurring on campus, off campus or online if the rights of members of the University community to use and enjoy the University's learning, living, or working environments are adversely affected. Where an event impacts the University environment, the University also reserves the right to enforce this Policy regardless of whether any legal proceedings are undertaken in any other forum or by any other party.

Philosophy

Royal Roads University is a scholarly community where students have rights and responsibilities that exercised together foster an environment in which individual learning and development are maximized.

Guidelines

The following guidelines are intended to describe the general rights and responsibilities of students. These guidelines do not limit the powers of the President conferred by the Royal Roads University Act [RSBC 1996], nor do they preclude the University from publishing additional policies, procedures, and guidelines not described herein which students must respect.

- 1.0 Students have the right to engage in free and open intellectual inquiry.
- 2.0 Students have the responsibility to adhere to academic and non-academic regulations and abide by the University's Policies and Procedures.
- 3.0 Students have the right to a University community characterized by mutual respect and equal opportunity. Students have the right to study in a safe environment where their physical and psychological well-being is protected.

- 4.0 Students have the responsibility to treat all members of the University community with respect, in learning environments and in all other interactions. Students have the responsibility not to engage in behaviour that a reasonable person should reasonably know is unsafe or inappropriate and not to intimidate, interfere with, threaten or otherwise obstruct any University activity, nor to hinder members of the University community in the pursuit of their legitimate activities. Violence of any kind, including sexual violence, is strictly prohibited.
- 5.0 Students have the right to access University resources designated to help them plan and achieve their educational and career objectives upon payment of required fees.
- 6.0 Students have the responsibility to respect the right of others to use those same resources, and not to monopolize University resources to the exclusion of others.
- 7.0 Students have the right to use University facilities and resources designated for students and to enjoy the University campus.
- 8.0 Students have the responsibility to respect the natural and cultural attributes of the University campus.
- 9.0 Students have the right to an environment that is free from interference and disruption, while enjoying the right to dissent, and the right to peaceful assembly.
- 10.0 Students have the responsibility to respect the rules of the University, and the lawful directions of University personnel.

President's Responsibilities

The President will ensure that procedures, personnel and processes are in place to effect this policy.

Information, Action and Monitoring Requirements for the Board

The Associate Vice President, Student and Academic Services will prepare an annual summary report for the Vice President, Academic and Provost, describing the nature of complaints brought under this policy and offering recommendations for changes to address recurring issues, if appropriate. The Vice President, Academic and Provost will communicate highlights of this report to the Board at its request.

Related Documents and Information

Related RRU procedures

- [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)

Review and Revision History

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2005-Nov-15	Approved by the Board
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Next Review	
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