

ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY

BOARD POLICY

Title: Student Rights and Responsibilities

Policy #: E 1030

Effective Date: November 15, 2005

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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 non-academic 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.
- 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.
- 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 and the responsibility to respect the hours of operation and limits on entry where such conditions exist, the prohibition of smoking in or near buildings, the prohibition on sleeping or living in tents or cars without permission, and the prohibition on the possession of weapons on 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, including campus security, and the responsibility not to destroy, tamper with, deface or vandalize, unlawfully access or remove or possess property that is not their own. Students have the responsibility to comply with the University's rules on consumption of alcohol. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited on campus except in licensed premises or individual residence rooms.

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.

FACT SHEET

DATES:

15.11.05	Board Approval
15.11.05	Implementation Date
29.06.12	Reviewed, revised and approved by the Board

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Royal Roads University Policy on Student Rights and Responsibilities: Procedure