# Yeshiva University

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## **Undergraduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities**

Yeshiva University strives to maintain a community which supports intellectual growth, learning from others, mutual respect, and freedom of thought and expression. Yeshiva University undergraduate students are encouraged to take advantage of the academic and non-academic opportunities available to them, to deepen their intellectual insights through formal instruction, and to expand their educational experience through and beyond their academic programs.

Respect for one another is essential to preserving the spirit of community at Yeshiva University. Membership in the Yeshiva University community entails certain rights and responsibilities. All members of this community are accorded these rights, and are equally accountable to uphold their responsibilities. It is therefore important to maintain a clear statement of basic rights, obligations and responsibilities concerning both academic and personal conduct.

## **Rights of Undergraduate Students**

Yeshiva University undergraduate students have the following rights:

# Ø Citizenship

Students have the right to exercise their rights as citizens of the University. They have the right to partake in the student government in their respective school(s) as well as to organize and join clubs and to participate in their events, in all cases in accordance with applicable rules and procedures. (For more information, see Student Government Constitutions.)

# Ø Expression

Students have the right to examine and exchange diverse ideas, consistent with the mission of the University, in an orderly, respectful and lawful manner inside and outside the classroom.

### **Ø** Association

Students have the right to associate and interact freely with other individual.000009right Ex

that does not infringe on the rights of others or interfere with the mission of the University.

#### Ø Freedom from Discrimination

Students who are otherwise qualified have the right to participate fully in the University community without discrimination as defined by federal, state and local law.

#### **Ø** Environment

Students have the right to be treated fairly with respect and dignity at all times. Every member of the community (faculty, administration and student alike) has the right to courteous and professional conduct in interactions with all other members of the community.

## Ø Safety

Students have the right to an environment that is conducive to learning and without unreasonable concerns for personal safety. Behavior which is intimidating, threatening or hostile to individuals or groups is therefore regarded as a serious offense. Abusive or harassing behavior, verbal or physical, which demeans, threatens or injures another is subject to University disciplinary action. (See Undergraduate Disciplinary Procedures)

# Ø Discipline

Students who are subject to University disciplinary action have the right to be treated with fundamental fairness. (See Undergraduate Disciplinary Procedures)

# Ø Privacy

Students have the right to have their educational records maintained on a confidential basis by the University, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

#### Ø Disabilities

Students who are otherwise qualified to attend the University have the right to reasonable accommodation of their physical or learning disabilities as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## Ø High Quality Resources

Students have the right to educational resources which may be furnished by the University to support intellectual and social development.

#### Ø Advisement

Students have the right to receive advice in making various education related decisions. This includes career planning, and personal and academic advisement.

# Ø Prompt Response from Administration

Students have the right to prompt and courteous responses to their

departments.

#### Ø Academic and Administrative Policies

Students have the right to academic and administrative policies that support intellectual inquiry, learning and growth, as well as the proper functioning of the University. The University strives to have all student policies, both academic and administrative, accessible to all students at all reasonable times.

e University-designated Hearing Officer, in consultation with the blinary Committee, will determine if the charges against the a sustained and if any sanctions should be imposed on the student.

## ice of Determination

n of the University-designated Hearing Officer and any sanctions the student are presented to the student.

Within 10 days of the notification to the student of the determination, the student may appeal, in writing, the determination of the University-designated Hearing Office to the Provost or his/her designee. The Provost (or designee) may uphold, modify or overrule the decision of the University-designated Hearing Officer and/or any of the resulting sanctions. The decision of the Provost (ors