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## **Student Rights And Responsibilities**

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McMaster University is a community dedicated to furthering learning, intellectual inquiry, the dissemination of knowledge, and personal and professional development. Membership in this community implies acceptance of the principle of mutual respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity, and well-being of others, and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it.

The University regards and treats students as responsible individuals who are free to organize their own lives, behaviour and associations, subject to the laws of the land and to University regulations. These laws and regulations exist in order to ensure the rights of all members of the McMaster community. With respect to students, these rights, and the responsibilities that accompany them, include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Of course, you retain all your ordinary RIGHTS as a citizen when you become a member of the University community. By the same token, as a student you continue to have the RESPONSIBILITY to abide by all Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws and regulations in addition to the University's own policies. The University may decide to impose and enforce its own discipline procedures, pursuant to its policies, in addition to any enforcement procedures of civil authorities.
2. Subject to availability of the University's resources, you have the RIGHT to participate unhindered in the academic, intellectual, cultural and social life of the University. You have the RESPONSIBILITY to respect the rights of others to the same participation by refraining from actions that threaten or disrupt classes,

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meetings, events or other academic activities, or that prevent others from freely expressing their views.

3. Pursuant to the laws of Canada and Ontario, you have the RIGHT to the safety and security of your person in an environment free from harassment, intimidation, discrimination or assault. You have the RESPONSIBILITY to treat others with respect and to refrain from acts of harassment, intimidation, discrimination or assault.
4. Pursuant to the laws of Canada and Ontario, you have the RIGHT to the safety and security of your personal property. You have the RESPONSIBILITY to refrain from acts of theft, wilful destruction or vandalism of the property of others.
5. Subject to your compliance with University policies and rules, you have the RIGHT to the free and peaceful use of University property, grounds and facilities for all legitimate purposes. You have the RESPONSIBILITY to respect and maintain the integrity of such property, grounds and facilities so they may be equally available to others.