

DEPARTMENT: Office of Student Affairs
NAME: Students' Rights and Responsibilities
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SCOPE

This policy applies to all students enrolled at the Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine (MSOM).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the rights of MSOM students and outline their responsibilities as members of the academic and professional community.

POLICY

MSOM recognizes that students are both members and partners in the academic and professional community. Students are entitled to a safe, respectful, and equitable learning environment, access to institutional resources and support services, and protection of their rights under applicable laws and institutional policies. In return, students are expected to uphold the standards of academic integrity, professional conduct, and compliance with MSOM policies as outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. This framework of rights and responsibilities ensures accountability, fairness, and the continued development of competent and ethical osteopathic physicians.

I. Students' Rights

A. MSOM students are entitled to the following rights:

1. A high-quality education that meets accreditation standards.
2. Fair, transparent, and timely evaluation of academic performance.
3. Equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.
4. Respectful treatment by peers, faculty, staff, and clinical partners.
5. Access to academic, career, and wellness support services.
6. Clear information about tuition, fees, financial aid, and institutional policies.

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7. Privacy of educational and personal records, in accordance with applicable laws.
8. Due process in matters related to academic performance, conduct, or professionalism.
9. Opportunities to provide feedback and participate in student governance.

II. Students' Responsibilities

- A. By enrolling at MSOM, students agree to abide by the expectations and requirements outlined in the MSOM Academic Catalog and Student Handbook, including academic integrity, professional behavior, and compliance with institutional policies and procedures. Students are also expected to engage actively in their education and to demonstrate respect for the rights, dignity, and well-being of others.