

## **Guidelines for Instructors**

Instructors have at least two roles to play in maintaining proper standards of academic conduct: to assist their students in recognizing the way in which general standards apply in the context of a particular course or discipline, and to take practical steps to prevent cheating and detect it when it occurs. Specific guidelines should be followed:

- That instructors take the time to inform students of the standards of conduct expected of them with regard to assignments and examinations.
- That practical measures be taken to minimize opportunities for dishonesty; e.g., adequate proctoring, the use of alternate forms of an examination if seating is crowded.
- The practice of giving identical examinations to different classes, whether separated in time by ten minutes or by a semester, invites cheating. When there are good reasons for such repetition, appropriate security precautions should be taken.
- The repeated assignment of the same material for papers or homework invites plagiarism. When assignments are repeated, students should be informed that the unauthorized reliance on earlier papers is forbidden and that the instructor has effective means of detecting same.
- That the instructor specifies with regard to assignments the degree to which students may confer and cooperate in achieving answers.
- The College does not operate on an honor system. If within a particular class an instructor wishes to institute such a system, the students should be clearly informed of their responsibilities.

## **Code of Faculty Responsibilities**

### **1.0 Applicability**

This code shall apply to all faculty members associated with the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Louisville and to all graduate students and other personnel having teaching or research assignments in that school, hereinafter referred to as the teaching and research personnel.

### **2.0 Responsibilities**

The teaching and research personnel of the College of Arts and Sciences hereby subscribe to the following specific responsibilities:

#### **2.1 General Relations**

2.11. The teaching and research personnel shall respect the rights of all members of the University community to pursue their academic and administrative activities, provided these activities do not contravene academic freedom. They retain the right to criticize and seek revision of these activities.

2.12. They shall respect the rights of all members of the University community to free and orderly expression.

2.13. They shall respect the right of any member of the University community to privacy and confidentiality. This right guarantees freedom against violation without consent of assigned physical premises, such as carrels and office space; and also against nonphysical transgressions, such as the unwarranted, improper or false disclosure of a person's political, religious or social views or activities.

2.14. They shall respect the student's right of confidentiality regarding grades.

2.15. They shall respect the rights of all persons of the University community to be free from sexual harassment.\*

## **2.2 Student Relations**

2.21. The teaching and research personnel shall uphold the student academic rights as set forth in the Student Bill of Rights adopted by the College on March 1, 1971.

2.22. They shall make known, in writing, as soon as possible during the first week of instruction, their expectations for the course as to assignments, methods of evaluation, and student course participation.

2.23. They shall present the subject matter of a course as published in the catalog, and shall avoid the persistent intrusion of material which has no relation to the subject.

2.24. They shall meet classes as scheduled in accordance with university regulations. Absences caused by illness, emergencies, personal responsibilities, or religious observances are excusable but must be reported to the Department Chair, in advance, if possible. Absences owing to professional obligations such as attendance at scholarly meetings or occasional professional service are excusable absences which nevertheless require prior notification of the Department Chair. In the case of anticipated absences, a qualified substitute, or provisions for additional assignments or alternate activity should be arranged.

2.25. They shall make themselves available for advising students by observing posted office hours, and by allowing students to arrange for appointments at other mutually convenient times.

2.26. They shall learn the academic requirements and various degree programs of the University affecting students whom they advise.

2.27. They shall arrange for appropriate interaction and communication with graduate students in the direction of their theses.

2.28. They shall provide students with an evaluation of their completed work within a reasonable period of time, and allow them access to their own papers, quizzes, and examinations.

2.29. They shall give final examinations, when these are required as part of the evaluation of the student, in accordance with schedules and procedures adopted by the College.

2.30. They shall give due acknowledgement to students who contribute to faculty efforts toward professional or personal advancement.

2.31. They shall respect the student's right to decline participation as a research subject in, or to withdraw from, a particular experiment without prejudice to his/her grade. Alternate experiences or exercises shall be provided to assure the equivalent in educational value to those students who wish not to participate as research subjects. Departments which use human subjects in experiments shall adhere to such code of ethics as are established within their respective professions.

Specifically:

2.31.1. Experimenters shall inform human subjects about the nature of each particular experiment so that they can make an informed choice to participate or not.

2.31.2. Experimenters shall keep the results of an experiment and the identity of the human subjects, who participate in it, separate, and the latter, confidential.

2.32. Teaching and research personnel shall respect the rights of all students to be free from sexual harassment.\*

\* Sexual harassment is here used as defined by current university policy.