

## **Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy**

### **Introduction**

This policy outlines the rights and responsibilities of students at **Pioneer College**. These rights and responsibilities are intended to ensure a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environment for all members of the college community.

### **Student Rights**

- ***Freedom of Speech and Expression***: Students have the right to express their thoughts, opinions, and ideas freely, both in and outside of the classroom, if they do not disrupt the educational process or infringe upon the rights of others.

- ***Privacy and Confidentiality***: Students have the right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to their personal information, academic records, and communications, in accordance with applicable laws and college policies.

- ***Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination***: Students have the right to be treated fairly and equitably in all aspects of their college experience, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, or any other protected characteristic under applicable laws.

- ***Academic Freedom***: Students have the right to engage in open inquiry, critical thinking, and academic discourse without fear of censorship or reprisal, if it aligns with the academic standards and policies of the college.

- ***Due Process***: Students have the right to due process in disciplinary proceedings, including notice of charges, the opportunity to be heard, and the right to appeal decisions in accordance with college policies and procedures.

### **Student Responsibilities**

- ***Compliance with Policies and Regulations***: Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and adhering to all **Pioneer College** policies, rules, and regulations, including those relating to academic honesty, code of conduct, and campus safety.

- ***Respect for Others***: Students are expected to treat all members of the college community with respect, dignity, and fairness. This includes refraining from engaging in harassment, bullying, discrimination, or any behavior that disrupts or harms others.

- ***Academic Integrity***: Students are responsible for maintaining high standards of academic integrity and honesty in their coursework, research, and examinations. This includes properly citing sources, completing assignments independently, and actively engaging in the learning process.

- **Responsible Technology Usage:** Students are expected to use **Pioneer College** provided technology resources and the internet responsibly, ethically, and in accordance with college policies. This includes (respecting copyright, avoiding plagiarism, and refraining from engaging in unauthorized access or misuse of technology resources).

- **Safety and Security:** Students are responsible for their own safety and the safety of others while on campus. This includes following safety protocols, reporting safety concerns, and cooperating with emergency procedures.

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

**Pioneer College** will maintain fair and transparent disciplinary procedures to address violations of college policies. The procedures will provide students with a prompt and fair resolution, including appropriate sanctions when necessary. Students will have the right to appeal disciplinary decisions in accordance with college policies and procedures.

### **Policy Review and Communication**

Pioneer College will periodically review and update this **Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy** to ensure its alignment with current legal standards and best practices. The policy will be communicated to all students through college publications, student handbooks, and the college website.