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Student Rights and Freedoms

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A statement of the rights and freedoms of students in attendance at Old Dominion University is set out in this document. Such rights and freedoms will be recognized by the administration until changed or otherwise modified by the Board of Visitors.

Rights and freedoms should always be exercised within a framework of responsible behavior. They should not be used as a vehicle for division. Rather, they should serve as a point of departure from which administration, faculty, and students can work together to continue the advancement of Old Dominion University as an outstanding institution.

I. Access to Higher Education

A. Admissions

Admission to Old Dominion University is open to all qualified students giving equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race (or traits historically associated with race including hair texture, hair type, and protective styles such as braids, locks, and twists), color, national origin, age, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions), political affiliation, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identi

A. Protection of Freedom of Expression

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III. Student Engagement and Enrollment Services

A. Freedom of Association

1. Students shall be free to organize and join associations that promote common interests.
2. Affiliations with external or national organizations shall not of themselves disqualify student organizations from institutional recognition.
3. Honorary and professional organizations may restrict their membership on the basis of clearly established and published criteria that have been approved by the University as part of the recognition process.
4. The facilities and services of the institution shall be open to all enrolled students through established procedures and used in accordance with University Policies [3200, "Use and Keying of Facilities and Grounds,"](#) and [1700, "University Demonstrations Policy."](#)

B. Freedom of Inquiry and Expression

1. Students and student organizations shall be free to examine and discuss all questions of interest to them and to express opinions privately and publicly. They should always be free to support causes by orderly means that do not disrupt the regular and essential operations of the institution.
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2. All student publications published and financed by the University shall explicitly state that the opinions expressed therein are not necessarily those of the University or the student body.
3. Students shall be free to publish, distribute, and, in accordance with university regulations, post literature on campus.

D. Financing of Student Organizations

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