

STUDENT RIGHTS in the University of the Philippines

A. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

1. Every UP student has the right to be safe, to have peace of mind, and to be free from actions and omissions that endanger safety.
2. Every student has the right to be treated with dignity and respect, at all times, by all members of the UP community and within UP campuses. The University expects all its visitors and guests to observe, respect and understand the culture of UP and to practice courtesy at all times. Students must not be subject to discrimination or harassment of any kind resulting from differences in sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religion, mental or physical abilities, racial and ethnic background, class background and political beliefs.
3. Every student enjoys within the confines of the University the freedoms of opinion, of speech, and of expression.
4. Students shall have the right to accurate information about matters directly affecting their interests and welfare inside the University. They shall be informed of the duly approved rules and policies defining and governing proper conduct and the system of sanctions and consequences that is in place. University officials and officers of student governments are obliged to present periodically in public, reports detailing the state of their respective offices.
5. Every student has the right to express individuality and develop his or her abilities and identity without undue interference.
6. Every student may inspect and review their official personal records, in consonance with University guidelines. No personal records shall be disclosed by the University to third parties without prior consent of the student or unless required by law.
7. A student is entitled to prompt correction of his or her official records if an error is found and duly proven.
8. Students shall expect the rule of law to prevail in the University at all times.

B. ACADEMIC RIGHTS

1. Every UP student has the right to receive competent instruction and relevant quality education. Therefore, the University shall ensure that:
 - a. Classes are conducted within school hours and as scheduled during the semester. However, the University may revise the school calendar following established procedure, in response to unforeseen circumstances that are beyond its control.
 - b. Faculty members must be available during the consultation hours that they specified in their faculty service record.
 - c. Faculty members are obliged to submit the final grades of their students within the submission deadlines specified in the academic calendar.
2. Students are entitled to sufficient course information, academic advice, and general guidance from faculty, staff, fellow students, and other members of the University, so they are able to make wise decisions regarding their training.
3. Students must be formally informed, in writing, of the academic standards that will be applied in any course of study for which they are enrolled in. Within the first week of the semester, the instructor must provide students with the full course description, the learning objectives, syllabus, the course requirements, the evaluation method, deadlines and academic consequences, and acceptable academic collaboration.
4. Every student shall have fair access to adequate University services and facilities. The libraries of UP shall be open to students and non-students alike, in accordance with duly-approved University rules and regulations.

5. Students are guaranteed academic freedom to the extent that they may pursue independent inquiry, free from unwarranted interference and influence, and to express contrary opinions and points of view.
6. Every student has the right to fair, transparent and objective evaluation of his or her academic performance based on duly-approved standards of excellence.
7. Every student must be given the opportunity to evaluate objectively faculty performance and course delivery, curriculum of degree program and course syllabus without fear of reprisal.

C. REPRESENTATION RIGHTS

1. Students are free to establish and run structures of self-governance, mechanisms for advocacy, and systems of decision-making that protect and promote their democratic rights and welfare. To this end, the University must support and facilitate the creation and operation of student councils and student publications.
2. Students must be able to represent themselves in decision-making, policy-making, and adjudicatory bodies as well as to participate in or influence the governance of the University. They shall have the right to examine existing school policies, initiate appropriate amendments and appeal decisions of policy-making bodies that affect student interests and welfare. In all policy matters, the University must uphold the principle of collective decision-making and due process.
3. Students are free to form, assist, join or participate in organizations, societies or alliances in the University, in the pursuit of common interests and lawful goals. Students have the right to create and decide independently the rules on membership, policies, and actions of the group in accordance with existing University policies, Philippine laws and regulations.
4. Students have the right to use needed University resources and facilities for extra-curricular programs and activities subject to prevailing University rules and regulations. The University shall designate and provide proper students centers that shall be jointly managed by the University and student government.
5. All publications produced by students shall be self-regulated. School authorities shall not unduly sanction editors, managers, and writers of campus press and media due to editorial policy or content disapproval or disagreement with any other UP stakeholder.
6. Students must be free to air and seek redress of grievances.

D. PROCEDURAL RIGHTS

1. Every student has the right to the integrity of administrative procedures.
2. University policy or regulation, especially those that are penal or analogous in nature, shall be only enforced prospectively.
3. Students are entitled to prompt and proper resolution of cases.
4. Students have the right to appeal all decisions of the University while exhausting all possible administrative remedies in accordance with the UP Charter and its implementing rules and regulations.