

Student Life

Code of Conduct

Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to love God, love their neighbors as themselves, and live virtuous lives.

Chapel Attendance

The chapel service is paramount to the university's foundation of a faithful community. All undergraduate main campus students are required to attend regularly scheduled chapel services. Attendance is taken throughout the semester.

Character and Conduct

Carolina University seeks an atmosphere conducive to serious study and strong character development. The welfare of the group and the individual is best promoted by adequate accountability, and appropriate rules and regulations are published in the Student Guide. During course registration, students must sign a signature page stating they agree to follow the guidelines. Students should read the Student Guide carefully. Students whose general conduct and influence are considered to be out of harmony with the standards of the Student Guide or out of harmony with standards of life and work believed to be essential to the academic, spiritual, and social welfare of the university may be subject to conduct consequences that include warnings, probation, suspension, and in some cases expulsion.

Student Complaint Policy

Carolina University is committed to a timely and fair resolution of all student complaints. It allows students to file formal complaints when dissatisfied with institutional policies, services, or employee actions. This process may apply to academic or nonacademic issues but is typically used when formal policies and procedures are not in effect. Policies in the Student Guide or Academic Catalog precede those areas.

General Principles

Whenever possible and timely, students should voice complaints informally with the faculty, staff, or other student(s) involved. A list of university administration, faculty, and staff can be found at carolinau.edu/directory. Students are encouraged to follow the formal complaint process if the complaint cannot be resolved informally. There will be no adverse effect or retaliation against a student voicing a complaint in good faith, nor against any person who, in good faith, provides information regarding a complaint. A formal written complaint may be submitted to the Office of Student Services by completing the online grievance form on the CU student portal. Submission of complaints should be made within 30 days of the incident. The Office of Student Services will acknowledge receipt of the complaint to the person(s) submitting the formal complaint. Upon receipt of the grievance to the Office of Student Services, the complaint will be assigned to the appropriate office.

Insurance and Medical Services

The Office of Health and Wellness provides an initial contact for students with medical needs. Students are expected to see their personal doctors and/or enter a hospital in the event of serious illness. Students are encouraged to maintain or acquire health and/or hospitalization insurance to cover accidents or illnesses. Please see the Office of Health and Wellness for more information. The university provides accident coverage for students involved in school-sponsored on-campus or off-campus activities.

Student Housing

All undergraduate, main campus students under two years removed from high school must utilize campus housing facilities with a meal plan. In exceptional cases, permission to live off campus may be requested to the Office of Student Services and will be reviewed by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Unless residing within 30 miles of campus with an immediate family member (parent, grandparent, spouse, or sibling), all full-time undergraduate, main campus students are expected to reside on-campus for the first two years of study unless permitted by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Carolina University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and participates in the Continental Athletic Conference (CAC). CU is also a dual member in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division I. Carolina University offers both Men and Women Sports, with more details available at cubruins.com.

Sexual Harassment Policy

Carolina University does not tolerate the harassment of individuals concerning race, skin color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. No student or employee should be subjected to unsolicited or unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct, either verbal or physical. The university's policy is to strictly prohibit any conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and to discipline any student or employee, whether a student, manager, or co-worker, who is guilty of such conduct. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, offensive jokes, comments, innuendos, and other sexually oriented statements. If a student or employee feels they have been subjected to any type or degree of harassment, they should report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator within 48 hours of the incident. A written complaint should include the specific nature of the harassment and the date(s) and place(s) such harassment took place, as well as the student's or employee's name and telephone number. The Coordinator will report the case to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who will thoroughly investigate the complaint, and the Administration will take appropriate remedial action. The parties' confidentiality will be protected throughout the investigation, and only those individuals whom the Vice President for Student Affairs deems to require knowledge of the alleged harassment will be informed of any investigation details or charges. Any student or employee who violates the harassment policy will be disciplined appropriately. Likewise, disciplinary measures will be applied in any instance determined to have been fabricated for malicious reasons. The Human Resources Officer shall be involved in employee instances.

Drug Abuse Policy and Penalties

Students enrolled in Carolina University are subject to disciplinary action for the possession, manufacture, use, sale, or distribution (by either sale or gift) of any quantity of any prescription drug or controlled substance or for being under the influence of any prescription drug or controlled substance, except for the use of medication per the instructions of a licensed physician. Controlled substances include, but are not limited to, marijuana, cocaine derivatives, heroin, amphetamines, barbiturates, LSD, PCP, and substances typically known as "designer drugs" such as "ecstasy" or "eve." Possession of paraphernalia associated with the use, possession, or manufacture of a

prescription drug or controlled substance is also prohibited. The university prohibits the unlawful possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of illicit drugs by students and employees. The penalty for violation of the university's policy on drug and alcohol abuse may range from a reprimand to suspension without pay for an appropriate period or termination of employment. Additional local, state, and federal penalties may apply. In addition to sanctions imposed by Carolina University for violation of the Drug Policy, a student may be subject to civil authorities' regulations. Various local, state, and federal regulations prohibit the illegal use, possession, and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. The university will refer students to law enforcement authorities for any behavior that violates the law. *Illegal Drug/Controlled Substance Information Sheet as required by the Drug-Free School and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226) policies.*