

## **Student Responsibilities and Expectations (as found in the MGA Student Code of Conduct)**

The primary expectations of all Middle Georgia State University students are integrity and civility. Each student should approach all academic endeavors, relationships and personal responsibilities with a strong commitment to personal integrity and interpersonal civility. These responsibilities apply collectively to members of recognized student organizations. These responsibilities include:

- Individuals will fulfill their academic responsibilities in an honest and forthright manner.
- Individuals will respect and foster the academic endeavors of other members of the University community.
- Individuals will protect and support the personal safety of all members of the University community.
- Individuals will respect other members of the University community.
- Individuals will show regard for the property of the University, its community members, and visitors to campus.
- Individuals will respect the integrity of the University's academic and administrative records.
- Individuals will contribute to a safe environment within the University community.
- Individuals will adhere to federal, state, local, University System of Georgia and University laws/regulations that govern individual actions and relationships among community members.
- Individuals will assist the University in fulfilling its administrative responsibilities.

## **Due Process and Student Rights (as found in the MGA Student Code of Conduct)**

A student alleged to have violated the MGA Student Code of Conduct has the right to:

- A presumption of innocence
- A written copy of the alleged charge(s) and/or violation(s).
- A fair and impartial hearing.
- Know the nature of the evidence against them and the name(s) of witness(es) scheduled to appear during a hearing.
- Present evidence and witnesses in their behalf.
- Be accompanied by an advisor of their choice during meetings and proceedings during the investigatory and/or resolution process, as well as during a hearing, at which the advisee is present.
- Be present at the hearing, understanding that failure to attend may result in a resolution in their absence.
- Choose to remain silent and refrain from answering questions, with an understanding that their silence not be held against them.
- Submit questions for witnesses to the Hearing/Conduct Officer.
- A hearing decision based on the preponderance of the evidence presented.
- A written notice of the hearing outcome and a rationale for the decision and sanctions.
- An opportunity to appeal a hearing outcome and/or sanction based on criteria outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.