



## **General Statement of Philosophy on Student Conduct & Discipline**

The disciplinary function at Florida State University is an integral part of the educational mission of the university. The University's Student Judicial System and other components of the program emphasize the development of each individual's acceptance of his or her own personal and social responsibilities. Since behavior which is not in keeping with standards acceptable to the university community is often symptomatic of attitudes, misconceptions, and emotional crises, the treatment of these attitudes, misconceptions, and emotional crises through reeducation and rehabilitative activities is an essential element of the disciplinary process.

A humanistic approach to discipline is employed whenever possible. The university Judicial System and appeals processes are designed to provide and help maintain an atmosphere within the university community that is conducive to academic pursuits. Severe disciplinary action against a student, such as separation, is considered and invoked only when other remedies fail to meet the needs of the university's mission.

The university, however, recognizes its responsibilities to all members of the academic community— students, faculty, and staff, and the protection of personal and institutional rights and property is a primary focus of the disciplinary process.

The Department of Education and Florida State University have adopted the following rules, regulations, procedures, and policies concerning student rights, responsibilities, and student conduct and discipline through Chapter 6C2-3, Florida Administrative Code.