



Policies of Interest to Students

LSUHSC-NO Policies on:

- Title IX
- Alcohol Use
- Substance Abuse
- Campus Security
- Information Technology
- Deficit Reduction Act Notice
- Student Rights, Roles, and Responsibilities
- Supervisory Role of the Institution over Student Activities
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Student Responsibilities and Rights – CM-56

LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans (LSUHSC-NO) is dedicated to providing an environment of respect, dignity, inclusivity, and support for all members of its student community, and to ensuring honesty, fairness, and respect for students' physical, educational, and emotional well-being. Likewise, as integral members of the LSUHSC-NO community, students have certain rights, roles, and responsibilities to themselves, the institution, their peers, faculty, staff, and patients.

This policy describes the rights, roles, and responsibilities of LSUHSC-NO students. It also defines the processes and procedures for both student complaints and disciplinary proceedings, including those required for compliance with the "Louisiana Student Due Process and Protection Act" (La. R.S. 17:3394), to sustain a professional, ethical, and equitable learning community at LSUHSC-NO. To review this policy in its entirety, please visit [CM-56](#).

Supervisory Role of the Institution over Student Activities – CM-33

LSUHSC-NO recognizes the need for and encourages student self-governance in the student-university relationship. Student self-governance may range from campus-wide self-government through the Student Government Association to student self-governance in much smaller groups such as recognized student organizations as described in [CM-33](#) (Policies and Procedures Governing the Supervisory Role of the Institution Over Student Activities Including Student Publications).

Student organizations may be recognized for any lawful purpose and may petition for recognition by submitting a constitution to the LSUHSC-NO Student Affairs Committee through their School's Student Affairs Office. All official student organizations must have approval of LSUHSC-NO and must have a faculty advisor.

Students have the right to publish and distribute written material protected by the First Amendment without prior approval of the contents of the material. The time, place, and manner of distribution may be limited by such regulations as are necessary for the responsible operation of LSUHSC-NO as determined by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Prohibition of Hazing – PM-80

Louisiana State University is fully committed to maintaining a supportive educational environment free from hazing and which promotes the mental and physical well-being, safety and respect of and among its students. As such, hazing is expressly prohibited. For more information you can review the entire policy [PM-80](#). This policy applies to all campus locations of LSU.

Title IX – PM-73

LSUHSC – NO is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes integrity, civility, and mutual respect in an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual misconduct, which includes sex discrimination, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and retaliation. Students should view [PM-73](#) for a full description of this policy.

- **Title IX Coordinator:**
Leigh Smith-Vaniz, M.A.
(504) 568-2211 ▪ titleix@lsuhsc.edu
- **How To Report:**
Directly to the Title IX Coordinator, online Reporting Forms ([Title IX Website](#) & [EthicsPoint](#)), directly to a Mandatory Reporter (all LSUHSC-NO employees including graduate and teaching assistants)
- **Confidential Advisors:**
(504) 568-8888 ▪ [Campus Assistance Program](#)



Weather Related Emergency Procedures – CM-51

During a weather event that requires closing of the campus, LSUHSC-NO will not function as an evacuation site for students. [CM 51](#) (Policy on Weather Related Emergency Procedures) has information about disaster preparedness and response. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this information.

Alcohol Use – CM-36

The use of alcohol is prohibited in classroom buildings, laboratories, auditoriums, library buildings, faculty and administrative offices, athletic facilities, and all other public campus areas. Alcohol may be served for special events on campus sponsored by the institution with written authorization from the Chancellor's Office, or their authorized designee and when the LSUHSC-NO's Guidelines for Responsible Use of Alcohol are followed.

These Guidelines also apply to the use of alcohol at LSUHSC-NO sponsored functions off campus. The Guidelines are contained in [CM-36](#) (Guidelines for the Responsible Use of Alcohol).

Substance Abuse and Drug Free Workplace - CM-38

Unauthorized use of, possession of, or being under the influence of alcohol and the illegal use, abuse, possession, manufacture, dispensation, distribution of, or being under the influence of controlled or illegal drugs is prohibited while at work, on call, on duty, at school, or engaged in LSUHSC-NO business on or off LSUHSC-NO premises.

LSUHSC-NO provides for an on-going alcohol and drug-testing program for reasonable suspicion/for cause, post-accident, periodic monitoring or aftercare, and random testing.

This Substance Abuse Policy applies to all faculty, staff, residents, and students of LSUHSC-NO. Students must understand that initial and continued enrollment is contingent upon compliance with this policy. The complete policy is in [CM-38](#) (Substance Abuse and Drug Free Workplace Policy).

Deficit Reduction Act Notice

The Deficit Reduction Act was designed to improve federal and state oversight and enforcement actions against fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program. It requires that any entity receiving more than 5 M dollars in Medicaid funds per year must instruct their workforce on the following issues:

- The federal False Claims Act
- Any state, civil, or criminal penalties for false claims
- Whistleblower protections

For more information about the Deficit Reduction Act see: <https://www.lsuhs.edu/administration/ocp/dra-notice.aspx>

Campus Security & Violence Risk Reduction – CM-44

Everyone has a reasonable expectation to a safe and secure working and learning environment free of threats and assaults. Students have a responsibility to ensure the safety and security of the campus. LSUHSC-NO is committed to maintaining a campus free from violence including sexual assaults, threats of violence including verbal and non-verbal threatening behavior, and harassment. Such behavior is unacceptable and is not permitted on campus.

The Campus Violence Risk Reduction [CM-44](#) Plan:

- Specifies where and how to report criminal activity and emergencies
- Reviews campus safety policies and the emergency alert system
- Reviews reporting procedures and services provided to victims of sexual assault

To sign up for the emergency alert system go to <https://911.lsuhs.edu/EAS/>

Information Technology (IT) – CM-42

Information Technology infrastructure users are expected to exhibit responsible behavior and comply with all federal and state laws, LSUHSC-NO rules and policies, computing contracts, and software licensing rules. Students should not engage in any activity that jeopardizes the availability, performance, integrity, or security of the IT infrastructure. For example, students should not:

- Use peer-to-peer applications that take up bandwidth for the downloading of music, games, and video
- Deliberately or recklessly overload access links or switching equipment by using streaming media such as web radio and other mechanisms

[CM-42](#) contains the IT Infrastructure Acceptable Use Policy. By using a computer on the LSUHSC-NO IT infrastructure, students acknowledge that they are subject to the terms of CM-42 and that they give their unrestricted consent to the monitoring, copying, and unrestricted distribution of any transmission, communication or image generated, received by, sent by, or stored in the computer.

Noncompliance could result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from an academic program, and civil or criminal liability.