

Anyone enrolling at Austin Peay State University is entitled to all rights granted to him/her by the Constitution of the United States and is entitled to the full protection of the law. Apart from those rights and duties enjoyed by nonstudents, enrollment in the University carries with it special privileges and imposes special responsibilities. The University has established regulations and certain due process procedures essential to an atmosphere of mutual respect which is sensitive to rights of all individuals. These rights and responsibilities follow:

1. Students have the right to enjoy the educational opportunities afforded by the University without discrimination because of age, race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, veterans status or national origin. (See University Affirmative Action Philosophy.)
2. Students are entitled to the right of due process as provided and explained by the University's Code of Student Conduct. (See APSU Code of Student Conduct.)
3. Students are entitled to freedom from unreasonable search and/or seizure regarding their person, their residence, and their personal property (See University Search and Seizure Policy.)
4. Students have a right to privacy, including the maintenance of confidential records in accordance with the provision of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as amended and as qualified by the Tennessee Public Records Act. (See APSU Policy on Confidentiality of Student Records.)
5. Students have the right of access to campus crime statistics and graduation rates as defined by the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, as amended. (See APSU Policy.)
6. Students have the right to affiliate with officially registered student organizations if the membership requirements of those organizations have been met and the right to establish through official procedures additional student organizations of their choosing. (See APSU Policy on Student Organizations.)
7. Students have the right to participate in University governance through the Student Government Association, student organizations and representation on University committees. (See Student Government Association Constitution and University Standing Committee Procedures.)
8. Students have a right to peaceably assemble in accordance with federal, state, local and Austin Peay State University regulations. (See APSU Policy.)
9. Students have the right of access to the University campus and facilities. (See APSU Policy.)
10. Students have the right to expect:
 - a. A campus environment conducive to learning and working that is free of any racial, sexual or other form of harassment.
 - b. A drug-free University environment.
 - c. Accurate information concerning institutional services, regulations, policies and procedures in published form.
 - d. Sound and accurate academic advice, including such matters as courses required for graduation, course and program prerequisites and course sequence.
 - e. Reasonable notice of any changes in academic requirements for programs and assurance that such changes will not be made in a way that unduly impedes the academic progress of a student already enrolled.
 - f. Flexibility in course scheduling (by dropping and adding) or withdrawing within University guidelines.
 - g. Information about the various types of financial assistance available.

h. Freedom to evaluate courses, programs and services and provide input to appropriate segments of the campus administration.

i. Classes to meet as scheduled and course and program requirements clearly stated.

Student Role/Participation in Institutional Decision Making

Austin Peay State University recognizes that students should (and do) participate in institutional decision making. Through the advice of the Student Affairs staff and through Austin Peay State University policies, the University exercises responsibility in directing student activities and student organizations. The Student Government Association (SGA) is an active and vital organization that serves as a link between the student body and the administration. The SGA (of which all students are members) addresses student issues to the Administration on a regular basis and serves as a governing body through the executive officers, the SGA Senate, and the Student Tribunal. The SGA president recommends student appointments for University standing committees, special committees, and search and selection committees. These recommendations are made through the SGA adviser and the associate vice president for student affairs to the president of the University. The student voice is an active component of the University's decision-making process.

APSU POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy

Purpose

The purposes of this policy include:

- 1) To articulate the rights and responsibilities of persons using information technology resources owned, leased or administered by Austin Peay State University (APSU);
- 2) To protect the interests of users and APSU; and
- 3) To facilitate the efficient operation of APSU information technology systems.

General Information

The primary purpose of Austin Peay State University's information technology resources is to enhance and support the educational mission of the University. Access to the University's technology resources is a privilege granted to University students, faculty, staff, contractors, and approved guests. These resources include, but are not limited to: computer hardware, software, computer accounts, e-mail accounts and local area networks, as well as connections to other computer networks via the Internet. Users are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner.

Restrictions

- A. All users shall comply with the Tennessee Board of Regents Policy 1-08-00-00, Information Technology Resources, which may be found at the following URL: (http://www.tbr.state.tn.us/policies_guidelines/governance_policies/1-08-00-00.htm). Said TBR policy (and any subsequent versions thereof) is hereby fully incorporated and made a part of this university policy.
- B. All users must not use Information Technology Resources for the following:
 - 1) Entering, without authorization, into any account to use, read and transfer or change contents in any way;
 - 2) Impersonating/misrepresenting another individual's computer account or e-mail user name;
 - 3) Using computing resources to interfere with the work of other students, faculty, staff or University officials;
 - 4) Using computing facilities to send obscene, abusive, threatening, defamatory or harass-