Student Bills of Rights

All students of Montana State University are members of an academic community of scholars and learners. As members of this academic community, students are guaranteed certain individual rights.

i. Students, as valued members of the Montana State University academic community, have the right to a living and learning environment that emphasizes the dignity and worth of every member of its community.
   a. Montana State University Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy
      i. Section I. Policy

ii. Students have the right to a safe environment to live and study.
    a. The current draft of the proposed Code of Student Conduct
       i. Introduction and Purpose paragraph 1
          ii. 300.00 Student Misconduct paragraph 1
    b. USH Community Standards
       i. Building Access and Safety
          1. “Montana State University is committed to providing a safe living environment for all residents”
             a. “Residents should feel safe and secure...”

iii. Students have the right to peaceful assembly, petition for redress, or peaceably protest university or government action.
    a. Montana State University, Student Bill of Rights
       i. Section II.

iv. Students are free to express their opinions on the Montana State University campus and in the classroom, as it relates to the course content.
    a. Montana State University Freedom of Expression Policy
       i. Policy section Paragraph 1

v. The Montana University System is obligated to respect a student's constitutional and statutory rights to privacy.
    a. Montana University System Privacy Policy
       i. BOR 1302

vi. Students have the right to a fair, prompt, and impartial hearing when charged with violations of the Code of Student Conduct.
    a. The current draft of the proposed Code of Student Conduct
       i. 450.60 Hearing Procedures, 300.00 student misconduct

vii. Students have the right to representation by a student government organization and a Student Regent on the Board of Regents.
    a. ASMSU Constitution *
       i. Preamble

viii. Students have the right to be informed and to participate in the process of any fee or tuition change through the Associated Students of Montana State University Senate.
    a. ASMSU Constitution *
       i. XVII-i
Students have the right to hold expectations of their instructors in accordance with faculty policies.

a. Montana State University Faculty Responsibilities
   i. Faculty Responsibilities Section III.

b. Montana State University Collective Bargaining Agreement Non-Tenure Track Faculty
   i. Article 14: Academic Freedom and Responsibilities

x. Students have the right to pursue a course of study that allows them to graduate in a timely manner.
   a. MSU Strategic Goals
      i. Mission, Vision, Values
   b. Graduation Guarantee Programs Policy (montana.edu)
      i. Paragraph 1

The Student Bill of Rights serves to reaffirm the inalienable rights already guaranteed to students by Montana State University, and Montana University System policies, as well as student rights granted by state and federal laws.

The Associated Students of Montana State University and The Office of the Dean of Students are available to provide information to students who believe that the rights described above have been violated.