

**RYERSON UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**  
*(Approved at Senate – April 1, 2003)*

**As a student at Ryerson University, you have the right to:**

- enjoy all rights and freedoms recognized by law;
- a learning environment that is safe, free from harassment and discrimination;
- a learning environment which is characterized by mutual respect and civility;
- a learning environment that, while safeguarding dissent, is free from interference and disruption;
- an environment which ensures that administrative decisions are made, or actions taken, with fair regard for the known and legitimate interests of students;
- an environment where adequate measures are taken to protect the security of students on University property;
- the right to complain without fear of reprisal;
- access facilities as a University community member upon payment of any required fees;
- receive information at the commencement of each course, including:
  - the instructor's name;
  - office location;
  - hours and Ryerson telephone number;
  - a course description;
  - a list of course assignments, tests and approximate deadlines;
  - a marking or evaluation scheme;
  - a statement of the teaching mode(s);
  - a provision that planned alteration in the list of course assignments, tests, approximate deadlines, and in the marking or evaluation schemes shall be presented in class prior to being implemented;
- have academic work judged solely on its merits;
- appeal grades and/or academic standing;
- confidentiality of your student information, records and subject to Ryerson's academic regulations and procedures; Ryerson's research policies and procedures; and the provisions of the Student Code of Academic Conduct and the Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct;
- participate in University governance through elected representation to the Department/School Councils, Senate and the Board of Governors;
- refuse to participate as subjects in research and experiments without penalty;
- conduct research and to publish, discuss and exchange findings, subject to published University regulations that may apply.

**As a student at Ryerson University, you have the responsibility to:**

- abide by federal, provincial and municipal statutes in addition to University policy;
- treat all members of the community, including faculty, staff and fellow students, with respect;
- not falsely or maliciously allege charges/offenses under the regulations of the Student Code of Academic Conduct and the Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct
- refrain from
  - behaviour, which you know, or ought reasonably to know, obstructs teaching, learning, evaluation, research, administration and the other usual or authorized activities of the University;
  - conduct and activities likely to endanger the health or safety of yourself or another person;
  - assault or the threat of assault to another person; or,
  - behaviour that you know or ought reasonably to know would cause another person to fear bodily harm, or that may endanger personal wellbeing or may obstruct the teaching and/or learning process.
  - unwelcome or persistent behaviour (e.g. personal harassment) that you know, or ought reasonably to know, would cause another person to feel humiliated, demeaned or intimidated or which may obstruct the teaching, learning and/or work process of another person and which includes, but is not limited to, hazing and aggressive religious recruiting;
  - using the university's computing, telephone, mail and/or other university communication systems to convey nuisance or other objectionable messages which may endanger the personal well-being of another person or which may obstruct the teaching, learning and/or work process of another
- treat University facilities and equipment with respect;
- familiarize yourself with relevant University policy, such as the policy on Academic Consideration and Appeals, the Student Code of Academic Conduct, the Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct, the Examination Policy, and the Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy, etc;
- respect posted hours and limits on entry where such conditions exist;
- not destroy, tamper with, unlawfully access or limit the access of others, remove, possess, or knowingly create a condition which endangers or threatens destruction or damage, of property not your own, including, but not limited to, library materials, computing facilities, telecommunications systems and emergency telephone systems;
- abide by the university's policy and guidelines related to all university computing and networking facilities;
- not remove, possess, maliciously engage, or tamper with university fire protection equipment, or security and safety systems.
- to evacuate the buildings during fire alarms or other emergencies as instructed by Ryerson Security.
- obtain and maintain a Ryerson University e-mail account if you are a full or part-time undergraduate or graduate student;
- ensure that your guests abide by University policy;
- show your Ryerson identification card, or photographic identification and a copy of your registration form, upon request by Ryerson Security or other Ryerson employee.