# STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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STUDENT JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

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# **Guiding Principles**

## Freedom of Expression

Students have the right to express their views and to test and challenge ideas, provided they do so within the law and in a respectful and courteous manner that respects the rights of others.

## Mutual Respect and Diversity

BCIT is committed to promoting a culture of mutual respect and inclusiveness on campus.

#### A Commitment to Non-violence

BCIT values peace and non-violence. Physical or psychological assaults of any kind or threats of violence or harm will not be tolerated.

## A Commitment to Justice and Fairness

All rules, regulations, and procedures regarding student conduct embody the principles of procedural fairness.

#### Security and Safety

The Institute will act to safeguard the security and safety of all members of the Institute community.

## Integrity

Honesty and integrity are expected in all academic work and in business relationships with the Institute.

# Student Rights

Every student has a right to:

Sufficient program and course information to permit informed program or course selections.

A written course outline during the first week of classes.

Course content that follows the course outline, unless there is a bona fide reason for deviation.

Classes that start and end on time and reasonable notice in the event of instructor absence or class cancellation.

Receive information on standing or performance in a course if requested.

Discuss a mark with an instructor or receive an impartial and competent review of a final mark.



By accepting admission to BCIT a student accepts the rights and responsibilities of membership in the Institute community.

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Belong to any lawful association of choice provided that the purposes and activities of such group are lawful.

Receive prompt notification of the nature and substance of any misconduct allegation.

Appeal any penalty for misconduct with or without the assistance of a BCITSA representative.

# Student Responsibilities

Every student has a responsibility to:

Become familiar with Institute policies, procedures, rules, and regulations.

Abide by federal, provincial, and municipal statutes in addition to Institute policy.

Treat all members of the community with respect and refrain from unwelcome or persistent behaviour that may cause another person to feel humiliated, demeaned, or intimidated.

Use the Institute's computing, telephone, mail, and/or other communication systems in a way that is consistent with Institute policy.

Refrain from conduct and activities likely to endanger the health or safety of self or another person.

Refrain from behaviour which obstructs teaching, learning, evaluation, research or undermines the mission, goals or reputation of BCIT.

Follow Institute procedures for registration, course, and/or program registration changes, and course or program withdrawals.

Arrive at class on time, engage in the learning process, and remain for the duration of scheduled classes and activities, with reasonable exceptions.

Respect the instructor's right to formulate and enforce attendance policies, and standards of behaviour.

Respect the instructor's right to determine subject content, methodology, and grade assessment within the course outline set by the academic school.

Respect the instructor's right to set reasonable deadlines for assigned work, and to establish penalties for failure to comply with deadlines.

Submit work that is their own and uphold expectations of academic integrity.

Write tests and final examinations at the times scheduled by the instructor or the Institute.

Meet attendance requirements and assume responsibility for missed classes and course work.

Fulfill financial obligations to the Institute.

Every student enjoys within the Institute all rights and freedoms recognized by law.

Every student has a right to equal treatment by the Institute regardless of colour, race, ancestry, religion, age, sex, disability, marital or family status, or sexual orientation.

Every student has a right to protection of privacy consistent with BCIT policy and existing federal and provincial privacy legislation.

