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As an academic community, it is essential to the life of Boston College that its members understand and respect the rights of the individuals and institutions that form the community. Only by accepting the responsibility to protect the rights of others can its members create an atmosphere in which teaching, learning, and the exchange of ideas flourish.

The basic activity of learning takes place not only in the classroom but in every phase of university life, and the community environment is a critical element in the total learning and personal developmental experience. It is the goal of the Boston College Judicial System to help provide an environment that is supportive of and conducive to the maximum intellectual, psychological, social, physical, and spiritual growth of all students. In keeping with the University's institutional commitment to the pursuit of truth and values in the Christian-Judeo tradition, the Boston College Judicial System is particularly committed to establishing a community that encourages each individual's search for personal values in a context of responsibility and sensitivity to the needs and rights of others.

All societies have agreed upon certain rules and regulations, the purpose of which is to establish a context of order within which individuals can achieve a maximal exercise of their personal freedom while simultaneously protecting the rights and freedom of their fellow human beings. This has led to acceptance of the need for law and authority, the purpose of which is to provide the degree of order necessary to protect individual freedom and to promote the common good. In academic communities, the central question becomes how to provide a structure and a process to ensure the degree of order necessary to promote and protect the maximal exercise of individual freedom, both personal and academic. It is toward this end that the Student Judicial Procedure has been created to assist the members of the Boston College community.

Disregard of the University Rules and Regulations or the Conditions of Residency is an indication of deliberate disregard for the rights of the community at large and will result in the initiation of the judicial process to ensure resolution.

All Boston College students are subject to the Student Judicial Procedure. For a detailed description of the Procedure, please refer to the current issue of the [BOSTON COLLEGE STUDENT GUIDE](#), published by the Office of the Dean for Student Development.

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