EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND COMMUNICATIONS

LeTourneau University strives to provide an educational setting that is distinctive. Emphasis is placed on high academic standards, problem-solving experiences, and spiritual development centered around our faith in Jesus Christ. LeTourneau University is committed to the total development of its students so that they can become effective professionals who contribute in positive ways to their homes, communities, and workplaces. Standards have been established to provide the framework for an environment that is conducive to personal, social, and spiritual growth.

In order to provide the best learning environment for students, the university has set the following behavioral expectations. A student’s enrollment at LeTourneau University involves a moral agreement with the university that the behavioral guidelines will be followed as a matter of each student’s personal honor. To reinforce the expectations, all incoming students must sign the Student Behavioral Agreement, by which the student explicitly agrees to the expectations set by the university.

As part of the Student Behavioral Agreement, students explicitly agree to the Honor Code for Academic Integrity: “I affirm that I will uphold the highest principles of honesty and integrity in all my endeavors at LeTourneau University and foster an atmosphere of mutual respect within and beyond the classroom. I pledge that I will neither give nor receive unauthorized aid on any assignments or exams. I will properly cite all sources on written assignments to avoid plagiarism.”

General Behavioral Expectations

- Students are expected to exhibit behavior in the classroom, online, in person, and over the phone, that is considerate of other students, faculty, and staff and in keeping with the Christian mission of the institution.
- Disorderly or destructive actions, threatening behavior, intimidation, insubordination, abuse, harassment, assault, sexual harassment, racial intimidation, or other threatening behavior will not be tolerated.
- Students are expected to exhibit a good personal appearance, characterized by cleanliness, neatness, and good taste. Clothing that distracts from the academic purpose or that would reflect values contrary to Biblical standards is not acceptable. Clothing should be modest so that it does not draw unnecessary attention to the wearer.
- Students must refrain from participation in sexually immoral activities and the use of profanity and obscenity (whether spoken or written, including email, texting, and language within personal websites, blogs, and social networks).
- The use of tobacco and the use or influence of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the Longview campus or at any off-campus class sites.
- Students may not use illegal drugs.
- The university expects students to adhere to federal, state, and local laws. Students who have been charged with a misdemeanor or felony are required to notify the Vice President of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies within five (5) days of being charged.
- Under no circumstance is any person permitted to bring any weapon, licensed or unlicensed, on to any university campus location, including any building, facility, or
grounds owned, leased, or operated by the university. “Weapons” include but are not limited to firearms, B.B. guns, pellet guns, paint guns, ammunition, swords, spears, blow guns, martial arts weapons, crossbows, bows and arrows, switchblades, and all other knives with a blade over five and one-half inches. A complete definition of “weapons” may be found in Penal Code Section 46.

- Students must comply by the policies of the university, including the disciplinary process. Abuse of the discipline process, including but not limited to the following: 1) Failure to obey the notice of a disciplinary hearing or university official to appear for a meeting or hearing; 2) Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information within a discipline meeting; 3) Failure to comply with the discipline imposed by University officials.
- Students who choose to reside on the Longview campus will also be expected to abide by the Christian Life and Behavioral Standards set forth in the Student Handbook for traditional students.
- Students are expected to communicate appropriately with others, as defined by the Student Etiquette for Communication.

**STUDENT ETIQUETTE FOR COMMUNICATION**

All students are expected to communicate professionally and to abide by standards of personal communication and online network etiquette in all aspects of the academic program. These standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Courtesy.** Be polite and use appropriate language at all times. In electronic communication, users may not send, or encourage others to send, discourteous or abusive messages. Remember that humor and satire are subject to misinterpretation!

2. **Appropriate language.** Vulgarity, obscenity, and other language which might be offensive to others are strictly prohibited.

3. **Consideration.** Students should be mindful of their responsibility to avoid practices which may disrupt other students’ educational experience. This includes classroom behavior and posts to instructors and students in course discussion boards.

4. **Academic Focus.** All electronic communication is intended to relate to the overall academic goals of the course and assigned texts and questions that relate to their experience at LeTourneau.

5. **Responsibility.** Students will take responsibility for all activity involving his or her email account, will not allow others to use their LETU password, and will comply with copyright laws.