

Student Rights

Students are responsible for understanding college policies that affect their enrollment status. To maintain active enrollment, students must maintain good academic standing according to Lee College academic policies. This information is a short summary of current policies. The college reserves the right to modify the policies and administrative regulations in response to change in institutional policy, state/federal regulations or legal requirements.

For questions about process or board policy, please contact Jo Greathouse by email, jogreathouse@lee.edu or by phone, 281.425.6501.

ACADEMIC ACCESS & NON-DISCRIMINATION

FA(LOCAL) - Equal Educational Opportunity

Every student has the right to equal access to education at Lee College, regardless of their background. The college cannot discriminate based on race, national origin, religion, disability, age, gender, ethnicity, or veteran status. While being admitted to Lee College doesn't guarantee admission into every program, each student gets a fair chance at admission. Links to Policy: [FA\(LEGAL\)](#); [FA\(LOCAL\)](#)

FFDB(LEGAL/LOCAL) - Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation: Other Protected Characteristics

Students have the right to be free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, or other legally protected characteristics. Students can report incidents through designated college officials who must investigate complaints promptly and provide appropriate support measures. The college must maintain confidentiality while investigating and taking corrective action to address any proven prohibited conduct. Links to Policy: [FFDB\(LEGAL\)](#); [FFDB\(LOCAL\)](#)

STUDENT SAFETY & PERSONAL RIGHTS

FJ(LEGAL/LOCAL) - Student Records Students have the right to inspect and review their education records, and request amendments if they believe the information is inaccurate or misleading. The college must protect students' private information and can only release it without consent in specific situations like emergencies or legitimate educational purposes. Students can control the release of their directory information (such as name and address) by opting out through a written request to the institution. This information is guided by the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy regulation (FERPA). Link to federal regulation: [FERPA](#). Link to Policy: [FJ\(LEGAL\)](#); [FJ\(LOCAL\)](#)

FFDA(LEGAL/LOCAL) - Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation: Sex and Sexual Violence

Students have the right to be free from sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking in their educational environment. Students can file formal complaints about these incidents through the Title IX coordinator, and the college must provide supportive measures and a fair investigation process. The college must protect student confidentiality appropriately during the process while providing resources, interim measures, and a resolution that

maintains equal access to education. Link to Policy: [FFDA\(LEGA\)](#); [FFDA\(LOCAL\)](#). Link to Incident Report: [Title IX Report](#)

FLBC(LEGAL) - Prohibited Organizations and Hazing

Students have the right to be free from hazing activities, which include physical brutality, forced consumption of substances, sleep deprivation, and other harmful acts connected to membership in campus organizations. Students have the right to report hazing incidents to college officials or law enforcement without fear of reprisal. The college must provide clear information about hazing policies through its website, student orientation, and publications, and must maintain public reports of hazing violations. Link to Policy: [FLBC\(LEGAL\)](#)

FLC(LEGAL/LOCAL) - Student Rights and Responsibilities: Interrogations and Searches

Students have the constitutional right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures while on college property, including in residence halls/dorm rooms where they have the same privacy expectations as in a private home. College officials must have reasonable suspicion to conduct searches, while law enforcement generally needs probable cause unless the student consents. Electronic devices and communications have specific protections requiring warrants except in limited emergency circumstances. Links to Policy: [FLC\(LEGAL\)](#); [FLC\(LOCAL\)](#)

FF(LEGAL) - Student Welfare

Students who are current or former foster care youth have the right to a designated liaison person who will help them access support services and resources. The college must provide information and assistance while connecting them with comprehensive support services including healthcare, housing, childcare, employment, transportation, and academic success resources. The liaison's contact information must be easily accessible through multiple communication channels. [Webpage](#). Link to Policy: [FF\(LEGAL\)](#)

FFCA(LEGAL) - Student Assistance Programs/Counseling

Students have the right to counseling and guidance services without discrimination based on disability or sex, and those with disabilities cannot be steered toward more restrictive career paths than other students with similar interests. The college must maintain an easily accessible webpage dedicated to mental health resources, including information about available services, suicide prevention, warning signs, and locations of on-campus mental health services. All new students must receive interactive mental health information during orientation, including a campus tour showing service locations. [Webpage](#). Link to Policy [FFCA\(LEGAL\)](#)

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES & COMPLAINTS

FM(LEGAL/LOCAL) - Discipline and Penalties

The college has authority to maintain order and discipline students who violate the code of conduct, but must provide appropriate due process protections. Link to Policy:: [FM\(LEGAL\)](#); [FM\(LOCAL\)](#)

FMA(LOCAL) - Discipline and Penalties: Appeal - Discipline Procedure

Students who receive disciplinary action have the right to appeal the decision by following the student appeals process that is published in the college's online catalog and in policy. Link to Policy: [FM\(LEGAL\)](#); [FM\(LOCAL\)](#)

FLD(LEGAL) and (LOCAL) - Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Complaints

Students have the constitutional right to file grievances and complaints with both the college and Board of Regents, with specific processes outlined for different types of complaints. Students must first attempt informal resolution of complaints and then follow a multi-level formal appeal process that includes detailed documentation requirements and response timelines at each level. The college must protect student confidentiality while investigating complaints and cannot discriminate based on the content of grievances. Link to Policy: [FLD \(LEGAL\)](#); ([FLD\(LOCAL\)](#))

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

FLA(LEGAL/LOCAL) - Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Expression and Use of College Facilities

Students have First Amendment rights to express themselves on campus, with the college required to ensure outdoor areas remain traditional public forums for free speech activities. The college must allow expressive activities unless they: disrupt the functioning of the institution or operations, pose safety risks, cause property damage, or involve unlawful conduct. For use of facilities and distribution of materials, students must:

1. Follow reasonable time/place/manner restrictions that are content-neutral and leave open alternative communication channels
2. Get prior approval for using indoor facilities or posting signs/literature
3. Avoid prohibited content like obscenity, defamation, harassment, or intellectual property violations

Students have access to grievance procedures if their expressive rights are limited, and the college must protect both religious expression and assembly rights while maintaining viewpoint-neutral policies. All restrictions must serve legitimate educational purposes without discriminating based on the content of speech. Link to Policy: [FLA\(LEGAL\)](#); [FLA\(LOCAL\)](#)

FI(LEGAL/LOCAL) - Student Solicitations

Students and registered student organizations have the right to conduct approved fundraising and solicitation activities in designated areas of campus, as long as they follow college procedures and don't disrupt college operations. Students may sell items, collect dues, charge admission fees, or fundraise through approved methods like raffles, but must get advance approval from the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs or his designee within designated time limits. The college must allow student solicitation that complies with policies while protecting against disruption of academic programs. Link to Policy: [FI\(LEGAL\)](#); [FI\(LOCAL\)](#)

FKC(LEGAL/LOCAL) – Student Activities: Registered Student Organizations

Students have the right to form and join registered student organizations at the college with at least seven members and a faculty/staff advisor, as long as they

don't discriminate in membership. Organizations must participate in required risk management training, follow all college policies and laws, and can be denied recognition only if they violate campus rules or pose a substantial disruption threat. Organizations must follow non-discrimination policies and can hold fundraising activities within policy guidelines. Link to Policy: [FKC\(LEGAL\)](#); [FKC\(LOCAL\)](#)

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SPECIFIC STUDENT GROUPS

FAA(LOCAL/LEGAL) - Pregnant and Parenting Students

Students who are pregnant or parenting a child under 18 have specific rights including early registration, excused absences, and accommodations. Students can't be forced to drop out, change majors, or limit studies because of pregnancy or parenting. Students must still complete the requirements of the course. The college must provide a liaison to assist with access to resources like healthcare, childcare, and academic support. Link to Policy: [FAA\(LEGAL\)](#); [FAA\(LOCAL\)](#)

FAB(LEGAL) - Service Animals

Students with disabilities have the right to bring their trained service dogs to all areas where students are normally allowed. The college can only ask two questions: if the animal is required for a disability and what tasks it performs. There can be no additional fees associated with a service animal. Emotional support animals are not allowed on campus. Link to Policy: [FAB\(LEGAL\)](#)

FB(LOCAL & LEGAL) - Admissions

Lee College has an open admissions policy, giving anyone who can benefit from college education a chance to enroll. Students cannot be discriminated against, and if homeschooled or from a non-traditional education background, must be treated the same as other applicants. The college must also provide appropriate accommodations for military veterans and students with disabilities. Link to Policy: [FB\(LOCAL\)](#); [FB\(LOCAL\)](#)

FC(LOCAL & LEGAL) – Attendance

Students have the right to excused absences for religious holy days and military service, with reasonable time to make up missed work. If serving in the military, 25% of classes may be missed without penalty, and religious absences cannot have stricter rules than other excused absences. International students should know that their attendance affects their visa status and must be reported to immigration authorities. Link to Policy: [FC\(LEGAL\)](#); [FC\(LOCAL\)](#)