



Southwest Baptist UNIVERSITY

Student Principles and Expectations

Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.



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SBU is a Christian higher education institution with expectations for its community members. We acknowledge it is difficult for all members to agree to the same behavior standards; however, behavioral expectations must be established to enrich students' lives as they engage in a Christ-centered community and prepare to impact the world.

The following expectations are meant to reflect Christian values and be conducive to students' academic growth, health, safety and well-being. Students attending SBU are expected to live in accordance with these expectations as well as all rules and regulations outlined in the SBU Catalog and Student Handbook.

PRINCIPLES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Honor and Respect: All members of the university community shall treat all other community members with honor and respect. No one shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Academic Integrity: To receive the most benefit from courses, students are expected to attend class sessions. Students also are required to do their own academic work. All forms of dishonesty, such as plagiarism and cheating, are not acceptable.

Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs: Southwest Baptist University takes a position of abstinence regarding the use of alcohol. Use of any substance with the intent of becoming impaired or intoxicated is not permitted. Current students (whether or not on University premises and whether or not school is in session) must abstain from the use, possession, or distribution of marijuana, THC products (gummies, vape, edibles, etc.), illicit drugs and other controlled substances. Students must also abstain from the use of tobacco while on University premises.

Firearms and Weapons: Possession or use of firearms, or any type of deadly weapon, is strictly prohibited on all University premises.

Dress Code: Students are expected to dress in a manner that best reflects the standards of SBU. Clothing should not be worn that is provocative. Students should not wear clothing that advertises tobacco or alcohol or promotes any immoral behavior.

Graduation Requirements: To assist the University in fulfilling its mission, the following classes are required for graduation: Old Testament History (BIB 1013), New Testament History (BIB 1023), Spiritual Formation (SPF 2012) OR Introduction to Spirituality (SPF 2022) OR Spiritual Formation for Ministry (SPF 2032), and any other courses required for program completion.

Moral Risks: Students must abstain from pornography, theft of any kind, profanity, dishonesty, gambling and sexual immorality (including pre-marital sex, extra-marital sex and/or homosexual behavior). The University prohibits all forms of sexual harassment and sexual violence which includes domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, rape, and stalking.

Recognized Laws: Violation of federal, state or local laws is prohibited.

ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING A RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS

Chapel Attendance: All full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students on the Bolivar campus are expected to attend Chapel during their time at SBU. Chapel is not designed to serve as a substitute for church attendance or affiliation and students are encouraged to attend a local church of their choosing.

Curfew: In order to assist students in developing healthy sleeping and studying habits, curfew will be required for all first-semester undergraduate students residing in university housing unless otherwise waived by the Vice President of Student Life.

Living Arrangements: Students not wishing to live in university housing must complete an Off-Campus Application. Students applying to live off-campus must be age 21, be married, have dependents or be living and commuting from their parents' home address. Students not meeting at least one of these requirements will complete a Housing Request for university housing.

It is my desire to maintain the expectations of Southwest Baptist University. I have read the Student Principles and Expectations and accept these responsibilities as a participant in the Southwest Baptist University community. I also understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of and adhere to all rules and regulations outlined in the SBU Catalog and Student Handbook (both can be found online at www.SBUniv.edu).

Student's Name (printed)

Student's Signature

Date

Return this copy to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.