

Campus Safety

Safety Policies

Maintaining a safe learning environment for students is a major commitment for the University. The University makes every effort to keep the campus safe as well as reduce criminal opportunities. Each student can help us keep this campus safe by being careful and by using preventative measures to avoid potentially harmful situations. The University also maintains safe facilities, buildings, and grounds. For "Safety Tips" flyers and additional information, contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Residential Housing

Residential housing has established procedures and policies to ensure safety in the University residence halls. All residence halls are equipped with fire alarm boxes and fire extinguishers and emergency exits. The University has established visitation policies and procedures. All residential hall staff is trained to maintain crowd control, and emergency evacuation related to fire or chemical and hazardous materials. Please review the evacuation procedures with the residential hall staff. Any criminal activity observed within the University grounds or buildings should be reported to the University Police Department at (225) 771-2770. Possession of firearms, including handguns and air guns, is strictly prohibited. Possession of any explosive or other hazardous materials, including fireworks, is also prohibited.

Weapon Policy

Unauthorized possession of a weapon—gun, knife, or any other dangerous instrument—is prohibited on campus. See Student Code of Conduct for additional information.

Drug Free Zone Sale or Use of Illegal Drugs

Southern University is a drug free zone under the Louisiana law. Southern University complies with Louisiana State Law that prohibits the use, possession, and sale of illegal drugs. See the SULC Code of Student Conduct Manual for additional information.

Dismissal Policy

Any student dismissed from the University for disciplinary purposes shall forfeit all fees paid to the University, and shall be held liable for any debts owed the University.

Sale or Use of Alcoholic Beverages

Southern University complies with all federal and state laws that regulate the sale and use of alcohol. For additional information see the SULC Code of Student Conduct Manual

Sexual Assault

Threatening to use force to inflict bodily harm upon any person on University owned or controlled property (i.e. knowingly causing a person to believe that the offender will cause serious physical harm to one or one's property) is prohibited. Such behavior, which includes rape, sexual assault, or sexually threatening actions, is prohibited.

If you are a victim of sexual assault off campus, contact the Rape Crisis Center, 383-7273, the Baton Rouge Police Department, or the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. Please have a rape kit exam performed at a local hospital. This ensures that all necessary evidence has been collected should you decide to make a formal police report at a later date.

If an assault occurs on campus and/or if you enrolled in the University when an assault occurs, please contact the University Police at 771-2770. You may obtain medical assistance from the University Health Center at 771-4770. In addition, the University Counseling Center (UCC) offers individual and group counseling for survivors of sexual assault. Counseling is provided by licensed professionals and all counseling is strictly confidential. Contact the UCC at 771-2480 or 771-3567.

Policy on Ethnic, Religion, or Sexual Harassment

Southern University prohibits sexual harassment and rewards for granting of sexual favors in the workplace and the classroom.

It is the policy of Southern University that the workplace and classroom are for work and learning. It is the University's goal to provide a workplace and classroom free of tension involving matters, which do not relate to Southern University business or the learning process. In particular, an atmosphere of tension created by ethnic or religious remarks or animosity or unwelcome sexual advances are prohibited. For more information, contact Southern University's Office of Personnel or the Office of Student Life.