

CS 3.9.1 - Student Rights

The institution publishes a clear and appropriate statement of student rights and responsibilities and disseminates the statement to the campus community.

Compliance Finding: In Compliance

Narrative:

The University of South Carolina Beaufort (USC Beaufort) provides a Student Handbook to each incoming student at Orientation, and makes these handbooks available throughout the academic year, in the student services offices, bookstores, libraries and through the Office of Housing & Residence Life (Palmetto Village). The handbook, published yearly, is comprised of student rights, responsibilities, phone numbers, maps of each campus, and a planner for the academic year. Information pertaining to student rights and responsibilities are also made available to students on the USC Beaufort website. The handbook can be found online at the USC Beaufort website [\[i\]](#).

As stated in the Student Handbook : *"The Student Handbook provides information about student rights and responsibilities, a listing of available student services and other information that will make this time at the University of South Carolina Beaufort more enjoyable. This Handbook is for informational purposes only and does not constitute any contractual agreement between a student and USCB. Registration at the University assumes the student's acceptance of all published regulations, including those appearing in this and all other official publications."*

Although the Student Handbook is an official document, *"The University reserves the right to make changes in curricula, degree requirements, course offerings or academic regulations at any time when, in the judgment of the faculty, the President or the Board of Trustees, such changes are in the best interest of the students and the University."*

The Student Handbook also contains the statements that USC Beaufort is non-discriminatory and accredited by SACS: *"USCB provides equal opportunity and affirmative action in education and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or veteran status. USCB is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)."*

When changes are required to make USC Beaufort policies more effective, the new policy is highlighted on the web and corrected in the electronic version of the Student Handbook. A notification of the policy change is mailed to all current students.

Supporting Documentation

[i USC Beaufort Student Handbook](#)