

## VIII. What Are My Rights and Other Responsibilities as a UHM Student

### A. **Student Code of Behavior**

“The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa exists for the pursuit of knowledge through teaching, learning, and research conducted in an atmosphere of physical and intellectual freedom ... Members of this academic community are committed to assist one another in the creation and maintenance of an environment which supports these activities. It is therefore the policy of the University that members of the academic community may not violate the rights of one another nor disrupt the basic activities of the institution” (Student Conduct Code, Office of Student Affairs, 1992).

Where individuals have conflict with one another or have allegedly violated the Student Conduct Code, every attempt will be made to resolve the problem through nonadversarial and informal proceedings. Where the violation may be particularly serious or differences appear irreconcilable, the matter may be referred to the Student Conduct Committee for an appropriate review and hearing. The committee has the authority to recommend serious disciplinary actions including suspension or expulsion.

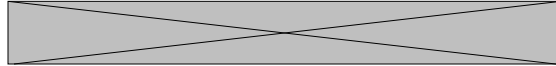
### B. **Grievance Procedure and Due Process**

It is the policy of the University of Hawai‘i to “provide faculty and students with consistent and equitable treatment in resolving disputes arising from the academic relationship between faculty and students” (UHM Academic Grievance Procedures, 1993).

A student who believes that a faculty member has failed to meet specific responsibilities outlined in “A Statement on Responsibilities of Faculty and Students and Academic Grievance Procedures for Students, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (Policy M-4527)” may register a grievance.

Students and faculty are encouraged to resolve their differences through consultation and mediation. Where these efforts are ineffective, the policy sets forth the process that is available to the student grievant.

Please refer to the Student Conduct Code and the Academic Grievance Procedures brochures for more information related to student rights and responsibilities. These may be obtained from the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Student Academic Services, COE.



“Education in the formal sense is only a part of the society’s larger task of abetting the individual’s intellectual, emotional and moral growth. What we must reach for is a conception of perpetual self-discovery, perpetual reshaping to realize one’s best self, to be the person one could be.

John W. Gardner