



STATEMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The intent of this *Statement of Rights and Responsibilities* is to clarify the freedoms, rights, and responsibilities afforded all students at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, as described in officially promulgated policies and procedures, which include, but are not limited to:

- (a) All human and civil rights and freedoms normally afforded to individuals by civil and ecclesiastical law (canon law);
- (b) The freedom of conscience, inquiry, responsible expression, and association;
- (c) The right to human dignity, with freedom from harassment, intimidation, and discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, and/or national origin;
- (d) The right to pursue educational goals in a secure, orderly, and safe environment that is free from inappropriate pressures, interruptions, or distractions;
- (e) The right to accurate and understandable information about academic programs and student services, as well as to the rules and regulations of the Seminary;
- (f) The right to expect professional and equitable conduct from faculty and staff members in the assignment, assessment, and evaluation of academic work and community service;
- (g) The right to receive courteous assistance and service from members of the Seminary Administration and Staff;
- (h) The right to due process in disciplinary proceedings as described in the *Student Code* (see Section 4.3 below);
 - (i) The right to petition for redress of grievances (see Section 5 below);
 - (j) The responsibility to exercise the rights and freedoms granted to all students in a manner that will not violate Seminary rules and regulations, nor infringe on the rights of other students, administrators, faculty members, and staff members;
- (k) The responsibility to treat all members of the Seminary community with civility, courtesy, and respect;
- (l) The responsibility to comply with the requirements of academic programs, to appropriately utilize student services, and to abide by the rules and regulations of the Seminary;
- (m) The responsibility to be an active participant in the learning and teaching process, and to engage fully in personal, spiritual, intellectual, and professional growth;
- (n) The responsibility to meet the standards of courses undertaken, and to complete on schedule their requirements;
- (o) The responsibility to hold others accountable for actions that negatively influence the Seminary community, or for violation of Seminary rules and regulations; and
- (p) The responsibility to contribute to the overall welfare and common good of all students, Faculty, and Staff of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary.