Code of Student Conduct

Students at Syracuse University are expected to conduct themselves in a manner supportive of the educational mission of the institution. Integrity, respect for the person and property of others and a commitment to intellectual and personal growth in a diverse population are values deemed fundamental to membership in this University community.

Syracuse University considers the following behavior, or attempts thereof, by any student or student organization, whether acting alone or with any other persons, to violate the Code of Student Conduct:

1. Physical harm or threat of physical harm to any person or persons, including but not limited to: assault, sexual abuse, or other forms of physical abuse.

2. Harassment—whether physical, verbal or electronic, oral, written or video—which is beyond the bounds of protected free speech, directed at a specific individual(s), easily construed as “fighting words,” and likely to cause an immediate breach of the peace.

3. Conduct—whether physical, verbal or electronic, oral, written or video—which threatens the mental health, physical health, or safety of any person or persons including, but not limited to hazing, drug or alcohol abuse, bullying and other forms of destructive behavior.

4. Academic dishonesty, including but not limited to plagiarism and cheating, and other forms of academic misconduct, for example, misuse of academic resources or facilities, misuse of computer software, data, equipment or networks. **Cases involving academic dishonesty are handled by the Office of Academic Integrity.

5. Intentional disruption or obstruction of lawful activities of the University or its members including their exercise of the right to assemble and to peaceful protest.

6. Theft of or damage to personal or University property or services or illegal possession or use of the same.

7. Forgery, alteration, fabrication, possession or misuse of identification cards, records, grades, diplomas, University documents, or misrepresentation of any kind to a University office or official.

8. Unauthorized entry, use, or occupation of University facilities that are locked, closed or otherwise restricted as to use.

9. Disorderly conduct including, but not limited to, public intoxication, lewd, indecent or obscene behavior, libel, slander or illegal gambling.

10. Illegal manufacture, purchase, sale, use, possession or distribution of alcohol, drugs or controlled substances, or any other violation of the Syracuse University Policy on Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Tobacco.

11. Failure to comply with the lawful directives of University officials who are performing the duties of their office, especially as they are related to the maintenance of safety or security.

12. Unauthorized possession or use of any weapon, including: firearms, BB-guns, air rifles, explosive devices, fireworks, or any other dangerous, illegal, or hazardous object or material, and improper use as a weapon of any otherwise permitted object or material.

13. Interference with or misuse of fire alarms, blue lights, elevators or other safety and security equipment or programs.

14. Violation of any federal, state, or local law which has a negative impact on the well-being of Syracuse University or its individual members.

15. Violation of University policies, rules or regulations that are published in the Student Handbook, or other official University publications or agreements.

Culpability is not diminished for acts in violation of this Code that are committed in ignorance of the Code or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or improper use of controlled substances.
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Office of Academic and Student Services

The Office of Academic and Student Services for the School of Education is located at 111 Waverly Avenue, Suite 230. The professional staff members in this office attend to many details regarding your graduate study. They maintain records of your progress, provide and process required forms, respond to inquiries regarding graduation and certification requirements, and facilitate your efforts in many ways. It is important to know how the office is organized, so that you can contact the appropriate person when you need assistance.

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Contact Amie if you have a problem, issue, or concern that requires a higher level of authority, or a confidential matter to discuss.

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Contact Pam if your last name begins with A-K to discuss graduation requirements and documentation needed to certify your advanced degree.

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Assistant Director of Academic Advising
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Sheila DeRose • saderose@syr.edu • 443-4522
Academic Advisor
Contact Sheila if you want to discuss Registrar-related processes and paperwork.

Crystal Ross • crosso@syr.edu • 443-9319
Office Coordinator/Front Desk Receptionist
Contact Crystal if you have any questions about forms and their processing or if you’d like to make an appointment with a member of the Academic and Student Services Staff.

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Coordinator of Career Services and Certification
Contact Linda for a resume and cover letter review and to start your credential file for prospective employers. Linda can answer your questions regarding the New York State teacher certification process and will fingerprint you for teacher certification. She will assist you with your job search.

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Graduate Admissions Recruiter
Contact Laurie if you would like information on or would like to apply to graduate school at SOE.

Zachary Schuster • zmschust@syr.edu • 443-4269
Undergraduate Admissions Recruiter
Contact Zachary for information on undergraduate admissions.

Make an appointment to meet with your academic advisor at least six months before your expected graduation date to make sure you are on track to graduate.
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This Orange Book provides a general overview of Syracuse University’s School of Education and its degree programs leading to the M.S. degree. Further university policy on degree study exists in the Syracuse University Course Catalog, available online at [http://coursecatalog.syr.edu/2014/](http://coursecatalog.syr.edu/2014/). It is important that you familiarize yourself with this document. Although respective School of Education program areas have their own specific degree requirements, there are many commonalities addressed in the Orange Book. You will find updated information on the [School of Education web site](http://www.syr.edu/schools/education/).

The School of Education is composed of seven academic departments: Counseling and Human Services; Cultural Foundations of Education; Health and Exercise Science; Higher Education; Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation; Reading and Language Arts; and Teaching and Leadership. Each department is headed by a chairperson who is also a faculty member in that academic area. To get the most benefit from your time here, you should acquaint yourself with professors, students, and staff in areas other than your own.

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ASSEMBLY**

Many policies of the School of Education, especially concerning academic program requirements, are set by the School of Education assembly. The assembly is comprised of the faculty and administrators of the School and elected student representatives. The group meets monthly during the fall and spring semesters.

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES**

The School of Education hosts a number of committees that serve a variety of functions. Many include student representation. All committees welcome input from students regarding the tasks in which they are involved. In addition to these committees, special task groups are also formed throughout the year to address specific issues or problems.

- **Committee on Promotions and Tenure** – serves as the governance body for the School of Education in matters of promotion and tenure.
- **Committee on Degrees and the Curriculum** – meets regularly to review new programs and courses as well as proposed changes and additions to existing courses. The committee also may study problems related to curriculum as these are presented to the committee or initiated by it.
- **Committee on Policies, Standards, and Scholarships** – meets when called upon to establish policies on admissions and scholastic standing, including student appeals and disciplinary matters against students. This committee is charged with creating processes for the review of scholarship applications.
- **Committee on Diversity** – charged with reviewing initiatives to advance the school’s mission regarding diversity; serves as a resource for faculty, staff, and students regarding issues and opportunities of diversity in the school; and serves as a liaison between the school and other diversity initiatives at the University.

Looking for a quiet place to study or a cup of cocoa or coffee? The Office of Academic and Student Services welcomes you to their suite of offices.
**Degree Requirements**

1. All master's degree programs require a minimum of **30 credit hours**. Many require more.

2. **Proficiency in a Second Language.** Students seeking a master’s degree in teacher preparation programs also need proof of proficiency in a language other than English. Proof of proficiency can be met by passing three years (three levels of the same language) of high school coursework or one semester at the college level. Official transcripts from the student’s high school, undergraduate institution, or other postsecondary institution must be on file in the Office of Academic and Student Services.

3. **Intensive Examination.** An intensive examination, thesis, or other exit alternative usually completes a master’s program. In some program areas, additional credit hours of study may also be required.

4. **Required Grade Point Average (GPA).** A minimum GPA of 3.0 for courses in your program of study and a 2.8 GPA for all graduate courses taken at SU.

5. **Time to Degree Completion.** You must meet all requirements for the master’s degree within seven years from the time you register for the first course to be used in your master’s degree program. If you do not meet this requirement, you may petition your school/college for reinstatement of credits that were completed outside the seven-year timeframe.

The School of Education currently offers 29 master's degrees. Some degrees lead to New York State teaching certification or to other types of certification and licensure; some prepare students for roles not requiring certification; and others lead to doctoral studies. All programs provide vast opportunities for the development of scholarly and professional skills and attitudes. Although students may not have a background of professional education courses in their bachelor's degree programs, a master’s program may still be developed for students whose undergraduate programs were based in the humanities, social sciences, foreign languages, mathematics, sciences, and psychology.

**Procedures for the Master’s Degree**

1. Consult your faculty advisor and/or chair of your program area regarding degree requirements for the specific master’s program that you intend to pursue.

2. File an M.S. program of study form with the Office of Academic and Student Services. You, your faculty advisor and program area chairperson must sign the form.

   The M.S. program of study form should be filed before the completion of 18 credit hours of study.

   The program of study must be filed prior to the completion of 12 credit hours of study if it contains transfer credit. An approved program of study must match courses listed on your official transcript. After it is approved by the assistant dean, you and your faculty advisor will each receive a copy via e-mail. The original copy remains on file in the Office of Academic and Student Services to be monitored as you proceed with your program. To change your program of study once it has been approved, you must submit a petition to the faculty form, signed by your advisor and your program area chairperson, to the Office of Academic and Student Services or refile an updated program of study.

   3. Discuss with your faculty advisor whether you will take an intensive examination, write a thesis, prepare a portfolio, or if your department has an “in lieu of examination” option.

   Intensive examinations are designed by your faculty advisor and/or other faculty in your program and are generally given once each semester. The examination itself carries no credit. Check examination dates with your academic advisor.

   a. Check with your department to see if they require a request for master’s exam or
A portfolio presentation form. If so, you must file the form with the Office of Academic and Student Services at the beginning of the semester in which you intend to take the exam. The form is available online at the SOE web site under Student Forms.

b. You have three chances to pass an intensive examination. After the second failure, you must take six additional credit hours of course work (selected in consultation with your faculty advisor) before the third attempt. Rewrites or retakes of the exam can affect the actual conferral date of your degree.

c. Your faculty advisor will send a results of exam/portfolio/thesis to the Office of Academic and Student Services.

A master’s thesis usually constitutes three to six credit hours of the total credit hours for your degree. For registration purposes, use EDU 997 as the course prefix and number. Your faculty advisor and a thesis committee (selected from faculty in your area) will assist you in developing, writing, and defending your research.

If you are conducting research involving human subjects, you must file an Institutional Review Board (IRB) application and receive IRB approval to conduct the study. IRB information and forms are available on the web: http://orip.syr.edu

A portfolio presentation option is offered by some teacher preparation program areas. Discuss this option with your faculty advisor.

An “in lieu of examination” option is offered by some program areas. This option involves an internship or additional course work generally consisting of a capstone course or a course in which a special project is completed. Your academic advisor can inform you if your program area offers this option and exactly what will be required of you. The department must notify the Office of Academic and Student Services when this option is successfully completed.

4. Check with your faculty advisor or department chair for any other graduation requirements that may be specific to your program, (ex: Safe and Healthy Learning Environments class or prior NYS teacher certification.)

5. A diploma request must be submitted no matter which exit requirement you are completing. The diploma request must be submitted online at MySlice.syr.edu before the beginning of your last semester.

The diploma request is used for four purposes: to enter your name for an anticipated degree date; to provide an audit of your academic program information; to allow you to indicate special instructions for mailing and imprinting your diploma; and to insure your receipt of commencement information. Diplomas are mailed approximately eight weeks after your degree is certified. Be certain to provide an address that will be valid at that time.

**Continuous Registration Requirement**

You must be continuously registered at SU during each fall and spring semester. If you are not registering for course work, register for GRD 998, Degree in Progress for 0 credit hours. You can register online during the registration period for that semester.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Syracuse University awards degrees four times a year (May, June, August, and December) but has only one graduation ceremony, scheduled in May. If you will complete all course work and exams by the May, June, or August deadlines and wish to participate in the ceremony in May, you must file your diploma request no later than the end of January of that year. If you will complete all course work and exams by the deadlines for the December graduation date, you are eligible to participate in the following May’s ceremony. In this case, you should file your diploma request no later than the end of September before your graduation date.
A student activity fee will be billed to your student account at the bursar’s office. To petition to waive the activity fee, contact the president of the Graduate Student Organization, located in the Schine Student Center.

Students will be charged a $500 fee when they register for the fifth semester of GRD 998 and beyond. For the first four semesters during the coursework phase of a graduate degree, the fee will be waived. This fee, charged upon enrollment of the fifth semester, indicates continuing engagement in a graduate program; it recognizes the continuing use of faculty, staff, and institutional resources, even during periods when courses are not being taken. It is designed to encourage students to enroll in courses on a continuous basis so that they complete their degree programs expeditiously. Finally, it maintains the student’s active status in the program.

If circumstances are such that a student has to register for GRD 998 for an extended period of time, that student must take a leave of absence. A leave of absence permits extension of the time to complete the degree by a maximum of one year. A leave of absence cannot be taken retroactively.

**Full-time and Part-time Status**

The University’s certification of a student’s status is based solely on the criteria stated in this rule. Students who meet SU’s requirements for full-time or part-time status may not meet requirements for such status as defined by other agencies or institutions. Conversely,

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**Restricted Graduate Credit**

Restricted graduate credit is credit earned at the graduate level by students who aren’t matriculated in a graduate program. Restricted credit must be converted to graduate credit in order to be included in a graduate degree or certificate program. All coursework taken as a non-matriculated student automatically calculates toward the graduate GPA unless a petition to flag the courses is submitted to and approved by the Graduate School, after matriculation in a degree or certificate program.

Restricted graduate credit earned during the term in which you become matriculated in the Graduate School is converted automatically to graduate credit.

A maximum of 30 percent of credits counted toward a master’s degree at SU may be transferred from another institution provided that the credits are an integral part of the degree program.

**Conversion to Graduate Credit**

You may apply to have up to nine credits of restricted graduate credit converted to graduate credit if you meet all of the following conditions:

- you become matriculated in a graduate degree or certificate program
- your overall average in all SU graduate work is at least 2.8
- you earned a B or better in each course
- your courses are part of a degree or certificate program approved by your department
- you have completed your coursework within the time limit allowed for the degree

Restricted graduate credit earned during the term in which you become matriculated in the Graduate School is converted automatically to graduate credit.

In the higher education degree program, no more than six hours of restricted graduate credit may be converted to graduate credit.
**TRANSFER CREDIT**

In compliance with NYSED regulations, SU only awards transfer credit for courses that are an integral part of an SU degree program, as determined by the appropriate SU academic unit. At the graduate level, schools/colleges and departments may assess and accept credit:

- earned at another regionally accredited graduate school in the United States or at an institution equivalently recognized in another country;
- earned in a course in which the grade earned was at least a B. Coursework completed on a pass/fail basis is not eligible for transfer; and
- that is an integral part of the degree program.

Transfer credit should be evaluated and posted no later than the end of the semester preceding the semester in which coursework for the degree will be completed. All coursework applied toward a degree must comply with all time limitations.

A maximum of 30 percent of credits counted toward a master’s degree at SU may be transferred from another institution provided that the credits are an integral part of the degree program.

**COUNTING CREDITS TOWARD MULTIPLE DEGREES AND/OR PROGRAMS**

NYSED limits the counting of credits toward multiple degrees and/or programs to protect the academic integrity of each degree and/or program. When a student is counting credits towards multiple degrees and/or programs, in the same or closely related field(s) and the coursework makes up an integral part of the degrees and/or programs, the following restrictions apply:

1. In no instance shall course credit be counted more than twice in satisfaction of the requirements for multiple degrees and/or programs.

2. In order to earn two or more distinct degrees and/or programs (including certificates of advanced study (C.A.S), you must earn a minimum of 80 percent of the combined total of SU credits normally required for each of the degrees.

3. Two 12-credit C.A.S.s may not be awarded for less than 21 credits.

4. Two 30-credit master’s degrees will not be awarded for fewer than 51 credits, nor will three 30-credit master’s degrees be awarded for fewer than 75 credits.

5. You must be admitted to the degree program in each of the awarding academic units.

Note: These restrictions do not apply to joint/dual programs with the College of Law or the master of philosophy degrees.

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and SU concurrent study: SU and SUNY ESF have agreements that encourage concurrent master’s study in environmental science and forestry with SU degree work in public communications, law, management, public administration, and certain education programs. Other SU fields may also qualify. Contact your school/college, the Graduate School and SUNY ESF for specific requirements and procedures regarding concurrent degree work and counting of credits.
students who do not meet the University’s requirements for full-or part-time status may be considered full-time or part-time by other agencies.

**FULL-TIME**

A graduate student is considered full time under any one of the following conditions:

- registered for full-time study (9 credits for fall, spring, or summer in a program approved by the student’s advisor)
- holding an appointment as a graduate assistant or fellow and registered for the semester (fall and spring only)
- registered for fewer than 9 credits but for at least 0 (zero) credits of degree in progress for the semester and engaged, at a level equivalent to full-time study, in one or more of the following activities as certified by your program:
  - studying for preliminary, qualifying, or comprehensive exams
  - studying for a language
  - actively working on a thesis or dissertation
  - an internship

A law student is full-time if enrolled for 12 credits in a fall or spring semester. If matriculated in a joint/dual degree program that includes the J.D. degree, then the law requirement for full-time status takes precedence over the 9 credit criterion for full-time status as stated above.

*Syracuse University considers 9 credits per term to be full-time study for graduate study.

**PART-TIME (FALL, SPRING, AND SUMMER)**

Graduate students who do not meet the requirements for full-time status are considered part time.

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**APPLYING FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

**NEW YORK STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

Certification is NOT automatic. Anyone seeking certification must apply on the [NYSED TEACH](https://www.nysed.gov) website.

**INSTITUTIONAL RECOMMENDATION**

Institutional recommendation is based on the applicant completing a state-approved degree program. All master’s programs at the Syracuse University School of Education qualify as state-approved degree programs; therefore, Syracuse University can recommend you for certification when you have completed a program that leads to New York State certification. In order to qualify for institutional recommendation, you must apply within two years of completing your degree program at SU. In addition to completing an approved program, certification exams are required. You can visit the [New York State Certification Exam](https://www.nysed.gov) website for more information.

- Students who complete a master’s degree in an approved teacher preparation program at Syracuse University (which includes student teaching, a practicum, or an internship) are eligible for Syracuse University’s recommendation in that certification area. The certification coordinator will assist you with the online certification application process.
- Students who are presently certified in New York State and complete a master’s degree leading to professional or a new initial certification are eligible for Syracuse University’s recommendation. The certification coordinator will assist you with the TEACH online certification application process.

For certification questions or assistance, or to open a credential file, contact the coordinator of career services and certification in the Office of Academic and Student Services.
**Types of Certificates Issued by New York State**

**Initial Certification**
- Is the first New York State certificate and is effective for five years from the issuance date.
- Requires completion of School of Education approved undergraduate or graduate teacher prep program.
- Requires completion of the fingerprinting process prior to student teaching placement.
- Must pass NYS teacher exams: edTPA (portfolio-based teacher performance assessment), EAS (Educating All Students), ALST (Academic Literacy Skills) and CST (Content Specialty Test).
- Candidates should apply for this certification within two years of graduation to be eligible for School of Education recommendation.

**Professional Certification**
- Must be earned before initial certificate expires.
- Requires completion of a master’s degree in a related area of initial certification.
- Requires completion of three years full time teaching employment.
- Requires completion of professional development through school district employer.
- New York State teacher exams are not required (with the exception of speech and language disabilities).

Options for those with initial certification earned at the bachelors level:
- Earn master’s degree leading to professional certification in area of initial certification.
- Earn master’s degree in a new certification area.
- Earn master’s degree, provided that 12 graduate credits of content related to the initial certificate are completed (as part of the master’s or in addition to it), as specified by New York State (must apply for certification directly to New York State Department of Education).

Checklist of steps to file for New York State certification
- Successfully pass the required New York State teacher certification exams. Test dates, registration and preparation guides are available at [www.nystce.nesinc.com](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com).
- Apply for fingerprinting clearance at the Office of Academic and Student Services prior to student teaching placement.
- Meet with an academic advisor in the Office of Academic and Student Services to confirm that all degree requirements will be completed.
- Apply for certification through [NYSED TEACH Online Services](http://nysedteach.org).

**Recommendation for Certification**
- Online certification recommendation will be completed once award date is posted on transcript (typically four to six weeks after graduation).

**Certification in Other States**
Although New York State has reciprocity with many other states, it is best to contact the Department of Education in the other states directly for certification information. Each state will have its own certification requirements, which may include examinations and/or additional course work.

More information regarding certification in other states is available at: [http://certificationmap.com](http://certificationmap.com)

If the out-of-state certification application requires the School of Education to complete an institutional recommendation section, send it with written instructions (indicating where to return the form, once completed) to the certification coordinator in the Office of Academic and Student Services.

We can give this recommendation only after the applicant has completed the School of Education’s approved program degree requirements.
INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

Public Law 93-348 (1974) requires that all research projects involving human subjects be reviewed by a properly constituted institutional review board. At SU this is known as the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Students and faculty are required to submit copies of any research proposal that involves human subjects to the IRB for review unless the research has been found by the IRB to be exempt from review. Review and approval by the IRB must occur before research can begin. IRB forms may be acquired from and submitted to the IRB Office, 121 Bowne Hall.

Required forms, deadlines, updated policies and procedures, and additional resources can be found at: http://orip.syr.edu.

SELECTED SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENTS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDENT GRADE APPEAL PROCESS

1. The instructor of record assigns a course grade. If the instructor of record is not a member of the faculty, the faculty member responsible for the course will be responsible for assigning a course grade.

2. A course grade is based upon the instructor’s professional assessment of the academic quality of the student’s presented work. Such assessments are not negotiable, and disputes about them do not constitute valid grounds for an appeal.

3. If a student disputes the grade, the appeal process for a grade dispute begins with the instructor of record. The student will provide a written appeal, which will include the grounds for which the appeal is being made. If a resolution of the grade appeal is not obtained, the appeal moves to the next level of authority. Valid grounds for further appeal are only on procedural grounds. The level of authority in order is: instructor of record, faculty member responsible for the course, the chair of the department of the faculty member, the dean of the School of Education (or his or her designee), appeals panel.

4. If the student wishes to appeal the decision of the dean, a sub-committee of the School of Education’s Committee on Policies and Standards will serve as the appeal panel. The School of Education by-laws, endorsed by the faculty, assigns the Committee on Policies and Standards the responsibility for handling “all appeals by students regarding course evaluations or standing in their programs.” The Committee members chosen by the Chair of the Policy and Standards Committee to serve on the panel must be tenured and cannot have had any involvement in the appeal process leading up to this level of appeal. The appeal panel shall have a quorum of at least three.

5. The panel will have the right to meet with the student and the instructor involved in the grade appeal either separately or together and will have the right to request a written statement from one or both parties, at their discretion. The decision to deny the students grade appeal or to authorize the Registrar to change the grade will be final. The panel will inform the student and the instructor of record of the decision in writing.

6. The panel will summarize the appeal case and the decision of the appeal in writing to the Senate Committee on Instruction. The only grounds for further appeal are irregularities in the School’s appeal procedures. If such a case occurs, either party may appeal the final decision of the faculty panel to the Senate Committee on Instruction. The Senate Committee on Instruction may either deny the appeal or maintain that the procedure begins again at the point the irregularity occurred in the appeal process.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

As a member of the School of Education and of the SU community, you are expected to show exceptional integrity in your academic work and to adhere to University-wide academic integrity standards and policies. The University’s Academic Integrity Office (AIO) oversees academic integrity policy and mandates procedures and sanctions when violations have occurred. Actions constituting violations arise in situations involving the use of sources (plagiarism),
course work and research, communications with instructors, and representation and materials misuse. Examples of violations include giving or receiving aid in an exam or where otherwise prohibited, fraud, plagiarism, the falsification or forgery or any record, dishonesty in requests for make-up exams and deadlines for papers, or any other deceptive act in connection with academic work. As a student here, you must take responsibility for understanding the nature of academic integrity. You can refer to http://academicintegrity.syr.edu for links to the policies. And, as always, be conscientious about your work. Take credit for work that you have done, allow others to take credit for their work, do not take ideas and work without giving credit, and do not cheat. In any situation where someone else is trying to compromise your integrity, use your own judgment and conscience.

**Nonconsensual Sexual Activity and Sexual Harassment**

Syracuse University is committed to maintaining an environment free from all exploitation and intimidation. The University will not tolerate rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, or other forms of nonconsensual sexual activity. Nonconsensual sexual activity includes the following:

- Any form of nonconsensual sexual intercourse committed against the will of the victim.
  
The type of force used may involve physical violence, coercion, threat of harm, or intimidation, actual or implied. Sexual intercourse can involve oral, anal or vaginal penetration.

- Any actual or attempted nonconsensual sexual activity, including attempted intercourse, sexual touching, exhibitionism, or sexual language of a threatening nature.

**School of Education Academic Dismissal Policies for Graduate Students**

The School of Education requires that all graduate students achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) in order to graduate. If at any time the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 2.8, the student’s matriculated status may be cancelled by the Graduate School upon recommendation of the student’s academic program.

Additional requirements are stated in the School of Education’s Orange Books and in program and departmental documents. Failure to meet these requirements also constitutes grounds for dismissal from a program of study. Reasons for dismissal include, but are not limited to: failure to pass master’s comprehensives or doctoral qualifying examinations; failure to develop appropriate professional skills and dispositions; failure to meet program and professional standards of practice; academic dishonesty and

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**Using Copyrighted Material**

All students are expected to maintain and promote the highest standards of scholarly and intellectual integrity and honesty. As the author of a thesis/dissertation manuscript, you are responsible for certifying that the use (e.g. quotation, reproduction, etc.) of any previously copyrighted material appearing in your manuscript, beyond “fair use,” is with the written permission of the copyright owner.

Section 107 of the Copyright Act of October 19, 1976 (effective January 1, 1978) discusses the concept of fair use. Consult The Chicago Manual of Style for an in-depth discussion. In general, excerpts in excess of 150 words, provided they do not constitute a major portion of the original work, are acceptable within the fair use doctrine. Please note that paraphrasing does not relieve you of the obligation to provide proper identification of source data.

Material contained in your thesis/dissertation that is protected by copyright must not only be properly acknowledged, but may be included only with the written permission of the copyright owner, unless its use comes within the doctrine of fair use. (Note for doctoral candidates: ProQuest UMI Publishing Co. makes an effort to check with each Ph.D. dissertation published for previously copyright material. They may contact you concerning proper attribution or a statement of permission.)
other forms of professional misconduct. At or before matriculation, individual programs will notify students of the program specific requirements they must meet to remain in good academic standing.

When a student is judged not to have met the university, school, or program requirements, the department chair will notify the student in writing of this determination and the recommendation of dismissal from his or her program. A copy of this notice will be sent to the assistant dean for academic and student services. If no appeal of the dismissal is lodged within one month, the dismissal will be communicated to the Graduate School.

[Note: Violations of the Syracuse University Student Code of Conduct may also result in program dismissal under certain conditions: “Failure to comply with sanctions that are imposed by the University judicial system, or with specific conditions related to the safety and security of any persons or property while a case is pending, will result in immediate, indefinite suspension or expulsion from the University without benefit of further process.” See Student Code of Conduct and Sanctions. Students should also consult the University’s Academic Integrity Policy.

**Appeal Procedures for Program Dismissals**

Students have the right to appeal a decision to dismiss them from their academic programs. The appeal must be initiated in writing within a month after the dismissal decision. The written document should describe the basis for the appeal and the remedies sought.

The written appeal should be directed to the assistant dean for academic and student services. The assistant dean will transmit the appeal to the School of Education’s policies, standards, and scholarships committee. The committee will forward a copy of the appeal to the student’s department. The committee, or a subcommittee of it consisting of at least three tenured faculty members, will constitute the appeal panel. The appeal panel will make every effort to hear the appeal within a month of the committee’s receiving the written appeal. However, the timing of the appeal or its circumstances may require a longer period of investigation.

The appeal panel will not question the requirements the program has set nor will it substitute its own judgment for the judgment of the program faculty about whether the student has met those requirements. Valid grounds for appeal arise if the program fails to provide or implement uniform and consistent requirements, or bases an assessment on other than the stated criteria. Thus the appeal panel will consider whether the student was provided with “accurate and plainly stated information relating to maintenance of acceptable academic standing,” as required by the University Student Handbook, and whether the program applied those requirements, and only those requirements, in making its decision.

Students have the right to be accompanied by an advisor from SU’s academic community during the hearing. While the student may consult the advisor, the student him- or herself must present the case and respond to the appeal panel’s questions.

If a student’s grounds for the appeal concern issues of disability or other forms of diversity, the student may ask a member of any university support unit to review the case file and act as a consultant to the appeal panel.

The decision of the appeal panel is final.

Approved by the School of Education assembly, on April 27, 2012.

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All students must follow the guidelines set forth in the Academic Rules 2014-2015 found on the Syracuse University Course Catalog web site at COURSECATALOG.SYR.EDU
Important Telephone Numbers

School of Education
Dean’s Office  443-4752
Academic and Student Services Office  443-9319

Program Areas
Counseling and Human Services  443-2266
Cultural Foundations of Education  443-3343
Health and Exercise Science  443-9696
Higher Education  443-4763
Instructional Design, Development & Evaluation  443-3703
Reading and Language Arts  443-4755
Literary Education
Teaching and Leadership  443-2685
   Educational Leadership Ed.D.
   Mathematics Education
   Science Education
   Special Education
   Teaching and Curriculum

Syracuse University
Main information number  443-1870
Department of Public Safety  443-2224
EMERGENCY (from campus phone only)  711

City of Syracuse
Fire or Police (EMERGENCY)  911

Links to Forms Referred to in This Book

The following forms referred to in The Orange Book can be obtained online on the School of Education web site or in the Office of Academic and Student Services.

- Flagging Petition to the Faculty
- Graduate Program Plan Transfer Form
- Internship Proposal Agreement
- Official Withdrawal/Leave of Absence (hard copy only)
- M.S. Program of Study
- Petition to the Faculty
- Proposal for Independent Study Course
- Release of Academic Information
- Request for Incomplete Grade
- Request Form for Master’s Exam, Portfolio Presentation, and/or Thesis

Useful Links

- New York State Department of Education
- NYS Teacher Certification Exams
- Teacher certification in states other than NY
- IRB information and forms
- Maps of Syracuse University

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