

Student Due Process

Lansing Community College holds firm to the philosophy that matriculation in college does not deny any rights of citizenship to a student. At the same time, matriculation in college does not relieve a student of the essential responsibilities of citizenship. Thus, the College is constantly aware of the joint responsibilities, shared by the student body and the College, to uphold the principles of "due process" in all disciplinary action.

It is the College's intention to foster and promote an environment of cooperation among faculty, staff, and students. However, conflicts that require third-party intervention sometimes exist. While there are formal processes for resolving conflicts, it is the goal of the College to achieve resolution as rapidly and as close to the origin of conflict as possible through mediation. To this end, the Dean of Student Affairs (or his/her designee) and/or the Director of Equal Opportunity are available to assist with mediating situations at their lowest level or to direct the parties involved to the person(s) or department(s) that can best mediate the occurrence. This mediation is predicated on the voluntary agreement of both parties. Matters that are considered too extreme may require immediate referral to the formal process.

Due Process is the guarantee of student civil rights under the Constitution of the United States and the laws and regulations of Michigan and Lansing Community College. Due Process is that process which prevents rights from being taken away from an individual without "notice" and an "opportunity to respond" to the allegations. Any questions regarding Due Process should be directed to the Dean of Student Affairs (or his or her designee).