

Policy Regarding Disruption of the Academic Process
(This document is an addendum to the *Student Code of Conduct*)

Disruption of the Academic Process

Southern University and A&M College broadly defines disruption/obstruction as any major/minor action which obstructs, or attempts to obstruct, an official University function, such as teaching, research, administration, or other campus activity.

Disruption in the Classroom

Disruptions that affect the academic process will be broadly defined as the acts of a student in a teaching environment, which at the determination of the instructor, prohibits other students from fully engaging in the academic process. More specifically,

- acts that direct attention from instruction, such as noisy distractions; persistent, disrespectful or abusive interruptions of lectures, exams or academic discussions, or
- acts that present a danger to the health, safety or well-being of the individuals present.

Students with disabilities or other impairments that may cause disruptions of the academic process are subject to the regulations that are outlined by the Office of Disability Services but will not be allowed to disrupt the academic progress of other students.

Sanctions for Disruption in the Classroom

Sanctions for disruptions in the classroom are subject to the seriousness of the disruption and range from a warning to dismissal (administrative withdrawal) from course. Serious instances of disruption shall result in suspension or expulsion from the University.