Student Accountability Agreement

North Greenville University

Established 1892

Parents and students must read and sign this agreement.

A Philosophy for Christian Education

As a Christian school, North Greenville University must keep the emphasis upon the work and person of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, is the true God and true man who died as the substitutionary atonement for the forgiveness of sin, was resurrected from the dead, and now reigns as the living Lord. A university is Christian when Christ is the head and center of all its thinking and conduct.

An education at North Greenville University is regarded as preparation for effective Christian service and witness. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, is the solid foundation of the curriculum and the basis of the philosophy of education and of life.

We care about the spiritual well-being of our students as well as their academic achievements.

Attendance at North Greenville University is a privilege, not a right, which may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to the standards and regulations of this institution. The University may request the withdrawal of any student at any time who, in the opinion of the University, does not fit into the spirit of the institution, regardless of whether that student conforms to its specific rules and regulations.

Statement of Purpose

Affiliated with and committed to the South Carolina Baptist Convention, North Greenville University is a co-educational liberal arts institution, which provides opportunities for higher education in a Christian atmosphere. The University strives to prepare students to become better contributing members of society by educating the whole person through an integration of academic discipline, a Christian lifestyle, and an enriched cultural experience while offering students the best opportunities for spiritual growth, academic training, and Christian service. Christ must be the center of the campus for the purpose of Christian education and Christian character building.

Student Accountability

University regulations provide guidelines for University life. A student is expected to display an attitude in which cooperation, good judgment, and good taste are standards of life at the University. Regulations are designed to be corrective and beneficial to the educational development of the student. STUDENTS MUST ABIDE BY THE NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT BOTH ON AND OFF THE CAMPUS. Therefore, the following areas are considered major offenses by the University: alcohol, drugs, physical assault, sexual misconduct, unauthorized visitation, and violation of outside law. The penalty for being guilty of a major offense will result in withdrawal or suspension from school. Any student who refuses to cooperate with University officials forfeits all rights as outlined in the “Enlightener” and may be removed from University property. The University reserves the right to use testing such as, but not limited to, drug testing, breathalyzer testing and polygraph testing if the University determines it necessary. All students are expected to be knowledgeable concerning the information in the “Enlightener.”

Dress Regulations

The primary objective of North Greenville University is to provide a learning environment that is Christ-centered and a place where “Christ Makes the Difference.” The personal appearance of every student is an important component of establishing a Christ-centered environment where the objectives of the University can be attained. Students are expected to dress in the manner described below while on University property or representing the University.

The following minimum standards apply at NGU and will be vigorously enforced. The University reserves the right to make additions to these standards.

1. Student dress and grooming will be neat and clean.

2. No bare midriff shirts or blouses will be permitted. No tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, halter-tops, or vests without shirts will be permitted. Shoulder straps have to be a minimum of 3 inches wide. No see-through or mesh garments may be worn. Hats, sunglasses, hair curlers, skullies, or do-rags may not be worn inside any building except residential halls and the gymnasium. No clothing or jewelry will be permitted that displays profanity, suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drug advertisements, or other inappropriate phrases or symbols. Shorts may be worn; however, they must be properly fitted and in good taste and may not be shorter than mid-thigh. Skirts should fit and be in good taste and not be shorter than mid-thigh. Clothing that inappropriately exposes body parts or underclothing is not permitted. Pajama type clothing is not allowed outside the residential halls. Trousers/slacks/shorts must be worn at waist level. Because of safety reasons, excessively baggy trousers and clothing are not permitted. Non-human colored hair is not permitted. Clothing may not drag on the floor. Extraneous articles hanging from clothing, such as chains or other articles, are considered inappropriate and will not be permitted. “Gothic” style clothing and/or make-up is not permitted.
3. **Body/Facial jewelry is not permitted except on the earlobes. Students may not have any other body part pierced. Students are not allowed to wear “spacers” or clear rings or other items deemed inappropriate by Student Services.** Male students who represent the University in an official capacity (such as choir, athletes, RAs, Coordinators, etc.) may not pierce their ears.

4. **“Special Event” Dress:** “Special Event” functions are cultural events, Sunday lunch in the dining hall, and other special occasions as determined by Student Services. “Special Event” dress is defined as the following: Men – neatly fitting and pressed trousers and, at a minimum, a collared polo style shirt; dress shirt and tie are preferable, and no sandals/flip flops will be permitted. Women – neatly fitting dress, skirt with a blouse, or pantsuit is acceptable. Dresses and skirts must not be shorter than mid-thigh. Denim pants, athletic apparel, and shorts cannot be worn at “Special Event” functions. Students not adhering to the “Special Event” dress policy will not be allowed to enter “Special Event” functions.

**Health Services**

The University employs a full-time medical staff that provides health services through the Tuttle Clinic. Students needing medical assistance can go to the clinic during posted clinic hours. If a student feels they are too sick to visit the clinic, the student must call Student Services at 864-977-7121, and Student Services will assist them in getting immediate medical attention. During the evening hours and on weekends, students need to call Campus Security at 864-977-7777, and they will contact Student Services.

**Campus-Wide Curfew**

North Greenville University maintains a campus-wide curfew beginning at 12:00 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. All commuter students will be off campus after the designated curfew time. There will be no one on the grounds, in the buildings, or in the residents’ common areas after the designated curfew. Although resident students are highly encouraged to remain on campus after curfew hours, any student may leave and return to campus at any time. When a resident student returns to campus after the above-mentioned curfew, he or she must sign-in with the Campus Security Office or with a Student Services staff member. After signing in, the resident student must go directly to his or her room.

**Privilege Concept**

Any and all students who attend North Greenville University must understand, agree with, and conform to all regulations, standards, and policies of this institution. Further, let it be understood that attendance at North Greenville University is a privilege and not a right, which may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to the standards and regulations of the institution. The University may request the withdrawal of any student at any time who, in the opinion of the University, does not fit into the spirit of the institution, regardless of whether or not he or she conforms to the specific rules and regulations of the University.

If the student is a dependent, regardless of age, the University requires that both the student and parent (or legal guardian) read the “Student Accountability Agreement” form and the “Enlightener.” Both the student and parent/guardian must sign the “Student Accountability Agreement” form.

**Enlightener 2015-2016**

This is to confirm that I have been notified that the student handbook, known as the “Enlightener,” can be found on the NGU Website and that I am fully responsible to read and understand all that is contained in this document. (You may go to www.ngu.edu, rollover the “Student” icon, look for “Current Students,” and below “Current Students” you will find the “Enlightener” link.) I further understand that I am responsible for abiding by all rules, regulations, and policies contained in the “Enlightener” and other publications of the University. Furthermore, I will notify the Office of Student Services immediately if I cannot access the document listed above. I accept full responsibility for knowing and understanding the rules and regulations of the University.

I have read and agree to abide by and be held accountable for the policies of North Greenville University both on and off campus as outlined in the “Student Accountability Agreement” form and the “Enlightener.”

Check One:

___Resident   ___Commuter

Name: (please print clearly) ____________________________________________

First    Middle    Last

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

**Parent/Guardian Signature is required if student is his or her dependent (regardless of student’s age)**

Parent/Guardian signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

University: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

(signed by a University official)