

**CHARTER OF RIGHTS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

ADOPTION AND REVISION

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ARTICLE 1

Preamble

All members of the College community have an obligation to establish and maintain an environment in which learning can be transmitted through mutual cooperation, understanding and respect for the rights, privileges and responsibilities of others.

- i) All members of Heritage College enjoy rights and freedoms which respect the moral and physical integrity of others and contribute to their full personal development and growth.
- ii) As members of the College community, students of Heritage College have the right to a quality education, free inquiry, and fair evaluation and, they in turn, are responsible for ensuring their actions honour the learning environment of others as well as the established College policies.

ARTICLE 2

Rights and Responsibilities

These rights and responsibilities are restricted only by the limits imposed by federal and provincial legislation.

2.1 Individual Rights and Freedoms

- rights and freedoms apply with no distinctions based either on age, sex, ethnic or national origin, socio-economic situation, political convictions, religious, civil and sexual orientation;
- right of association;
- freedom of expression;
- right of assembly and demonstration;
- right to information pertinent to all aspects of College life;
- right to elect their representatives and to participate in the democratic life of their association;
- right of access to services offered by their association and the administration of the College;
- the right to confidentiality regarding private life, personal property and educational progress reports.

2.2 Individual Responsibilities

- respect the private life, the physical and emotional well-being, and the property of others;
- follow the established policies of the College;
- respect the physical and material environment of the College;
- respect the points of view and values of others;
- act in a manner that encourages the learning environment of self and others.

2.3 Specific Rights of Students

- the right to quality teaching and the right to express an opinion on the quality of teaching received;
- the right to request the evaluation method of assignments and examinations and the deadlines for submission of assignments and examination dates;
- the right of appeal of evaluations;
- the right to have a point of view and values respected in class;
- the right to a clean and healthy learning environment.

ARTICLE 3

Reciprocity

These rights and freedoms are applicable to the entire College community and are to be exercised in a climate of reciprocity and mutual respect within their own group as well as with others be it in the classroom, in the College or while attending and/or representing the College outside the institution.

ARTICLE 4

Application

The *Charter of Rights and Responsibilities* is to be used in conjunction with existing by-laws, policies, directives and procedures of Heritage College and in no way circumvents the purpose of these specific documents enacted under the *General and Vocational Colleges Act* and its regulations.

Breaches of this Charter shall be dealt with in accordance with the rules of fairness, impartiality and

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due process. The Student Association, the Academic Dean and the Director of Student Services are available to assist, and direct inquiries and complaints.