

# GRADUATE

## Welcome to the Graduate Studies Bulletin

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Official policies of the University listed below are published annually in Carolina Community.

1. Student Rights and Freedoms within the Academic Community
2. Code of Student Academic Responsibility and Procedures for Implementation of this Code
3. Grievance Policy and Procedures for Non-Academic Areas
4. University Policy on Use of Alcohol
5. University Policy on Campus Solicitation
6. University Policy on Student Patent and Copyright Matters

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