Faculty guide to

Academic Disruption

What is Academic Disruption?

Disorderly Conduct

Classroom behavior that disrupts the instructor's ability to teach or students' ability to learn.

Disruptive Activity

Students are expected to comply with and respond appropriately to the reasonable and lawful requests of University officials in the performance of their duties.

Failure to Comply

Disruption of the normal activity and operations of faculty, staff, and students .

How should I handle Academic Disruption?

1 Utilize Prevention Methods

- Add into your syllabus a statement regarding behavioral expectations in your classroom
  - See sample syllabus statements on our website
- Discuss classroom expectations at the beginning of class and when relevant

2 If an Incident Occurs

- Address the behavior in person

Explain the impact of the behavior

Request that the behavior stops

Explore alternatives to behavior

Refer the student to an appropriate resource

Follow-up with the student via e-mail to document your conversation

3 If the Incident Escalates

- Fill out an incident report at sc.edu/osc
  - This notifies the Office of Student Conduct
  - Make sure to notify your dean and department head

If you have any questions or concerns about how to handle a student's behavior, please reach out to your department head or dean and then the Office of Student Conduct. If you feel threatened, call 911

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