Student Involvement Policy

I. Introduction
As a Student-centered, Catholic University rooted in the Jesuit and Marymount traditions, Loyola Marymount University values the creation of a campus community in which all members are appreciated, respected and free to develop their personal gifts.

The University recognizes the importance of undergraduate and graduate Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs in fostering the educational mission of the University and provides support through the department of Student Leadership & Development and the Division of Student Affairs. Student involvement outside of the classroom provides significant personal and professional development opportunities for the Students involved, however, it should not be at the expense of academic success. As such, the following academic and discipline standards have been set forth in this policy to assist with Students’ academic success.

II. Definitions

Registered Student Organizations
Registered Student Organizations contribute to the University’s mission and culture by regularly hosting events for their members, their guests and the University Community. The complexity or scope of their events is generally moderate in nature. The activities, direction, leadership and decisions of Registered Student Organizations rest predominately in the hands of the Student leaders and members of the organization. Oversight of Registered Student Organizations comes from Student Leadership & Development. Registered Student Organizations must apply annually to receive formal registration from the University.

Departmental Student Programs
Departmental Student Programs are designated by the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and operate under the direct guidance and supervision of a University department. Their purpose, activities and functions are seen as key elements in carrying out the University’s mission. They provide a service to the University and are integral to the function of the department and/or University. Student leaders of Departmental Student Programs are typically chosen or selected by the department, must adhere to the leadership position eligibility in this policy and in some cases may be compensated. Intercollegiate Athletics Department Teams are not considered Departmental Student Programs nor are they subject to this policy.

III. Policy

A. Membership Eligibility

1. Academic Standing: Students must typically be currently enrolled undergraduate Students or matriculated graduate Students at LMU. Students must be in good academic standing and may not be on academic probation or subject to disqualification per the University Bulletin in order to be eligible to participate as a member of a...
Registered Student Organization or Departmental Student Program. Undergraduate Students must maintain a C average (2.0) term and cumulative GPA. Graduate Students must maintain a B average (3.0) term and cumulative GPA. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs may impose a higher standard. Members may be removed from the organization if they do not meet the eligibility requirements.

2. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs that have and follow an established member academic improvement program approved by Student Leadership & Development or their respective departments may be given deference to handle membership GPA eligibility issues within their organization or program.

B. Leadership Position Eligibility

1. Academic Standing: Students must be in good academic standing and may not be on academic probation or subject to disqualification per the University Bulletin in order to be eligible to participate as a leader of a Departmental Student Program. Undergraduate Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 term and cumulative GPA. Graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.0 term and cumulative GPA.
   a. A higher academic standard may be imposed by Departmental Student Programs for their respective programs.

   b. Departmental Student Programs that have and follow an established Student leader academic improvement program approved by their respective department may be given deference to handle leadership GPA eligibility issues within their program.

2. Disciplinary Standing: Students must be deemed in good disciplinary standing by the Office of Student Conduct & Community Responsibility in order to be eligible to serve in a leadership position for a Departmental Student Program.

C. Membership Selection

1. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs are expected to follow their organizational and/or departmental policies and procedures as well as all University policies related to membership selection including, but not limited to, the University's Non-Discrimination Policy, the only exception being based on sex provided by Title IX, 20 U.S.C. §1681(a) (6)(A).

D. Membership Suspension and/or Removal

1. Registered Student Organizations and Departmental Student Programs are expected to conduct any member suspension and/or removal proceedings in a respectful manner consistent with, and not in violation of, their organizational and/or departmental polices as well as University policies. Suspension and/or removal decisions are expected to be evidence based, conducted with fundamental fairness, and not be conducted in an arbitrary or capricious manner.