The Southwest Minnesota State University Student Handbook is intended to provide you with information about services available at the University and University procedures. The University views itself as a community and expects that each community member will become familiar with the standards of the community and assume responsibility for making decisions governing his or her behavior with this community.

The information in this handbook is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather it should be used as a reference for basic University expectations. If you should have any questions about the information or be in need of additional resources to answer your questions, please contact the Office of the President, FH 209, phone 537-6272. Updates, as they occur during the year, will be made to the handbook on the SMSU website.

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