As a member of the USI community, students have access to a wealth of resources to support your success. Here you will have many opportunities to learn, to grow, and to get involved in an endless variety of opportunities, intellectually, personally, and professionally. As with any community, there are rules that have been developed to ensure a supportive and appropriate environment for learning. While these rules pertain primarily to students, they are consistent with the expectations for all members of the USI community.

**USI CREED**

As a member of the USI community...

- I will practice personal and academic integrity; I will reject and confront all manifestations of discrimination while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions;
- I will demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, their property, and their need for conditions which support their work and development;
- Allegiance to these ideals requires that I refrain from and discourage behaviors which threaten the freedom and respect every individual deserves.

The University of Southern Indiana is a diverse community devoted to preparing students to become better students. Each member of the community is obligated to a code of civil behavior. If you experience or observe actions on campus that are not in accordance with the USI Creed, please contact the Dean of Students Office at 812/464-1862.

**Student Collegiality**

Students at the University of Southern Indiana (USI) are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner. Personal conduct and communication, either directly or indirectly (social media, etc.) with other students, as well as faculty and staff, should conform to the University’s community values and standards. As members of the at-large community, students are encouraged to resolve disagreements through informal, frank, and open discussion. Often conflicts can be lessened, if not resolved, by clearing up misperceptions and misunderstandings. Students are strongly encouraged to try to take care of any related concerns in this manner. However, the University also recognizes that occasionally more formal processes are needed. All such activities, whether informal or formal, must be carried out by all participants within a framework of good faith collegiality and general respect for one another. Students are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students Office, Housing and Residence Life or other appropriate department(s), for assistance or guidance in resolving any concerns or conflicts.