

Services

The Office of the Dean of Students (DOS) is dedicated to providing assistance to each student in an effort to foster a safe, enjoyable, and successful college experience. Listed below are some of the services available through the DOS Office.

Medical Withdrawals

The DOS serves at the pleasure of the Academic Standards Committee in receiving and processing medical withdrawals for students who need to withdraw from the University for medical or hardship reasons. Students who are ready to return to the University after receiving a medical withdrawal are processed through this office also.

Student Advocacy / Ombudsman

The DOS serves as the student body's ombudsman; directing students to print, on-line and personnel resources; assisting students with writing and presenting grievances and appeals; meeting with individual students and groups. For assistance, please call [706-507-8730](tel:706-507-8730).

Current Student Handbook

The authority to act on alleged non-academic violations or infringements of student rights is vested with the Office of the Dean of Students. Violations that occur in areas designated as Residence Life may be handled as an administrative hearing through the Director of Residence Life, in accordance with policy and in consultation with the Dean of Students.

[View Student Handbook](#)

Create Care (Formerly Behavioral Assessment and Recommendation Team (BART))

In the post Virginia Tech shooting era, colleges and universities around the country are becoming more diligent and proactive in providing a safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to their campuses. Columbus State University understands the climate that exists on college campuses. Additionally, each public institution in Georgia has been directed by the Chancellor's office to develop a plan and select a committee to address potential threats of this nature. In response, Columbus State University has established [Create Care](#) to serve as an additional measure for campus safety.

Educational Programming

The Office of the Dean of Students provides a variety of educational programming, such as: [Alcohol and Drug Education](#), [Health and Safety](#), and [Sexual Assault and Violence Education Task Force](#). Many of these are presented in cooperation with Residence Life, Student Life, University Police, and the Counseling Center.