



### *About the Excelsior College ANS Student Charter*

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As a student of Excelsior College, you should have high expectations of your time studying with us. Our Charter explains Excelsior College’s commitment to working in partnership with you to provide a high-quality student experience that exceeds your expectations and enables you to achieve personal success. Excelsior College has a strong reputation for high-quality teaching, outstanding student support and for preparing our students for employment and academic and personal development that equips you for future success. We are a vibrant and diverse community and continue to invest in a learning environment that helps you study and develop in ways that suit your needs.

We believe that such success is best achieved through working together as partners in a spirit of trust and mutual respect. This spirit of partnership is the basis of our Student Charter and is a result of the strong working relationship between Excelsior College and its students. .

This Charter outlines the shared expectations of both you as a student and Excelsior College. The Charter will be reviewed regularly, taking into account feedback from students and staff. We welcome your views about your educational experiences and will listen, respond and whenever possible act on your suggestions to improve the quality of our provision. In turn, the Charter outlines what is expected of you as a student and your role in our partnership in terms of both your responsibilities and rights.

We hope this Charter helps you understand the principles on which our successful learning community is founded and enables you to get the best value and enjoyment out of your time as an Excelsior College student.

Signature,

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Donald Grove  
ANS Student President

Michael C. Johnson

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Dr. Michael Johnson  
Faculty Program Director for Energy Management



## Objective

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The objective of the American Nuclear Society (ANS) Student Section is to promote the advancement of science and engineering relating to nuclear and allied sciences and arts through affiliation with an international organization of nuclear scientists and engineers. Excelsior is the only distance learning institution to host an American Nuclear Society Student Section.

A focus of the ANS Student Section is to increase public awareness of the benefits of nuclear technology and its place in our future. Our Student Section also promotes attendance at national conferences to bring together students from around the country to foster interaction and present information on the latest technology in the field.

One of the primary roles of the ANS student branch has been to provide professional development opportunities to the students by organizing talks from the industry and by supporting students to attend ANS national and regional conferences. The section has also sponsored regional student conferences in the past..

Our Student Charter has been developed through a partnership between students and Excelsior College. It outlines the roles, responsibilities and expectations we all have to ensure you have a high quality experience while you are at Excelsior College.

## Alpha Nu Sigma Honor Society

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Excelsior also hosts a chapter of the Alpha Nu Sigma Honor Society which is an affiliate honor society of the ANS. Membership in Alpha Nu Sigma recognizes the high scholarship, integrity, and potential achievement in the applied nuclear science and nuclear engineering of those outstanding student members of the American Nuclear Society who are inducted into the Society. Members of the honor society are selected from juniors and seniors in the top 40 percent of their class.

Every year students in the Excelsior College BS-Nuclear Engineering Technology degree program are inducted into the College's chapter of the Alpha Nu Sigma nuclear honor society in a ceremony held in Albany during commencement. We are very proud of these students, whose academic excellence inspires us all to achieve our educational goals.



We pride ourselves on the high level of engagement that exists between our students and Excelsior College, and we work together to enhance the Excelsior experience. This experience will be unique to you, based on the choices you make and your level of engagement with the range of opportunities available. The expectations laid out in our Student Charter demonstrate the range of possibilities open to you as a student of Excelsior College. Taking advantage of these opportunities will help you to expand your knowledge and abilities beyond the educational experience.

**Student responsibilities:**

**Students shall...**

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- Make the most of their program of study, their Excelsior College experience and the other opportunities that Excelsior College has to offer.
- Engage and work collaboratively with Excelsior College to help shape their experience.
- Treat all members of Excelsior College community with respect.
- Represent Excelsior College as responsible ambassadors through their good conduct on and off campus and ensures their actions have a positive impact on Excelsior College and their community.
- Participate in Excelsior College's culture of learning which is based upon critical enquiry, debate and self-motivation.
- Pursue their academic and professional studies in a diligent, honest and responsible manner.
- Engage with Excelsior College in formulating their own education and career goals and monitor their progress towards these goals.
- Engage with Excelsior College initiatives to promote environmental sustainability.
- Comply with Excelsior College's policies and procedures.
- Seek appropriate support and guidance by asking for help when they feel it is needed.
- Ensure they are well informed about their responsibilities and rights as a student.

**Excelsior College responsibilities:**

**Excelsior shall ensure that students...**

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- Can learn within a framework that facilitates their active learning and helps them achieve the outcomes of their program of study.
- Can make use of appropriate learning resources and support so that they can take responsibility for their own learning, and improve their knowledge, understanding, career development, skills and competencies.
- Have opportunities to provide feedback that enable Excelsior College to invest in understanding and considering their needs.
- Will have an advisor, who will provide regular opportunities to discuss academic assessment, progress and personal development.
- Can receive effective and timely feedback on their academic work.
- Can access services which are designed to support all students.
- Can obtain clear information on Excelsior College fees and have access to advice and guidance about student loans and other student funding.
- Can express and debate their views freely within the law.
- Can work collaboratively with Excelsior College to help shape their experience.
- Can obtain information on professional and regulatory requirements relevant to their program of study.

### **Student engagement**

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Student engagement is defined as the range of ways in which students are active participants in shaping their learning experience. Excelsior College takes deliberate steps to engage all our students, individually and collectively, as partners in the assurance and enhancement of their educational experience.

### **Feedback**

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If you have any comments, feedback or questions regarding the Student Charter please contact Student Services [ANS@excelsior.edu](mailto:ANS@excelsior.edu)