

The image features a vibrant blue background filled with small, multi-colored confetti pieces. In the center, the text "WELCOME WEEK" is prominently displayed. The word "WELCOME" is in white, and "WEEK" is in a bright yellow. Behind this text, the large, faint numbers "2022" are visible in a lighter shade of blue, suggesting a celebration for the year 2022.

**WELCOME WEEK**

# Student Rights and Responsibilities

Friday, August 26, 2022, 10:00AM

The Great Hall, Foundation Building

Cooper Union

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# Agenda and Overview

- Golden Rule
- Overview of Rights and Responsibilities
- Types of concerns and complaints
  - Academic Concerns
  - Identity Based Harassment and Discrimination
  - Student Code of Conduct
  - Academic Integrity
- Student Formal Grievance System – Coming Soon
- Important Materials and Links

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# Golden Rule:



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# Overview of Rights and Responsibilities

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# Student Rights

- The freedom to pursue educational goals
- The freedom of expression, inquiry, and free discussion
- The right to privacy and confidentiality of records, and the right to due process as established in Cooper Union policy and procedure
- The freedom of access to public records
- The freedom of association
- The right to express views on issues of institutional policy
- Freedom from discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, sex, color, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, or any other legally protected characteristic
- Freedom from discriminatory or sexual harassment

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## Student Rights – Continued

- Freedom from improper academic evaluation
- The right to ask questions and seek clarification
- Right to know who is teaching your class and how to contact them, office hours, etc.
- Right to know any required texts, materials, equipment, etc.
- Right to know the description of the course and how it fits into your program plan / degree requirements
- Right to know the policies and expectations of the course (attendance, required experiences, etc.)
- Right to know course learning objectives and how you will be evaluated on achieving those objectives

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## Student Rights – Continued

- Right to have a detailed explanation of assignments and work that required in a course
- Right to have a detailed listing of requirements to be prepared for each class (what is due when)
- Right to have a listing of the major graded components of a course and an understanding of how a final grade is calculated, how assignments are weighted, etc.
- Right to understand the role of class attendance and participation and how these factor into course requirements, evaluation, and grading
- Right to understand the expectations of in-class behavior and how concerns will be addressed

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# Student Responsibilities

- The responsibility to act in such a manner as to ensure that other students may enjoy the rights shared by all students.
- The responsibility to respect and comply with College rules and regulations.
- The responsibility to respect and comply with local, state, and federal law.
- The responsibility to act in a manner which promotes an atmosphere of learning and free expression.
- The responsibility to respect the human rights, dignity, and worth of every individual in the College community.

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# Types of Concerns and Complaints

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# Academic Concerns

- Examples:
  - Treatment in the classroom / academic settings
  - Concerns about grading and academic evaluation
  - Concerns about course content
- First step: Talk to your academic advisor or academic dean's staff

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# Identity Based Harassment and Discrimination

- Examples:
  - Discrimination or harassment based on biological sex
  - Discrimination or harassment based on gender and gender expression
  - Discrimination or harassment based on race
  - Discrimination or harassment based on ability
- First step: Talk to Grace Kendall, Associate Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator

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# Student Code of Conduct

- These are often individual actions or concerns between students, pertaining to Cooper Union
- Cooper Union is not involved in personal relationships and disagreements between students unless they violate our policies
- Examples: (see Code of Conduct for more detailed listing)
  - Physical Assaults
  - Bullying and intimidation – online harassment
  - Use, sale, distribution of drugs and illegal substances / violations of drug and alcohol policy
  - Theft
  - Behavior that interferes with the general comfort, safety security, health, welfare, or education of a member of the Cooper Union community or the regular operation of the the College.
- First step: Talk to Chris Chamberlin, Dean of Students

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# Academic Integrity Concerns

- Examples:
  - Cheating
  - Plagiarism
  - Improper citations
  - Not giving credit for someone else's work
  - Representing someone else's work as your own
- Know your school's and professor's policies
- First step: Talk to your professor and/or academic dean's office

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# Student Formal Grievance System *Launching Fall 2022*

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# Student Formal Grievance System

- This fall, Cooper Union will be launching an online Student Formal Grievance system
- Seamless, one point of entry for students to easily formally file a grievance with Cooper Union
- System will ensure that all grievances are addressed and that students are provided with updates and an outcome

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# Important Materials and Links

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# Important Materials and Links

- **Course Syllabi** – Get from your Professor
- **Student Code of Conduct** - <http://cooper.edu/about/policies/code-of-conduct>
- **Policy Upholding Human Rights and Title IX Protections** - <https://cooper.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/assets/site/files/2020/Cooper-Union-Policy-Upholding-Human-Rights-Title-IX-Protections.pdf>
- **General Institutional Policies and Procedures** - <http://cooper.edu/about/policies>
- **Academic Programs' Academic Standards**
  - Architecture – <https://cooper.edu/architecture/curriculum/academic-standards-and-regulations>
  - Art – <https://cooper.edu/art/curriculum/academic-standards-and-regulations>
  - Engineering – <https://cooper.edu/engineering/curriculum/academic-standards-regulations>
  - HSS - <https://cooper.edu/humanities/curriculum/academic-regulations>

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