



## Town and Gown Committee: Good Neighbor Guidance

### Purpose

The purpose of this committee is to help students understand and demonstrate personal responsibility and accountability when living-off campus. It has established relationships with nearby neighborhood associations and area landlords seeking to understand the impacts of Creighton students living in these neighborhoods. The committee's work includes:

- Town and Gown relationship statement
- Open letter to students living off-campus, articulating expectations and informing how to be a good neighbor
- Quarterly meetings with University leadership and local landlords
- Programming and education
- Online resources

#### Trustworthiness

- Honesty, Integrity, Reliability, Loyalty

#### Respect

- Civility, Courtesy, Dignity, Tolerance, Acceptance

#### Responsibility

- Accountability, Diligence, Perseverance, Improvement

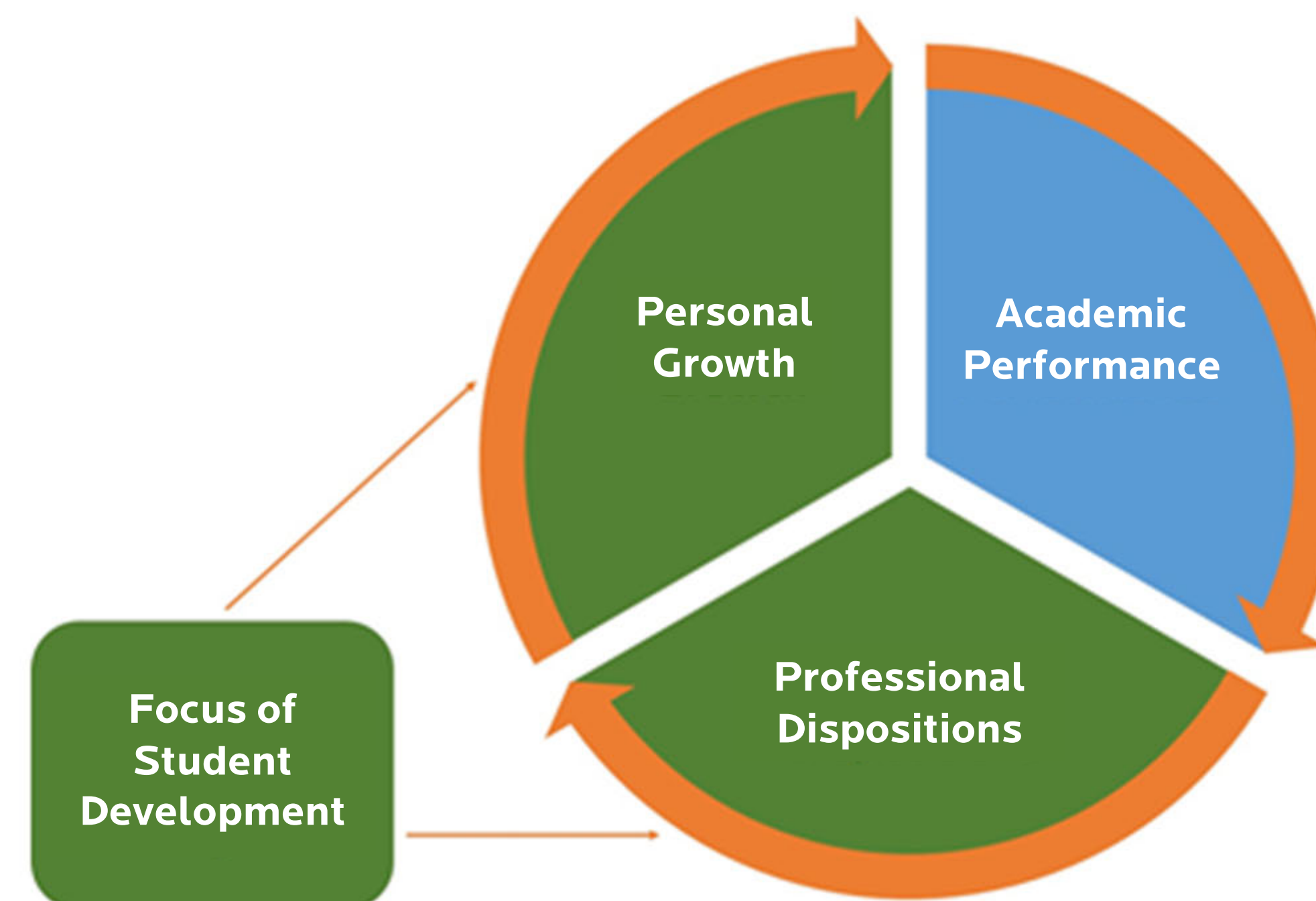
### Outside of the Classroom Experience

Transition Off-Campus  
Development of the Whole Person

Relationships

Social Skills

Responsibility



Consistent with our Standards of Conduct is the affirmative support for equal rights and opportunities for all members of the Creighton University community, realizing one's role as a member of a larger community, understanding societal issues and being a responsible participant in the civic and Creighton communities.

### How to be a Good Citizen

#### 1. Promote a peaceful and respectful environment

Protect the environment from noise, litter and other intrusions. This includes being appropriately quiet during evening and night hours, keeping auto and home stereo systems at acceptable sound levels, and not leaving litter or trash on campus, City of Omaha streets or neighbors' or students' properties.

#### 2. Keep the exterior of your house/apartment tidy

Properly maintain off-campus rooms, apartments or houses. This includes many of the recommendations stated above plus other vital information, such as keeping rooms, apartments and houses litter-free and putting trash on the street curb for pick-up once per week. Students who live off-campus can contact the City of Omaha and Deffenbaugh Trash to find out about trash pickups and recycling.

#### 3. Know your rights as a citizen of Omaha

Educate yourself on how to report things to your local precinct, Mayor's hotline (402.444.5555) or your neighborhood association. All tenants and landlords are subject to the zoning and health and safety laws of the city of Omaha. Please feel free to contact the Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing, to find out more about the zoning laws and how they affect students as tenants.

#### 4. Engage in the greater Omaha community

All students are encouraged to join on-campus clubs/organizations, which perform community service by working with such groups as the Sienna Francis House or Lydia House, local parishes such as Sacred Heart and Holy Family and local soup kitchens. Students who live off-campus are also encouraged to join civic programs and neighborhood associations because membership for these groups is not limited to homeowners. It is rewarding and mutually beneficial to participate in community-service learning and neighborhood activities, such as civic meetings and block parties.

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