4.3 Publication of Policies

4.3 The institution makes available to students and the public current academic calendars, grading policies, and refund policies.

Judgment of Compliance

In Compliance

Narrative of Compliance

The University of Alabama makes available to its students and to the public current University calendars, grading policies, and refund policies. The University provides this information in a variety of ways, including its printed catalogs, its on-line catalogs, its webpage, and its on-line Policies. The online Policies are open and freely accessible to students, employees, and the public; ease of access to policies is made possible by the inclusion of multiple search parameters. Distance learners and Gadsden site students have access to the same information about academic calendars, grading policies, and refund policies on all of the same institutional sites. In addition, links to those sites are provided on a variety of web pages developed especially for distance learners and Gadsden students. See Tuition and Financial Aid Links for Online and Off-campus Students, Academic Calendar and Billing-Related Dates for Online and Off-campus Students, and Who to Call List for Online and Off-campus Students. Academic calendars, grading policies, and refund policies are disseminated as follows.

Academic Calendars

The calendars, including key dates for fee payments, course withdrawal, and final examinations, are posted on the Office of the University Registrar webpage. An example of the calendar posting for Spring Semester 2011 is provided here as Academic Calendars. In addition, the University's Web portal system, mybama provides daily announcements for students and faculty, including key dates on the academic calendar. Distance learners and Gadsden site students have web pages especially designed to guide them to the correct site. See Academic Calendar and Billing-Related Dates for Online and Off-campus Students.

Grading Policies

The University's grading policies are published in the Undergraduate Catalog, Graduate Catalog (see Documents Library), and the School of Law web pages. See College of Law Webpage [1] and College of Law Webpage [2].

Refund Policies for Tuition and Other Fees

- The University's refund policy with respect to tuition and other costs is given at the Division of Financial Affairs, Student Receivables web page.
- Key financial dates may be found at Important Dates.
- The general policy regarding Withdrawal from the University may be found on Division of Financial Affairs, Student Receivables web page.
- Current refund policies are also printed in the Undergraduate Catalog and Graduate Catalog.
Other Refund Policies

Various refund policies related to other costs of attendance may be found as follows:

- Dining Dollars Account - Withdrawal from the University
- Meal Plans - Withdrawal from the University
- Residence Hall Room - Withdrawal from the University
- Parking Decal - Parking Services Policy

The University ensures that its students and the public have ready access by a variety of means to current academic calendars, grading policies, and refund policies.