

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The College reserves the right to maintain a safe and orderly educational environment for students and staff. When a student's conduct disrupts or threatens to disrupt the college community, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken to restore and protect the sanctity of the community.

The following regulations set forth rules of conduct that prohibit certain types of student behavior. Students are expected to act and dress appropriately for a college environment. Neither actions nor dress should distract others from concentrating on their course of study. The college has established the following code of conduct to ensure that an appropriate college environment is maintained. Violation of one or more of these regulations may result in disciplinary sanctions. Students are not permitted to engage in any of the following activities while participating in any college course while on campus, while participating in a college-sponsored event, or while in a college owned vehicle.

- A. Taking or acquiring possession of any academic material from a member of the college staff or student body without permission, receiving or giving help during tests; submitting papers or reports prepared or written by others as one's own; plagiarism.
- B. Theft, misuse, damage or defacing of a college property, or theft of or damage of property of a member of the college community or a campus visitor on college premises or at college functions; unauthorized entry upon the property of the college or into a college facility or a portion thereof which has been restricted in use and thereby placed off limits; unauthorized presence in a college facility after closing hours.
- C. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or being in a state of intoxication on the college campus or at college-sponsored or supervised functions off campus or in college-owned vehicles. Manufacture, possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs, except as expressly permitted by law. Any influence which may be attributed to the use of drugs or of alcoholic beverages shall not in any way limit the responsibility of the individual for the consequences of his/her actions. Furthermore, no one with the smell of alcohol on him/her or whose observable behavior leads a college official to believe they are under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, will be allowed at the college or any college activity. **NOTE:** Parents are notified when students under age 21 violate drug and/or alcohol laws.
- D. Using, recording, or disseminating anything which substantially and materially disrupts or threatens to disrupt the operation of the college.
- E. Physical violence against another person or threatening physical violence against another person.
- F. Harassment or intimidation of any other person, which is defined as verbal or physical conduct that is severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive such that it substantially interferes with an individual's academic or work performance or creates a demeaning academic or work environment. Sexual harassment, as defined by the college's policy prohibiting sexual harassment, is a form of prohibited harassment.
- G. Intentional obstruction or disruption of teaching, participating in conduct that disturbs peace and order of the college. This includes, but is not limited to yelling, screaming, or talking in an unnecessary or unreasonably loud voice, or using of any device which produces loud and/or disruptive noises.
- H. Participating in gatherings or demonstrations that interfere with another's ability to freely access college facilities or property. Students shall not disrupt or interfere with the college's educational processes or college functions. Students shall comply with any instruction by a college employee to leave the scene of a disruptive gathering or demonstration.
- I. Possession or use of a firearm, incendiary device, or explosive, except in connection with a college-approved activity. This also includes unauthorized use of any instrument designed to inflict serious bodily injury to any person.
- J. Possession or use, whether openly or concealed, any BB gun, stun gun, air rifle, air pistol, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, switchblade knife, blackjack, metallic knuckles, razors and razor blades, firework, or any sharp-pointed or edged instrument except instructional supplies, unaltered nail files, clips, and tools used solely for preparation of food, instruction, and maintenance, on educational property.
- K. Using or tampering with any fire, emergency callbox, or any other safety equipment, except with reasonable belief in the need for such alarm or equipment.
- L. Illegal gambling on the college premises.
- M. Use of smoke-producing and smokeless tobacco products within any College-owned building or college property. Use of any other smoke/vapor producing products within any College-owned building or college property. Includes College-owned and/or leased vehicles.
- N. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of college documents, records, or instruments of identification with intent to deceive.
- O. Failure to comply with instructions of college officials acting in performance of their duties.
- P. Violation of the terms of disciplinary probation or any college regulation during the period of probation.
- Q. Fiscal irresponsibility such as failure to pay college-levied fines, to repay college-funded loans, or the passing of worthless checks, drafts, or orders to college officials.
- R. Violation of a local, state, or federal criminal law on college premises adversely affecting the college community's pursuit of its proper educational purposes.
- S. Violation of College policy as to the use of the College's network, computers and/or software, and/or the use of same to access and/or distribute any and all types of pornographic materials; for the purpose of cyber-bullying; or for sales or solicitation.
- T. Animals on campus are forbidden, including animals left in vehicles. Service animals are permitted.
- U. The Standards of Student Conduct is not all inclusive. Any conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the educational environment of the college is prohibited.