

**STUDENT CONDUCT CODE****Reason for Policy**

To maintain a campus environment that is conducive to learning, protects the College's educational purposes, maintains reasonable order on campus, and protects the rights of all members of the college community.

**Policy Statement**

Students enrolling in the College assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the College's function as an educational institution and suitable to members of the academic community. This obligation extends to conduct on either college campus or at any other location as part of any college sponsored activity.

**Prohibited Conduct**

An individual, a group of individuals, or a student organization may be charged with any of the violations under this Code. In cases where a violation is committed by an individual member of a student group or organization, the entire group or organization may be held responsible, in addition to the individual member, when those members not directly involved participated in the activity by encouraging, witnessing or condoning the act in any manner.

The following conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action:

**A. Academic Dishonesty**

(SeeOMB210.)

**B. Alcohol Violations**

Possession, consumption, dispensing, selling, or supplying of alcoholic beverages on property that is owned, operated, or maintained by the College, or at any other location as part of any college-sponsored activity. (SeeOMB651.)

**C. Bullying/Cyber-bullying**

1. Bullying is any gesture or behavior that is determined to be harmful or cruel to an individual or group. These actions can be written, verbal, graphic or physical and are reasonably perceived as being motivated either by any actual or perceived characteristic, such as age, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, affection or sexual orientation, gender identity and expression; or a mental, physical or sensory disability or impairment, or by association with any social or academic group or individual; or by any other distinguishing characteristic including the individual that is considered average, common, conventional or ordinary by societal and cultural norms.
2. Cyber-bullying involves sending or posting harmful or cruel text or images using the Internet (e.g., instant messaging, e-mails, chat rooms, and social networking sites) or other digital communication devices such as cell phones. It can involve stalking, threats, harassment, impersonation, humiliation, trickery and exclusion.

Such behavior is considered bullying whether it takes place on or off college property while participating in any college function, in a college vehicle or while using any college owned computing and information technology resources.

**D. Computer Misuse** (See also OMB942.)

1. Unauthorized access, entry or use of a computer, computer system, network, software, password, account or data.
2. Use of computing facilities or equipment to send sexually explicit, harassing or abusive messages.
3. Any other act in violation of law and/or college policies and guidelines regulating computer-related use.

**E. Discrimination by Student Organizations** (See also OMB931.)

Selecting its membership upon the basis of restrictive clauses involving race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation or disability unless said selection is specifically allowed bylaw

**F. Disruptive Conduct**

1. Actions that impair, interfere with, or obstruct the normal operations of the College and or interfere with the rights of other members of the college community or visitors.
2. Actions that impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes and functions within any classroom or other instructional setting. This includes interfering with a faculty member's or instructor's role to carry out the normal academic or educational functions of his or her class. Actions that may cause disruption in the classroom include, but are not limited to, making or receiving phone calls and the use of text messaging while class is in progress; playing loud audio devices; persistent unapproved lateness; and any other action prohibited under this Code.
3. Participating in, leading or inciting others to disrupt authorized scheduled campus activities, events and programs.
4. Intentional obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on college premises or at college sponsored or supervised functions.
5. Solicitation on campus without prior approval from appropriate college officials.

**G. Drugs**

1. Any legally prohibited possession, use, distribution, delivery, or sale of narcotics, prescription drugs or other controlled substances.
2. Any legally prohibited possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

**H. Gang and other Criminal Activity**

Solicitation, recruiting, and other activities which may lead to joining or actively participating in gang or other criminal activities.

**I. Failure to Comply**

1. Failure to comply with a lawful order of a college official, including a campus security officer, in the performance of his or her duty.
2. Failure to comply with the sanctions rendered during the student judicial process.

**J. Falsification/Fraud/False Testimony**

1. Furnishing false information to the College, including false reporting of emergencies, knowingly making false accusations or giving false testimony during the disciplinary process.
2. Misuse, reproduction, alteration or forgery of any college related documents, records, identification, keys, access codes or property.

**K. Fire and Safety**

1. Damage to, removal of or tampering with any fire safety systems, firefighting equipment or other emergency warning equipment.
2. Intentional or reckless burning or setting fire to any building or piece of property owned or controlled by the College.

**L. Gambling**

Gambling or participation in games of chance on campus for money or other things of value, except as provided by law.

**M. Hazing**

Any act that does not contribute to the positive development of a person, which inflicts or intends to cause physical or mental harm or anxieties, and or which demeans, degrades, or disgraces any person regardless of location, intent or consent of participants that is an explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a group or organization.

**N. Physical Abuse and Endangerment**

1. Physical violence or attempted physical violence toward another person or group.
2. Threat of physical violence against another person or group.
3. Any action that endangers the health, safety or welfare of a person or group.
4. Attempt to harm, or actual harm to, oneself.

**O. Property/Facilities/Services**

1. Theft of college property or property of a member of, or visitor to, the College.
2. Damage, destruction, or defacement of college property or property of a member of the College or visitor.
3. Wrongful appropriation of college property or property of a member of the College or visitor.

4. Unauthorized possession and or use of college property or property of a member of the College or visitor, including knowingly being in possession of stolen goods.
5. Unauthorized entry into college facilities, including but not limited to buildings, classrooms, hallways, entryways, conference rooms, and campus grounds.
6. Use or operation of rollerblades, skates, skateboards, bicycles, and similar items inside college facilities or other prohibited areas.

**P. Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Harassment** (See also OMB965.)

1. Any sexual act that occurs without the consent of the other person or occurs when the other person is unable to give consent.
2. Conduct of asexual nature that creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive campus, educational or working environment for another person. This includes unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, inappropriate sexual or gender-based activities, comments or gestures, or other forms of verbal or physical conduct or communications constituting sexual harassment.
3. Obscene or indecent behavior, which includes, but is not limited to, indecent exposure or the display of sexual behavior that would reasonably be offensive to others.

**Q. Stalking**

Stalking, defined as purposely and repeatedly following another person, and engaging in a course of conduct or making a credible threat with the intent of annoying or placing that person in reasonable fear of death or bodily injury.

**R. Weapons/Firearms/Explosives**

Possession, storage or use on campus of firearms, pellet guns, paint ball guns, gunpowder, ammunition, explosives, firecrackers, incendiary devices, or other articles or substances which could endanger health or safety.

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