

## Student Conduct and Discipline

The College may ask the student to leave the academic community. Although it is impossible for a regulation to cover every possible act of misconduct, the principle areas of misconduct which may subject a student to disciplinary action are as follows:

1. Possession, use, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages, in any form, in or upon College grounds.
2. Use, distribution, or possession of drugs, narcotics and/or chemicals without medical prescription under medical supervision.
3. Gambling on or about College property.
4. Disorderly or disruptive conduct which substantially threatens, harms, or interferes with College classes, personnel, students or visitors, or orderly College processes and functions, including but not limited to (a) fighting, (b) public intoxication, or (c) lewd, indecent, obscene conduct, or expression on College property or at any College sponsored function.
5. Entering a locked area or vehicle of another student or other unauthorized use of College property.
6. Dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, sale or purchase or exchange of term papers or research papers, or knowingly furnishing false information, including forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, or identification.
7. Physical assault or abuse or attempted physical assault or abuse, or conveyance of threats of physical assault or abuse, of any person on College owned or controlled property or at College sponsored or supervised functions or conduct which threatens or endangers the safety or health of such person.
8. Violation of College policies or regulations concerning approval of student organizations, the use of College facilities, or the time, place, and manner of public expression.
9. Failure to comply or willful obstruction with the legitimate oral or written directions of College personnel acting in the performance of their duties.
10. Illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms, fireworks, other weapons, or chemicals which are of an explosive or corrosive nature.
11. Theft, attempted theft, possession, sale or barter, destruction, vandalism, misuse, or threats to destroy any property of the College or of a member of the College community or campus visitor.
12. Any student operating a vehicle on the campus must abide by the stated rules of the College regarding the operation/parking of such vehicle.

13. Engaging in overt physical acts which interfere with the normal activities of the College; the creation of any disturbance or noise so as to disturb others and/or interfere with the College's learning environment are prohibited. Radios (including automobile radios) are not allowed to be played within the buildings or on the grounds unless earphones are used or unless the radio is played in an appropriate area of the grounds and at a volume not disturbing to others. Cellular phones must be turned off while in class.
14. The making of false fire alarms, tampering with fire extinguishers, alarms, or other safety equipment.
15. Engaging in hazing such as any action taken intentionally to produce mental/physical discomfort, embarrassment, ridicule, or possibly cause mental/physical harm or injury to any person.
16. Violation of the College computer use policy found in the Student Handbook. Students are subject to all national, state, and local laws and ordinances. If a student's violation of such laws or ordinances adversely affects the institution's pursuit of its educational objectives, the College may enforce its own disciplinary policies and procedures. In order to maintain a drug free campus, the College provides information to students about the dangers of drug abuse, the availability of counseling, and the penalties for violations.

### **Student Disciplinary Committee**

The Student Disciplinary Committee exists to review and recommend matters regarding misconduct or student grievances. The Student Disciplinary Committee is advisory to the Cabinet and meets only when requested by a Cabinet member, the President, or by actual need. The members shall include five professional employees (total) from the division of Academic Affairs and Student Services. No more than one member may be from the administration. Members of the Committee are appointed by the President for one year. Additional information on the student appeals process is available in the student handbook.

### **Student Complaint Procedure**

Students wishing to register a complaint shall follow the following steps: (a) first, state the complaint to the staff member involved and attempt to resolve the problem, (b) second, if the problem remains unsolved, the student should next contact the

immediate supervisor - i.e., dean, chairperson, director, coordinator, etc., (c) third, if the problem remains unsolved, the student should contact the respective vice president. Guidelines for handling complaints are outlined in the official Policy Manual Rule 6.51.