

Pitt Community College

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Statement of Expectation

Each student of Pitt Community College is expected to conduct him or herself in accordance with the college policy to preserve PCC's safe and supportive learning environment. The term "student" includes all persons registered for or enrolled in one or more courses at PCC, either for credit or non-credit. Pitt Community College has the right to take necessary and appropriate action to support and protect the safety and well-being of the college community. PCC students are expected to abide by local, state and federal laws as well as college policies. PCC has the discretion to proceed with disciplinary action under this Code in addition to any criminal or civil judicial proceedings.

Faculty Rights and Authority

The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty. Students who engage in prohibited behaviors that result in disruption of a class or college-sponsored activity may be directed by the faculty member to leave the class or activity for the remainder of the period. Actions of dismissal should be reported to the Vice President for Student Development Services. Longer suspensions from a class or activity, or dismissal on disciplinary grounds, require action by the Vice President for Student Development Services or designee.

Prohibited Student Conduct – conduct for which students are subject to disciplinary sanctions includes but is not limited to:

- Any behavior that is disruptive to the educational process of the College as determined by a College official.
- Academic Dishonesty – cheating, plagiarizing, or aiding and abetting another person in cheating or plagiarism (Cheating means getting help that was not approved by your instructor from someone or something on a test, quiz, exam, or assignment. Plagiarism means to submit as one's own the work of another. Plagiarism is stealing someone else's ideas or words).
- Alcoholic Beverage and Illegal Substances – using, selling, or possessing alcoholic beverages or controlled substances or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances on college property or college sponsored events.
- College Policy Infraction – violating any other college policy that has been publicized.
- Complicity – aiding, abetting, attempting, conspiring, hiring, willfully encouraging or being an accessory to any violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
- Computer Misuse – See Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy in *PCC Catalog* or PCC web site.
- Discrimination or Harassment – discriminating or harassing conduct.
- Facilities Misuse
- False Information – furnishing false information, forging, unauthorized altering or misusing of any document, record or instrument of identification, withholding information from the college, falsely claiming to represent the college.
- Gambling – wagering for money or other things of value.
- Theft of or Damage to Property
- Violent, Threatening, and Intimidating Behavior
- Weapons – possessing or using unauthorized firearms or other weapons.
- Excessive Noise – the College is considered a noise-free zone, including its hallways, walkways, driveways, and parking areas.

Students who question the fairness of disciplinary action taken against them are entitled to due process by submitting a written notice of appeal. Information on the Student Code of Conduct Policy and due process may be obtained from the Vice President of Student Development Services.

Student Rights

All students are guaranteed the following rights: 1) freedom to pursue their educational goals; 2) freedom to inquire, assemble, and express their opinions; 3) due process as provided in the fourteenth amendment of the US Constitution; 4) un-prejudicial evaluation of academic performance (all students are entitled to an explanation of the basis for grades); 5) the expectation of personal safety and protection of property while on campus; and 6) continuity of the educational process.