

Student Code of Conduct

Saint Joseph's College has as a primary objective the holistic development of each student. The College strives to preserve for all of its students an environment that is conducive to academic pursuit, social growth and individual discipline. **Students are expected to behave in a superior moral and ethical manner, both on and off-campus.**

Respect for oneself, others, property and authority, as well as honesty, are key elements in this behavioral expectation. It is essential that mutual respect for, and sensitivity to, the needs of others be accepted by all members of the College community in accordance with the Mercy values which the campus was founded upon.

All students are expected to act responsibly and within the regulations and standards established by the College, and all civil laws and ordinances. **The College reserves the right to hold accountable those whose conduct is in violation of the following regulations on or off-campus.**

Conduct which is subject to disciplinary action or response by the College includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Cheating, plagiarism or any form of academic dishonesty as specified in the Academic Integrity Policy.
2. Forgery, alteration or misuse of campus documents, records, time- cards, or identification; knowingly furnishing false information to the College.
3. Misrepresentation of oneself or of an organization to be an agent of the College.
4. Obstruction or disruption, on or off-campus property, of the academic process, administration process, or other campus functions.
5. Threatening to, or inflicting, physical or psychological violence to the person or property of others, including their family members or campus visitors.
6. Theft, intentional destruction, damage or unauthorized possession/ use of College property or of the property of others, including their family members or campus visitors.
7. Unauthorized entry into, unauthorized use of, or misuse of any building, structure, equipment or facility.
8. Possession, distribution or sale of any illegal or unauthorized drugs that are controlled substances having potential for abuse, except as authorized by law.
9. Illegal possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages and drugs specified in the College's Alcohol and Drug Policy.

10. Reporting to a College classroom/clinical site with the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs in one's body.

11. Possession or use of explosives, dangerous chemicals, firearms, or other weapons on campus property or at a campus function. Personal protection devices (stun guns, tasers) are considered weapons and are not permitted on campus.

12. Abuse of or tampering with fire alarm or security systems, fire emergency equipment or any other emergency equipment.

13. Sexual or physical harassment or assault, or psychological harassment of any individual (inclusive of incidents of dating violence, domestic violence and/or stalking). See the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy.

14. Engaging in degrading, lewd, indecent or obscene behavior.

15. Failure to comply with directions of or acting disrespectfully towards College officials, designated agents, law enforcement, or others in authority in the performance of their duties.

16. Conduct which adversely affects a student's suitability as a member of a respectful academic community. Students are required to engage in responsible social conduct that reflects credit upon the College community and to model good citizenship in any community.

17. Use of technology in an unauthorized way. This includes, but is not limited to sharing or distributing music in a manner that violates copyright laws; attempting to gain access to another's email account; use of another individual's identification and/or password; making changes to another's private files, or impersonating another individual; knowingly transmitting viruses, chain mail, or spam; using software that overloads the network; sending or posting illegal, defamatory, harassing, pornographic, obscene, or patently offensive sexual materials in email, web pages, individual newsgroup postings, or other electronic forms of communication.

18. Hazing, defined as an act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization. The express or implied consent of the victim will not be a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act; they are both violations of this rule.

19. Abuse of the Student Conduct Process including, but not limited to:

A. Failure to obey the notice from an Administrative Hearing Officer or Student Conduct Committee to appear for a meeting or hearing as a part of the Student Conduct Process.

B. Providing false information pertaining to a student conduct meeting.

C. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of an Administrative Hearing Officer or Student Conduct Committee proceeding.

D. Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the student conduct process.

E. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a Student Conduct Committee prior to, and/or during the course of, the Student Conduct proceeding.

F. Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of any individual, including witnesses, during, and/or after a student conduct proceeding.

G. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the Student

H. Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the Student Conduct Code and process.