



## **Academic Honesty**

All students are expected to maintain unwavering integrity in the completion and submission of academic assignments. The college will not condone academic dishonesty (plagiarism or cheating) and students found guilty of academic misconduct are subject to disciplinary action(s).

An instructor may impose academic penalty on a student who engages in academic dishonesty. The instructor may also submit the misconduct as a violation of the Conduct Code to the Executive Director of Student Life and Campus Services for review and possible disciplinary sanction(s). (See procedures for Violations of College Regulations or Student Conduct Code.)

## **Student Conduct Code**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Conduct Code is to protect Cumberland County College's academic and social community, and its property from harm resulting from acts of its students causing injury thereto, or threat of injury. To this end, this code defines prohibited conduct and provides for imposition of appropriate discipline upon those students whose acts are violative of its standards of conduct, by means of hearing procedures affording both prompt disciplinary determination and appropriate due process to the alleged violator.

Students at Cumberland County College may be accountable to the civil authorities, as well as to the college, for acts which constitute violations of the civil law as well as, violations of this code. In such event, college disciplinary actions will proceed notwithstanding the pendency of any criminal, drug, or disorderly proceedings. Similarly, dismissal or acquittal of such concurrent legal proceedings will not necessarily result in dismissal of college disciplinary sanctions.

The college recognizes that its inherent powers and responsibilities to act as to protect the safety and well being of the campus community are broad and that the potential range of student misconduct which could harm persons or property on campus is also broad. Accordingly, these regulations are to be interpreted broadly so as to effectuate to the fullest extent the protection of the Cumberland County College community. These written regulations are intended to define prohibited offenses with precision so as to give students notice of misconduct in exhaustive terms.

## **General Statement**

Students are expected to obey college rules, regulations, procedures, policies, to show respect for properly constituted authority, to perform contractual obligations, to maintain integrity and a high standard of honor in academic work, and to observe a standard of conduct appropriate for the college. The college expects all students to conduct themselves in all circumstances in a responsible manner. This implies thoughtful consideration of college property and members of the college community. Any student or group of students failing to observe either the general standards of conduct or any specific regulation adopted by the college, or act in a manner not in the best interest of other students of the college, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

## **Prohibited Conduct**

The following student conduct is subject to disciplinary action. It should be noted that disciplinary action is not limited to the conduct below.

1. Causing physical or psychological harm to any person on college property, at college sponsored activities, or causing reasonable apprehension of such harm. This includes verbal threat, assault, or harassment and fighting.
2. Racist or discriminatory comments, epithets or other expressive behavior directed at an individual or on separate occasions at different individuals or for physical conduct, if such comments, epithets, or expressive behavior or physical conduct intentionally:
  - a. Demeans the race, sex, religion, creed, color, disability sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry or age of the individual or individuals;
  - b. Creates intimidating, hostile, or demeaning environment for education, college related work, or other college authorized activity.
3. Using inappropriate language, disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression on college property or at college sponsored activities.
4. Interfering with the freedom of expression of others on college property or at college sponsored activities.
5. Damaging or defacing college property or the property of any person on campus or a college sponsored activity.
6. Misusing or damaging fire safety equipment.
7. Unauthorized presence in or use of college facilities or property.

8. Inciting or participating in a riot or an unauthorized or disorderly assembly.
9. Obstructing, harassing, or interfering with the normal college or college sponsored activities, including but not limited to studying, teaching, research, extracurricular activities, job placement activities, college administration, or fire, police, or emergency services.
10. Falsification of any record, report warning of emergency or knowingly withholding information from the college.
11. All forms of academic dishonesty, including cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism. Failure to report any action or plan of dishonesty whether knowledge of such act or plan is obtained directly or indirectly.
12. Excessive lateness and/or leaving class, disruptive classroom behavior such as excessive talking, bring children to class, use of electronic equipment, eating in class or failing to observe the instructions or directives of the instructor.
13. Unauthorized use, possession or storage of any weapon on college property or at any college sponsored activities.
14. Gambling of any sort on college property or at college sponsored activities.
15. Smoking in prohibited areas.
16. Continued failure to meet college financial obligations or to return college property which was loaned or borrowed.
17. Excessive campus parking violations.
18. Knowingly violating the terms of any disciplinary sanction imposed in accordance with this Code.
19. Failure to comply with a directive from a college official, including campus security officers.
20. Failure to observe regulations, statutes and/or laws of the State of New Jersey or Federal Government.

The college reserves the right to amend and expand the above list of prohibited conduct.