

Community College of Philadelphia
Student Code of Conduct

Proposed Revision to Article III, Section 2

Conduct – Rules and Regulations

Any student found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct including, but not limited to, the following is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in Article IV:

Abuse of the College’s Judicial System

Abuse of the College’s Judicial System is prohibited. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- i. Failing to obey the summons of a judicial body or College official.
- ii. Falsifying, distorting, or misrepresenting information before a judicial body.
- iii. Disrupting or interfering with the orderly conduct of a judicial proceeding.
- iv. Instituting a judicial proceeding knowingly without cause.
- v. Attempting to discourage an individual’s proper participation in, or use of, the judicial system.
- vi. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a judicial body prior to, and/or during the course of, the judicial proceeding.
- vii. Harassing (verbally or physically) and/or intimidating a member of a judicial body prior to, during, and/or after a judicial proceeding.
- viii. Failing to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the Student Code.
- ix. Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the judicial system.

Aiding and Abetting

Aiding and abetting in the violation of College rules is prohibited. Anyone who aids or abets in the violation of College rules or who encourages the violation of rules may be considered just as responsible as the actual violator or offender and may be subject to the same sanctions as the actual offender. This includes, but is not limited to, students who are in the presence of others using alcohol or drugs in violation of College policy, even if they are not using alcohol or drugs themselves. Students are expected to promptly report conduct or activity which poses a danger to the community or its members.

Alcohol

The possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of alcohol while on College property, while participating in any College-sponsored activities or while conducting College business off-campus is prohibited except as expressly permitted by the law and College regulations. Public intoxication is also prohibited.

Arson

Purposely attempting to set fire or burn any College building, furnishings, equipment or personal property is prohibited.

Assembly

Free and open assembly is permitted subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.

For the purposes of this code, assembly is defined as an individual or group organizing for the purpose of communication. Use of College space should be requested through established facility reservation procedures. Student groups and organizations should request such use through the Student Life Center. Failure to adhere to the College's procedure regarding Assembly is prohibited.

Bomb / Bomb Threat

Placing an explosive device or intentional imitation of such a device or threatening the placement of explosive devices on any College property, including surrounding areas, is prohibited.

Contracts

Students are prohibited from entering into a contract with an outside agency using the name of the College. Contracts entered into in violation of this rule shall be the personal responsibility of the student.

Damage or Destruction of Property

Intentionally destroying or damaging College property or property of others on College premises or at College-sponsored activities is prohibited.

Discrimination/Harassment

Discrimination based on race, color, ethnic or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religion, age, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status, or veteran status is prohibited. No student shall engage in discrimination/harassment of another student, faculty, or staff member. Retaliation against a person for reporting or objecting to discrimination or harassment is a violation of this policy, whether or not discrimination or harassment occurred.

Dishonesty

Acts of dishonesty are prohibited. Dishonesty refers to, but is not limited to, cheating, fabrication, obtaining an unfair advantage, furnishing false information to any College official, faculty member or office, unauthorized access to computerized systems, and tampering with the election of any College-recognized student organization.

Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct is prohibited. Disorderly conduct consists of behavior that is disorderly, lewd, or indecent; involves a breach of the peace; or aids, abets, or procures another person to breach the peace on College premises or at functions participated in or sponsored by the College. Disorderly conduct includes:

- i. College activities, on or off-campus, in all locations.
- ii. Authorized non-College activities, occurring on College property.

Failure to Comply

Failing to comply with directions of College officials or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested is prohibited.

False Alarms or Falsely Reported Fire Alarms

Setting, reporting or causing a false fire alarm is prohibited.

Fire-Protection Equipment

Tampering with or possessing College fire-protection equipment, including fire extinguishers, hoses, exit lights, smoke detectors, and alarm systems is prohibited.

Forgery

Forging, altering, or misusing any College document, record, or instrument of identification is prohibited.

Gambling

Gambling or holding a raffle or lottery on the campus or at any College function without proper College and other necessary approval is prohibited.

Hazing

Hazing, defined as any 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 College-sponsored group or organization is prohibited.

Illegal Drugs

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs, illegal or unauthorized prescription drugs, or drug paraphernalia is prohibited on College premises. Prescription and over-the-counter drugs are not prohibited when taken in standard dosage and/or according to a physician's prescription. In addition to College sanctions, students may be subject to federal and state laws that specify fines or imprisonment for conviction of drug-related offenses. Where appropriate or necessary, the College will fully cooperate with law enforcement agencies.

Obstruction of Pedestrian or Vehicular Traffic

Obstructing the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on College premises or at College-sponsored or supervised functions is prohibited.

Obstruction of Teaching

Disrupting or obstructing class is prohibited. Classroom disruptions are defined as behaviors that continue after a warning and which a reasonable faculty member would view as being likely to substantially or repeatedly interfere with the conduct of a class. Examples may include, but are not limited to: unauthorized use of cell phones, pagers, portable CDs, electronic games, and all other electronic devices in the classroom; persistent speaking without being recognized; talking with classmates while the faculty member (or another student who has the floor) is talking; entering class late; leaving class early; or leaving and returning to class while class is in session without permission.

Physical/Verbal Abuse

Physically abusing, assaulting, or verbally abusing any person is prohibited.

Posting Policy

The posting of flyers is allowed only in designated areas and in accordance with the processes and procedures as outlined by the Student Life Center. Failure to follow this policy is prohibited.

Retaliation

Retaliation against any individual for filing a complaint in good faith, or for assisting in the investigation of such complaint is prohibited.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is prohibited. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- i. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a favorable course grade or other academic decisions;
- ii. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for grades or other academic decisions affecting such individual; or
- iii. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work or classroom performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic environment.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in any building including classrooms, gymnasium, restrooms, laboratories, or other internal spaces on campus.

Solicitation

No individual or company may solicit or sell on campus for personal gain. Use of campus property to solicit donations, make sales, or recruit is restricted to the College, College-recognized organizations, departments, and College-sponsored programs and activities. Prior approval must be obtained from the office under whose jurisdiction the organization or the department operates. Failure to follow these rules is prohibited.

Technology

Abuse of the College's technology is prohibited. Violations consist of theft and/or other abuse of computer time, including but not limited to:

- i. Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose.
- ii. Unauthorized transfer of a file.
- iii. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification and/or password.
- iv. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or College official.
- v. Use of computing facilities to send obscene, abusive, or threatening messages.
- vi. Use of College computers to visit lewd and indecent web sites except for educational purposes.
- vii. Use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of the College

computing system.

Theft and/or Possession of Stolen Property

Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to property of the College or property of a member of the College community or removing or using College property for personal, political, or social purposes without authorization or permission is prohibited.

Threatening Behavior/Harassment/Bullying

Threatening, intimidating, harassing, bullying, coercing and/or engaging in other conduct which is threatening or endangering to the health or safety of any person is prohibited.

Trash

No student shall deposit, dump, litter, or otherwise dispose of any refuse on College property, except in duly designated refuse depositories.

Unauthorized Possession

Unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of keys to any College premises or unauthorized entry to or use of College premises is prohibited.

Vandalism

All acts of vandalism are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated on College property.

Violation of College Rules and Regulations

Violating published College policies, rules or regulations is prohibited.

Violation of Federal, State, or Local law

Violating federal, state, or local law on College premises or at College-sponsored or supervised activities is prohibited. All students are subject to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia. Any violations while on campus or on College-sponsored activities will result in disciplinary procedures, which may include the involvement of local authorities.

Weapons/Dangerous Chemicals

Illegal or unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, knives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on College premises or College-sponsored or supervised activities is prohibited. Authorization may be granted or denied by the College.