Student Code of Conduct

Foothill and De Anza Colleges consider the following principles essential to their educational mission and community life:

1. Mutual respect between students, faculty and staff;
2. Pursuit of studies with honesty and integrity;
3. Respect for College and personal property; and
4. Compliance with all rules and regulations.

These standards are intended to promote responsible student conduct and fair play. Students shall be subject to College discipline (as outlined in Administrative Procedure 5520: Student Due Process and Discipline) for any of the following misconduct that occurs at any time on campus or at any off campus facility, including internet-based courses held on the world-wide web, or college-approved or sponsored functions:

1. Academic dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism included in student publications), or knowingly furnishing false information to the Colleges, or District;

2. Unauthorized preparation, giving, selling, transfer, distribution or publication, for any commercial purpose, of any contemporaneous recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to handwritten or typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any district policy or administrative procedure;

3. Dishonesty, forgery, alteration, or misuse of College or District documents, records or identification;

4. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other College or District activities, including its public service functions, or of other authorized activities;

5. Physical or verbal abuse of any person or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any such person;

6. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion;

7. Causing or attempting to cause damage to College or District property or to private property on campus;
8. Stealing or attempting to steal College or District property or private property on Campus, or knowingly receiving stolen College or District property or private property on campus;

9. Willful misconduct that results in injury or death to a student or to College or District personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the College or District or on the campus;

10. Unauthorized entry to or use of College or District facilities;

11. Violation of College or District policies or of campus regulations including those concerning registration of student organizations, use of College or District facilities, or the time, place and manner of public expression;

12. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing or being under the influence of, any controlled substance as listed in California Health and Safety Code Section 11053 et seq., an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind; or unlawful possession of, or offering, arranging or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5;

13. Use, possession, or sale of any firearm, knife, explosive, or other object that could be classified as a weapon (unless the student has specific authorization from a College or District official);

14. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of authority, or persistent abuse of College or District personnel;

15. Gambling on College or District property;

16. Hazing or any act that injures, degrades, or disgraces or tends to injure, degrade, or disgrace any fellow student or other persons;

17. Disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent or obscene behavior, conduct or expression on District-owned or controlled property, or at District sponsored or supervised functions;

18. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the College or District;

19. Theft or abuse of computer time, including but not limited to:
   a. unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read or change the contents or for any other purpose;
b. unauthorized transfer of a file;

c. unauthorized use of another persons identification and password;

d. use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member or college official;

e. use of computing facilities to send obscene or abusive messages, or to defame or intentionally harm other persons;

f. use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of the college computing system;

g. use of computing facilities for student’s personal benefit;

20. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or as set forth in Board Policy 4640;

21. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability, or any other status protected by law.

22. Engaging in expression which is obscene, libelous or slanderous, or which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on College or District premises, or the violation of lawful College or District regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the College or District.

23. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.

See Board Policy 5500—Student Rights and Responsibilities
See Administrative Policy 5520—Student Due Process & Discipline

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