

Code of Conduct

(RULES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER AT COLUMBIA-GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

1. It is both the right and duty of the Board of Trustees of this institution, under law, to promulgate regulations of conduct for the maintenance of public order and the normal functioning of the College, and to formulate sanctions and define procedure for hearing charges involving violations of these regulations.
2. A basic assumption held by the College is that all persons enrolled as students, employed by the College, visiting, or otherwise present upon College property, enjoy the rights that are guaranteed to them by the laws of the United States and the State of New York and must assume the responsibilities implied by these rights.
3. A student who is found to have committed an offense can be suspended or dismissed for a single violation. The severity of the offense, prior disciplinary history, and other relevant circumstances will be considered in determining the appropriate disciplinary action. More than one sanction may be imposed for a single violation. A single act may constitute a violation of more than one regulation. Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not diminish or excuse a violation of the Student Conduct Regulations.

Except for College-sponsored off-campus programs, it is the intent of the College to leave disciplinary action with respect to off-campus offenses of students to civil authorities. It must be noted, however, that there are certain off-campus offenses that by their very nature pose a serious threat to the College community. In such cases, the College reserves the right to take appropriate action. The College will construe any of the following specified activities as inconsistent with the Code of Conduct. *This list is not to be considered inclusive or exclusive and may be amended at any time by the Board of Trustees of the College.*

The following actions or conduct are prohibited:

a. **DISRUPTION**

The obstruction or disruption of any College function or activity, including the classroom instructional environment, service functions, disciplinary proceedings, or other normal functions of the College.

b. **ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR**

Physical harm or threat of harm to any person on College property or at any College sponsored function.

c. **DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT**

No person shall use threat, obscene or abusive language, epithets, abuse, or any other means of harassing expressions, which are directed at an individual and can be reasonably anticipated to provoke or encourage an immediate violent reaction. This may include but is not limited to expressions relative to a person's race, ethnicity, national origin, religious or cultural identity, sexual orientation, disability or gender.

d. PHYSICAL ABUSE

The detention, physical abuse or intimidation of any person, or threat thereof; or any conduct that threatens or endangers the health, safety, or welfare of any person on College-owned or operated property at College-sponsored activities.

e. RECKLESSNESS

Any action or situation involving physical or mental abuse, harassment, intimidation, stalking, hazing, the forced consumption of liquor, drugs, or any other liquid or solid substance, for any purpose including initiation into or affiliation with any organization on College-owned or operated property or at College-sponsored activities.

f. CONDUCT

Any conduct which constitutes a violation of the laws of the United States, the State of New York, or any other civil jurisdiction.

g. COMPLIANCE

The refusal to obey any reasonable or lawful request, order, or directive of a College public safety officer, faculty, College administrator or any other identified representative of the College.

h. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Engaging in forms of academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, multiple submissions, and forgery.

i. DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination in College programs on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or veteran status.

j. HATE OR BIAS-RELATED CRIME

Intentionally selecting a person against whom a criminal offense is committed or intended to be committed because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability, or sexual orientation, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct. (Refer to the Bias Crimes Policy)

k. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

1. The use, offer for sale, distribution, possession, or manufacture of alcohol beverages on College premises, except in those specific instances when express official prior authorization has been granted in writing from the Office of the President.
2. Behavior that may be disruptive and/or attributable to the use of alcohol.

l. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DRUGS

1. The illegal possession, use, sale or transfer of any controlled substance, dangerous drug or drug paraphernalia.
2. Behavior that may be disruptive and/or attributable to the use of any controlled substance or dangerous drug.

m. FIREARMS

Unauthorized possession or use of any firearms or deadly weapons: “Deadly weapon” means any loaded weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious physical injury, may be discharged (shotguns, rifles, pistols, automatic weapons, black powder rifle, black powder shotgun, or any muzzle-loading firearm), or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, pilum ballistic knife, metal knuckle knife, dagger, billy, blackjack, plastic knuckles, or metal knuckles.

Unauthorized possession of the following: Air pellet guns, paint ball guns, soft pellet air guns, rubber band gun, water guns, inoperable firearm or any other item which would resemble the same.

Unauthorized use of any dangerous instrument: “Dangerous instrument” means any instrument, article or substance, including a “vehicle” which, under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used, is readily capable of causing death or other serious physical injury.

n. FORGERY, FRAUD AND DISHONESTY

Intentionally furnishing false information or omitting relevant or necessary information to gain a benefit, to injure, or to defraud is prohibited. Using or possessing false or altered identification (including drivers’ licenses and C-GCC ID Cards).

o. PROPERTY DAMAGE

1. Damage to or unauthorized use of College property or private property on College premises.
2. Unauthorized occupancy of College property or unauthorized prohibition of access to College property by any person. Theft of or damage to property belonging to the College personnel or students.

p. FALSE REPORTS & FIRE SAFETY

False alarms or reports of emergency, tampering with fire alarms or fire equipment is prohibited. Initiation of any false report, warning, threat of fire, threat of explosion, or other emergencies on College premises or at any College-sponsored activity.

q. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ACCESS

The unauthorized use, distribution, duplication, or possession of any access device including key(s) issued for any College building, laboratory, facility, or room is prohibited. The unauthorized use or occupation of, or entry to, College grounds, buildings or premises.

r. SMOKING

Smoking and other tobacco products is not permitted anywhere on campus.

s. GAMBLING

Unauthorized gambling on campus property.

t. COMPLICITY

The aiding, assisting, or abetting of any person or persons in any action or conduct prohibited by the C-GCC Code of Conduct.

u. THEFT OR ABUSE OF COMPUTER RESOURCES

Theft or other abuse of computer resources and college computer policy is prohibited. Computing resources include hardware, software, and data owned, licensed, or developed by Columbia-Greene Community College students or employees.

v. TRAFFIC

The obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or the free access to, or exit from, any part of the College premises whatsoever.

w. VIOLATION OF LAW OR COLLEGE POLICIES

Violation of law or other duly constituted College regulations and policies.