Stockton University Campus Code of Conduct

The University encourages community members to report to University officials all incidents that involve the following actions.

1. Integrity: University community members exemplify honesty, honor, and a respect for the truth in all of their dealings. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

   a. **Dishonesty**: Including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing or possessing false, falsified, or forged materials, documents, accounts, records, identification, or information to any University administrator, staff or faculty (Procedures for charges involving academic honesty are found in the University Bulletin.)
   
   b. **Falsification**: Forgery, alteration or misuse of University documents, records, identification cards, other official University database files or other misuse of the University’s computerized systems or other equipment. (See Standards Concerning Acceptable Use of Stockton’s Computing Facilities on the Computer Services Web site or this Handbook.)
   
   c. **Theft**: Intentional and unauthorized taking of property, obtaining property under false pretenses, knowingly possessing, keeping, or receiving stolen property, or destroying or damaging, or threatening to destroy or damage property or deface property of the state (owned or controlled) or any person;
   
   d. **Unauthorized Access**: Unauthorized access into and/or use of University facilities/equipment, including but not limited to the library, athletic facilities and equipment, galleries, classrooms, television/video equipment, computers or confidential files;
   
   e. **Collusion**: Inciting, inducing or aiding and abetting others to engage in any conduct or to perform acts prohibited by the code of conduct;
   
   f. **Trust**: Violations of positions of trust within the community.

2. Community: University community members build and enhance their community. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

   a. **Disruptive behavior**: Obstruction or substantial disruption of University operations including teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, public service functions, other University activities, or other authorized non-University activities which occur on University premises
   
   b. **Weapons**: Possession or use of a firearm, explosive, dangerous chemical or other dangerous weapon in contravention of federal, state or local laws or University policies and procedures. This includes use and possession of a facsimile weapon or use of an object as a weapon.
   
   c. **Unauthorized use**: Unauthorized use of the University’s name, logo, finances, materials and supplies (including stationery bearing the University’s letterhead) or facilities (including computer facilities) or property (owned or controlled) for commercial, personal or political purposes.
   
   d. **Tobacco**: Smoking or tobacco use in any area of campus where smoking or tobacco use are prohibited (See Smoking Policy)
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3. Social Justice: University community members recognize that respecting the dignity of every person is essential for creating and sustaining a flourishing university community. They understand and appreciate how their decisions and actions impact others and are just and equitable in their treatment of all members of the community. Conduct that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

a. **Discrimination**: Conduct which is severe, ongoing, pervasive, and/or prevents a member of the institution from engaging in University activities, or conduct that violates the University’s policy prohibiting discrimination. Includes sex discrimination; (See Student Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Academic/Educational Environment in this Student Handbook.)

b. **Harassment**: Any unwelcome conduct based on actual or perceived status including: [sex, gender, race, color, age, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, pregnancy status, religion, sexual orientation or other protected status]. Any unwelcome conduct should be reported to campus officials, who will act to remedy and resolve reported incidents on behalf of the victim and community.

c. **Retaliation**: Any intentional, adverse action taken by any responding individual or allied third party, absent legitimate nondiscriminatory purposes, against a participant [or supporter of a participant] in a University grievance proceeding or other protected activity.

4. Respect: University community members show positive regard for each other and for the community. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

a. **Harm**: Any action that intentionally or recklessly causes harm, threatens bodily harm, presents an imminent danger of harm or endangering the health or safety of any person; (Also see Disposition of Domestic Violence Complaints)

b. **Hazing**: Defined as an act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or that 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. Participation or cooperation by the person(s) being hazed does not excuse the violation;

c. **Sexual Misconduct**: Sexual misconduct is a term used to capture sexual harassment, gender-based harassment and sexual violence. Sexual violence, includes dating violence, stalking, domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion. All such acts of sexual violence are forms of sexual harassment covered under Title IX. (See Stockton University Resource Guide on Title IX for additional information)

d. **Indecent or Obscene**: Disruptive, lewd, indecent or obscene conduct on or off the University property or at a University-sponsored or supervised function.
5. Responsibility: University community members are given and accept a high level of responsibility to self, to others, and to the community. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

a. Alcohol: Possession, consumption and/or distribution, or attempted distribution of alcoholic beverages in contravention of federal, state or local laws or University regulations or knowingly being present at the time of prohibited conduct. (See Alcohol Policy)

b. Drugs: Possession, use, misuse, distribution or attempted distribution of legal drugs, illegal drugs, prescription drugs, controlled dangerous substances, or drug paraphernalia that are prohibited by state or federal laws or knowingly being present at the time of the prohibited conduct (See Drug Policy)

c. Failure to Comply: Refusal to comply with a request, directive or order from an official of the University, including campus police officers, members of the University administrative staff or other authorized persons acting in the performance of their official University duties and responsibilities.

d. Other Policies: Violations of established University policies or regulations and any other procedures or regulations officially promulgated by the University and/or the State of New Jersey.

e. Off Campus Behaviors: Off-campus actions and/or behaviors that violate laws and regulations of federal, state and local agencies, as well as policies of the University. (See Off Campus Actions and Behaviors)