
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The College's mission and promise to every student is to provide an opportunity to build a future through flexible education in a supportive environment. In support of its mission, the College seeks to provide the opportunities and protections which best serve the educational process. Students are entitled to the basic rights and protections as an individual member of society. At the same time, they are also subject to obligations as a member of the College community. The College has adopted a Student Code of Conduct that sets forth the standards of conduct expected of students who choose to enroll at the College. Students in violation of The Code of Conduct may face disciplinary action. The Student Code of Conduct is intended for the benefit, protection, safety, and wellbeing of everyone involved in the learning environment and activities at the College.

Students are expected to know and willingly follow the code in their everyday activities, including College sponsored activities held off campus. The student conduct regulations are intended to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. However, they are not meant to define misconduct in every circumstance. The Student Code of Conduct is updated annually and made available on the College website.

A violation of the Student Code of Conduct may also constitute a violation of city, state, or federal law and will be forwarded to local law enforcement.

All actions by a member of the college community that involve the use of the College's networks and/or technology from a remote location including, but not limited to, accessing email accounts, are considered to have occurred on-campus. This policy may also apply to off#campus or online conduct when the college determines that the conduct affects a substantial College interest. A substantial College interest is defined to include:

- Any action that constitutes a criminal offense as defined by law.
- Any situation where it appears that the accused may present a danger or threat to the health or safety of self or others.
- Any situation that significantly imposes upon the rights, property, or achievements of a student or causes significant social disruption.

Any online postings or other electronic communication by students and employees, including cyber-bullying/harassment that occurs completely outside of the college's control will be subject to this procedure when the online behaviors cause a substantial on#campus disruption or use the college's networks and/or technology. While Blackhawk may not control websites, social media, and other venues in which disruptive behavior may occur, the college maintains a responsibility to review and attempt to resolve the situation when such behavior is reported to the college.

Any member of the College community may report a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Reports should be submitted using the Behavior Intervention Team (BIT) report at <https://www.blackhawk.edu/About/Safety-Security/Behavior-Intervention-Team> (<https://www.blackhawk.edu/About/Safety-Security/Behavior-Intervention-Team/>) or reported directly to the Conduct Officer or Executive Director of Student Services. A report should be submitted as soon as possible following the alleged violation to ensure a fair and

timely investigation. The respondent(s) will be notified in writing of the alleged violation.