

Students charged with violating this policy will be referred for disciplinary action to the appropriate Campus Dean of Students. Students who violate the College's Drug and Alcohol Policy will be subject to severe disciplinary sanctions including suspension or expulsion. In addition, the College will refer violators to the appropriate law enforcement agencies for prosecution and will assist law enforcement agencies in investigating students who may be using or trafficking in drugs.

SMOKING POLICY

HCC complies with the Florida Indoor Clean Air Act. Smoking is not permitted in any college building, classroom, enclosed hallway, or areas adjacent to entrance and exit doors. Smoking is only permitted in outdoor unenclosed areas. Campuses have designated smoking areas.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

BILL OF STUDENT RIGHTS

PURPOSE

This procedure establishes a bill of student rights for students at Hillsborough Community College.

PROCEDURE

Hillsborough Community College exists to provide for the educational development of all students enrolled at the institution as well as the general well being of society. As members of the academic, technical and occupational communities, students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in an independent search for truth. The College will implement administrative procedures to ensure academic freedom at the institution.

The admission policy of HCC is an Open Door Policy for all qualified students. No student will be barred from admission on the basis of race, sex, marital status, national origin, age, color or disabled status. The College facilities and services will be available to all students who are enrolled at the College.

Instructors will encourage free discussion, expression and inquiry, both in the classroom and in conference. Student performance will be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinion or matters unrelated to academic standards.

Students, as members of the academic community, will have the following rights while enrolled at Hillsborough Community College:

1. Students will be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion expressed during a course of study. However, students enrolled in a course are responsible for learning the material.
2. Students will be protected against prejudicial or capricious academic evaluation. At the same time, students will be responsible for maintaining the standards of academic performance established for each course.

3. Information regarding a student's views, beliefs and political associations, revealed during a course of study will be considered confidential. Under appropriate circumstances a faculty member may comment on a student's ability or character which normally occurs with the student's knowledge or consent.
4. Students will have active representative participation in college areas where students have a responsibility to the institution.
5. Students will have the right to establish a representative student government.
6. Students will have the right to establish and participate in student organizations, free from unreasonable restrictions, limitations and/or discrimination.
7. Students will have the right of access to written statements regarding educational policies, curricular activities and regulations that include the State Board of Education Rules, the HCC Administrative Rules and Procedures and pertinent regulations established by the Student Government, faculty, staff or administration.
8. Students will have the right to review their personal records. Subject to legal restrictions, students may challenge statements contained in their personal records.
9. Students will not be suspended or expelled from the College without receiving a hearing on the allegations.

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CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct is intended to protect Hillsborough Community College, its academic and social community, and its property from harm resulting from acts of its students causing injury thereto, or threat of injury.

To this end, this Code defines prohibited conduct and provides for the imposition of appropriate discipline upon those students whose acts are in violation of its standards of conduct by the means of hearing procedures affording both prompt disciplinary determinations and appropriate due process to the alleged violator.

Hillsborough Community College students may be accountable to the civil authorities, as well as to the College, for acts that constitute violations of laws as well as violations of this Code. In such events, College disciplinary actions will proceed notwithstanding any pending criminal, drug or disorderly persons' proceedings. Similarly, dismissal or acquittal of such concurrent legal proceedings will not necessarily result in dismissal of College disciplinary actions.

The College recognizes that its inherent powers and responsibilities to act so as to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community are broad and that the potential range of student misconduct which could harm persons and property on campus is also broad. Accordingly, these regulations are to be interpreted broadly to effect fully the protection of the Hillsborough Community College community. These written regulations are intended to define prohibited offenses with precision to give students notice of the behavioral standards expected of them. They are not meant to define misconduct in exhaustive terms.

2. COLLEGE POLICY ON STUDENT VIOLATIONS OF LAW

On-Campus misconduct constituting a criminal, drug, or disorderly persons offense will be immediately reported to the security office. Where a student's illegal act also is in violation of this Code, proceedings will be instituted under this Code. Where the College itself is a victim of the illegal act, and where witnesses are available to present statements to investigators and to testify in court, the College may file a court complaint against the student.