

Florida College Code of Conduct



New students are given a complete paper copy of the current student handbook during orientation. It may be viewed under **Student Life** at www.floridacollege.edu.

Florida College sets a high standard for our students' moral behavior. The following code, while man-made, is based on scriptural principles fundamental to individual growth and sound, collective interaction within a community of Christian scholars.

As with all policies and procedures in this Handbook, this Code of Conduct may be amended by the appropriate actions of the College faculty and administration.

Individual Honesty

The students of this College are expected to be fully honest in their individual relationships and communications among themselves, as well as in their interactions with College staff, faculty, and administration.

Honesty is expected in both written and verbal communications. Lying breaks down trust individually and collectively, and is not tolerated here.

Academic Integrity

Our students are expected to maintain their academic integrity. Cheating and plagiarism are violations of that standard. Such choices constitute academic theft, and are not tolerated at this College.

Examples of academic theft include: cheating on a test; copying another student's paper or theme; copying another author's work without properly quoting, citing, and identifying his work as a source; citing false or fabricated sources, or downloading whole, or portions of, papers elec-

tronically to be represented as one's own work.

Cell phones and digital cameras must not be turned on or visible during a test.

Respect for Property

Students are expected to respect the personal property of others, as well as the College's property. Theft is not tolerated at this College.

Purity in Relationships

Our students are expected to maintain their moral integrity within personal relationships. Sexual relationships, of any type, outside of marriage—thus including fornication and homosexuality—are not tolerated.

The College expects students to refrain from inappropriate physical contact that is romantic or affectionate in nature, whether on or off campus.

Visiting the residence hall lobbies of the opposite sex is restricted to posted times. Except for visitation hours in lobbies, students are not allowed to enter a residence hall of the opposite sex without permission of authorized College personnel. Students should not go to, or through, the windows of residence halls occupied by the opposite sex.

Our students may not meet a member of the opposite sex in a private place without permission from appropriate College personnel.

"Mixed swimming" (swimming not segregated by gender) and similar activities are prohibited on and off campus.

Purity in Body

This College is a drug and alcohol-free work and educational environment.

The use of alcohol and drugs by our students is absolutely prohibited. Students may not engage in drinking, handling, possessing, or giving away intoxicants, including beer, wine, ale, etc. The possession and/or use of drugs not prescribed by a physician, or the possession of drug paraphernalia, are absolutely prohibited. This regulation includes marijuana and hallucinatory agents.

Florida College complies with federal, state, and local laws regulating drugs and alcohol. Students involved in illegal activities or possession of illegal substances may be reported to law enforcement agencies.

Resident students may not possess or use tobacco products either on or off campus while enrolled at this College. Non-resident students may not possess or use tobacco products while on campus, representing Florida College, or in association with other Florida College students.

Social Purity

Our students are expected to avoid "immoral environments" that are opposed to the biblical principles that this College was founded on. Thus, our students are prohibited from entering or patronizing places deemed by the College as providing activities and/or atmospheres inconsistent with our ideals, purposes, and policies. Examples of such places include: restaurants known for the immodest dress of staff; any establishment that serves alcohol and checks identifications at their door—such as bars, lounges, and dance clubs; fraternity or sorority houses; places that screen X-rated movies, etc.

Our students are prohibited from participating in gambling activities and

entering gambling casinos.

Verbal Purity

The use of profanity, cursing, swearing, or abusive speech has no place at this College, and the use of such language is prohibited for our students.

Respect for Others

Harassment of any kind is not acceptable at Florida College. Harassment is defined as any physical or verbal abuse that is offensive to the recipient. Sexual harassment is any physical, verbal, and/or graphic sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or other sexually-oriented conduct which is offensive or objectionable to the recipient. "Appendix B" of this Handbook includes a full statement of the Florida College harassment policy.

Any student who feels that he or she has been subjected to harassment, whether from a student or employee, should report the matter to the Dean of Students.

DRESS CODE

Though certainly a matter of moral behavior, in terms of biblical principles regarding dressing "modestly and discreetly" (1 Timothy 2:9), this College's dress code also suits the needs of a professional institution professing to foster an environment for Christian scholars.

Our students, as a consequence, are expected to live up to a reasonable standard of dress fitting the nature of this institution, as it strives to educate "the whole man." Such an education here includes instruction on expected standards of decorum in serious professional and academic settings.

General Code

In dressing for either formal or informal occasions, on or off campus, our students are held to the following standards:

- Clothing should not have logos or messages that are indecent.
- Torn, ragged, or soiled clothes of any kind should not be worn.
- Shoes must be worn in all buildings except residence halls.
- Male hair may not extend below the ear or top of a dress shirt collar; shall be neatly cut, combed, and out of the eyes; and shall not be kept in a bun, pony tail, or any other fashion which keeps it bound up.
- Beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed and well-groomed at all times.
- Body piercing is not acceptable. The only exception is women's earrings. Men may not wear earrings or similar jewelry.
- "Pajama pants" are not appropriate except in one's own residence hall.
- Men are not to wear sleeveless shirts on campus, except when playing sports at the athletic complex.
- Female clothing should include proper undergarments, and should not be tight-fitting or revealing.

Prohibited clothing includes:

- Halters, tank tops, or blouses showing the midriff;
- Backless or low-cut dresses;
- Low hip-hugger pants;

- Skirts or pants that do not touch the kneecap;
- Skirts slit above the kneecap.

Formal Occasions

For specific formal occasions, such as the College's Spring Banquet, men are expected to wear a coat and tie. Women are expected to avoid dresses that include bare shoulders, or strapless, backless, or low-cut (whether front or back) styles. Clingy, tight-fitting, or sheer banquet dresses are also unacceptable. Any attire, for men or women, is subject to review by appropriate College personnel.

Chapel, College Programs, and Class Meetings

Our students are expected to dress reflecting the more serious decorum at these meetings, and the following standards apply for both day and evening:

- Men must wear full-length pants with an appropriate shirt;
- Women may wear dresses, skirts and tops, or pants and tops;
- Shorts are prohibited;
- Sportswear, such as sweatpants, is prohibited.

Sports

Sportswear, whether worn for a physical education class or to compete in intramural events, is expected to meet the College's general standards. Pants and shorts must at least touch the kneecap. Additional regulations may be specified by the College athletic department.