

# Code of Conduct



## Code of Moral Conduct

*"... let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Corinthians 7:1).*

*Florida College sets a high standard for 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

*"Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices" (Colossians 3:9).*

- 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.

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

*"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men" (Colossians 3:23).*

- Students are expected to uphold academic integrity. Cheating and plagiarism are violations of that standard. Such choices constitute academic theft, and are not tolerated.
- 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 electronically to be represented as one's own work.

- Cell phones and cameras must be turned off and put away during a test.

### RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

*"He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need" (Ephesians 4:28)*

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

### PURITY IN RELATIONSHIPS

*"For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification" (I Thessalonians 4:7).*

- Students are expected to maintain their moral integrity within personal relationships. Sexual relationships of any type outside of marriage as defined in Scripture (Gen. 2:18–24) are not tolerated.
- Students are to refrain from inappropriate physical contact that is 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.
- Students may not meet a member of the opposite sex in a private place without permission from appropriate College personnel.

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## PURITY IN BODY

*"And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart" (Psalm 24:3-4).*

- 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, is strictly 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

*"Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them" (Ephesians 5:11).*

- 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, and etc.
- Our students are prohibited from participating in gambling activities, or entering gambling casinos.

## VERBAL PURITY

*"But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth" (Colossians 3:8).*

- The use of profanity or abusive speech is strictly prohibited.

## RESPECT FOR OTHERS

*"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you" (Matthew 7:12).*

- 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 the 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 the biblical principle of dressing "modestly and discreetly"—I Timothy 2:9), the College's dress code also fits the image of a professional institution fostering an environment for Christian scholars.*

*Consequently, our students 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 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.
- Clothing that has holes, is torn, ragged, and/or soiled should not be worn.
- "Pajama pants" are not appropriate except in one's own residence hall.
- Body piercing is not acceptable. The only exception is women's earrings. Men may not wear earrings or similar jewelry.

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- Shoes must be worn in all buildings except residence halls.
- Men's 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, ponytail, or any other fashion which keeps it bound up.
- Beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed and well-groomed at all times.
- Men are not to wear sleeveless shirts on campus, except when playing sports at the athletic complex.
- Women's 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.
- Special attention must be given to maintaining modesty when visiting our area beaches or engaging in water-related activities. Students are still required to wear shorts that touch the kneecap and appropriate shirts at all times. They must also take extra precautions to ensure that their clothing does not become see-through or cling closely to the body when wet.

### **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 not permitted.

### **SPORTS**

Sportswear, whether worn for physical education class or to compete in intramural events, is expected to meet the College general standards. Shorts must at least touch the kneecap. Additional rules may be specified by the athletics department.

# Florida College: Application for Admission | Signatures

Florida College is a private, coeducational, undergraduate institution of higher learning in which students are taught the liberal arts in the context of the Bible as the revealed will of God; and to prepare students for lives of service to their Creator and to humanity. The total College program is so integrated that attention is given to the development of students in a four-fold manner: spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

The College offers bachelor's degrees in biblical studies, business administration, communication, elementary education, liberal studies, social & behavioral sciences, and music, in addition to its long-standing Associate in Arts degree. Freshmen and sophomores of traditional college age are expected to be full-time, residential students. (Local students may choose to live at home.) The College

also serves juniors, seniors and non-traditional students as either residential or commuter students.

Florida College considers all students dependent regardless of age or living arrangements unless written evidence is provided to determine otherwise and, therefore, parents and/or guardians of dependent children have full access to the student's academic and financial information. Because Florida College is a community where everyone is involved in helping our students reach their fullest potential, we ask parent(s) and/or guardian(s) to become familiar with and to participate in helping their student abide by Florida College conduct guidelines set forth in the student handbook. For more information, visit [floridacollege.edu/catalog](http://floridacollege.edu/catalog) and [floridacollege.edu/student-handbook](http://floridacollege.edu/student-handbook).

## Please read the following paragraph carefully before signing:

*If my child's application for admission is approved, I understand that my child will pledge to abide by the regulations of Florida College as set forth in the **Florida College catalog**, the **student handbook**, and/or other official publications authorized and approved by the College. I understand what is expected of my student at Florida College. If my child's application is approved, I will cooperate completely with the College so that its aims and purposes may be fully realized.*

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Parent or guardian's signature

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Date

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Print student's name (last, first, middle)

*I have read and understood the policies of Florida College regarding the conduct expected by all students of the College. I understand that I am responsible for my own behavior and agree to abide by the rules set forth in the Code of Conduct.*

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Student's signature

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Date