

STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Code of Conduct

A copy of the [Code of Conduct](#) may be obtained from:

- Assistant Dean of Student Development Office on the Prescott Campus
- Admissions, Registration & Records Office on the Prescott Campus
- Student Enrollment & Advising Center on the Verde Valley Campus
- Prescott Valley Campus
- Sedona Center for Arts & Technology

Each student is responsible for the academic integrity of all work completed for a given course.

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Yavapai College strives to create an atmosphere which supports the academic mission of the institution. Students should be able to learn in an environment which is orderly, peaceful, and free of disturbances. Respect for the rights of others and for the college and its property are essential expectations for each Yavapai College student. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to outline behavioral expectations, and to provide an explanation of the process involved for responding to allegations of student misconduct.

Academic Integrity

Honesty in academic work is a central element of the learning environment. The presentation of another individual's work as one's own or the act of seeking unfair academic advantage through cheating, plagiarism or other dishonest means are violations of the College's "Code of Conduct." Failure to abide by the terms and conditions of the "Code of Conduct" will result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the College.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as submitting any academic work which is not entirely the work of the student, deliberately or accidentally. This can include, but is not limited to, such practices as not giving proper credit to a source, expanding someone else's work without giving proper credit, adopting another's work as one's own (including the copying of print or electronic media), directly using someone else's ideas without giving proper credit, and deliberately changing selective words to misrepresent someone else's work as one's own.

Cheating

Cheating is defined as submitting assignments, examinations, or other work which is based on deception or misrepresentation of the individual's own work. Cheating includes the furnishing of materials to another person for purposes of aiding that person to gain unfair academic advantage.

Violation of Copyright

The unauthorized reproduction or use of copyrighted material, whether print or electronic media, is unacceptable and considered an act of academic dishonesty. In addition, the violator may be subject to legal penalty since such practice is illegal.

Penalties

The following penalties may be applied in instances of academic dishonesty:

- A grade of "F" (Failure) may be awarded for the assignment in which academic dishonesty occurred or for the entire course regardless of the length of time the student has been in attendance. The grade of "F" will override or supersede any student-initiated withdrawal from the course.
- Dismissal from the College may occur if a student is found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty. The length or time period of the dismissal will depend on the nature of the offense and may include permanent dismissal.
- Legal measures may be taken by Yavapai College.