

The instructor may also consider that a student's violation of academic integrity should be a consideration for disciplinary measures. Disciplinary action for violating academic integrity is administered through the Office of Student Success under Board Policy 5500 Standards of Conduct.



Due Process

DUE PROCESS PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS:

1. Students shall be given notice of the violation and,
2. Students shall be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

General Information

1. No fees paid by or for a student for the term in which he/she is suspended shall be refunded.
2. The student suspected of a violation shall be regarded as innocent until sufficient contrary information is uncovered.
3. Records of disciplinary action shall be kept in a separate file from the academic or grade records for a period of time not to exceed five years.
4. If the student is a minor, the Vice President of Student Services or designee shall notify the student's parent or guardian of any disciplinary action and consequences. ED Code (76031)
5. All references in this document to days shall refer to days when classes are in session, excluding weekends and Fridays during the Summer term.

Academic Freedom

The Board of Trustees believes that students have the right to listen, the right to decide, the right to choose, the right to reject, the right to express and defend individual beliefs, and that the educational purpose of the District is best served by this freedom of expression. As members of an academic community, students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Institutional procedures for achieving these purposes may vary from campus to campus, but the minimal standards of academic freedom of students are essential to the purposes for which community colleges exist.

Students are free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled. Student performance will be evaluated on a broad academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Modesto Junior College under the Yosemite Community College District Board Policy 5500 has specified those standards of student behavior which it considers essential to its educational mission and its campus life. These regulations are designed to represent reasonable standards of conduct. The Standards of Conduct governs the behavior of students and guests on campus and at college-sponsored activities. Violations of the codes may subject individuals to disciplinary action, which is consistent with the requirements of due process.

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The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline, including but not limited to the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student.

1. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
2. Possession, sale or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm, knife or explosive, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student has obtained written permission to possess the item from a district employee, which is concurred in by the college president.
3. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind; or unlawful possession of, or offering, arranging or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5
4. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
5. Causing or attempting to cause damage to district property or to private property on campus.
6. Stealing, or attempting to steal district property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen district property or private property on campus.
7. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the district.
8. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by district policies and procedures.
9. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, sex (i.e., gender), marital status or sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.
10. Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to college personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the district or on campus.
11. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel.
12. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty.
13. Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of college documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the district.
14. Unauthorized entry upon or use of college facilities.
15. Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct on district-owned or controlled property, or at district-sponsored or supervised functions.

16. Engaging in expression which is obscene; libelous or slanderous; or which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on college premises, or the violation of lawful district administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the district.
17. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
18. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other college activities, including its public service functions, or any other authorized activities. Pagers, cellular telephones and other similar electronic devices must be turned off in classrooms and other campus sponsored events unless authorized by an appropriate faculty or staff member.

Reference: Education Code Section 66300

Academic honesty as defined by the Academic Senate at Modesto Junior College

VIOLATIONS

All faculty, administrators and staff share the original jurisdiction for conduct violations in the area of academic honesty. The Academic Senate at MJC has defined Academic integrity and identified possible means for maintaining academic integrity at the College.

Cheating — Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise; misrepresenting or non-reporting of pertinent information in all forms of work submitted for credit.

Facilitating Academic Dishonesty — Intentionally or knowingly helping, or attempting to help, another to violate a provision of the institutional code of academic integrity.

Plagiarism – The deliberate adoption or reproduction of ideas, words or statements of another person as one’s own, without acknowledgement. This includes all group work and written assignments.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS

1. Academic areas may develop for their faculty and students a statement of the application of the Academic Integrity Procedure in their courses; and
2. Each faculty member is encouraged to include in his/her introduction to a course:
 - a. A statement of the application of the Academic Integrity Procedure within his/her course.
 - b. A statement notifying students that violations of the Academic Integrity Procedure will be reported.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN THE MJC COURSE

The grading of a student’s work rests on the fundamental idea that an instructor is evaluating a student’s own work, so cheating or plagiarism demonstrates a failure to complete this most basic requirement of any course. Thus a faculty member may administer academic consequences for violating the Academic Integrity Policy ranging from partial credit to an F on the assignment or exam.