



# 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 work; 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 be alone with a member of the opposite sex in a private place.

### PURITY IN BODY

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

- The 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, smoking, ingesting, handling, possessing or giving away intoxicants or drugs, including beer, wine, ale, marijuana or hallucinatory agents. In addition, the possession and/or use of drugs not prescribed by a physician, or the possession of drug paraphernalia, is strictly prohibited.

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\*\*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.\*\*



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- Students may not possess or use tobacco products either on or off campus while enrolled at this college. This regulation includes e-cigarettes and vapor units, even if they are advertised as nicotine-free.
- Students may be required to submit to a drug test. Refusal to submit to a drug test is grounds for immediate suspension.

## 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. Racial harassment includes racial slurs, offensive or derogatory remarks about a person's race or color, or the display of racially offensive symbols. “Appendix B” of the student 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 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 with skin showing above the knee is prohibited. Ragged or soiled clothing is also prohibited.
- Shorts must touch the kneecap.
- “Pajama pants” are not appropriate except in one's own residence hall.
- Students are allowed to wear earrings and/or a small nose stud. All other piercings are prohibited.
- Shoes must be worn in all buildings except residence halls.
- Men's hair may not extend below the ear or top of a collared shirt, shall be neatly cut, combed and out of the eyes.
- Beards and mustaches must be neatly trimmed and well-groomed at all times.
- 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, dresses or pants that do not touch the kneecap.
  - Skirts slit above the kneecap.
  - Leggings, yoga pants, etc.
- 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.

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## 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 & 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 or sleeveless shirts, 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 athletic department.

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## MOTOR VEHICLES

Keeping an automobile or motorcycle at Florida College is considered a privilege. To guarantee the safety and convenience of students and staff, the student who is granted a permit assumes the responsibility of complying with campus vehicle regulations. The college reserves the right to revoke the privilege if the student seriously violates or persists in violating the regulations. The college reserves the right to inspect students' vehicles and their contents when there is reasonable suspicion of violation of school rules and policies.

## REGISTRATION & PARKING PERMIT

- All qualified students who have vehicles in their possession must register the vehicle with the college through the dean of students office, apply the parking decal as instructed, and park in their assigned space on campus. Non-resident students are provided non-assigned parking adjacent to the business building and at the education building. Students may not park their vehicle in the neighborhood around campus, with or without a college parking decal, and whether or not the vehicle is registered with the college.

## PARKING REGULATIONS

- Campus lawns are off limits to any parking without specific permission from college officials.
- Students may not park at any time in spaces designated for supervisors, bookstore customers, physical plant, faculty or staff.
- Parking in a visitor space may not exceed 15 minutes.
- Special exceptions are made for female students who, because of work or another specific reason, arrive after curfew. They should park in a staff space near the residence hall until the security guard can escort them while they move the vehicle to its assigned space.

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## VIOLATION & FINES

Fines will be levied, but are not limited to, the following parking or traffic violations:

Speeding or reckless driving. . . . .	\$25
Failure to display decal properly. . . . .	\$25
Parking in unassigned space. . . . .	\$25
Parking on grass . . . . .	\$35
Parking where there is no space. . . . .	\$35
Parking in handicapped space. . . . .	\$35
Blocking a dumpster . . . . .	\$35 + city fine
Parking in a space assigned to someone else . . . .	\$35

The Temple Terrace police department has authority to ticket cars parked in handicapped spaces or fire lanes on this campus.

- Fines are payable during office hours at the dean of students office on or before the fifth day of class following the issuance of the ticket. If a student is unable to pay a fine, he may substitute community service assigned by the dean of students office as payment. If a fine is not paid within the allotted time, the charge will be billed to the student's account and a \$10 surcharge applied.
- A fourth parking violation may result in a summon to meet with the Dean of Students and further disciplinary action may be taken, such as extended community service, parking privileges taken away, meet with RWD Committee, or suspension.
- Tickets may be written 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Rain, inclement weather or car failure will not excuse traffic or parking violations. The student who registers a vehicle is responsible for compliance with all regulations and payment of fines even if another person is driving the vehicle.

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# FLORIDA COLLEGE: CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

## 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.

All students under age 21 are required to live in Florida College's residence halls, unless they are living at home with their parents or other relatives approved by the College. Students who have upper division social privileges and who are under the age of 25, may choose to live in the College's residence hall or off campus

Florida College considers all students under the age of 21 dependent, regardless of living arrangements, unless written evidence is provided to determine otherwise. 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).**

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***Please read the following paragraph carefully before signing:***

*(Students age 21 and older are not required to have a parent or guardian sign)*

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 while both on and off campus.

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STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

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DATE

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