

IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct

References:

Education Code Sections 66300 and 66301;
ACCJC Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10 (formerly II.A.7.b)

Imperial Valley College is maintained for the purpose of providing students in the community with programs of instruction in higher education. The College is concerned with the fostering of knowledge, the search for truth and the dissemination of ideas. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the achievement of these goals. As members of the College community, students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Students at Imperial Valley College may rightfully expect that the faculty and administration will maintain an environment where there is freedom to learn. This requires that there be appropriate conditions and opportunities in the classroom and on campus. As members of the College

to exercise their rights to free inquiry and free speech in a responsible non-violent manner. Students shall assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the college's function as an educational institution. Students shall observe the rules and regulations of the College and shall refrain from conduct which interferes with the College's teaching and administration, or which unreasonably interferes with the rights of others. Misconduct while on the college campus, or at a College-sponsored function for which students and student organizations are subject to disciplinary action.

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

Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.

Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by law.

Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying against another student through words or actions, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; social isolation or manipulation; and cyberbullying.

Willful misconduct that results in injury or death to a student or to District personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the District or on campus.

Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel.

Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by insert local practice].

Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of District documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.

Unauthorized entry upon or use of District facilities.

Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression on District-owned or controlled property, or at District sponsored or supervised functions.

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 District premises, or the violation of lawful District regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.