



# Code of Conduct

for students at  
**Dominion University  
College**

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# Introduction ▶

The Code of Conduct is an essential document that sets the standards and guidelines for behaviour expected from students at Dominion University College. It serves as a framework to create a safe and respectful learning environment for all individuals. This policy document will discuss the policy statement of the Code of Conduct and highlight the potential consequences for students who violate it.

## Policy Statement ▶

The Code of Conduct at Dominion University College is designed to foster an atmosphere of respect, integrity, inclusivity, and academic excellence. It provides a clear set of expectations and rules that students must adhere to, both on and off-campus. The policy statement aims to ensure that the college community exhibits behaviour that upholds the values of mutual respect, honesty, responsibility, and fairness.



# Core Principles ▶

- **Respect**

Students are expected to treat all individuals, regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation, with respect and courtesy. Disruptive or disrespectful behaviour, such as bullying, harassment, or discrimination, will not be tolerated.

- **Academic Integrity**

Students must maintain high standards of academic honesty. They should submit their own work, cite sources accurately, and refrain from engaging in any form of cheating, plagiarism, or falsification of academic records. Violations of academic integrity erode the trust within the college community and compromise the educational experience for all.

- **Professionalism**

Dominion University College encourages students to develop professional behaviour and ethical conduct both in and outside the classroom. This includes punctuality, appropriate attire, effective communication skills, and compliance with the policies of internships or other experiential learning opportunities provided by the college.

- **Responsible Citizenship**

Students are expected to comply with local, state, and federal laws, as well as all college regulations. They should avoid engaging in any activity that may adversely affect the college's reputation or the well-being of the community, either on or off-campus.

- **Attendance**

Regular attendance is a fundamental aspect of academic success. Students at Dominion University College

are expected to attend all scheduled classes, lectures, seminars, and tutorials punctually. Failure to adhere to these attendance requirements may impede their ability to grasp important concepts, impair learning progress, and affect their overall academic performance.

- **Punctuality**

In addition to attending classes regularly, students are expected to arrive on time. Punctuality demonstrates respect for faculty members, fellow students, and the learning process as a whole. Tardiness disrupts classroom dynamics and can hinder the learning experience for everyone involved. Students are encouraged to plan their schedules accordingly to ensure they can arrive at their classes promptly.

- **Meeting Deadlines**

Meeting deadlines is a crucial skill for academic and professional success. Dominion University College emphasizes this skill by holding students accountable for submitting assignments, projects, and examinations within the designated deadlines. Timely completion of academic tasks allows for a more systematic approach to learning, fosters discipline, and reflects a sense of responsibility. Students should make every effort to manage their time effectively to meet these expectations.

- **Misconduct**

Disruptive behaviour, harassment, discrimination, or any action that violates the rights and well-being of others will not be tolerated. Such misconduct can lead to severe consequences, ranging from academic penalties to suspension or expulsion from the university.

# Consequences ▶

While Dominion University College seeks to educate and guide students through their college experience, it also acknowledges the need for appropriate consequences when students deviate from the expected standards of conduct. The consequences for violating the Code of Conduct may vary depending on the severity and frequency of the offense. The following actions will be taken in response to violations:

## ▶ Attendance, Punctuality & Deadlines ▶

- Firstly, students who consistently fail to meet attendance requirements will face a warning from the college administration. Continued unexcused absences may result in restrictions on course enrollment, academic probation, or even expulsion in extreme cases. It is crucial for students to recognize the importance of attending classes regularly to optimize their educational experience.
- Secondly, Dominion University College places great emphasis on punctuality. Students who are repeatedly late to their classes may face disciplinary action, such as warnings or loss of participation marks. These measures aim to instill a sense of punctuality and discipline among the students and ensure that the learning environment remains undisturbed.
- Furthermore, failure to meet deadlines for academic assignments will also have consequences. Late submission of assignments may result in grade deductions or other penalties determined by the faculty members. By enforcing such consequences,

Dominion University College emphasizes the importance of time management, organizational skills, and the need to be accountable for one's academic commitments.

## General Violation ▶

- **Verbal Warning:**

Minor first-time violations or lesser offenses may result in a verbal warning from a faculty member, staff, or college official. This serves as an opportunity for the student to understand the gravity of their actions and take corrective measures.

- **Written Warning:**

Repeated minor offenses or moderate violations may warrant a written warning. The student will be required to meet with a specified college official to discuss the violation and potential consequences if the behaviour persists.

- **Probation:**

For serious offenses, repeated violations, or a pattern of misconduct, the student may be placed on probation. During this period, the student's behaviour will be closely monitored, and they may face restrictions on participation in certain activities or events. Failure to comply with the terms of probation may result in further disciplinary actions.

- **Suspension or Expulsion:**

In cases of severe misconduct, gross violations, or when previous disciplinary actions have proven ineffective, Dominion University College reserves the right to suspend or expel a student. Suspension involves a temporary removal from the college, while expulsion results in a permanent termination of enrollment.

# Conclusion ▶

The Code of Conduct at Dominion University College establishes a clear framework for student behaviour and expectations. It promotes a culture of respect, responsibility, academic integrity, and professionalism. The consequences outlined for violations aim to foster a supportive environment that prioritizes the well-being and educational experience of all members of the college community. By adhering to the principles and guidelines set forth in the Code of Conduct, students contribute to a positive and inclusive learning environment at Dominion University College.





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