

Student Code of Conduct

Philosophical Statement

Central to the mission of Southern State is a commitment to education that promotes academic excellence, personal and professional growth, free and unbiased thought and expression, tolerance, a strong sense of social responsibility, civility, and a lasting, life-long appreciation of learning. Students attending Southern State are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that supports the academic atmosphere of the College, that respects the rights of other students and employees of the College, and that follows the policies and procedures of the College as outlined in this College Catalog.

Definition of Terms

Alleged: an event that is said to have taken place but

- exhibits, and written statements for consideration.
- f. All procedural questions are subject to the final decision of the chairperson of the Committee.
 - g. After the hearing, the Committee shall determine by majority vote in a closed session, whether the student has violated the section of the Student Code of Conduct for which the student is charged with violating.
 - h. There shall be a single verbatim record, such as a tape recording of all hearings before the Student Disciplinary Committee. The record shall be the property of the College. Accused students may, at their expense, request a copy of the record for purposes of appeal.

Student Disciplinary Sanctions

The following sanctions may be imposed upon any student found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct:

1. Warning – A notice in writing to the student that the student is violating or has violated institutional regulations.
2. Probation – A written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. Probation is for a designated period of time and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions if the student is found to be violating any institutional regulation(s) during the probationary period.
3. Loss of Privileges – Denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time. In addition to a warning or probation period there may be a loss of privileges which would include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Denial of the right to park or operate motor vehicle on campus.
 - b. Denial of eligibility for a specified period of time, for election to a student office or opportunity to represent the College.
 - c. Denial, for a specified period of time, of the privilege of participating in athletics or other student activities.
4. Restitution – Compensation for loss, damage or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.
5. Service – Work assignments which offer service to College-oriented projects (such assignments must have prior approval of the Dean of Student Affairs).
6. Educational – Assignments, which are designed to educate a student, related to the effect of their behavior on the College environment. Examples of such assignments might be attending a specific workshop, writing a research paper on a specific topic, awareness or sensitivity training, recommendation to seek personal counseling at the College Counseling Center or other designated individual/agency.
7. College Suspension – Separation of the student from the College for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Suspension may range from one semester to three years.
8. College Expulsion – Permanent separation of the student from the College.

More than one of the sanctions listed above may be imposed for any single violation.

In each case in which the committee determines that a student has violated the Student Code of Conduct, the sanction(s) shall be determined and imposed by the Dean of Student Affairs or designee. The Dean of Student Affairs or designee in determining and imposing sanctions shall consider the recommendation of all members of the committee. The Dean of Student Affairs or designee is not limited to sanctions recommended by members of the committee. Following the hearing, the committee and Dean of Student Affairs or designee shall advise the accused in writing of its determination and of the sanction(s) imposed, if any.

Interim Suspension

In certain circumstances, the Dean of Student Affairs or designee may impose a College sC /P sL2n6sioro

pending disciplinary hearing. A hearing will be held within five (5) working days and will follow procedures as stated in the Institutional Procedures for Handling Misconduct section of this policy.