All About Student Conduct
Our Goal

Our goal is to provide a comfortable and structured campus environment so you can succeed in completing your degree.

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Office of Student Conduct

Important things to know

- It is your responsibility to review and understand the “Code of Conduct.”

- Once you become an EGSC student, you are held accountable for upholding the academic and behavioral standards set forth by the Code of Conduct.

- Check your CatMail account daily.

- Reply ASAP to any Student Conduct emails. If you don’t reply, you may be charged with Failure to Comply, a violation of the Code of Conduct.
Important things to know

- If you break the rules, you can expect to face consequences. “Not knowing” something was against the rules IS NOT AN EXCUSE.

- Haven’t read the Code of Conduct? You can find links to the Code of Conduct and your rights and responsibilities on our webpage:
  http://www.ega.edu/offices/student_affairs/office_of_student_conduct_welcome

- If you have questions, we are here to help.
Have you REALLY read The Code of Conduct? You REALLY should!

You’ve signed it … That means you’re responsible for it.

If you haven’t read the Code of Conduct, now’s the time … find it here: http://www.ega.edu/offices/student_affairs/office_of_student_conduct>Welcome
NOTICE:

- This presentation will focus primarily on sanctions and consequences enforced at the EGSC campus level.

- *If you get in trouble and the police are involved in any way, you will still have to face your punishment at the state or federal level, whatever the case may be (i.e. court, jail, probation, community service, etc.).* The sanctions are to be dealt with separately by you and you alone, and one set of consequences does not make up for nor take the place of another.

*Stay out of trouble, and you have nothing to worry about!*
What trips students up the most?

- Failure to Comply
- Disorderly Conduct
- Civility
- Visitation
- Harassment/Threats

What do you need to know?

Let’s learn more about 
The Student Code of Conduct!
Academic Honesty

Academic Theft
- Stealing or attempting to take things pertaining to class such as tests, examinations, laboratory equipment, roll books, etc.

Cheating Includes
- Copying from another student’s paper, using material such as notes or tests already prepared, collaborating with another student during exams, using a calculator, a smartwatch or a cell phone without permission.

Plagiarism
- Everything students write – themes, essays, term papers, and tests – must be their own unless otherwise acknowledged. Such acknowledgements should occur when using another person’s quotes, ideas, opinions, theories, facts, statistics, or other illustrative materials.
Disorderly Conduct

- Any behavior that can be described or classified as disruptive, lewd, obscene, or offensive.
- This includes but is not limited to fighting, shoving, pranking, disturbing the peace, inciting others, and endangering the welfare of anyone or anything associated with East Georgia State College.

- Possible sanctions:
  - Community Service, Educational Program, Probation, Counseling, Arrest, Suspension
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A student who is arrested on or off campus must report to the Director of Student Conduct, and may not return to campus until written permission is granted. A “Consent for Background Check” form must be completed and turned in, after which student status will be determined.

Failure to Complete These Steps Will Result in the following consequences or sanctions:

- Change in Student Status
- Suspension
- Judicial Hold on Student’s Account
Possession or consumption of alcohol on campus or at any EGSC sanctioned events is strictly prohibited.

Possible sanctions:

Assessment by Counselor, Community Service Hours, Online Alcohol Education Program paid by student, Fine $100 to $300, Probation, Parental Notification, Suspension
Theft

- **THEFT**: the act of stealing; the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods or property of another

- **EXAMPLES**: taking a cell phone you see lying around instead of turning it into Lost and Found; taking someone else’s book and selling it back to the bookstore, etc.

- **Possible Sanctions**: Counseling, suspension, restitution, community service, probation (not to mention arrest and jail time!)

"Don’t tell me. Student conduct is behind me?"
Possession or consumption of any illegal drugs on or off campus will result in penalties and consequences/sanctions.

Possible Sanctions:

Assessment by Counselor, Community Service Hours, Online Drug Education Program paid by student, Fine $100 to $300, Probation, Parental Notification, Suspension EGSC/Bobcat Villas.

Someone please remind me that I’m just NOT myself when I’m high!
Disruptive Behavior Policy

Any student or employee, acting individually or in concert with others, who clearly obstructs or disrupts or attempts to obstruct or disrupt any teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service or other activity at EGSC or any properties owned or controlled by EGSC is considered to have committed an act of gross irresponsibility and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, possibly resulting in academic dismissal or termination of employment.

Protests, demonstrations and events will not be interrupted unless the following conditions exist:
- Interference with normal college operations;
- Obstruction of access to college offices, buildings, or other facilities;
- Threat of physical harm to persons; and/or
- Damage to college equipment or property.

Possible Sanctions: Counseling, Educational Program, Community Service, Probation, Arrest
Students must engage in civil communication which includes:

- not yelling or screaming,
- not using profane/cursing language,
- not touching/using items that do not belong to you,
- not bullying or demeaning including using electronic means such as Facebook, Twitter, or texting,
- not using cultural or racial slurs,
- and not contributing to rumors.

Possible Sanctions: Up to 75 hours of Community Service, Probation, Removal from Housing, Counseling

Help me keep my temper! This fool's not worth 75 hours of community service!
Sexual Violence

• Any and all unwanted sexual contact, including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual assault, is strictly prohibited and will be punished.

• Possible Sanctions
  
  • Immediate suspension, personal counseling, community service, probation, possible expulsion
Failure to comply is the act of interfering, giving a false name, or failing to cooperate with college officials. It also includes not providing proper ID and failure to complete sanctions given as a result of a violation.

Other Aspects of “Failure to Comply”
- No student shall fail to meet with any properly identified college official.
- No student shall fail to report arrests and convictions that occur while enrolled at EGSC, including those between terms.
- No student shall fail to self-disclose prior or current criminal convictions and pending charges on the EGSC Admissions Application.

Possible Sanctions
Community service, Educational sanctions, Probation, Suspension, eventual compliance with original request.
Remember to Follow the Signs!

- Feeling Sick?: STOP, don't come to school or work.
- Seat Closed: For your safety, this seat is closed to support physical distancing between students.
- Social Distancing: Please stay six feet apart.
- For your Safety: Please do not use desks that are marked.
- Please be mindful of all posted rules.
- Please stand here.
- Social Distancing: Please do not rearrange furniture.
- Only one person per bench.
- No social gatherings in the gym.
- If you are or have been sick, do not enter. Please leave the building and contact your healthcare provider.
- Maximum Occupancy: 1
Harassment/Threats

- No student shall harass, threaten or perform any act of intimidation toward another person in any manner, including terroristic threats. A person commits the offense of a terroristic threat when he or she threatens to commit any crime of violence, to release any hazardous substance or to burn or damage property with the purpose of terrorizing another or of causing the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation or otherwise causing serious public inconvenience or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.

- No student shall intentionally or repeatedly follow, stalk or contact another person in a manner that intimidates, harasses or places another in fear of their personal safety or that of their property.
Other Infractions

- Computer/E-Mail Violations
- Disorderly Assembly
- Explosives
- Falsification of Records
- Fraudulent Reporting
- Fire Safety
- Hazing

- Smoking/Tobacco Use
- Solicitation
- Student ID Card (Improper Use)
- Unauthorized Entry or Use of College Facilities
- Vandalism
- Violation of any and all Federal, State, and/or Local Laws

- “The trouble with trouble is it starts out as fun!” - Anonymous
What next?

Uh-oh. I think I did something wrong!
The Process

1. You will be notified of your violation by your E-MAIL ONLY. Not by phone call, not by snail mail letter. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check your EGSC e-mail.

2. You will have an in-person meeting with a Student Conduct Officer. They will explain your violation and your rights, and a decision will be made about how to proceed.

3. You will have an opportunity to discuss what happened with the Hearing Officer or Hearing Panel. See Code of Conduct for specific details and information.

4. You will be notified of the hearing decision, and any disciplinary sanctions placed upon you.

So what happened?

Day 80 of my email checking streak!
Now what??

You can APPEAL the decision within 5 DAYS.

The Hearing Panel found me responsible!

Now what??
Know Your Rights

The student defendant shall be afforded all rights required by due process including:

- The right to a Hearing Advisor and non-participatory observer.
- The right to present evidence in his/her behalf.
- The right to call witnesses in his/her behalf.
- The right to remain silent and have no inference of guilt drawn from such silence.
- The right to cross examination.
- The right to be advised of his/her right to appeal the decision of the Student Conduct Officer or Hearing Panel.

- The right to attend classes and required college functions until a hearing is held and a decision is rendered. Exceptions to this would be made:
  - when a student’s physical or emotional safety and well-being are endangered;
  - when the general safety and well-being of the faculty, staff or other college personnel are endangered;
  - when the orderly progression of the educational objectives of the institution may be disrupted;
  - when college property is in jeopardy
Questions or Concerns?

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