

## Behavioral Expectations re: Violence, Alcohol & Drugs

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The State University of New York at Canton is committed to creating and maintaining a learning, working, and social environment for all students and staff that is free from violence and illegal alcohol/drug use. The premise on which this program is built is that every act of violence and alcohol/drug policy violation will be met with strong disciplinary action. There is a need to send both a consistent and strong message that violence and illegal use of alcohol and drugs, and resultant behavior, will not be tolerated. We also have a responsibility to identify those who may have a problem and assist them in obtaining professional help.

Serving and/or purchasing alcohol for minors is a violation of New York State Penal Law and College policy. Individuals involved in this conduct will face campus discipline, and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Individuals on the SUNY Canton campus appearing in public under the influence of an intoxicant will be considered publicly intoxicated. Public intoxication is a violation of this policy. Public intoxication is based on the premise that a reasonable person would conclude that an individual is intoxicated. Students found to be in violation of this policy will be sanctioned as stated in the *Student Handbook*.

Civility, understanding, and mutual respect toward all individuals are intrinsic to excellence in teaching and learning, to the existence of a safe and healthy workplace, and to the maintenance of a campus culture and environment that serves the needs of the constituencies supporting it.

### Acts of Violence

**The College maintains a zero tolerance view of violence on our campus, and will not tolerate any acts of violence towards other students, staff, community members, or visitors. Any student who is involved in an act of violence on campus may be immediately placed on Interim Suspension pending the outcome of a hearing before the Student Faculty Hearing Board. During the Interim Suspension, the individual(s) may not be permitted on the campus for any reason. If the individual(s) are found to have committed an act of violence, thus a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, it could result in suspension from College for the balance of the current semester or subsequent semesters as appropriate with no special refunds.**

For the purpose of this policy, violence and threats of violence include but are not limited to:

- Any act that is physically assaultive, or
- Any physical or verbal threat, behavior or action which is interpreted by a reasonable person to carry the potential to: a) harm or endanger the safety of others; b) result in an act of aggression; or c) maliciously destroy or damage property, or
- Hazing.

## Alcohol/Drug Violations - Sanctions

When an individual is found to have violated the campus Alcohol/Drug policy, the following actions will be taken:

**The First alcohol/drug policy violation** will result in the following minimum sanctions:

1. Mandatory completion of an online Alcohol/Drug Awareness Class (\$30.00 charge);
2. Automatic Residence Hall Probation for one year;
3. Letter sent home to parent(s)/guardian(s) of any student under the age of 21;

**The Second alcohol/drug policy violation** will result in the following minimum sanctions:

1. Disciplinary Probation for the balance of the student's attendance at SUNY Canton;
2. Residence Hall Probation for the balance of their attendance at SUNY Canton;
3. Mandatory attendance and participation in an eight-hour Alcohol/Drug Education Class (\$30.00 charge);
4. Letter to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of any student under the age of 21;
5. Mandatory counseling.

*In addition, a second alcohol/drug policy violation may also result in any one, or combination of, the following sanctions:*

1. Immediate suspension and restriction from the residence halls for the balance of the semester with the requirement that the student return to the residence halls at the beginning of the next semester. Students suspended from the residence halls lose their preference in requesting their living location when they return to the residence halls.
2. Relocation to another residence hall, per the assignment of the Director of Residence Life, with the restriction against entering the building from which they were moved.
3. Assigned 50+ community service hours.

**The Third alcohol/drug policy violation** will result in the individual meeting with the Dean of Students or his/her designee.

For any questions or need for clarification of this policy, please contact Courtney Battista Bish, Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students, Miller Campus Center 229, phone (315) 386-7120.

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