

UNIVERSAL COURSE POLICIES AND INFORMATION-PHARMACY

As a student enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at South College, you have agreed to abide by the policies and procedures of the program and college. These policies include the Honor Code, Academic Progression, Professional Conduct Standards and Regulations as further defined in the SOP Code of Professional Conduct, Class Attendance, Class Conduct, Dress Code, Assessments, Grievances, and Use of Distributed Materials and Recorded Lectures. This document, **Universal Course Policies and Information-Pharmacy**, is an addition to the syllabus for each class. You are responsible for knowing and following the syllabus that includes the material that is covered in this document.

Information regarding requirements specific to the School of Pharmacy program, including program progression policies, are communicated via the School of Pharmacy (SOP) Student Handbook. Please refer to the SOP Student Handbook for the following policies:

- **ACADEMIC PROGRESSION**
- **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS**
- **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY GRIEVANCES PROCEDURES**
- **LECTURE RECORDING**

SOUTH COLLEGE ACADEMIC HONOR CODE

PURPOSE OF THE HONOR CODE

The primary purpose of the South College Academic Honor Code (the “Honor Code”) is to promote individual student honor and integrity in the best traditions of higher education. The Honor Code aims to ensure that students understand expectations and responsibilities and agree to conduct all academic activities in compliance with the principles set forth in the Honor Code.

APPLICATION OF THE HONOR CODE

The Honor Code applies, as may be applicable to the student, to the following:

1. Tests or examinations, including challenge examinations.
2. Oral, written, or practical reports that are a part of a student’s academic program.
3. Classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, or experiential activities.
4. Research activities.
5. Unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, illegal downloading and unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials using the institution’s information technology system (applies to academic work).
6. Other activities not listed above that are a part of a South College academic, classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, experiential, or research activity and that will be used as the basis for awarding of a grade.

This Honor Code governs the academic affairs of all programs at South College. Individual programs may impose additional requirements and standards for a student’s personal and/or professional responsibility and competency.

VIOLATIONS OF THE HONOR CODE

It is a violation of the Honor Code for a student to commit any of the following actions using any method, including but not limited to, talking, eye contact, gesturing, copying, and storing or transmitting of information by electronic technology.

1. Use, give, or receive or attempt to use, give, or receive any unauthorized aid using any medium, including electronic.

2. Plagiarize or infringe upon an intellectual property right.
3. Falsify data.
4. Collaborate with others in assigned activities outside of class when directed or instructed, either in writing or verbally, that individual effort is required.
5. Record or report fraudulent data relating to academic, classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, experiential, or research activities, willfully neglect responsibilities associated with such activities, or otherwise place at risk the interests of those offering and/or supervising the activity, or a patient, or a client.
6. Assist another student in committing a violation of the Honor Code.
7. Report another student for a violation of the Honor Code without information to support such a report.
8. Exit from and re-enter an examination room without authorization.
9. Steal, possess, misappropriate, share, or use or attempt to steal, possess, misappropriate, share, or use any examinations or other materials relating to an academic, classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, experiential, or research activity unless authorized or provided by a faculty member.
10. Share files with peers without authorization (applies to academic work).
11. Download or distribute copyrighted materials using the institution's information technology system without authorization (applies to academic work).
12. Engage in any other similar acts of dishonesty.

THE HONOR CODE PROCEDURE

To ensure that students are treated equitably a faculty member witnessing or discovering a possible violation of the Honor Code shall carefully evaluate all available information in determining whether a violation has occurred. Upon determining that a violation has occurred the faculty member shall impose penalties as provided in the following section. In addition, any member of the South College community may file, with the Dean of Student Services, a report of a violation of the Honor Code if he or she believes there is information to support such a report.

THE PENALTIES

Imposed by a Faculty Member:

A faculty member who determines that a student has violated the Honor Code will promptly consult with the Dean of Student Services to ascertain whether the student has had a prior violation of the Honor Code. The faculty member and/or the Dean of Student Services, as applicable, may impose a penalty based on whether the violation is a first, second, or third offense as set forth below.

Imposed by the Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee:

The Dean of Student Services will consult with the Vice President of Academic Support and Student Services who will promptly convene a hearing before the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee upon (1) a student submitting an appeal of a finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed by a faculty member and/or the Dean of Student Services or (2) receiving a report of a violation of the Honor Code. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the "Disciplinary Procedures" set forth in the South College Student Handbook.

In the case of a student appeal, the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee may (1) deny the appeal and uphold the finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed; (2) deny the appeal as to the finding of violation of the Honor Code and modify the penalty imposed; or (3) grant the appeal and reverse the finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed. In the case of a report of a violation of the Honor Code, the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee will determine whether the student violated the Honor Code. Upon determining that the student violated the

Honor Code, the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee may impose a penalty based on whether the violation is a first, second, or third offense as set forth below.

First Offense of Violation of the Honor Code: The student may be given a grade of “0” for the examination, assignment, or other activity with the possibility of an “F” for the course at the discretion of the faculty member, and in addition, may be placed on probation or suspended for a specified period by the Dean of Student Services. If in the opinion of the Dean of Student Services, the violation is of such a grave nature that a more severe punishment is warranted, the Dean of Student Services may recommend to the Vice President of Academic Support and Student Services that the student be dismissed.

Second Offense of Violation of the Honor Code: The student may be given a grade of “F” for the course, resulting in the student being required to retake the course at a later date, and in addition, may be placed on probation or suspended for a specified period by the Dean of Student Services. If the receipt of the “F” results in a student not being allowed to progress in the student’s academic program, the student will be immediately dismissed from the program and will be required to reapply for future reinstatement if eligible. The reinstatement is not guaranteed. If in the opinion of the Dean of Student Services, the violation is of such a grave nature that a more severe punishment is warranted, the Dean of Student Services may recommend to the Vice President of Academic Support and Student Services that the student be dismissed.

Third Offense of Violation of the Honor Code: The student will be dismissed from South College and may return only if allowed by the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee following a hearing.

Appeal

In the event that an appeal is desired regarding a finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed, contact Dean Carolyn Hillegas (293-4539 or chillegas@southcollegetn.edu) **immediately**.

STUDENT CONDUCT STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

South College’s Student Conduct Standards and Regulations are published in the *Student Handbook*. All students are expected to meet the standards and follow the regulations of the college. New standards and those standards that students have had difficulty adhering to are addressed in this document. Any student found guilty of an infraction of any of the Student Conduct Standards and Regulations will be accorded due process as explained in the Disciplinary Procedures section of the *Student Handbook*.

Smoking/Other Tobacco Use and E-Cigarettes

Smoking, chewing tobacco, dipping snuff or using E-Cigarettes are prohibited on either campus except in personal vehicles. The use of all tobacco products and any type of E-Cigarette (vapor) is not allowed in the buildings or on the campus grounds.

Food and Beverages

The eating and drinking of foods and beverages is prohibited in all college buildings except in the student centers. Receptacles for trash are provided in these areas. Food and drink cannot be consumed in the classrooms, labs, hallways, or libraries. Food and beverages with secured screw-on tops may be taken in these areas but must be kept out of sight (in back-packs, duffel bags, insulated lunch bags, purses, briefcases, and other appropriate carry-in bags). They may not be left on desktops, tabletops, counters, or any location including floors where they are visible.

Social Media Policy

Students are expected to adhere to the same behavioral standards when using social media as they use when interacting with others in person. Social media are communication tools which when used inappropriately can damage reputations and cause harmful reactions. A student is in violation of this policy when he/she uses social media to slander, harass, demean, degrade, bully, discriminate, or threaten others and/or when postings are offensive to the prevalent standards of the college or its community. These postings include photographs, pictures, diagrams, drawings, video, video clips, films and other material which may be inflammatory or demeaning. If a student has been identified as having openly disparaged South College, or members of its community in a libelous or harassing manner in a public Internet forum – Facebook, MySpace, etc. – or via phone usage, the student may face disciplinary action, comparable to if the offense occurred on campus.

Student Dress Code

I. Attire While On-Campus or on Class Field Trips

The South College dress code is applicable to all students, day or evening, and is in effect at all times that the student is present on campus or is on a class field trip. This includes class times, laboratory hours, study days, final examinations, or visitation to the campus for other reasons. Students failing to adhere to the college dress code will be asked to leave campus and will be counted absent for any course time missed.

- A. Clothing worn by students should be neat, clean, and in good repair for the personal health and safety of students.
- B. Clothing that detracts from the learning process and/or is offensive to the campus environment must not be worn.
- C. Students shall *not* wear:
 1. Shorts, skorts, or skirts *more than* 3 inches above the knee.
 2. Spandex shorts or pants, *Underarmor*, or clothing made of similar materials.
 3. Clothing that is see-through, frayed or has holes.
 4. Shirts/tops that do not cover the midriff, back, shoulders, or chest.
 5. Shirts/tops that do not cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts.
 6. Jewelry that could be used as weapons (wallet chain, etc.).
 7. Extra-long belts or ones that hang loosely.
 8. In some courses, such as allied health courses and computer-related courses, students may be asked to remove jewelry as appropriate.
- D. Appropriate footwear is required at all times.
- E. Undergarments should not be visible.

II. Attire for Off-Campus Student Services Activities

For off-campus activities such as Deans Excursions and student organization events, students are to remember that although they are not on-campus, they are representing the school and should dress appropriately for the activity.

III. Internship, Clinical, and Work-Study Attire

Students assigned to college-sponsored worksites are expected to follow appropriate dress codes as outlined by their instructor and the worksite. Students should be aware that they represent South College and should dress in a professional manner.

ACADEMIC SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

These services are listed in each month's issue of the *Southern Digest*. Important dates, deadlines, events and programs are also published in this monthly newsletter. Copies are available in each **student center** and in both **libraries**.

Hours for the **Writing Lab** are posted on the bulletin boards on each campus and listed in the *Southern Digest*. If you are unable to come during the posted times, the Writing Lab Coordinators, Ms. Caroline Malone (cmalone@southcollegetn.edu) and Ms. Julia Watts (jwatts@southcollegetn.edu) will help you via e-mail. Send your essay as a Word attachment to either one of them.

For those classes that require papers, projects, speeches, and/or presentations based on research, the **South College Library** is a valuable resource. A library is located on each campus and is a place where you can study in a quiet environment.

Tutoring is available to students needing extra help. **Math tutoring** is available during posted time each week. Please check the bulletin boards for specific information. To request a **peer tutor in other subjects** in which you are having difficulty, talk with your instructor or contact Ms. Jennifer Ridgeway, Student Activities Coordinator, (251-1822 or jridgeway@southcollegetn.edu).

It is suggested that you discuss your progress with your instructor any time you receive a grade of C or below. The instructor may provide you with suggestions for additional preparation. If you need more assistance, your department chair is available to talk over your situation. Dr. Kim Hall, Executive Vice President/Provost, is another source of assistance.

ADVISING and COUNSELING SERVICES

Advising/counseling services are available to assist students in resolving academic, career, and non-academic problems. College personnel, particularly department chairs, can help students plan their educational programs as well as adjust to the demands of college-level students. **Assistance is available for any student who seeks aid in addressing individual problems.** Student Services staff members are available to listen and help students identify and evaluate their options so that informed decisions can be made. These services are available during the day and in the evening by appointment. Information regarding alcohol and drug abuse counseling is given to all students during the orientation process.

Pharmacy Academic Support Services (PASS Program) serves as a resource center for learning support services for students enrolled in the School of Pharmacy. Resources include a website of reference information, individual and group instruction on learning skills, and facilitation of a peer tutoring program. Students can contact the PASS Program Coordinator by visiting Office 152, by emailing passprogram@southcollegetn.edu or by calling 865-288-5872.

If you are facing a difficult decision, suffer from depression or have a feeling of hopelessness, or are overwhelmed with your responsibilities, Ms. Carolyn Hillegas, Dean of Student Services, (293-4539; chillegas@southcollegetn.edu) will meet with you to help you identify and evaluate your options, set priorities, or determine a course of action to resolve a problem or meet the demands in your life. If you desire to speak with a counselor contact Mr. Gary Taylor, (865-251-1816; gtaylor@southcollegetn.edu), and he will make an appointment for you with the college's **counselor**.

Students requesting special services (including accommodations for disabilities) from the college should contact Carolyn Hillegas, Dean of Student Services, (293-4539; chillegas@southcollegetn.edu) for complete information on college policy and procedures. All special requests should be made at least one

month prior to beginning classes in order to allow time for the request to be evaluated appropriately. Accommodations are not automatically renewed as any student receiving an accommodation who wishes to continue having the accommodation from one quarter to the next, must contact Dean Hillegas before the next quarter begins. South College does not discriminate on the basis of disability and is committed to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

SOUTH COLLEGE E-MAIL

South College email addresses are required to communicate with your instructors and classmates and to log into all Moodle sites. Other email addresses are not recognized.

COMPUTER USE PRIORITY

South College has established the following guidelines and procedures for computer usage:

1. Students in regularly scheduled classes have first priority in computer use.
2. Students in tutorial sessions or those who need lab time have second priority.
3. Faculty, staff, and administrators may use the computer in a third priority position.

COMPUTER CODE OF ETHICS

Students agree to abide by the college's Computer Code of Ethics when using the college's computer resources. This Code can be found on the college's website at www.southcollegetn.edu on the Student Technology page.

STUDENT SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER WEB LIBRARY

Self-help materials for both academic support and mental/emotional health issues are available to students 24/7 on the *Student Portal* under Student Services. Some topics include time management, note taking and stress management. These resources are not meant to be a substitute for therapy, but can be an excellent source of information to help individuals with a variety of personal concerns or needs. Feel free to read through and/or download any of the materials you see.

MOODLE STUDENT SERVICES RESOURCES

Students have an opportunity to exchange information about carpooling, child care and other areas of need by accessing the organization *Student Online Communications*. Students can obtain general information about such topics as academic policies, tutoring services, and community resources through the organization *Student Services Support Area*. Students can enroll themselves in both of these organizations by going to their Moodle site>Organizations>Student Services.