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Claremont McKenna College is an educational institution and as such expects students to conduct themselves in a responsible manner with respect for others and the College's educational and administrative processes and policies. This Student [Code of Conduct](#) outlines the College's general expectations for conduct and prohibited behaviors of students and student groups including, but not limited to, the following:

I. Disorderly or Disruptive Conduct

Actions which materially disturb or disrupt (or encourage others to materially disturb or disrupt) the physical safety of the community (or any community member) or the normal functions of the College (including teaching or research; administrative functions; disciplinary proceedings; other College-sponsored activities, on or off campus; or other authorized or permissible activities that take place on campus), or which materially and unreasonably disturb or disrupt (or encourage others to materially and unreasonably disturb or disrupt) the residential life environment.

2. Causing Injury or Intimidation

Conduct that threatens the health or safety of self or others including behavior that causes, or could cause, personal harm, injury, or death. Such actions include, but are not limited to, physically assaulting, stalking, harassing, threatening to assault or otherwise harm, or intimidating another person (regardless of whether the intimidation included any physical violence). Incidents involving allegations of sexual misconduct (including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual harassment, stalking and sexual assault as defined in the TCC Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy), are reviewed initially by the Title IX Office. Where the Title IX Office determines that the conduct does not fall within the jurisdiction of the TCC Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy nor the College's Civil Rights Policy, the Dean of Students Office may review the matter to determine if the [Code of Conduct](#) applies.

3. Hazing

Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, activity, or method committed by a person (individually or in concert with other persons), whether through active or passive participation against another person or persons that:

- is committed in the course of a pre-initiation, an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in an official or unofficial student organization, club, body, or athletic team; and
- causes or creates a risk of physical or psychological injury, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (e.g., the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team).

Hazing activities can be committed against current, former, or prospective students. Acts constitute hazing under this policy regardless of the willingness of such other person(s) to participate in the activity or their actual or apparent consent to engage in the activity. Please refer to the [Anti-Hazing Policy](#) for a more fulsome description of the prohibited conduct.

4. Damage to, Misuse, or Unauthorized Use or Possession of Property

Such actions include, but are not limited to:

- Abusing, mishandling, or misappropriating the property, equipment, materials, or accounts (i.e., financial, social media, or other accounts) of the College or members of The Claremont Colleges community;
- Damaging, destroying, borrowing without authorization, or misusing any property belonging to the College or another member of and/or visitor to The Claremont Colleges;
- Entering, using, or occupying College property without authorization;
- Unauthorized access to computers, computer systems, and/or computer data (see also the CMC and CUC Appropriate Use of Computer and Network Resources policies); and

- Other conduct or actions in which the integrity of the College's physical facilities or grounds are threatened or harmed or could reasonably be expected to result in damage or harm.

5. Theft and/or Possession of Stolen Property

Such actions include, but are not limited to:

- Stealing, or borrowing without authorization, College property or property belonging to members of and/or visitors to The Claremont Colleges; and
- Knowingly possessing stolen property.

6. False Information

Actions that violate or misrepresent agreements, contracts, documents, or relationships relating to the College and/or its activities. Such actions include, but are not limited to:

- Providing false information to College personnel, on College forms and documents, or on non-CMC forms related to your status as a student;
- Providing false information regarding your status as a student or your relationship with the College;
- Forging, altering or misusing College documents, including electronic records;
- Falsely representing any person or organization as an agent or employee of the College; and
- Unauthorized use of the College's name, trademarks or service marks (see the College Name and Trademark Policy).

7. Indecent Exposure

Exposing genitalia, buttocks, or breasts/nipples (except for the purpose of breastfeeding children) in a publicly viewable location when such exposure would not be reasonably expected, regardless of whether the exposure was with a lewd or sexual intent or conducted in a lewd or sexual manner.

8. Failure to Comply

Such actions include, but are not limited to:

- Actions that fail to comply with the directions of a College official, including but not limited to CMC Public Safety or its hired third parties, TCCS Campus Safety, Resident Assistants, and officials from the other Claremont Colleges or TCCS. This includes failure to identify oneself to any of these individuals when requested to do so.
- Actions that violate an order of the President or their designee, notice of which has been given prior to such violation. Such an order, issued in unusual or emergency situations, will be given reasonably-wide publicity and will have specified starting and expiration times.

9. Aiding and Assisting

Actions that assist, urge, encourage, or solicit another person to violate the *Student Code of Conduct* and/or other College policy including, but not limited to, those provided in the [CMC Guide to Student Life](#) and those established by College officials and offices for the implementation of a program or service.

10. Interference with the College's Discipline or Grievance Processes

Actions which hinder a College official, including individuals contracted by the College to perform a function, in the performance of duties related to an investigation or College discipline or grievance process ("process"). Such actions include, but are not limited to:

- Providing false, misleading, or distorted information, including filing a false complaint or willfully failing to disclose information during any process;
- Engaging in conduct that violates the instructions of a College official or that inhibits the College's effective adherence to its procedures;
- Interrupting or obstructing any process meeting or proceeding;
- Influencing or attempting to influence another person to abuse the process;

- Attempting to influence or dissuade another person's participation in the process including, but not limited to, discouraging another person from filing a complaint or serving as a witness, or attempting to influence a College official in their role with the process;
- Retaliating against another person for participating in any process, such as making a complaint, serving as a witness, etc.; and
- Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed as a result of any process.

II. Seeking a College Benefit to which a Student is Not Entitled

Actions through which a student receives or seeks to receive a benefit for which they are not qualified or which they have sought under false pretenses, for example, requesting money for unauthorized use, misrepresenting financial need to increase a monetary award such as for a sponsored internship, or failing to report a change in conditions or status subsequent to receiving a benefit that would disqualify the student for said benefit.

12. Other Non-Academic Policy Violations

Actions that violate other College policies including but not limited to, those provided in this [Guide to Student Life](#) (e.g. Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy; Anti-Hazing Policy; Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy; Smoking Policy, etc.) and those established by College officials/offices for the implementation of a program or service (e.g.: policies related to off-campus study, sponsored internships and experiences, student events, etc.).

13. Other Claremont Colleges Policies

Actions that violate the policies governing student conduct on the campuses and off-campus programs of any of the other

Claremont Colleges while on that campus or at the designated location.

14. Violations of the Law

Behaviors which constitute violations of any Local, State, or Federal laws.

13. Attempts

Any attempt to commit any of the above offenses.

Violations of the *Student Code of Conduct* will result in disciplinary action through the College's Student Conduct Process.

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