

Policy – Graduate Student Code of Conduct



Policy Number :

Policy Category : General Administrative

Policy Owner : Vice President/Vice Dean for Graduate Education

Policy Audience : Student Council

1. Definitions:

2. Board Committee Review:

Academic Affairs

3. Purpose:

This code applies to students enrolled in the graduate degree and certificate programs at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Graduate Studies. This Student Code of Conduct governs student behavior in all Geisinger Commonwealth academic settings including but not limited to lectures and examinations as well as all other settings which reflect upon the integrity of the student and Geisinger Commonwealth. Successful progression through the curriculum and graduation are contingent upon the student's compliance with this code.

4. Governance and Enforcement:

Assistant Dean for Graduate Academic Affairs

5. Policy:

Geisinger Commonwealth expects its students to be considerate and respectful and to act honorably at all times.

Specifically, the School requires students to adhere to these basic rules of academic and professional integrity:

1. I shall be considerate and respectful towards administration, instructors, staff, and my fellow students.

2. I shall be courteous and civil in my dealings with others within the Geisinger Commonwealth community.
3. I shall respect rules of behavior, professional comportment, and appearance set forth by Geisinger Commonwealth and/or the Faculty.
4. I shall render evaluations of courses and instructors in an objective and civil manner.
5. I shall be professional in all forms of communication.
6. I shall be truthful about my actions and accept responsibility for them.
7. I shall reject academic dishonesty and not falsely claim competence or knowledge.
8. I pledge to refrain from all acts of academic dishonesty.
9. I shall not plagiarize and not submit as my own any material taken from other sources without acknowledgement or permission.
10. I shall not cheat in connection with any examinations, academic assignments, and activities.
11. I especially pledge that:
 - I shall not communicate with others, except proctors, during an examination;
 - I shall not obtain unauthorized help from another person during an examination or graded academic assignment;
 - I shall not give help to another student during an examination or graded academic assignment;
 - I shall not take an examination or complete a graded academic assignment in place of another student;
 - I shall not gain access to unauthorized material in connection with an examination or other graded academic assignment;
 - I shall not make use of unauthorized material in connection with an examination or other graded academic assignment;
 - I shall not obtain impermissible advance knowledge of the contents of examination or other graded academic assignment;
 - I shall not alter a scored examination or answer sheet and then resubmit it in order to effect a change of a grade or assessment;
 - I shall not allow another student to submit my work for grading or credit;
 - I shall not engage in forgery, misrepresentation, and fraud.
12. I especially pledge that:
 - I shall not furnish false statements as a witness for any Geisinger Commonwealth disciplinary investigation or appeal;
 - I shall not forge or alter educational records or submit such records to the staff and/or faculty of Geisinger Commonwealth for fraudulent purposes;
 - I shall not misrepresent educational achievements;
 - I shall not misuse Geisinger Commonwealth records with intent to defraud;

- I shall not falsify research results;
- I shall not misrepresent authorship on scholarly work and publications.

13. I shall not engage in behavior or conduct that demonstrates a lack of personal qualities that may adversely reflect upon Geisinger Commonwealth.

14. I shall abide by this code of conduct.

15. I shall report to the Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs all violations of this code that I witness.

16. I recognize that violating any part of this code could result in sanctions or even dismissal.

6. Key Stakeholders :

Student Council