

Student Code of Conduct

The principles established under this Code will govern the conduct of students on the College campus and any other premises or property under the control of the College used in its teaching, administrative, service, cultural, recreation, athletic, and other programs and activities.

In addition, student athletes are subject to the principles of conduct established in the Athletic Code of Conduct and residential students are subject to the principles of conduct established in the Residence Life Handbook.

The College upholds local, state, and national laws. The College will not condone unlawful conduct, and it will not protect students from their obligation to uphold the law. In addition, the College will provide no sanctuary for those who violate the law, and it will cooperate with appropriate health and law enforcement agencies. Some very specific applications of this principle are that students will be subject to discipline for the use, possession, sale, or transfer of illegal drugs, sexual abuse, hate crimes and hazing, and may also face civil prosecution for violations of this Code.

Actions for which students will be subject to College discipline include but are not limited to:

- Forgery or alteration of College documents, records or instruments of identification or use of same with intent to defraud.
- Intentional obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administrative functions or disciplinary proceedings or other College activities, including public service functions and other authorized activities of the College.
- Abuse of any person, College premises, or at College-sponsored or College supervised events or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any such person.
- Hate crimes, also called bias crimes or bias-related crimes, involving criminal activity motivated by the perpetrator's bias or attitude against an individual or group based on perceived or actual personal characteristics, such as race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Penalties for these crimes are very serious and range from fines to imprisonment for lengthy periods, depending on the nature of the underlying criminal offense, the use of violence or previous convictions of the offender. Students who are perpetrators of such crimes will also be subject to campus disciplinary procedures where sanctions including dismissal are possible.
- All forms of sexual violence and misconduct, which include, but are not limited to acts of sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual coercion, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, rape criminal sexual acts, forcible touching, and sexual abuse. Where there is a preponderance of evidence indicating that such misconduct has occurred, strong disciplinary action will be pursued, including the possibility of suspension or dismissal from the College. An individual charged with sexual violence/misconduct may be subject to College disciplinary procedures, whether or not prosecution under New York State law is pending.
- Theft from or damage to College premises or theft or damage to property of a member of the College community or College premises.
- Failure to comply with directions of College staff.
- Use by any student or student organization of the College name or a claim to speak or act in the name of the College or a College-related organization without due authorization.
- Disorderly, lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression on campus or at a College-sponsored function.
- Hazing: Any action taken by any student or participation in the creation of any situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health or which involves the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization.
- Violation of published College regulations.
- Public intoxication or display of any behavior associated with the abuse of alcohol or drugs.
- Behavior that is lacking respect for the worth and/or dignity.

Student organizations which operate on the campus or upon the property of the College used for educational purposes are prohibited from authorizing the conduct described above. Student organizations which authorize prohibited behaviors will be subject to College discipline under this Code.

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

Any member of the CCC community may file a complaint against a student for violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Complaints must be made in writing and directed to the Assistant Dean of Student Services (Assistant Dean). Complaints should be submitted as soon as possible after the event takes place, preferably within thirty days.

- Complaints of discrimination (including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual coercion, sexual assault, rape, criminal sexual acts, forcible touching, and sexual abuse), will be addressed by the Director of Human Resources/Title IX Coordinator under the College's Equal Employment and Educational Opportunity Complaint Procedure, available at: https://www.corning-cc.edu/sites/default/files/EEEEO_Complaint_Procedure_...
- Complaints of violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct will be addressed by the Director of Athletics.
- Complaints of violation of the principles of conduct in the Residence Life Handbook will be addressed by the Assistant Dean of Student Services.
- Complaints of violation of Academic Honesty will be addressed by the VP of Academic Affairs.
- Complaints concerning the misconduct of a student organization (concerning hazing and other violations) should be directed to the President of the College.

Except for College-sponsored off-campus programs and off-campus incidents of sexual violence, it is the intent of the College to leave disciplinary action related to off-campus offenses of students to civil authorities. However, there may be certain off-campus offenses that by their very nature pose a serious threat or disruption to the College community. In such cases, the College reserves the right to take appropriate action.

Student Disciplinary Procedure

A procedure for handling Student Code of Conduct violations has been established and is available from the Assistant Dean of Student Services. This procedure guarantees students the right of due process, including the right to appeal.

Complaint Procedure

When a complaint is filed, the Assistant Dean will conduct an investigation to determine if the charges have merit and/or if they can be disposed of administratively by mutual consent of the parties involved on a basis acceptable to the Assistant Dean. The Assistant Dean will render a decision and a written notice will be sent to the accused student and the complainant. To more effectively identify behavior patterns, there are times when those with a "need to know" are notified about a student's involvement, or alleged involvement, in an incident. To the extent allowed by FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act), this "need to know" may include administrators, faculty, advisors, counselors, coaches, and health and wellness professionals. An interim suspension may be imposed to ensure the safety and well-being of members of the CCC community, preservation of CCC property, and/or assurance of the student's own physical or emotional safety. During the interim suspension, a student may be denied access to any property owned or controlled by the College, any class (including Internet classes), or any other CCC activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible. This interim suspension does not replace the normal discipline process. Determination of the interim suspension is at the discretion of the Assistant Dean.