

AP 5500 Standards of Conduct

Reference:

Education Code Section 66300

Imperial Valley College is maintained for the purpose of providing students in the community with programs of instruction in higher education. The College is concerned with the fostering of knowledge, the search for truth and the dissemination of ideas. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the achievement of these goals. As members of the College community, students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Students at Imperial Valley College may rightfully expect that the faculty and administration will maintain an environment where there is freedom to learn. This requires that there be appropriate conditions and opportunities in the classroom and on campus. As members of the College community, students shall be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to exercise their rights to free inquiry and free speech in a responsible non-violent manner.

Students shall assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the college's function as an educational institution. Students shall observe the rules and regulations of the College and shall refrain from conduct which interferes with the College's teaching and administration, or which unreasonably interferes with the rights of others. Misconduct while on the college campus, or at a College-sponsored function for which students and student organizations are subject to disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Willful disobedience to lawful directions of College officials acting in the performance of their duties.
- Violation of College rules and regulations, including those concerning student organizations, the use of College facilities, or the time, place and manner of public expression or distribution of material.
- Dishonesty, such as cheating, or for knowingly furnishing false information to the College.
- Willful persistent smoking where smoking has been prohibited.
- Unauthorized entry to, or use of College facilities.
- Forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, records, or identification.
- Disruption of classes, administration, disciplinary procedures, or authorized College activities.
- Theft of, or damage to property belonging to the College, a member of the College community, or a campus visitor.
- Disorderly, lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression.
- Assault, battery, or the threat of force or violence directed toward any member of the College community or campus visitor.

- Unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance and possession, use, or distribution of alcohol.
- Possession, while on the College campus or at a College sponsored function, of any instrument or weapon of a kind commonly known as a blackjack, fire bomb, billy club, brass knuckles, dagger, or firearm (loaded or unloaded) such as a pistol, revolver, or rifle, or any knife having a blade longer than five (5) inches, any switch-blade longer than two (2) inches, or any metal pipe, bar, or instrument used, or intended to be used as a club, or to be used to threaten bodily harm.
- Commission of any crime on campus, or commission of a crime off-campus, when such off-campus crime is of such a nature that the College needs to impose sanctions in addition to those imposed by the criminal authorities for the protection of other students, or to safeguard the academic process.