

STUDENT CONDUCT STANDARDS

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, ethical and civil manner at all times while on campus or at any time when they are representing the College. **SJVC** has established specific rules governing student behavior along with applicable disciplinary actions that may be taken against any student found in violation of these rules. The **Student Code of Conduct**, published in the **Student Handbook**, sets forth the behavioral standards students are expected to meet along with the College's discipline policy. By enrolling in **SJVC**, students agree to abide by the terms of the **Student Code of Conduct**. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the **Student Code of Conduct**.

The **Student Handbook** is available at every **SJVC** Campus Administrative Office and may be accessed on the InfoZone homepage (<https://infozone.sjvc.edu>).

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Academic freedom is the right of faculty and students to express their ideas verbally or in writing, free from political, religious or institutional restrictions, even if these ideas are unpopular. In recognition of this right, **SJVC** strives to foster and maintain a climate of academic freedom as set forth below.

- Faculty and students have the right to express their ideas in the classroom, verbally and in writing, within the boundaries of good taste and socially established standards, upholding cultural diversity and integrity. The College will promptly conduct an investigation upon learning that a member of the faculty has allegedly expressed his/her personal opinions without the balance of introducing opposing viewpoints or critical thinking practices to ensure instructional integrity.
- **SJVC** extends the definition of academic freedom to include the methods used by the faculty to facilitate learning of the approved course curriculum. Instructional methods used to achieve the Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) and deliver the learning materials may vary by individual faculty member to include a wide range of choices, including but not limited to:
 - Lectures
 - Audio visual presentations
 - Class discussion
 - Guest speakers
 - Role Playing
 - Simulations
 - Skill demonstrations
 - Case studies and research

CAMPUS DISTURBANCE

SJVC is dedicated to the maintenance of academic freedom in the classroom and in co-curricular activities. While freedom of expression is encouraged, forms of

protest that disrupt the normal activities of the College and interfere with the rights of other students will not be tolerated. **SJVC** will take strict disciplinary action, as set forth in the **Student Code of Conduct**, against any student who violates this policy.

COOPERATION WITH COLLEGE STAFF

Students are required to cooperate with College staff at all times. Failure to comply, resisting, or obstructing College staff in the performance of their duties will not be tolerated. Examples of such misconduct include, but are not limited to, failure to show proper identification upon request or failure to leave a classroom or office when asked to do so by a member of the faculty, a security officer, or any **SJVC** staff member. **SJVC** will take strict disciplinary action, as set forth in the **Student Code of Conduct**, against any student who violates this policy.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The entire **SJVC** community is expected to uphold the highest standards of academic honesty. For students, this requires that they do their own work honestly, without cheating or plagiarizing. Students who engage in honest academic behavior(s) will have the satisfaction of knowing that they received the best education available to them and that they will be thoroughly prepared to enter their chosen career field upon graduation.

Administrators and faculty are required to promote an environment where true learning is embraced, and, ultimately, to support the standards of academic honesty in all aspects of the educational process. This joint effort will result in a sense of mutual respect, trust, and integrity.

SJVC does not and will not tolerate intentional involvement in dishonest academic behavior(s). Students who violate this policy will be subject to formal discipline, which may include the assignment of a failing grade, or in some cases, termination.

SJVC has clear-cut procedures to address dishonest behaviors, including appropriate penalties to censure said behavior, both of which are set forth below. This section is limited to those areas of campus life that are directly related to academic conduct and ethics.

Violations

Three basic categories of dishonest behavior are listed below, along with examples of each.

1. Misrepresentation of academic work:

- Using another's statements or thoughts without giving that source proper credit (plagiarism).
- Submitting for credit one's own academic work (e.g. research paper, project) that was previously prepared for another course or purpose (self-plagiarism).
- Using a substantial portion of one's own previous academic work without significantly improving the previous submission with obtaining prior consent of the faculty member teaching the course.