

Student Freedom, Responsibility, and Accountability

Brevard College expects students to maintain standards of personal integrity that are consistent with the educational goals of the institution and to assume responsibility for their actions.

In the pursuit of knowledge and understanding, students need freedom to inquire and exchange ideas in order to insure a democratic society. To insure these freedoms the College requires a community protective of free inquiry; respectful of the rights of others; and free from threats and intimidation. In exercising freedoms and in discharging the rights and obligations of citizenship, students must also recognize their responsibilities to other individuals, to the College, to the state, and to society in general. Orderly, dignified expression and conduct are expected at all times. In protection of these freedoms the College must establish standards of personal and group conduct known as the Honor Code and the Social Code. Foundational principles of academic honesty, personal integrity, tolerance, respect for diversity, civility, freedom from violence, and pursuit of lifestyles free of alcohol and drug abuse are examples of these standards.

The College views student conduct as a developmental process (learning experience) that can result in growth, behavioral changes, and personal understanding of one's responsibilities and privileges within the College's environment. To this end, the student conduct processes (Honor Code and Social Code) attempt to balance an understanding and knowledge of students and their needs and rights with the needs and expectations of the College and the larger community. The College student conduct processes utilize a comprehensive array of approaches to support Brevard College values and honor community standards. These include a continuum of responses from disciplinary sanction or restriction to education, counseling, and restorative justice.

Students are treated with care, fairness, tolerance and respect with decisions made relative to the needs and circumstances of all concerned. The needs of the respondent, the person(s) who report being the victim of another student's actions, and the community at large are judged to be equally important. Students at Brevard College may take advantage of the various resources of the College to further their development.