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Student Code of Conduct

Equality and Diversity

Glasgow Clyde College welcomes the full participation of all members of the community, and strives to provide a well-resourced and pleasant environment for study.

Within Glasgow Clyde College, any form of discrimination or harassment, directly or indirectly, related to an individual's race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability will not be tolerated.

You are expected to treat all staff and all other students with courtesy and respect, avoiding behaviour, dress, actions or language that may cause offence or harm to others.

Health and Safety

The Health & Safety at Work Act (1974) applies to everyone who enters and uses Glasgow Clyde College facilities. It is intended to protect health and to ensure personal wellbeing and safety.

Importantly, this Act requires everyone to be responsible for their own safety and for the health and safety of others. This means we all have a duty to anticipate the effects of our actions and behaviour. You must not interfere with, or damage, any equipment provided for the health and safety of College users.

You must familiarise yourself with emergency exits and evacuation procedures for the areas you are located in, and you must vacate the premises immediately whenever the fire alarm sounds. If you have mobility problems you will have an individual evacuation procedure agreed with the College Health and Safety Officer prior to starting your course.

Security

All students and staff at Glasgow Clyde College will be issued with an identification card. You must carry your student identification card at all times while on the College campus and must let a member of staff see it when requested.

A closed circuit television system is installed within the College. Cameras are monitored at all times and recordings, if required, retained for evidence.

Use of ICT Resources

You may use the College's network and computing resources provided that you conform to user procedures and the College's Acceptable Use Policy and you do not:

- Interfere with the normal conduct of the College's business
- Conduct any for-profit personal business activity
- Embarrass the College or a College employee, other students or visitors
- Violate any law
- Make use of inappropriate web sites



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Mobile Phones, MP3 Players and Noise Pollution

You must show consideration towards the College and the local community by keeping noise to levels which are appropriate and acceptable to all.

All mobile phones must be switched off whilst you are in class, the library or in any study area. It is forbidden to use camera / recording equipment unless for agreed purposes within the College.

Attendance at College

Regular and punctual attendance is essential, both for effective learning and for the proper functioning of courses. Absences and late-coming will be reported to employers or any other related agencies.

Payment of bursaries, student loans, childcare and discretionary payments require 90% attendance. The requirement for EMA payments is 100%.

All bursary / EMA supported students are expected to meet the aforementioned attendance requirements and failure to do so will result in either payment deduction or termination of payment. For periods of absence students will be expected to provide either self certification or for a prolonged period of illness a medical certificate.

Bullying and Harassment

Any incident of bullying, harassment, intimidation, threatening or violent behaviour will be fully investigated and may result in disciplinary action. This includes incidents which take place via electronic communications, e.g. social networking, text or email.

Smoking

Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is only permitted in designated smoking shelters.

<u>Gambling</u>

All forms of gambling are strictly forbidden.

Offensive Weapons

Possession of an offensive weapon will lead to immediate suspension and the initiation of disciplinary procedures, including the possibility of expulsion. The College co-operates fully with the Police.

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Substance Misuse

The use or possession of illicit drugs and alcohol is not tolerated on College premises. Being in possession or under the influence of either of these substances will lead to immediate suspension and initiation of disciplinary procedures, including the possibility of expulsion. Any attempts to sell illicit drugs to others on College premises will lead to immediate expulsion. The College co-operates fully with the Police.

Damage to Property

Any College property which is on loan to you during the course of your studies is your responsibility. Consequently, you may be required to repay the cost for any loss or damage to the property.

Parking

College parking is limited and students must conform to campus regulations.

Litter

It is your duty to keep the College environment tidy. Please ensure that paper, cardboard, bottles, cans and plastic wastes are deposited in recycling bins situated throughout the College. Bottles, cans and plastic containers should be rinsed clean prior to disposal. It is your responsibility to ensure that litter is disposed of appropriately.

The consumption of food and drink is only permitted within designated areas.

Sale, Distribution or Display of Publications or Leaflets

The sale, distribution or display of publications or leaflets within the College or any campus by students or others is prohibited unless prior authority has been obtained from designated members of the Senior Management Team.

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Malpractice

The College regards all forms of malpractice as very serious. Those involved may face disciplinary action.

Malpractice can arise in a variety of ways and some types are described below, however this is not an exhaustive list and other types of behaviour may be considered by the College at its discretion:

- cheating in an examination (including copying the work of others or obtaining help from others in a way that contravenes examination regulations, bringing unauthorised materials into an examination, referring to any unauthorised material during an examination or any form of impersonation);
- plagiarism (taking someone else's work and passing off as one's own or failing to acknowledge sources properly);
- false declaration of authenticity (in relation to portfolio or coursework);
- fabrication of information (presentation of any false or fabricated information, results, evidence or conclusions);
- collusion (unauthorised co-operation between a student and another person, in or outside of College, in the preparation and production of work, which is ultimately presented as the student's own):
- misconduct (behaviour that causes disruption to others during an examination or assessment);
- offensive content (content in scripts or coursework that includes vulgarity and swearing outwith the context of the assessment, or anything discriminatory).

For more information please refer to the College Malpractice Procedure.

Discipline

The College has a Student Discipline Policy and Procedure. These can be viewed and downloaded from the College website.

Education Visits and Work Placements

The normal College standards of behaviour will be required on all visits. Students must adhere to the rules and codes applicable to the organisation or agency and should be mindful that they are representing Glasgow Clyde College whilst on external visits or work placements.