

Compliance Alerts! **Disruptive Behavior Violates the Code**

The [Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom](#) policy enforces **the right of all students** to receive instruction **without interference by disruptive behavior** from other students. Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to this policy.

Disruptive Behavior is defined as any student behavior that interferes with instruction and learning. Examples include, though are not limited to, the following:

1. Failure to respect the rights of other students to express their viewpoints by behaviors such as repeatedly interrupting others while they speak, using profanity and/or disrespectful names or labels for others, ridiculing others for their viewpoints, and other similar behaviors.
2. Excessive talking to other students while the faculty member or other students are presenting information or expressing their viewpoints.
3. Use of cell phones and other electronic devices in violation of the class syllabus.
4. Overt inattentiveness (sleeping, reading newspapers).
5. Eating in class (except as permitted by the faculty member).
6. Threats or statements that jeopardize the safety of the student and others.
7. Failure to follow reasonable requests of faculty members; and/or
8. Entering class late or leaving class early on a regular basis.

Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

- Faculty members have the right to clarify specific forms of disruptive behavior beyond those cited above.
- Faculty members are responsible for applying this policy in a reasonable manner.
- Faculty may not use the policy to limit the rights of students to express points of view different from that of the faculty member or other students.
- Faculty members should see guidance in handling cases of classroom misconduct from the Director of Student Conduct and/or the Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.
- Each incident of disruptive behavior should be reported to the Director of Student Conduct through the [Maxient Complaint Link](#). For more information on the Disruptive Behavior Policy, please contact the Office of Student Conduct or the Office of Academic Affairs.

Code of Conduct Violations

As defined in the policy, faculty may file a complaint with the Office of Student Conduct which may result in sanctions such as removal from a class. A student who has been charged with a violation of the Code must be advised of his/her rights as well as offered the opportunity for a hearing.

Threatening Behavior

This policy is not intended to address behavior that poses an imminent threat or danger to the student or others. Such behavior should be immediately reported to the Campus Police and the Office of Student Conduct.