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Key Contacts



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My Student Life

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COUNSELING 1-800-434-3000 Identify yourself as an SMCC student.

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INTERCULTURAL CENTER 207-741-5880 interculturalcenter@smccME.edu

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SECURITY 207-741-5553 security@smccME.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES 207-741-5860 activities@smccME.edu

About SMCC

Mission Statement SMCC transforms lives and communities through education and training. We welcome, prepare and inspire all to learn, succeed and lead.

Values

Opportunity: We empower all to explore, experience and become lifelong learners. **Integrity:** We respect others, honor diverse viewpoints and challenge each other to do

the right thing.

Engagement: We are inclusive and come together to openly communicate, participate

and collaborate.

Leadership: We can all be leaders, innovators and stewards of the future.

Success: We pursue excellence as we seek to achieve our goals.

Quick Facts
In the 2023 Fall Semester, 7,205 credit students attended Southern Maine Community College. In addition, approximately 2,067 people participated in noncredit courses, seminars, workshops and various types of short-term training in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Our student body is comprised of 67% part-time and 33% full-time students, and 56% female and 44% male students.

The average student age is 24.

Diversity, Inclusion and Equity at SMCC Southern Maine Community College stands unequivocally in support of students, faculty and staff of all races, ethnicities, sexualities, religions, economic backgrounds, veteran status, physical abilities, genders, political beliefs, immigration status, ages and other identities. We are committed to building a respectful, welcoming and inclusive community that celebrates our diversity.

The College is dedicated to cultivating a diverse community to foster learning and intellectual inquiry, and to nurturing a climate and culture that provides all students the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed in college and beyond.

SMCC's values include respecting others, honoring diverse viewpoints and challenging each other to do the right thing. We are inclusive and come together to openly communicate, participate and collaborate.

Non-discrimination Statement

Southern Maine Community College does not discriminate as proscribed by federal and/or state law on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, age, familial status, genetic information, disability, or Vietnam era veteran status in specified programs and activities. Inquiries about the College's compliance with, and policies that prohibit discrimination on, these bases may be directed to:

Affirmative Action Officer Cates Administration Building 2 Fort Road South Portland ME 04106 Telephone: 207-741-5571 Maine Relay Service: 800-457-1220 Fax: 207-741-5965 Email: deanofstudents@smccME.edu Online: www.smccME.edu

and/or

United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
33 Arch Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02110
Telephone: 617-289-0111
TTY/TDD: 617-289-0063
Fax: 617-289-0150
E-mail: OCR.Boston@ed.gov Internet: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc

Maine Human Rights Commission (MHRC) 51 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0051 Telephone: 207-624-6050 TTY/TDD: 207-624-6064 Fax: 207-624-6063 Internet: http://www.state.me.us/mhrc/index.shtml and/or

Egual Employment Opportunity Commission 475 Government Center Boston, MA 02203
Telephone: 617-565-3200 or 1-800-669-4000 TTY: 617-565-3204 or 1-800-669-6820 Fax: 617-565-3196 Internet: http://www.eeoc.gov/

Succeeding at SMCC

USF THIS HANDBOOK TO:

- Stay organized and find information and services.
- Organize your schedule with the day planner and write down test dates, work schedules, appointments and other committments.
- Find information about support services that will help you achieve your personal and academic goals.

THE COLLEGE CATALOG

The college catalog is another key resource that is important to your success as a student; it is associated with the year in which you enter your degree program and will serve as your guide to all of your degree requirements. The policies in this handbook come from the College Catalog. To view the current College Catalog, visit <u>www.smccME.edu/catalog</u>.

STUDENT SUCCESS TIPS

To be successful:

- Get Oriented
- Get Organized
- Take Notes
- Be Prepared for Tests
- Get Involved

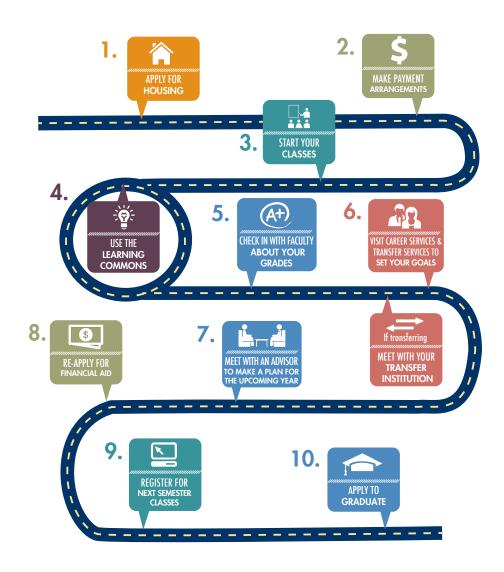
Has your contact info changed? Don't forget to tell us.

It is extremely important for you to provide an up-to-date mailing address and phone number to the College. If you need to update your address, you can do so by picking up a Personal Information Change form or downloading one online on MySMCC> My Maine Guide > My Degree > Academic Forms and Information > Personal Information Change. This can be faxed, emailed or delivered to the Advising Office.

FERPA - Release of Information

According to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), student academic and account information is confidential between SMCC and the student, regardless of the student's age or whether the student is paying the bill. If you want to grant permission for your parent(s), spouse, guardian or another party to be able to discuss the details of your billing information, you will need to fill out a Release of Student Information form at the Student Accounts Office (My SMCC > My Maine Guide > My Money > Financial Forms & Information > Release of Information Form (FERPA). This will enable Student Accounts Office staff to share billing information only with the person or persons you have named in the Release of Information form.

Roadmap to Success For Current Students



Did you know?
You can log into MySMCC and visit My Maine Guide to find all the information you need to take these steps to success.



SMCC Student Calendar

Some dates are subject to change. Please visit My Maine Guide to view the most current calendar.

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March 4, Mon., 6 a.m	Fall registration begins for current students w/ >30 credits and veteran students*
March 6, Wed., 6 a.m	Fall registration begins for current students w/ <30 credits*
April 8, Mon., 6 a.m	Fall registration begins for all students (open registration)*
July 9, Tues	Fall bill available
August 5, Mon	
August 23, Fri	
August 23, Fri	
August 24, Sat	
August 26, Mon	Fall classes begin
August 26, Mon., 6 a.m	
	Fall Welcome Week
August 27, Tues., 3-6 p.m	
August 28, Wed., 3-6 p.m	
	Labor Day - SMCC closed
September 3, Tues., 5 p.m	
September 3, Tues., 5 p.m	
September 4, Wed., 5 p.m	SMCC Foundation scholarship application period ends
September 9, Mon., 5 p.m	
September 23, Mon.	Fall 12-week subterm begins
October 14, Mon	
October 19, Sat., 9 a.m 12 p.m.	SMCC Open House (South Portland Campus)*
October 19, Sat	First Fall 8-week subterm ends
October 21, Mon	
October 28, Mon., 6 a.m	Spring registration begins for current students w/ >30 credits & veteran students*
October 30, Wed., 6 a.m	
October 31, Thurs., 10 p.m	
November 18, Mon., 5 p.m	Last day to withdraw from Fall classes**
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December 2, Mon., 6 a.m	
	Final grades available
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November 4, Mon., 6 a.m	
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April 14, Mon., 6 a.m	Fall registration begins for new/dual enrollment students*
April 21, Mon	Patriots' Day - SMCC closed
May 10, Sat	
	Faculty Professional Day
	Final grades available
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Check out My Degree in the student portal to track your degree progress, check your grades, explore majors, apply to graduate and get answers to frequently asked questions.

ADVISING

Located in the Welcome Center on the first floor of the South Portland Campus Center and in the L.L.Bean Learning Commons at the Midcoast Campus. For assistance, contact 207-741-5835 or advising@smccME.edu.

The goal of advising at SMCC is to connect you with your educational and career goals, while developing realistic and efficient plans to achieve them. You are assigned a faculty/staff pathway advisor. Advisors build supportive and informative relationships with you, guiding you to resources and services that will support your success. By answering your questions and developing these relationships, advising leads to your improved engagement, academic performance, and success rates - including persistence, transfer, and graduation rates.

Faculty Advisors

Faculty advisors will work with you to align your education and career goals and to ensure your success. Your advisor will help you plan your course schedule, find ways to improve your academic success such as connecting you with academic and personal resources here at the College, offer guidance in completing your degree or preparing to transfer to another institution, and help you build your professional qualifications.

The name of your faculty advisor is included on your course schedule and is listed under My SMCC > My Maine Guide > My Degree > Academic Information. Contact your faculty advisor ahead of time to schedule an advising meeting.

Staff Advisors

For general advising assistance, stop into the Advising Offices for drop-in advising anytime during regular business hours at either advising office. Our team can help with a range of items including registering for classes, creating a schedule, adding/dropping classes, checking degree progress, using My Maine Guide, understanding College procedures and policies, applying for graduation and more.

Changing your Advisor

You can choose or change your faculty advisor at any time. To change your faculty advisor, follow the steps below:

- Download the change of advisor form on MySMCC > My Maine Guide > My Degree > What to Do > Change Your Faculty Advisor or pick the form up at the Advising Office.
- Complete the change of advisor form and submit to the Advising Office.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For assistance, stop by the Campus Center on the South Portland Campus or contact the Director of International Student Services at 207-741-5880 or international students@smccME.edu.

As an international student you will have specific requirements to remain in good standing and in-status with your Student Visa. The college is required to certify you in the government data system each semester to assure that you are following these rules. Students are encouraged to seek assistance with any questions or concerns they may have.

IMMUNIZATIONS

To upload your immunizations to our secure dropbox, visit www.smccME.edu/submitimmunizations. For assistance, contact 207-741-5835 or advising@smccME.edu

Maine state law requires proof of immunization or immunity to certain diseases for enrollment. For detailed information about current immunization and vaccination requirements, visit www.smccME.edu/immunizations.

TESTING

For assistance contact the Academic Coordinator of the Testing Center at 207-741-5693 or testingcenter@smccME.edu.

SMCC's Testing Centers offer test proctoring (for specific online SMCC courses), and testing accommodations (such as extended time/quiet space) for qualified students. If you need a test proctored for another college/university, please contact the Academic Coordinator of the Testing Center. Visit www.smccME.edu/tests for more information, including hours.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

For assistance, contact 207-741-5670 or triosss@smccME.edu

TRIO is a diverse community of motivated students who are empowered to use their core values and strengths to reach their graduation, transfer and career goals. Eligible students are paired with a professional college Success Coach who will collaborate with them to inspire academic and individual growth with personalized advising from the first day of college through graduation. TRIO supports student success and engagement through peer connections, workshops, and events that cultivate the skills needed to stay on track, overcome challenges and thrive in college. To learn more and apply now visit My SMCC > My Maine Guide > My Degree.

TRIO SSS is funded by two grants from the U.S. Department of Education.

VETERANS SERVICES

Located in the upper level of the Bay Building on the South Portland Campus. For assistance, contact the Director of Veteran and Military Services at 207-741-5926 or veterans@smccME.edu.

Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) was founded in 1946 to serve returning World War II veterans. Today, SMCC continues to challenge, engage, and provide unparalleled veteran support. A member of National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) and Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials (AVECO), SMCC has a Veterans Resource Center, located in the Bay Building..

The College offers:

- Veterans priority registration.
- Veterans events.
- Veteran work-study employment.
- Combat-wounded parking spaces.
- Official veterans regalia and medal for commencement.



My Money is where you can pay your bill online, apply for financial aid and scholarships, find an on-campus job, and more.

FINANCIAL AID

Located in the Captain's House on the South Portland Campus. For assistance, contact 207-741-5518 or finaid@smccME.edu. FAFSA School Code: 005525

The SMCC Financial Aid Office is committed to helping you and your family find affordable ways to finance your education. Financial aid is available to eligible SMCC students who apply and qualify.

Students remember:

- You do not have to be full-time to receive financial aid.
- Federal loans are available to students taking six or more credits per semester.
- Students eligible for a Pell Grant may still qualify taking as few as three credits
- per semester.
- You can receive the Pell Grant for no more than the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters (six years).

We encourage you to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which can be found only at studentaid.gov/FAFSA – SMCC's school code is 005525. The FAFSA can be filed anytime; however, Maine residents are encouraged to file a FAFSA by May 1 to be considered for the Maine State Grant.

Information on the FAFSA is used to determine:

- Eligibility for grants and scholarships (which do not require repayment).
- Federal direct loans (which require repayment after the student ceases to be enrolled for at least six credits).
- On-campus student employment (work-study).

You may check the status of your financial aid by going to My SMCC > My Maine Guide > My Money and clicking on MySMCC-Financial Aid. MySMCC-Financial Aid allows you to:

- View and print documents needed to complete your financial aid application.
- View your financial aid offer.
- Read important messages regarding your financial aid.

FREE College

Have you heard? If you are a high school graduate from 2022-2025, you qualify for free tuition at SMCC through the Free College Scholarship. This pays for 100% of tuition and mandatory fees for up to two years. For more information visit www.smccME.edu/freecollege. Please note, completion of the FAFSA is required. If you are unable to complete the FAFSA, you need to contact the Financial Aid Office directly to see if you qualify for a FAFSA exemption. By filing the FAFSA you may also qualify for additional financial aid that can assist with costs such as housing, books, and supplies.

iGrad

We encourage you to sign up for and explore iGrad, our free money management tool that can help you navigate your finances, student loans or credit cards. To log in to or sign up for your free iGrad account, go to: https://smcc.igrad.com.

Solutions at ECMC

Solutions at ECMC is a trusted SMCC partner who is dedicated to helping you navigate the student loan repayment process. Solutions at ECMC will reach out to all SMCC student loan borrowers entering repayment on federal student loans to help and provide support throughout the repayment process.

Academic Requirements for Financial Aid

Financial aid regulations require all students receiving grants, loans and/or work-study at SMCC to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). SAP has three components:

Grade point average

Completion rate/pace, and

Maximum time frame (number of credits attempted vs. credits required to

complete major)

SAP standards apply even if you did not receive financial aid in all semesters you attended SMCC. SAP requirements are reviewed at the end of each semester for all students. To meet SAP requirements, you must meet all three of the standards. For more details please visit www.smccME.edu/SAP.

Financial Aid Refunds

Payments received from financial aid sources will be applied directly to your student bill. If payments from financial aid and other sources exceed the amount you owe, you may be entitled to a refund of the excess amount. Refunds are typically available around the fifth week of classes each semester. If you qualify for a refund will be notified by the Student Accounts Office. Questions about refunds can be directed to the Student Accounts Office at 207-741-5530 or studentaccounts@smccME.edu.

Withdrawal and Return of Student Aid Funds

If you have stopped attending your courses at SMCC you should officially withdraw by contacting the Registration/Advising Office. You are considered withdrawn if you do not complete all the days in the semester that you were scheduled to attend. This is applicable regardless of whether you officially withdrew from classes or just stopped attending without officially withdrawing from your classes. If you are considered withdrawn from all of your semester courses before the 60% point of the semester you are subject to the Return to Title IV refund calculation. If you have withdrawn, SMCC is required to determine how much of your semester aid you have earned based on the number of days you remained enrolled in the semester. Any unearned financial aid is returned to federal student aid programs by SMCC and must be repaid by you, which many times results in a balance due to SMCC. It is important to note if you withdraw after the 60% point of the semester you are considered to have earned 100% of your semester financial aid. For more defails please visit www.smccME.edu/R2T4.

Working on Campus
Student employees are needed in every area of the College. Working on campus is convenient and provides you the opportunity to make connections with faculty, staff and other students that can significantly enhance your college experience. For more information on how to obtain a job on campus and to access the online listing of available jobs, visit MySMCC > My Money > Student Employment/Work Study.

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation Office is located at 185 Pickett Street on the South Portland Campus. For assistance, contact 207-741-5559 or foundation@smccME.edu_or visit www. smccME.edu/foundation.

The SMCC Foundation provides additional financial support for you in the form of scholarships. To apply for a scholarship visit MySMCC > My Money. Scholarships are usually awarded in November.

The SMCC Foundation raises funds and provides additional financial support for the College and its students. The Foundation administers a variety of scholarships with a range of criteria from financial need to academic merit. The application process is simple: complete one form to apply for all SMCC Foundation scholarships you qualify for. Scholarships are usually awarded in November. To apply, visit MySMCC > My Money > SMCC Foundation Scholarships or visit <u>www.smccME.edu/foundation</u>.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Located in the Captain's House on the South Portland Campus. For assistance, contact 207-741-5530 or studentaccounts@smccME.edu.

Bills are generated and should be available to view online, on the My SMCC online student portal under My Maine Guide > My Money within 48-72 hours after registering. We encourage you to monitor your student account throughout the term and contact the Student Accounts Office with any questions or concerns.

Bills will be available to view online starting mid-July for the fall term, early December for the spring term, and early April for the summer term. Bill information can be found in SMCC email. Check it often.

Pay your bill in full or set up a payment plan (see details below).

SMCC accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards (debit or credit) online, in person or by phone.

To set up a payment plan: Visit My SMCC > My Maine Guide > My Money > Pay Your Bill Online > Enroll in a Payment Plan. If you need assistance, stop by the Student Accounts Office.

- Payment may be made:
 Online: MySMCC > My Maine Guide > My Money > Pay Your Bill Online and click on each charge and add to cart to pay in full. Processing the payment online is likely to be faster, as our phone lines can be very busy.

 Phone: Contact the Student Accounts Office by phone at 207-741-5530 to make
- a credit card payment.
- Mail: Send a check to (we do not recommend mailing cash): SMCC Student Accounts Office 2 Fort Road South Portland, ME 04106
- **In-person:** Have your payment processed in person during business hours at our student payment windows at the Captain's House on the South Portland Campus.

SMCC accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards (debit or credit) online, in person or by phone.

Tax Information

If you are enrolled at SMCC, you may receive an IRS Form 1098-T that reports amounts paid by you for qualified tuition and related expenses. For more information, go to My SMCC > My Money.

CAREER SKILLS & ENRICHMENT COURSES

For assistance contact us at 207-741-5862 or careerskills@smccME.edu or visit www.smccME.edu/careerskills.

SMCC offers an exciting array of career skill courses. Whether you are looking to begin a new career, enhance your professional skills or explore your creative talents, SMCC makes it all possible. To view the current offerings, please visit <u>www.</u> smccME.edu/careerskills.



Besides allowing you to find and sign up for classes, My Courses lets you see your schedule, add or drop a course, view class syllabi, check your bookstore allowance, access online learning portals and stay on track.

GLOBAL STUDIES

For assistance, contact the Global Studies Coordinator, 207-741-5648 or globalstudiescenter@smccME.edu.

The Global Studies Center at SMCC seeks to internationalize the college through the development of a new curriculum, the support of international students and events, and Education Abroad programming. We collaborate with a variety of entities on campus to prepare you for a globalized future.

Study Abroad/Global Classroom

Global Classroom courses are semester-long online or hybrid classes with at least one week of field experience, generally in an international location. Classes focus on subjects such as world art, business and foreign language. The Global Studies Center can also assist you in researching opportunities through other educational institutions.

HONORS PROGRAM

For assistance, contact the Honors Program Coordinator, Eben Miller, at 207-741-5683 or emiller@smccME.edu or visit the MySMCC student portal and choose My Courses.

The Honors Program serves you from every discipline by providing the opportunity to engage in an enriched learning experience at Southern Maine Community College. Honors courses are rigorous academic classes that emphasize critical thinking, writing, research and self-reflection. The Honors Program also allows you to develop individualized honors options within courses that are not specifically designated as honors courses.

The SMCC Honors Program is open to all students. You may choose to complete all or only part of the program requirements. If you complete the Honors Program you will be recognized at graduation as a MCC Honors Program Scholar.

- Program Requirements:
 Maintain a 3.30 cumulative GPA.
- Maintain a minimum "B" in all designated Honors courses.
- Complete a combination of four honors courses or honors options.

REGISTRATION

For assistance, stop by the Advising Office located on the first floor of the South Portland Campus Center and in the L.L.Bean Learning Commons at the Midcoast Campus or contact them at 207-741-5800 or registration@smccME.edu or visit www.smccME.edu/register.

Online registration is available to provide flexibility for you in your course registration. You can add and drop classes through the Advising Office in the Campus Center on the South Portland Campus or at the front desk in the L.L.Bean Learning Commons at the Midcoast Campus at any point from the start of registration through the end of the add/drop period. Here, you can also receive help with any course registration issues related to course prerequisites and corequisites.

SMCC BOOKSTORE

Located in the Campus Center on the South Portland Campus. For assistance, contact 207-741-5523 or books@smccME.edu or visit www.smccME.edu/bookstore.

Buying your books and course supplies does not have to be difficult! We want to give you the options that make the most sense and fit your needs. The SMCC Bookstore offers a wide range of new, used, rental and digital textbooks, as well as supplies and official SMCC clothing and gift items. Many students receive a book allowance if they have a credit balance on their account after Financial Aid has been applied to tuition and fees. This allowance may only be used to purchase books and supplies at the SMCC Bookstore. A valid SMCC student ID and current class schedule must be presented to access a book allowance. Forgot your class schedule? You can pull it up on your phone.

You can also order through our website, www.smccME.edu/bookstore, and have your books sent directly to your home.

THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER & LITERARY MAGAZINE

The Beacon is the official student newspaper of SMCC and highlights college news as well as features and columns on topics of interest for the student body. The Writ literary magazine is an award-winning publication written and edited by SMCC students featuring works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

WORKFORCE TRAINING

For assistance, contact us at 207-741-5955 or workforceregistration@smccME.edu or visit www.smccME.edu/workforce.

SMCC offers short-term workforce training to those who are looking to gain job skills that lead to employment. Many of these programs are grant-funded (no cost to trainees). Browse our offerings below and check back often as new offerings are added frequently.

To view the current offerings, please visit www.smccME.edu/workforce.



Here, you can learn about in-person and online resources for the library, free tutoring and writing assistance, as well as workshops to help you with your study skills. My Learning is also the place to go for information about disability services.

DISABILITY SERVICES

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) is located in the Campus Center on the South Portland Campus. Open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Office hours are also available at the Midcoast Campus in Brunswick on WWednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students needing an appointment outside regular business hours should call the offic at 207-741-5832 to make arrangements.

The ODS is committed to the success of students with disabilities. We are a vital part of the campus, ensuring compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and

the ADA and its amendments. We offer a welcoming space for all students to gather, have their lunch, study quietly, or grab a snack from our kitchenette, making us an integral and vibrant member of SMCC's diverse community. Additionally, ODS hosts a USM Social Work Intern each year to promote peer support and community education.

To request academic accommodations, students must provide documentation of To request academic accommodations, students must provide documentation of their disability. Records can be emailed to disabilityservices@smccME.edu or faxed to 207-741-5678. Please note that IEPs and 504s are not forwarded by your high school and cannot be used to determine college academic accommodations. Student disability documentation is secured and confidential, and stored separately from academic records. Disability information is not shared without the student's or legal guardian's consent.Once your documentation is received, our office will contact you and schedule an intake appointment to determine your accommodations.

If you do not have documentation or are having difficulty accessing your documentation, please let us know so we can assist.

Students requiring housing, ESA, dietary, and facility accommodations should send all their accommodation requests (including academic) directly to hjackson@smccme. edu. The deadline for requesting priority housing accommodations is March 15th in any given year. Requests received after this date will be honored on a space available basis.

For additional information, please visit the ODS website at www.smccme.edu/academics/resources/disability/.

LEARNING COMMONS

Located on the 2nd floor of the Campus Center on the South Portland Campus and in the L.L.Bean Learning Commons on the Midcoast Campus. For information on the Learning Commons, visit My SMCC > My Maine Guide > My Learning, email learning@smccME.edu, or call the South Portland Campus at 207-741-5535 or the Midcoast Campus at 207-844-2102.

The Learning Commons at SMCC is an integrated, active learning space (both physical and digital) that offers you the resources and expertise you need to enhance your learning outside of the classroom, and the support to reach your academic goals.

The Learning Commons physical spaces on both campuses have ample seating and include both collaborative/group and quiet individual study spaces. In addition to services described below, Learning Commons sites offer computers, including laptops for checkout (South Portland only), quick print stations, color printing, scanning and photocopying.

The online Learning Commons offers easy access and links to scheduled support through the tutoring center, writing center and the library/reference and research librarians. Students may also access the digital learning commons, support videos, and digital workshops via Brightspace.

Library

SMCC's libraries are student-friendly centers for research, study and casual reading resources. The Library provides students and faculty with a strong collection of current

materials selected by our professional librarians to support the academic programs at SMCC. In addition to physical books, periodicals and access to library collections throughout Maine, we have access to thousands of digital books, journals, newspapers and media sources that are available 24/7. Friendly, professional librarians are available in person, by phone and by email to help you quickly find the reliable resources they need. For assistance contact the South Portland Campus at 207-741-5521 or <u>library@smccME.edu</u> or the Midcoast Campus at 207-844-2102.

Tutoring
Highly skilled, certified faculty, staff and peer student tutors in many subjects and study skills areas are available online and in the Learning Commons and at various locations on the South Portland and Midcoast Campuses. Tutoring services are available for drop-in assistance for you individually or for study groups created by students in a course. Tutoring services are also available by scheduling in advance. If there is not a tutor available for your subject, we will attempt to recruit and hire a tutor for you. For assistance call the South Portland Campus at 207-741-5535 or the Midcoast Campus at 207-844-2102.

Writing Center

The Writing Center offers professional and in-person peer tutoring and online assistance with writing assignments for any SMCC class on a drop-in or appointment basis. For assistance call the South Portland Campus at 207-741-5535 or the Midcoast Campus at 207-844-2102 or visit the My Learning page on My Maine Guide.

LISA GORMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTER

The Lisa Gorman Center offers in-person tutoring opportunities for SMCC students for whom English is not their first language. The Center tutors meet with students at least once a week depending on their academic needs and support them in different areas of study. Our students can stop by the Center to set up a weekly appointment for the semester and to share what challenges they would like to focus on. Our tutors are highly skilled in supporting multilingual learners and have different areas of professional expertise. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 10am -4pm. We are located inside the library of the Campus Center, Room 217. You can contact the Center by dropping by in person, emailing the Director, Deb Krainin, at dkrainin@smccME.edu or calling by phone at 207-741-5801.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIPS

SMCC Career Development & Partnerships provides an infrastructure of career support within the SMCC campus community. As a student, you will be provided online and in-person resources and will receive the education and support needed to take charge of your professional and career development.

Career Development Support Services:

Through a comprehensive Career Support Brightspace learning module, group career coaching opportunities and individual appointments, and collaborations with other student support staff and faculty, career services will be provided to support four main areas:

Career Exploration: assessments, exploring the world of work, exploring career

options for your major/pathway, goal-setting.

Experiential Education: searching for internships and other opportunities to gain experience and build your resume, developing networking skills, informational interviews, seeking ways to build career-readiness competencies, building a LinkedIn profile for professional connections, and other career development strategies. Connections: employer connections through pathway-specific career fairs,

employer networking events, career-readiness and recruitment informational panels, and through other collaborations with recruiters and employer partners.

Applications: resumes, cover letters, informational prep skills and practice.

Visit "Career Development" on the Brightspace learning management system to receive information and support materials on all areas of your career development including short "how to videos," downloadable resume and cover letter templates and examples, tips sheets and other resources.

Career Development modules provided include:

- Resumes Beginner and Advanced modules
- Cover Letters
- Interview Prep
- LinkedIn
- Informational Interviews & Networking
- Career Exploration & Assessments
- Identifying & Articulating Career-Readiness Competencies
- Internship Information
- Professional Etiquette Skills
- Transfer Links & College Application Materials
- Job Search Strategies
- Preparing for a Career Fair or Employer Event

Interested in continuing your education after graduating?
The Career Development resources provided to students may indicate that reaching certain career goals may require further education. Students can identify potential transfer pathways that work for them and Pathway Advisors are available to assist with better understanding and navigating these opportunities.

TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

SMCC offers seamless transfer options into numerous degree programs at well-known colleges & universities. This is made possible with Transfer Articulation Agreements. Transfer agreements are partnerships between SMCC and various four-year institutions that provide an outline of the courses that will transfer toward a specific bachelor's degree at those colleges and universities. To view a list of available transfer agreements students can visit www.smccME.edu/transfer.

TRANSFER FAIRS

The College sponsors Transfer Fairs during the academic year, and numerous visits from individual colleges. Notification for Transfer Fairs and individual college visits will be emailed to your SMCC email account.

TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Browse the available transfer programs below. To learn more, visit www.smccME.edu/transfer.

Black Bear Advantage

This program allows SMCC students to co-enroll at the University of Maine at the start of their community college education. Students receive dual advising from both institutions, access to UMaine facilities, an accelerated transfer process, priority registration at UMaine, and a waiver of application fees. Please check back for detailed information for this new program to be provided soon.

Community2

SMCC and Saint Joseph's College of Maine have formed a partnership called Commnity². If you are enrolled in a qualifying program, Community² allows you to start your education at SMCC and seamlessly transfer to Saint Joe's to continue your education. You will enroll at SMCC where you'll earn your associate degree (or at least 24 credits). While taking classes at SMCC your second year you will live on the Saint Joe's campus to start immersing yourself in the community and preparing for your transfer. As an added bonus, you'll only pay SMCC tuition and fees to live on the Saint Joe's Campus your second year. When you've completed your education at SMCC you'll make a seamless transfer to Saint Joe's where you work towards your bachelor's degree.

Southern Maine Pathways: The SMCC to USM Transfer

SMCC and USM have a partnership for success. This innovative partnership provides students from selected programs a smooth and simple transfer path to compatible programs at USM upon completion of their associate degree. Students who are accepted and graduate from specific programs at SMCC will be assured of streamlined admissions to corresponding programs at USM.

University of Maine Farmington's Off-Campus Program

UMF and SMCC have partnered to make earning a bachelor's degree easier than ever. Get started by earning your associate degree at SMCC in Early Childhood Education and/or Education and continue on to earn your bachelor's degree from UMF on the same South Portland campus. If you have earned an associate degree or equivalent at another institution you may also be eligible to enroll.

Vassar College's Exploring Transfer Program

The Exploring Transfer (ET) program at Vassar College is designed for community college students interested in continuing their education at a competitive four-year college. This program is offered during the summer and is co-taught by Vassar and community college professors. Students who apply and are accepted will receive a scholarship that covers tuition, room, board, books, supplies, and a travel stipend. To learn more, visit our Vassar College's Exploring Transfer webpage.



My Student Life provides information about student organizations, housing, campus activities, athletics, parking, dining options, and even instructions on how to forward your student email to another email address.

ATHLETICS & FITNESS

Located in the Hutchinson Union Building (HUB) Athletic Center on the South Portland Campus. For assistance, contact smccathletics@smccME.edu or 207-741-5927, or visit www.gosmccseawolves.com.

Athletic Programs & SMCC SeaWolves

The College offers nine intercollegiate sports. They include men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's golf, baseball and softball, and women's volleyball. SMCC Athletics is a member of the Yankee Small College Conference (YSCC), the regional league for the parent national organization, the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). SMCC

Athletics has won 50 conference championships and has participated in multiple USCAA National Tournaments including winning the 2022 Men's Basketball National Championships and 2011 Individual Men's Golf National Champion (Tommy Stilring). To see game schedules and more, visit www.gosmccseawolves. com or follow SMCC Athletics on Facebook, on social media platforms including Instagram and Twitter (@SMCCSeawolves), on youtube (SMCC Seawolves), and streaming providers BlueFrame Technology under Yankee Small College Conference Network

Fitness & Wellness

In addition to the intercollegiate athletics program, a variety of fitness programs and recreational activities are offered. With a fitness center at the HUB Athletic Center on the South Portland Campus and a fitness room in Orion Hall at the Midcoast Campus, the Athletics and Recreation Department has something for every student.

HUB Athletic Center and Fitness Center

Located on the corner of Fort Road and Benjamin Pickett Street on the South Portland Campus, the Hutchinson Union Building Athletic Center serves as the home of the College's basketball and volleyball programs and houses the South Portland Fitness Center. The HUB Athletic Center is complemented by our baseball and softball fields located across the street and soccer fields at Wainwright Complex on outer Highland Avenue. Students, faculty and staff can also take advantage of a series of walking trails around the South Portland Campus known as the "Greenbelt."

ADVISING RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

For assistance contact 207-741-5809 or eculberson@smccME.edu.

Support Provided Includes:

- Advocacy for students experiencing housing insecurity on and off campus
- Skills coaching for off campus housing searches
- Assess and support referrals for relevant mental health & substance use services
- Stress management through coping and self-regulation skills and problem solving
- Access to the Captain's Cupboard and South Portland Food Cupboard for those who are food insecure
- Financial support and assistance to apply for state and federal benefit programs
- Childcare resources
- Access to childcare, medical care, clothing, and on-campus and community resources

Our Process:

Once you are enrolled as a current student at SMCC, you may refer yourself to the Advocacy Resource Center, which will work with you to create an individualized plan to support your needs.

COUNSELING SERVICES

The College contracts with Sweetser to provide counseling services on the South Portland and Midcoast campuses. To schedule an appointment, call 800-434-3000 and identify yourself as an SMCC student.

We know it's not always easy to balance your academic needs with personal, family or job-related problems and concerns. That's why we have partnered with Sweetser to provide free counseling services to our students. Sweetser will bill your insurance company if you have insurance or will bill SMCC if you do not have insurance. SMCC will also pay for any co-pay, co-insurance or deductible so that there is no out-of-pocket cost to students.

Services

- Individual counseling
- 24/7 Peer counseling through the Intentional Warm Line (Call 866-771-9276)

Resources

- Mental health services
- Substance abuse or alcohol abuse counseling
- General information on topics related to mental health

Emergency Resources

Emergency: 911

Campus Security: 207-741-5553
Intentional Warm Line: 866-771-9276

Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 988

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence Life

Located in the Welcome Center on the South Portland Campus and Orion Hall at the Midcoast Campus. For assistance contact 207-741-5967 or reslife@smccME.edu.

SMCC has two residence halls, Spring Point Hall and Surfsite Hall, on our South Portland Campus. The Midcoast Campus has one suite-style residence hall, Orion Hall. Each residence hall is staffed by a professional, live-in Resident Director. In Spring Point Hall, pairs of double or triple rooms are connected by a shared bathroom. In Surfsite Hall, students are housed in triple rooms and share a community bathroom on each floor. Orion Hall has single or double bedrooms, each with a private bath, private living area and a small kitchenette. Each hall has common spaces where students can socialize and study.

You may occupy your assigned room on the dates specified in the College's calendar; however, the residence halls close during the Thanksgiving break, semester break and spring break. The availability of break housing will be communicated by staff, and students will receive instructions on how to request break housing, if available.

Dining Services

Located at the Oceanview Dining Hall & SeaWolves Cafe on the South Portland Campus and the Landing Cafe in the L.L.Bean Learning Commons on the Midcoast Campus. For more information visit My Maine Guide > My Student Life

Oceanview Dining Hall

Oceanview Dining Hall is an "all you care to eat" dine-in facility located on one of the most picturesque points in Maine. During Fall and Spring semesters the dining hall is continuously open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Friday serving three home-style meals a day. On the weekends, students and guests can enjoy brunch from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., continuous service from 1 - 4 p.m. and dinner from 4 - 6 p.m. Operational needs vary and during the summer semester either the Oceanview Dining Hall or the SeaWolves

Café located in the Campus Center, will be open limited hours and the other will be closed.

The SeaWolves Café

The SeaWolves Café in the Campus Center is an a la carte dining option that features made-to-order sandwiches, salads, grill items and individual pizzas. Homemade soups, bakery items, snacks, cold beverages and coffee are offered 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays, during the Fall and Spring semesters. If the Café is open in the summer, the hours are limited.

All dining locations are open to the public. **Please note:** Hours of operation are subject to change.

INTERCULTURAL CENTER

For assistance vist the Intercultural Center on the first floor of the Campus Centeremail interculturalcenter@smccME.edu, call 207-741-5880 or visit the MySMCC student portal and choose My Student Life.

SMCC's Intercultural Center's mission is to enable asylum seekers, multicultural, and / or multilingual students to achieve academic and personal goals by removing systemic barriers, ultimately aiming to bridge the gap toward an equitable education for all.

SECURITY & TRANSPORTATION

Located in the Fort Building on the South Portland Campus and Orion Hall on the Midcoast Campus. For assistance, contact the Safety & Security Office at 207-741-5553 or security@smccME.edu.

Security Services

The Safety and Security Office is a student-staffed department augmented by professional security services dedicated to serving and protecting the College. In addition to enforcement of College policies, the Safety and Security Office provides the following services to you: ID Cards, parking permits, lost and found, and personal safety escorts. The Safety and Security Office does not accept payment for permits or fines. All payments must be made to the Student Accounts Office.

If you are a victim of a crime you are strongly encouraged to report those crimes to either the South Portland Police Department or the Brunswick Police Department to pursue their case using the criminal justice system, and to the Safety and Security Office for investigation by the College and possible adjudication under the Student Code of Conduct.

The South Portland Campus Safety and Security Office is located in the Fort Building across from Preble Hall. The Midcoast Campus Safety and Security office is located in Orion Hall on the first floor. Both offices are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you have any questions or are in need of assistance on either campus, please visit the office or call 207-741-5553.

Security Escorts

Security escorts are available to and from classes upon request. Students, faculty and staff can request a security escort by calling the SMCC Safety and Security Department at 207-741-5553. Students are encouraged to download the free Rave Guardian App. In addition to instant access to SMCC Security and emergency information, the Guardian App offers a Safety Timer that allows you to tell people you trust about a planned trip and notifies them if you're late and provides your location.

Student IDs

Student ID cards are available in the Safety and Security Office on the South Portland Campus and at Orion Hall in the Midcoast Campus. To obtain your student ID, you must

present Safety and Security with a valid state photo ID. For the fastest possible service in obtaining a student ID, please also bring a copy of your current course schedule. There is a \$10 fee to replace student ID cards, payable at the Student Student Accounts Office.

Your student ID provides access to the SMCC Library and other libraries, the HUB Gym, SMCC activities and events such as concerts, dances, basketball games, residence halls and residence rooms for students living on campus and free bus rides on the South Portland and Portland METRO/Breez and Brunswick Explorer bus lines. It is also needed to access student meal plans or Beacon Bucks in our Dining Hall or Café in South Portland (see Dining Services for more information). Student IDs serve as key cards for residence hall students to access their buildings and individual rooms.

Parking Permits \$ 1D Stickers

Visit the SMCC Safety & Security Office in the Fort Building on the South Portland Campus or Orion Hall at the Midcoast Campus to pick up your parking permit.

To pick up your parking permit: bring your vehicle registration and current schedule.
Once you receive your vehicle permit please affix it to the lower passenger side
of your front windshield. This sticker must be displayed at all times. The Parking &
Transportation fee is included in tuition and fees.

Parking \$ Transportation Tips
Follow these helpful tips for commuting to SMCC:

Ride the bus for free with your validated SMCC ID card.

Sign up for and check out your carpool options with GO MAINE!
 Arrive early and leave plenty of time to find parking before classes.

Avoid classes at peak times or consider taking some classes at the Midcoast Campus.

 Take alternative modes of transportation – bicycles, motorcycles, mopeds and skateboards.

Learn the legal off-campus parking areas that surround the college.

Getting to SMCC is easy, even without a car. In fact, SMCC encourages students
to leave their cars at home and give low-cost commuting options such as
carpooling, the bus or cycling a try.

Ride the Bus for Free!

Our South Portland and Midcoast campuses are accessible by public transit and SMCC offers free, unlimited access to the South Portland, Portland METRO, Brunswick Link and Brunswick Explorer bus services to students with a current, validated SMCC ID during the school year.

To ride the bus for free:

 Present your SMCC ID when riding Portland Metro, Brunswick Link, South Portland and Brunswick Explorer buses and your ride is free of charge.

Please be sure to use transfer tickets between stops. This helps to reduce costs and ensure the program can continue.

For more information, including online bus schedules, please visit: www.southportlandbus.org, www.gpmetrobus.com and https://brunswicklink.org.

Consider Carpooling

SMCC urges students and faculty to carpool to help reduce traffic congestion on campus and in surrounding neighborhoods.

Carpooling is a great way to save on gas and get to class and events on campus.

To find someone to carpool with:

 Use the SMCC app or check with classmates to see if there is anyone who lives near you who can share the ride.

 Post a notice on the campus rideboard in the main entrance to the SMCC Campus Center. Register with GO MAINE (<u>www.gomaine.org</u>), the free statewide commuter assistance program operated by Maine DOT and the Maine Turnpike Authority. That will make you eligible for special benefits, including the Emergency Ride Home program.

For more information about registering for preferred carpool parking at the South Portland Campus, contact the SMCC Safety & Security Office.

Ride your Bike

Biking is a low-cost way to commute and good for the environment, too. Both of our campuses encourage bicycle commuters and urge students to take advantage of bike benefits, including the Emergency Ride Home program at GO MAINE. To qualify for those benefits, you must register at <u>www.gomaine.org</u>.

Common SMCC Parking Violations
Vehicles not parked in accordance with College parking policies will be issued an SMCC ticket, which carries a fine of \$25 and possibly a \$40 parking boot fee for:

Blocking roadways or access to college facilities.

Parking on the grass or parking in areas not designated for parking.

Altered, unauthorized, invalid or absent permit. Students parking in a faculty or visitor lot.

Improper display of a permit.

Parking in a reserved spot.

Common City of South Portland Parking Violations

Parking in a fire lane or within 20 feet of any fire hydrant or designated by signs

Parking in a handicapped parking space without a state-issued permit or placard

How to Handle a Ticket

SMCC tickets (orange) must be paid at the Student Accounts Office in the Captain's House. If you believe the ticket was issued in error, you may complete a ticket dispute form in the Safety and Security Office within 10 days of receipt of the ticket. City of South Portland tickets (green) must be paid or disputed at South Portland City Hall, located at 25 Cottage Road.

STUDENT LIFE

Located on the lower level of the Bay Building, the Student Life office works to provide student engagement and leadership opportunities for students. For assistance, contact the Assistant Director of Student Life at 207-741-5860 or <u>studentlife@smccME.edu</u> or visit the My Student Life section of My Maine Guide.

SMCC complements and enriches the classroom experience by engaging you in a variety of activities outside the classroom. Active participation in extra curricular activities and leadership opportunities increases a student's likelihood to persist and be successful in college. Getting involved provides you an opportunity to build connections with fellow students, faculty and staff and to develop lifelong friends and mentors.

No matter what your interests are, the College provides an opportunity to get involved, from student government, honor societies, technical and trade organizations, intercollegiate athletics and recreation, and student clubs and organizations. For more information on student organizations or how to start a new student organization, stop by the Student Life office in the Bay Building.

The Student Life Office

Located in the lower level of the Bay Building the Student Life Office is a onestop resource to learn about ways to become involved on campus. The office has information on the student clubs and organizations on campus, how to start a new student organization, community service opportunities, and activities and events on campus. The Student Life office is a great place to learn about student leadership opportunities such as serving on the Student Senate and participating in various leadership education programs. For a full list of currently active student clubs and

organizations, please visit My SMCC > My Maine Guide > My Student Life. You can also download the SMCC mobile app at http://smcc.campusapp.com.

Mobile App

The SMCC app brings services to your fingertips and enables you to connect with your classmates and friends. You can access events, calendars, contacts, maps, and more! Download the app and communicate with other students via the campus wall, utilize campus maps, view courses and grades, and stay up to date with events happening on campus. Download the SMCC mobile app at http://smcc. campusapp.com.

Student Organizations

Numerous student organizations have offices and meeting spaces located in the Bay Building.

The Student Senate

The Student Senate represents the voices of the students on both campuses in the College governance process and advocates for the interests, ideas and welfare of the student body. Student Senate meetings are open to all student and happen on both the South Portland and Midcoast campuses. To express your interest or learn more, please email studentlife@smccME.edu.

Student Activities Committees

There is a Student Activities Committee on both campuses responsible for organizing campus-wide events such as the Welcome BBQ, Winter Carnival and Spring Fest. The Student Activities Committees have also presented comedians, singers, hypnotists and a variety of other entertainment as well as trips to off-campus events such as hockey games and amusement parks.

The Captain's Cupboard

The Captain's Cupboard is an on-campus student-run food pantry located at Southern Maine Community College. The Cupboard is located at 5 Surfsite Road on our South Portland Campus, and in Orion Hall on our Midcoast Campus. The Captain's Cupboard is open to all SMCC students with a valid SMCC Student ID. The food is made possible by a grant from the Good Shepard Food Bank and the generosity of Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program. As such, we ask that all students please complete the check-in form so that we can comply with our reporting requirements.

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) at SMCC welcomes all students interested in enhancing student leadership through self-exploration and skill development. The program strives to strengthen students' networks, enhance educational experiences, and prepare students for a variety of roles both at the college and in the community. Utilizing storytelling, group work, and self reflection, students will be exposed to multiple concepts of leadership, leadership strategies and theories, and leadership styles. Through this they will explore themselves and develop a leadership style effective to their unique strengths and skills. As a result of the successful completion of the Emerging Leaders Program at SMCC, students will receive a Certificate of Completion and an Emerging Leaders Program Cord to be worn at the graduation ceremony.

Collegiate Leadership Competition

Every year SMCC students come together to develop a team to compete in the Collegiate Leadership Competition (CLC). Founded in 2015, CLC provides collegians passionate about leadership with a practice field. Students actively apply their learning via our global leadership competition. We make leadership a tangible, high-impact learning experience for future leaders. Any student interested in practicing leadership is welcome. To express your interest or learn more, please email studentlife@smccME.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for two-year colleges. All eligible students

receive a letter of invitation from the college president to join the College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage academic excellence and scholarship among students. The chapter also provides students with the opportunity to serve in the community and to develop leadership skills. Many students join not only to participate in service work and leadership opportunities, but also for the lively fellowship and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Chapter members are also eligible for transfer scholarships to four-year colleges and universities.

Membership Qualifications for Phi Theta Kappa:

- Be enrolled in a certificate or an associate's degree program
- Have earned a minimum of 12 college-level credits at SMCC
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50

TECHNOLOGY & EMAIL

Located at the Ross Technology Center on the South Portland Campus. For assistance, contact the IT HelpDesk at 207-741-5696 or submit a ticket at help.smccME.edu.

The HelpDesk is the central point of contact for technology-related issues and questions, including student email and the MySMCC student portal.

Using MySMCC

Students can sign into the MySMCC portal by clicking on to MySMCC from the SMCC home page at www.smccME.edu. After clicking on MySMCC, look for the MySMCC Login Instructions on the left-hand tab. Login instructions are also displayed below.

USERNAME: Username: firstname + middle initial + lastname followed by @smccME.edu

PASSWORD: Newly Created Account = Randomly generated and emailed to personal email address. Existing Account = Prior login or reset online On your first login, you will be required to change your password. Your password will expire every 180 days, and you will be required to change it at that time.

If there is a name conflict because another student has the same name, one will be given a number at the end of their username. For example, if there are two Ali M Jones, the second would be alimjones2. The username and password combination is identical in all student-related systems – the MySMCC portal, Brightspace, student email and general login in labs, the library, and the Learning Commons. For more information, visit the IT HelpDesk at the Ross Technology Center in South Portland, call 207-741-5696 or go to help.smccme.edu.

Email

You must check your SMCC email account regularly or forward your SMCC email account to the personal email account that you regularly access. SMCC email is the principal means through which the College communicates with students, and official correspondence from faculty and staff will be communicated through SMCC email. The College is not obligated to send communications in addition to email, so in most cases, this is the only way in which you will receive very important and timely information.

Logging into Email

Students can sign into their email by choosing the MySMCC link from the SMCC home page at www.smccME.edu. After logging in to MySMCC, students will see a link in the upper right corner for Email. They can also find a similar link on the IT Help tab. The link will take them to their student Gmail account. Student usernames and passwords are the same as those for MySMCC (see above). The username and password combination is identical in all student-related systems – the MySMCC portal, computer labs, and student email all use the same username and password. In many cases students will be automatically signed in.

Forwarding Your Student Email
Directions for setting up email forwarding are available in the IT Knowledge Base at https://tinyurl.com/ti/75twt. The complete Knowledge Base is available by going to help.smccme.edu and clicking Knowledge Base in the top blue bar.

Computer Labs & Wireless Access

SMCC provides access to more than 700 computers across campus, with most buildings having computer labs specific for the programs in those buildings. There are also open computer labs located in Room 103 of Ross Technology Center, in the Library and in the Learning Commons. Students can access common applications such as Microsoft Office or surf the internet.

Wireless Network Use

Your use of the school's networks is governed by the SMCC Computer and Network Use Policy. In order to use your computer, tablet, smartphone or other device on SMCC's wireless and residence hall networks, you must log in using the same ID and password that you use to log in to the MySMCC or email.

If you are attending a special group event, you may ask the facilitating faculty or staff member to log in for you or contact the IT HelpDesk at 207-741-5696 to acquire a temporary login.

Note on Saving Data

SMCC students are provided a network drive which appears as "your username (\\studentfiles\home\$) (N:)" in Windows Explorer. Files you save to this drive will be available on any SMCC computer. Students in the AEDD and CNMS programs will have additional network drives. Your instructors will inform you on the proper use of these extra drives.

The IT Department recommends that students store their data on their N drives and also

keep a backup on a personal flash drive or other storage media. Saving data directly to the C drives of SMCC computers is not recommended. In the event that an SMCC student-use computer fails or experiences problems, its hard drive will be erased and any student data will be lost forever. Data on student N drives is not erased until one semester after you are no longer a student; therefore, your N drive is a much safer place to save your work.

Students may also save and back up data to their Google Drive accounts, but you must be aware that you need an internet connection to access this data and that SMCC is not responsible for any (usually rare) Google Drive outages.

Notice for Residence Hall Students

All networking equipment not owned by SMCC including routers, Wi-Fi access points, switches, and extenders is prohibited on any SMCC network - wired or wireless. These devices will cause interference and service interruptions. All SMCC networks are routinely checked for these devices; any found in use will be disabled and a fine will be issued.

Print From Anywhere (Wireless Printing)

Wireless printing is available on selected printers at SMCC's South Portland and Midcoast campuses. To print wirelessly, send an email with your document attached to one of the printer email addresses. Your document will print within a few minutes and you will receive an email letting you know when it is done. If you send emails to the Print from Anywhere service from a personal (non-SMCC) account, you will be asked to sign in. If you do not sign in, your document will not print. Most common document formats work with the Print From Anywhere service. Word documents, PowerPoints,

Excel files, PDFs and most image formats will work. Another method, with more printing options, is available by going to <u>print.smccME.edu</u>.

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libraryfront@smccME.edu	South Portland	Campus Center	Library	B & W
midcoast@smccME.edu	Brunswick	Orion	137	B & W
noisylounge@smccME.edu	South Portland	Campus Center	Noisy Lounge	B & W
techcenter@smccME.edu	South Portland	Ross Technology	103	B & W
tutoringcolor@smccME.edu	South Portland	Campus Center	Learning Commons	Color
csec@smccME.edu	South Portland	Computer Science & Engineering Center	Basement Hallway	B & W

Online Communities \$ Social Networking

Online communities or social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter are a great way to connect with new friends and stay connected with old ones. They are also a great way to network with classmates. They can be a resource to find out about or promote campus events and student organizations or to rally around a campus issue or cause. SMCC's social media pages can be found and followed at the following URL's, www.facebook.com/smccME, www.instagram.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitktok.com/discover/smcc-maine, and www.youtube.com/smccmaine, www.tiktok.com/discover/smcc-maine, and www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine, www.twitter.com/smccmaine</

Monitor what other people post on your page.

- Don't post any inappropriate photos and require others to obtain your approval to tag you in their photos.
- Don't write about or post photos of drinking or drug use.

Don't use language that could be interpreted as hateful.

- Think carefully about posting contact information like your email, phone number or address (including your residence hall room number).
- Take advantage of all privacy settings.

It's also important to realize that information posted on these sites is not always truthful or accurate. Sometimes people will create false profiles to be funny or to take advantage of the anonymity of online interaction. If an online friend wants to meet in person, you should take some of these safety precautions:

• Public places, like restaurants or coffee shops, are best for the first meeting.

- Make a plan for a specific time frame during which you will meet so there is an agreed-upon starting and ending time.
- Make sure someone else knows where you are going and make a plan to check in with that person at an established time.
- Tell your online friend that you are bringing another friend for the first meeting.
 Tell your online friend that it's a safety issue. Think twice about any reaction that does not support this decision.

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August 2024

MON 19 **TUES 20 WED** 21 **THURS 22** New Student Orientation & Welcome 221 FRI Residence hall move-in for new students 23 SUN New Student SAT

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Orientation
(aditional session)

Residence hall move-in for current students



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Fall Welcome Week

August/September 2024

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Fall classes begin

Add/drop and 100% refund period for Fall begins, 6 a.m.





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Add/drop and 100% refund period for Fall (





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Add/drop and 100% refund period for Fall





South Portland Campus Block Party, 3-6 p.m.

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Add/drop and 100% refund period for Fall





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Add/drop and 100% refund period for Fall



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Add/drop and 100% refund period for Fall





September 2024

MON 2	Labor Day - SMCC Closed Add/drop and 100% refund period for Fall
TUES 3	Add/drop and 100% refund period ends for Fall, 5 p.m. Withdrawal period begins for Fall, 5 p.m. 50% refund period for tuition & fees begins for Fall, 5 p.m.
WED 4	SMCC Foundation scholarship applications due, 5 p.m. \$ 50% refund period for tuition & fees \$
THURS	50% refund period for tuition & fees
FRI 6	50% refund period for tuition & fees
SAT 7	50% refund period \$ SUN 50% refund period for tuition & fees \$

September 2024

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October 2024

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SAT	First Fall 8-week subterm ends
19	SMCC Open House (South Portland Campus), 9 a.m 12 p.m.

October 2024

MON	Second Fall 8-week subterm ends
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ADVISING MONTH Meet with an advisor October/November 2024

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Advising Month begins 15



Spring registration begins for current students, w/ >30 credits & veteran students, 6 a.m.



TUES

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Spring registration begins for current students w/ <30 credits, 6 a.m.



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THURS

Midterm grades available for Fall, 10 p.m.



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November 2024

MON	Spring registration begins for new/dual enrollment students
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November 2024

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November 2024



MON	Last day to withdraw from Fall classes, 5 p.m.
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TUES	Spring bill available \$
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ADVISING MONTH Meet with an advisor November/December 2024

Thanksgiving Recess begins - SMCC closed

Thanksgiving Recess - no classes

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Thanksgiving Recess no classes Advising Month ends

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Thanksgiving & Thanksgiving Recess - no classes - SMCC closed

MON 2	Spring registration begins for all students (open registration), 6 a.m.
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SAT	Fall classes end (including SUN second 8-week and 12-
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MON	Final grades available for Fall, 10 p.m.
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January 2025

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FRI	Residence hall move-in for new students
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SAT	Residence hall move-in for SUN current students
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Spring Welcome Week

January 2025

MON 13	Spring classes begin (including first 8-week subterm) Add/drop and 100% refund period begins for Spring, 6 a.m.
TUES	Add/drop and 100% refund period for Spring
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WED	Add/drop and 100% refund period for Spring
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THURS	Add/drop and 100% refund period for Spring
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FRI	Add/drop and 100% refund period for Spring
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Add/drop and 100% refund period for Spring



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Add/drop and 100% refund period for Spring





January 2025

Martin Luther King Day - SMCC closed MON Add/drop and 100% refund period for Spring **20** Add/drop and 100% refund period ends for Spring, 5 p.m. **TUES** 50% refund period for tuition & fees begins for Spring, 5 p.m. 21 Withdrawal period begins for Spring, 5 p.m. 50% refund period for tuition & fees for Spring **WED 22 THURS** 50% refund period for tuition & fees for Spring (S **23** 50% refund period for tuition & fees for Spring FRI 24 50% refund period 50% refund period SAT SUN for tuition & fees for tuition & fees for Spring for Spring

January/February 2025

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February 2025

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February/March 2025

MON 24 Advising Month begins



Summer registration begins for current students, 6 a.m.



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SMCC Foundation scholarship application period begins for 2025/2026, 5 p.m.

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Summer registration begins for new/dual enrollment students, 6 a.m. MON Fall registration begins for current students w/ > 30 credits & veteran students, 6 a.m. **TUES** Fall registration begins for current students **WED** w/ < 30 credits, 6 a.m. 5 **THURS** 6 FRI SAT First Spring 8-week SUN

subterm ends



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WED	Spring Break - no classes
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THURS	Spring Break - no classes
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FRI	Spring Break - no classes
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SAT	Spring Break - no classes SUN
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Second Spring 8-week subterm begins MON Summer registration begins for all students (open registration), 6 a.m. 17 Fall registration begins for new/dual enrollment students, 6 a.m. **TUES** 18 **WED** 19 **THURS 20** FRI 21

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March/April 2025

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April 2025

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April 2025

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April/May 2025

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WED	Summer bill due (pay in full or sign up for a payment plan)
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FRI	
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SAT	SUN
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MON	
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TUES	
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WED	
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THURS	
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FRI	
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SAT	Spring classes end (including second 8-week
10	& 12-week subterms)

May 2025

MON 12	Faculty Professional Day	
TUES 13	Final grades available for Spring, 10 p.m. (
WED 14		
15		
FRI 16		
17	SUN 18	Commencement, 2 p.m.

May 2025

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MON	Summer classes begin (including first 6-week subterm)
19	Add/drop and 100% refund period begins for Summer, 6 a.m.
TUES	Add/drop and 100% refund period for Summer
20	
WED	Add/drop and 100% refund period for Summer
21	
THURS	Add/drop and 100% refund period for Summer
22	
FRI	Add/drop and 100% refund period ends for Summer, 5 p.m.
23	Withdrawal period begins for Summer, 5 p.m.
SAT	SUN
24	25

May/June 2025

MON	Memorial Day - SMCC closed
26	
TUES	Fall registration begins for all students (open registration), 6 a.m.
27	
WED	
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THURS	
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FRI	
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SAT	SUN
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WED	
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THURS	Juneteenth - no classes
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FRI	
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SAT	SUN
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TUES	
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WED	
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THURS	
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FRI	
27	
SAT	End of first 6-week subterm SUN
28	for Summer 29

June/July 2025

MON	Summer Break - no classes
30	
TUES	Summer Break - no classes
1	
WED	Summer Break - no classes
2	
THURS	Summer Break - no classes
3	
FRI	Summer Break - no classes
4	
SAT	Summer Break - no classes SUN
5	6

July 2025

MON	Start of second 6-week subterm for Summer
7	
TUES	
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WED	
9	
THURS	
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FRI	
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SAT	SUN
12	13

July 2025

Midterm grades available for Summer, 10 p.m.
SUN
20

July 2025

MON	
21	
TUES	
22	
WED	
23	
THURS	
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FRI	Last day to withdraw from Summer classes, 5 p.m.
25	
SAT	SUN
26	27

July/August 2025

MON		
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TUES		
29		
WED		
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THURS		
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SAT	SUN	
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August 2025

MON	
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TUES	
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THURS	
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FRI	
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SAT	SUN
9	10

August 2025

MON	
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TUES	
12	
WED	
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THURS	
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FRI	
15	
SAT	Summer classes end (including second 6-week & 8-week subterms)
16	17

August 2025

MON	Final grades available for Summer, 10 p.m.
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TUES	
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August 2025		
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College Policies

College policies are updated throughout the year. To view a full list of current college policies view the current SMCC Academic Catalog available to download by visiting www.smccME.edu/catalog.

ACADEMIC STANDING

To remain in good academic standing, students must successfully complete 66 percent or more of the total number of credits attempted with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher (see grading system). A course is not successfully completed if the student is assigned a grade of F, AF, I, NS or W. Academic standing is calculated following each fall and spring semester. Students who are not in good academic standing will be placed in an academic warning status, placed on probation or suspended.

Academic Warning

Students who have attempted less than 9 credits and whose cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 will be placed in an academic warning status. Students on academic warning may not enroll in more than 15 credits and are encouraged to address study issues and to seek tutoring from the Learning Commons.

Academic Probation

Students are placed on probation if they meet one of the following three criteria:

- 1. Fail to complete 66% of total credits attempted at SMCC
- 2. Fail to earn the required semester GPA
 - a. If they've attempted 9-29 credits, they must earn at least a 1.79.
 - b. If they've attempted 30 or more credits, they must earn at least a 2.0.
- 3. Fail to earn the required cumulative GPA
 - a. If they've attempted 9-29 credits, they must earn at least a 1.79.
- b. If they've attempted 30 or more credits, they must earn at least a 2.0. Students placed on academic probation may enroll in no more than 13 credits each semester that they are on probation. Academic support, as defined by the College, is mandatory for students on academic probation. Students who remain on academic probation for three consecutive semesters will be suspended.

Academic Suspension

Students are suspended from the College if they meet one or more of the following six criteria:

- Fail to complete 66% of credits attempted at SMCC and fail to earn the required cumulative or semester GPA
 - a. If they've attempted 9-29 credits, they must earn at least a 1.79.
- b. If they've attempted 30 or more credits, they must earn at least a 2.0.
- Fail to complete 66% of semester credits attempted while on probation*Fail to earn the required semester GPA while on probation
 - a. If they've attempted 9-29 credits, they must earn at least a 1.79.
 - b. If they've attempted 30 or more credits, they must earn at least a 2.0.
- 4. Fail to earn a cumulative GPA of more than 0.0 after attempting 9 or more credits
- Remain on academic probation for three consecutive semesters
 *Probationary students who complete 66% or more of the credits attempted in a semester, and attain a semester GPA of greater than 2.0, will not be suspended.

Reinstatement from Suspension

Students who have been suspended from the College may be considered for reinstatement following a minimum of one semester of leave and after providing the College with evidence of increased potential for academic success. An application for reinstatement must be made through the Advising Office and the student may be required to meet with a college representative to develop an academic plan. Reinstated

students will be placed on academic probation during the semester they return. While on probation after suspension, if either semester GPA or completion rate fall below standards, students are academically suspended from the college. If upon return to the college the student is taking 6-8 credits, the student must attain a minimum 50% completion rate for that semester and a 66% completion rate in subsequent semesters to avoid suspension.

Academic Standing Factors and Results

Total number of credits attempted	GPA (Semester & Cumulative GPA unless otherwise noted)	Completion Rate (cumulative)	Result
0-8	0.00 – 1.99	No minimum	Academic Warning
9 +	0.00 (cumulative)	0	Suspension
9-29	<1.79	>66%	Probation
9-29	>1.79	<66%	Probation
9-29	<1.79	<66%	Suspension
30+	<2.00	>66%	Probation
30+	>2.00	<66%	Probation
30+	<2.00	<66%	Suspension

The scenarios above assume prior good academic standing. While on probation, students are suspended if either semester GPA or completion rate falls below standard.

Academic Fresh Start

Academic Fresh Start is a one-time opportunity for qualifying students to have prior grades excluded from their grade point average (GPA) when they resume work toward a degree at SMCC after an extended absence. All prior grades will appear on official transcripts. Only grades earned after the Fresh Start is granted will be used in calculating a new GPA. Only Fresh Start grades of C or better will count toward degree requirements.

Conditions:

- A student can only be granted Fresh Start once.
- Fresh Start cannot be granted if a student has earned a degree, diploma or certificate from SMCC.
- The student must not have been enrolled in credit-based course work at SMCC or any other college or university for a minimum of three consecutive years prior to readmission to SMCC.
- The student must have attempted fewer than 30 credits at SMCC prior to readmission to SMCC.
- After readmission, the student must complete 12 semester credits at SMCC with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and have a credit completion rate of at least 67%.
- Students who meet all conditions must contact their academic advisor and complete the Fresh Start application.
- Students must submit the application to the Registration Office before earning 24 new credits.
- At least 50% of the degree or certificate requirements must be completed after readmission.

ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

The use, possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited on any College property. In addition, being under the influence or knowingly in the presence of drugs or alcohol while on College property or at College-related events is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and may result in sanctions up to and including dismissal from the College. Although Maine state law permits the use of medical marijuana by certain authorized persons, federal laws prohibit marijuana use, possession, cultivation and sale at educational institutions that receive federal funds. The use, possession, cultivation or sale of marijuana for medical purposes is, therefore, not allowed in any Maine Community College System housing or other property; nor is it allowed at any College-sponsored event or activity off campus.

For more information on the Maine Community College System policy on alcohol and other drugs, you may consult the "Consumer Info" webpage under the "About SMCC" tab on the College's public website, www.smccME.edu.

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT

Transfer Credit

Courses in which a students has received a grade of C or better are accepted in transfer from regionally accredited institutions ("C-" grades are not acceptable). There is no limit on the age of courses accepted for transfer credit. Courses must be comparable to those offered at SMCC in order to meet the requirements of the student's program. Transfer is determined by the appropriate academic department and administered by either Admissions (new students) or the Advising Office (current students).

Students seeking an associate degree must complete at least 15 of their credit hours directly through the College. Students seeking a certificate must complete at least 9 of their credit hours directly through the College. A request for transfer credit requires submission of an official transcript from the other college. Transcripts should be on file 30 days prior to the semester for which consideration for transfer credit is to be given. Transcripts from other institutions submitted to SMCC will become the property of the College and will not be reproduced and/or mailed to other institutions. A student's grade point average at SMCC will not reflect grades in courses transferred from other institutions.

Students who wish to transfer credits from SMCC to other colleges should note that the decision to accept credits is determined entirely by the institution to which the student is transferring, although most area colleges readily accept most applicable SMCC credits.

Credit by Examination
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Credit for College Level Examination Program (CLEP) General Exams and selected Subject Exams will be granted in applicable subject area. A minimum acceptable score of "50" is recognized, as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE), on all exams.

Dantes Subject Standardized Test (DSST)

Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) are credit-by-examination tests originated by the United States Department of Defense, but open to all learners. For transfer of an applicable course, a minimum acceptable score of "400" is recognized based on the new DSST score scale developed in 2008. For cut score determinations for DSST

examinations taken prior to 2008 please see the Registrar's Office as cut scores vary by subject area.

Advanced Placement (AP)

For Advanced Placement (AP) Credit, a student will have taken recognized AP examinations during their high school career. Credit is granted for AP exams completed with scores of "3" or higher for which there are comparable courses at SMCC.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level

At high schools offering an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, IB courses culminate in a corresponding IB exam. SMCC recognizes IB achievement by awarding credit in applicable courses to students who score a "5" or above on Higher Level IB exams.

Foreign Language Achievement Testing

Foreign language achievement testing can assist students in receiving credit for a broad array of languages. Both Brigham Young University (BYU) and New York University (NYU) offer exams in over 60 languages. For BYU language tests, language elective credit (counting toward humanities requirements) will be awarded for scores of "8" or higher. Students taking NYU language tests are awarded 3-6 credits of language electives based on their exam scores. Students Scoring a "12" on an NYU exam will be awarded three credits, while students scoring a "14" on an NYU exam will be awarded six credits.

Challenge Examination

Students with documented skills, significant prior learning, and the permission of the Department Chair may qualify to sit for challenge exams in selected courses in their programs, if available, as long as none of the other national examinations listed above can demonstrate learning for college credit.

Challenge exams are designed by faculty appropriate to the subject matter, are based on the current set of learning outcomes, are equivalent to comprehensive final examinations, and are unbiased toward students who have not directly participated in the course.

Students must register and pay a challenge exam fee for the course. Exams are limited to one attempt per course, and may not be attempted if a student previously earned credit at the College in that course. Challenge exam credits do not count toward full-time status for financial aid and the Veterans Administration. Where there is a result of "C" or better, the student will be awarded course credit, transcripted as a "P" grade. The exam does not calculate into grade point average.

Credit through Experience Credential Review

Students may receive academic credit for some noncredit courses, certifications, licenses, Registered Apprenticeships, etc. gained outside of a higher education setting when it is applicable to a student's program of study. Any type of credential review assessment will require valid proof of learning such as a license, certification copy, course materials, certifications, or other information. The appropriate subject matter expert will review this documentation of learning as well as utilize the recommendations from the American Council on Education's (ACE) National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training to determine if credit can be awarded.

Military Review

Students may receive credit demonstrated by formal service school training

programs and off-duty educational activities in the Armed Forces if it applies to their program of study. Such trainings may include basic training, military service school recommendations by the American Council on Education (ACE), and the U.S. Armed Forces Institute correspondence courses.

Students should request military transcripts either through the Joint Services Transcript or the Community College of the Air Force so these can be reviewed for applicable credit. Students requesting Veteran's Educational Assistance are required to have all previous post-secondary educational experience evaluated in order to be eligible for benefits.

Portfolio Review

When a student has significant prior learning that is applicable to a course required for their degree and no other prior learning assessment method can help demonstrate the learning for college credit, a student will be encouraged to develop a prior learning assessment portfolio. A prior learning portfolio is a written presentation, plus pieces of evidence, assembled and submitted for faculty review of college-level learning equivalent to specific course learning outcomes.

Portfolio review requires that a student show proof of college-level writing credit or be concurrently enrolled in college composition prior to preparing any portfolio for credit. Students file a prior learning application form with the Associate Dean of Academics and pay an assessment fee for the portfolio.

The portfolio is reviewed by faculty with appropriate subject matter expertise to determine if the narrative and evidence of learning outcomes constitutes a grade level of "C" or better for the course. Students are graded on a pass/fail basis, but this does not calculate into grade point average. Submitting a prior learning portfolio does not guarantee credit award.

COLLEGE CLOSINGS & CLASS CANCELLATIONS

Classes may occasionally be cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather. When weather conditions require the College to change its schedule, it will notify people through emails and texts, a storm message on the SMCC Storm Line (207-741-5900), a message on the SMCC website (www.smccME.edu) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/smccME), and through local media outlets. Students can sign up for text message alerts on the home page of MySMCC through the Update Mobile Phone Number portlet. Announcements for day classes will be made by 6:00 a.m., evening classes by 3:00 p.m. All such missed classes may be rescheduled. A list of courses cancelled by an instructor can be viewed on the My Courses page of My Maine Guide under the Student Cancelled Class List.

COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS & TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

Partnerships with Baccalaureate Institutions

Many SMCC graduates wish to continue their education and have successfully transferred to a wide range of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges. SMCC students frequently can transfer all or most of their credits from their associate degree programs, but ultimately the decision to accept or deny transfer credit lies solely with the transfer destination.

For a current list of articulation agreements with baccalaureate institutions, please visit the My Career & Transfer page on My Maine Guide or the Transfer webpage on the SMCC webpage, www.smccME.edu.

Please note that these agreements are frequently renewed and may at times be under renewal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Transfer Services at 207-741-5835 or transfer@smccME.edu.

ConnectedEd Pathways

SMCC and USM have a partnership for success called ConnectEd Pathways. This innovative partnership provides students from selected programs a smooth and simple transfer path to compatible programs at USM upon completion of their associate degree. For more information, see page 19.

Greater Portland Alliance of Colleges & Universities (GPACU)

SMCC belongs to the Greater Portland Alliance of Colleges & Universities (GPACU), a higher education consortium that allows students to cross-register for courses at other participating institutions. If the exact course you need is not available at your home institution, you can take it at a GPACU member school (see below) at SMCC's tuition rate.

OTHER GPACU MEMBER SCHOOLS:

- Maine College of Art
- Saint Joseph's College
- University of New England
- University of Southern Maine

GPACU GUIDELINES

- You may not select a course that is offered at SMCC. The intent of the Alliance
 is to expose you to learning opportunities that are not available at your home
 institution (regardless of transferability, availability, or schedule conflicts).
- The course(s) you select must meet an outstanding requirement in your curriculum at SMCC (not necessarily a program you intend to transfer into later).
- You must be matriculated, have completed at least 15 college credits, and you
 must be in good academic standing at SMCC (i.e. not currently on academic
 warning or probation).
- You must demonstrate that you have met the prerequisites of the selected course.
- Only Fall and Spring semester courses are eligible for cross-registration.
- You are limited to three (3) GPACU courses in a single academic year and five (5) total cross-registrations throughout the duration of your time at SMCC. A course for which you have earned any grade, including No Show (NS), Withdrawal (W), or Failure (AF or F), will count as one cross-registration. A course with separate credit for a corresponding lab will count as one cross-registration.
- You must take credits at SMCC that equal or exceed the number of GPACU credits you request. In other words, you cannot take more credits at other institutions than you do at your home institution in any semester.
- No GPACU requests will be accepted after SMCC's add/drop period, regardless of the add/drop deadline for the host institution, which must also be met. Withdrawal from GPACU courses must happen within SMCC's withdrawal period (we will notify the host institution).

University of Maine Farmington's Off-Campus Program

SMCC and UMF have partnered to make earning a bachelor's degree easier than ever. Whether you're a working professional looking for a more flexible schedule or are simply looking to continue your education closer to home, UMF's Off-Campus Program is a great way to earn your bachelor's degree when and where it works for you. For more information see page 19.

COMPUTER & NETWORK USE POLICY

As with any college system, the Maine Community College System (MCCS) seeks to enhance opportunities for individual and collaborative learning and research. As a public institution with limited resources and distinct policy and legal obligations, the MCCS also needs to ensure that such uses are consistent with those resources and obligations. The goal of this policy is to balance these interests and promote responsible and secure use for all.

A. Application THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

Each college and other entity of the MCCS;

 All computing resources owned or operated by the MCCS including, but not limited to, all hardware, software, peripherals, networks, network components, accounts, physical and logical data, email and all other data or information transmitted by such equipment ("computers");

3. All employees, students and other persons who use such computers ("users"); and

4. In addition to any other computer use policy adopted by entities within the MCCS, and by entities outside the MCCS that operate resources accessed through or from the MCCS.

B. General Rules THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

- Educational Priority: The priority use of MCCS computers is to provide direct support for learning, teaching and administration of MCCS programs. Such priority will govern access to MCCS computers.
- 2. Use is a Privilege, Not a Right: Use of MCCS computers and accounts thereon is a privilege, not a right. This privilege is limited by the provisions of this policy, any other pertinent policy or law, and may be withdrawn for violation thereof.
- 3. Limited Right of Privacy: Users may not have an expectation of privacy in their use of MCCS computers or networks. For example, the MCCS reserves the following rights:
 - a. Periodic Network Monitoring: The MCCS reserves the right to monitor periodically, randomly and without notice use rates, patterns, speed and system capacity to ensure the efficiency or integrity of the MCCS network and its computers. Such monitoring may proceed only by a person expressly authorized by the MCCS or college president;
 - b. Inspection of a Particular Account or Computer: The MCCS reserves the right to inspect those accounts, computers or files that the MCCS has reason to believe are misused, corrupt or damaged. Such inspection may proceed only by a person expressly authorized by the MCCS or college president and as advised by the MCCS general counsel; and
 - c. Access by Outside Agencies: User accounts, computers or files may also be subject to access in response to subpoenas, court orders, or other legal or regulatory requirements. Users will be notified as promptly as possible, unless notification is precluded by such subpoena or order.

- 4. Limited Designated Forum: The MCCS computer network constitutes a limited designated forum. This forum is designated for the limited purpose of helping students pursue, faculty to provide, and non-teaching staff to support the colleges' education, training and related programs.
- 5. Time, Manner and Place Limitations: The MCCS reserves the right to limit certain uses on or through the MCCS computers at those times and locations that the MCCS determines are necessary to regulate system capacity and speed. These limitations apply, but are not limited to, the downloading of video, music, photographic and other large data files.
- 6. Website and Webpage Development and Management: Any website, webpage or other portion of a website hosted by a server owned, operated or maintained by a college or the MCCS is the property and speech of the MCCS, and the MCCS reserves all rights to control the access to, content of, and all other aspects regarding such webpages or websites. The Presidents Council may adopt a procedure for controlling the development and management of such webpages and websites, including standards controlling links to webpages and/or websites that are not owned, operated or maintained by a college or the MCCS.

C. Specific Prohibitions

Conduct that violates this policy includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Displaying, downloading, printing or distributing obscene, sexually explicit or sexually offensive images or text in a manner that constitutes sexual harassment or other violation of law;
- Violating copyright laws, including the unlawful reproduction or dissemination of copyrighted text, images, music, video and other protected materials;
- Using System computers for commercial activity, such as selling products or services;
- 4. Unauthorized access to or use of a computer, computer account or network;
- 5. Connecting unauthorized equipment to a college or MCCS network;
- Unauthorized attempts to circumvent data protection or security including, but not limited to, creating or running programs that identify security loopholes or decrypt secure data;
- Deliberately or negligently performing an act that will interfere with the regular operation of a computer;
- 8. Deliberately or negligently running or installing a program that, by intent or effect, damages a computer, system or network. This includes, but is not limited to, programs known as computer "viruses," "trojan horses" and "worms;"
- 9. Deliberately or negligently wasting computing resources;
- 10. Deliberately or negligently overloading computing resources, such as running excessive programs that use relatively substantial bandwidth and other resources. This includes, but is not limited to, peer-to-peer applications;
- 11. Violating terms of applicable software licensing agreements;
- 12. Using electronic mail to harass or threaten another person or organization;
- 13. Initiating or perpetuating electronic chain letters or unauthorized mass mailings.

 This includes, but is not limited to: multiple mailings to news groups, mailing lists or individuals; "spamming;" "flooding;" and "bombing;"
- **14.** Misrepresenting or misappropriating the identity of a person or computer in an electronic communication;
- 15. Transmitting or reproducing materials that are libelous or defamatory;
- 16. Unauthorized monitoring of another user's electronic communications; or reading, copying, changing or deleting another user's files or software without authority;
- 17. Communications that use public resources to promote partisan political activities;

- 18. Communications that are not otherwise protected by law because they constitute, for example, defamation, incitement to unlawful conduct, an imminent threat of actual violence or harm, fighting words, terrorist threats, gross disobedience of legitimate rules, criminal or severe civil harassment or false advertising; and
- 19. Otherwise violating existing laws or System policies.

D. Enforcement

Violation of this policy may result in the loss of computing and/or network access; other disciplinary action; and/or appropriate civil or criminal legal action.

E. Security

Upon recommendations of the college and System directors of information technology, the Presidents Council shall adopt a procedure that provides adequate uniform security for all System and college computers and networks.

Copyrighted Material/Illegal Downloading

Please be advised that the Recording Industry Association of America, which owns the copyright to a wide variety of musical works, has informed the Maine Community College System that it intends to enforce its copyrights against college students who infringe on those rights by engaging in illegal file sharing.

Prior to being allowed access to the College network, you were informed of the College's network policy, including information about the law regarding infringement of copyright. This notice was designed to make you aware of the law and potential consequences for violation of College policy.

This message reminds you that the downloading or distribution of copyright material that you do not own or do not have the copyright owner's permission to use is a potential violation of both criminal and civil federal law. Copyright material can include movies, television shows, music, games or software.

Copyright holders, such as the Recording Industry Association of America, the Motion Picture Association of America and the Business Software Alliance, are attempting to vigorously enforce their property rights. It is important for you to know that if a copyright holder initiates a case and serves the College with a legitimate legal subpoena requesting the identity of an individual using an Internet Protocol address alleged to be involved in an infringement, the College will honor that request.

Finally, the College does not sponsor at this time a legal media program. Internet services - as distinct from file share programs - such as iTunes or Napster are available directly and provide legal material. (For example, see: http://www.campusdownloading. com/legal.htm.) Do not be confused by claims that any particular file or Internet share program is "legal," such as DC++ or MyTunes. Whether the programs themselves are legal would, under a recent Supreme Court decision, be a matter for a court to decide. What is important for you to know is that the material being shared on such systems very well might not be "legal" and, therefore, you might be in violation of the law for sharing the copyright protected material exchanged by that system.

CONSENSUAL ROMANTIC & SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Romantic or sexual relationships between employees and students or between certain employees within the MCCS that begin consensually can end acrimoniously. Such endings can and do subsequently lead to claims of unprofessional conduct, sexual harassment in violation of MCCS Policy 202, and/or a conflict of interest in violation of MCCS policy. Such claims, even if ultimately determined to be without merit, are often expensive and time-consuming for the MCCS, and difficult for the individuals involved. Accordingly, the MCCS prohibits consensual romantic or sexual relationships between employees when one employee supervises or otherwise has authority over the other employee, and between an employee and a student when the employee instructs, advises or otherwise has authority over the student. Employees who violate these prohibitions are subject to counseling and/or disciplinary action.

In addition, consensual romantic or sexual relationships between an employee and a student located on the same campus, even when the employee does not instruct, advise or otherwise have authority over the student, can give rise to the same claims described above. Consequently, the MCCS strongly discourages such relationships between an employee and a student located on the same campus.

COURSE DELIVERY

Honors Program

The Honors Program serves students from every discipline by providing the opportunity to engage in an enriched learning experience at Southern Maine Community College. Honors courses are rigorous academic classes that emphasize critical thinking, writing, research and self- reflection. The Honors Program also allows students to develop individualized honors options within courses that are not specifically designated as honors courses.

The SMCC Honors Program is open to all students. Students may choose to complete all or only part of the program requirements. Students who complete the Honors Program are recognized at graduation as SMCC Honors Program Scholars.

Program Requirements:

- Maintain a 3.30 cumulative GPA.
- Maintain a minimum "B" in all designated Honors courses.
- Complete a combination of four honors courses or honors options.

Writing Intensive Courses

A number of courses at Southern Maine Community College are designated as writing-intensive, indicated with a "WI" credit type on the official transcript. Courses with this designation require ENGL-100 English Composition, or ENGL-101 Enhanced English Composition, as a prerequisite and include student writing and its improvement as primary course objectives.

Online & Distance Learning

The Online & Distance Learning Program at Southern Maine Community College is an effort to broaden the scope of course content offered via the Internet and to create an environment of creativity and support for faculty members wishing to teach or enhance their courses by offering material online. The ultimate goal of this program is to offer a wide array of individual courses and programs to students enrolled at SMCC who are interested in interactive learning. Many courses use the Internet to enhance the

traditional classroom education experience. A wide range of disciplines offer courses online, which allow both traditional and nontraditional students the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education that may not have been available because of scheduling or distance-related difficulties.

Internship/Externship

An internship places students with a mentor in an on-the-job learning experience. It is practice-oriented and requires that students apply prior mastery of theoretical work and basic skills. An internship should provide mentored apprenticeship experience in a broad range of functions of the career area and is not simply an entry-level job. An internship is usually the culminating experience in the student's program of study.

Academic credit is based on the number of hours of job experience. Regular work hours are to be maintained. A minimum of 40 clock hours of directed on-the-job time is required for each semester hour of credit; often more time is devoted to the internship than that required for minimum credit. Regular tuition rates are charged based on the amount of credit.

For more information, contact Career Services at 207-741-5994 or careers@smccME.edu.

Practicum

A practicum places students in a practice learning situation. It provides students with supervised observation of a relevant career or profession through exposure to the functioning of an organization as a participant in its operations. Students are encouraged to relate and interpret their experiences through frequent conferences with a faculty supervisor, projects and assignments. A practicum is exploratory rather than culminating.

Academic credit is based on the number of hours of experience. A minimum of 40 clock hours of directed work is required for each semester hour of credit.

Field Experience

Some courses provide students with the opportunity to participate in a field experience. A field experience places students in a learning environment in the field observing and assisting professionals at work with selected tasks as an introduction to the profession.

The instructor in a course that requires such an experience places students in field experiences. Assignments related to the field experience are part of the overall course evaluation.

Independent Study

A student may request an opportunity for independent study in an area not covered in normal course offerings. All requests must be in writing and have prior approval of the instructor, department chair and academic dean.

ENROLLMENT POLICIES

Full-time/Part-time Status

Full-time status for financial aid is defined as 12 or more credit hours. Fewer than 12 is considered part-time. Credits awarded for transfer coursework, work experience, certification, high school articulation, exemptions, audited courses and challenge exams, including CLEP and AP, are not considered when determining full-time status.

Maximum Credit Load

Southern Maine Community College restricts student enrollment to no more than 18 credits in a single semester and 12 credits during the summer term.

Add/Drop

Students may alter their schedules by adding or dropping courses during the add/drop period at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters and the summer term (please refer to the student calendar for dates). Students who officially drop during this time frame receive a refund of the tuition and technology fees for that course (please see the Student Accounts section for refund policy details). Please note that any course that meets for less than the traditional semester length, i.e. 15 weeks, has a pro-rated drop/add period. There is no refund of tuition or fees for non-attendance.

Altendance

Students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes and laboratory sessions. Students who are having difficulties with absenteeism must contact their instructor as soon as possible to discuss the steps they must take to succeed in the remaining weeks of the term. Faculty members have authority to establish attendance standards appropriate to their course. These standards will be clearly stated in the course syllabus.

A student missing one more consecutive class meetings than the number of class meetings per week (4 for a class that meets 3 times a week, 3 for a class that meets 2 times a week, 2 for a class that meets once a week) will be assigned a grade of "AF" (Administrative Failure). A student in an online course may be administratively failed after not submitting an assignment, responding to a discussion question, completing a graded assignment, or otherwise performing some type of activity that shows active involvement in the course for a period of two weeks.

There is no refund of tuition or fees for non-attendance.

A family emergency or personal illness may cause a student's extended absence. The student or a family member may contact the Dean of Student Life at <u>deanofstudents@smccME.edu</u> to request that all instructors be notified of the emergency or to request other assistance as needed. Upon return, the student is responsible for making arrangements with each instructor to complete all course requirements; however, in some cases it may not be possible to successfully complete the course.

SMCC recognizes that students from a variety of established religious traditions have special days of observance during the academic year. Faculty members, when notified by students at least two weeks prior to an intended absence for religious observance, are encouraged to consider such notice as it fits within the confines of their attendance policy stated on the course syllabus. Students who have notified their faculty members of intended absence for religious observation are expected to learn what assignments and/or tests are due or will be assigned during an absence and to arrange, whenever possible, alternate times for fulfilling these requirements.

Class Altendance - Extracurricular and College-Sanctioned Activities
The primary responsibility of students attending Southern Maine Community College
is to meet their individual academic goals successfully. However, the administration,
staff, and faculty fully support and encourage student participation in those collegesanctioned activities that enhance the college experience. Students must consider their
sports and events schedule when choosing classes.

College sanctioned activities are defined as athletic competitions and events specifically identified by the President or Dean of Academic Affairs (such as a student serving on the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees). College sanctioned events do not include athletic practices, club meetings, and regular oncampus activities. Clinical experiences and off-campus employer-based activities are

exempt from this policy. Requests to add an event to the list of college-sanctioned activities must be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip to be approved by the President or Academic Dean.

Students who engage in any college-sanctioned activity must adhere to the following procedures:

- Notify each faculty member affected at the beginning of the semester of the potential conflicts and the student's plan to make up the work.
- 2. Notify each faculty member again the week before the event that will result in an absence.
- For scheduling changes beyond their control (weather, tournament schedules), 3. notify faculty as soon as possible. Arrange to hand work in or take exams before the absence occurs, if possible.
- Attend a different section of the same course, if one exists, to take notes, or arrange with another student to share notes.

If the students properly communicate the upcoming absences to the faculty, Faculty will:

- Not penalize students in their classes for absences due to college-sanctioned activities.
- Allow students to make up work in a reasonable manner

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, FERPA, (Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act 20 USC § 1232g) affords students certain rights with respect to educational records. Students are informed of this right through this catalog and their Student Handbook. These are:

Inspection and Review of Records

Students have the right to inspect and review their education records within 45 days of the day a college receives such request. A student should submit to the Registrar, Dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The appropriate official will arrange for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the college official to whom the request was submitted, the official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed. The College reserves the right to deny access to confidential letters and recommendations associated with admission, employment/job placement, or honors, to other records to which the student has waived the rights of inspection, and to records containing information about more than one student.

Amendment of Records

Students have the right to request the amendment of records they believe to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to ask the college to amend a record should write the college official responsible for the record, identify the specific part of the record that the student wants changed, and specify the reason why it should be so changed. If the colleges decides not to amend the record as requested, the college will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding that decision. If the outcome of the hearing is unsatisfactory, the student may submit an explanatory statement for inclusion in the educational record. Such a statement shall become part of the information contained in the educational record and disclosed with it.

Students Right to Prevent Disclosure

A student has the right to provide written consent before a college discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA or other laws authorize disclosure without such consent.

College's Rights to Disclose

The Cŏllege may disclose education records without a student's prior written consent under a number of circumstances including but not limited to:

Health or Safety Emergency

The College, may disclose education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for an emergency that poses an imminent threat to health or safety.

Directory Information

Unless a student withholds consent through the submission of a Request to Prevent Disclosure of Directory Information opt-out form, the college may disclose certain education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for directory information. FERPA permits the college to determine whether to recognize the concept of directory information and, if so, how to define such information and the circumstances of its disclosure. The college recognizes directory information only for use in its own purposes, publications (i.e. Dean's List and commencement programs), recognition of students, and efforts to help students to access specific academic and employment opportunities. In those instances, directory information includes a student's full name; hometown; permanent address; assigned college email address; date of birth; the fact that a student is or was enrolled; enrollment status (e.g. full-time, half-time, or less than half-time); class level and majors/minors; dates of attendance; degrees, honors, or awards received; cumulative credit hours; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; certain biographical information of athletes; and photograph.

For clarity, directory information does not include a student's identification number; telephone number(s); parents' names and addresses; GPA or grades; current schedule; information on academic standing (probation, disqualification, etc.) or whether a student is eligible to return to school; accounts receivable balance; disciplinary records; financial records of parents; student employment records; psychiatric or psychological records; and copies of transcripts from other schools or colleges.

In all other instances, the College regards such information to be part of a student's education record protected from other disclosure under both FERPA and pertinent state law exceptions to the Freedom of Access Act.

School Officials with Legitimate Educational Interests

A college may disclose education records without a student's prior written consent to school officials under the FERPA exception for legitimate educational interests. For purposes of this provision, a "school official" is a person employed by the college and/or the MCCS in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including security and health personnel); a person or company with whom a college has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using college employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); or a student serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a "legitimate educational interest" if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the college.

Officials of Other Schools

Upon request, the college may disclose education records without consent under the FERPA exception for disclosures to official of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Lawfully Issued Orders and Subpoenas

The college may disclose education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for complying with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena or to federal and state government agencies and officials as provided by law.

Financial Aid for which a Student has Applied

The college may disclose education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for financial aid for which a student has applied such as organizations contributing to a student's financial aid or determining financial aid decisions concerning eligibility, amount, condition, and enforcement of the terms of such aid.

Organizations Whose Work Will Improve College Instruction

A college may make certain disclosures under FERPA without individual consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the College for the purpose of improving instruction, if such studies are conducted in such a manner that will not permit the personal identification of students and their parents by persons other than representatives of such organizations, and such information will be destroyed when no longer needed for the purpose for which it is conducted. Examples would included organizations conducting studies to develop, validate, and administer predictive tests or accrediting organizations carrying out their function.

Disclosure to Military Recruiters

A college must, as required by law, disclose education records without a student's prior written consent to requesting military recruiters. The Solomon Amendment (10 U.S.C. § 983) requires institutions receiving federal funding to provide lists of student recruiting information which includes information which would have been normally denied under FERPA. Military recruiting information as defined by the Solomon Amendment includes: name, address, electronic mail address, telephone listings, date and place of birth, levels of education, academic majors, degrees received, and the most recent educational institution enrolled in by the student.

Records of Requests and Disclosures

The College will maintain a record of requests and disclosures of non-directory information. Records of requests shall include the names and addresses of the persons who requested the information and their legitimate interests in the information. Records of requests will not be maintained for those requests made by students for their own use; those disclosures made in response to written requests from the student; those made by school officials; and those specified in Directory Information.

Right of Complaint

A student with questions or concerns about the student's rights and a college's responsibilities should promptly inform the appropriate college official. Students who believe that the College is not complying with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or regulations issued by the Department of Education to implement the Act may file complaints in writing to: The Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20212-5901.

Student Right to Know

As mandated by the Public Law 101-542, the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, as amended by Public Law 102-26, the Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1991, SMCC student completion information is available upon request from the College's Office of Institutional Research. Information concerning crimes on campus is available on the College website.

ON-CAMPUS USE AND STORAGE OF MICROMOBILITY DEVICES

Micromobility devices (MD) are vehicles or devices used for human transport that do not require a license to operate and utilize a fuel or battery driven motor for propulsion (e.g. electric bicycle, electric pedal assisted bike, electric skateboard, hover board, self-balancing electric scooter, gasoline powered scooter, moped, etc.) MD are permitted on Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) property; provided that users follow applicable traffic rules. Users are prohibited from operating MD on campus sidewalks and green spaces. MD, and the rechargeable batteries associated with them, are not permitted inside SMCC buildings, residence halls, and facilities for any reason, including charging, maintenance, or storage. At the users own risk, MD may be stored on bicycle racks provided by the college. Electric mobility aids for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this procedure. Individuals may speak with Human Resources or the Office of Disability Services regarding accommodation under theAmericans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

SCENT POLICY

Because the scents found in consumer products could trigger allergic reactions and/or complicate health issues in employees, students, and visitors, Southern Maine Community College asks each employee and student to refrain from bringing air freshening products into shared spaces such as open offices, classrooms, restrooms, or common areas. Individuals with chemical sensitivities may speak with Human Resources or the Office of Disability Services regarding potential accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment, a form of sex discrimination, is a violation of state and federal law and a violation of this policy when engaged in by employees or students. For purposes of this policy, "sex" includes gender as well as sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Any Maine Community College System employee or student who violates this policy or the applicable laws will be subject to disciplinary action.

A Maine Human Rights Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under the Maine Human Rights Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, including conduct based on sex, constitute sexual harassment when:

- of a sexual nature, including conduct based on sex, constitute sexual harassment when 1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or educational benefits; or
- 2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for an employment or education decision affecting an individual; or
- Such conduct is so severe or pervasive as to have the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive employment, educational or living environment; and
- A person of reasonable sensibilities would clearly understand that the conduct was unwelcome, harmful or offensive.

B. Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has similar proscriptions against the same types of unwelcome sexual and sex-based conduct prohibited by Title VII and the Maine Human Rights Act, although with different definitions of the prohibited conduct. Title IX also includes sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and domestic violence within the definition of sexual harassment. Jurisdictional requirements must be met for the conduct to be governed by Title IX.

Under Title IX, sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct based on sex that satisfies one of more of the following:

 An MCCS employee conditions the provision of an MCCS aid, benefit, or service on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

 Unwelcome sexual conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to MCCS education programs or activities.

3. Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking as defined by federal law and set forth in MCCS Procedure 202.2.

The alleged conduct also must have occurred against a person in the United States participating or attempting to participate in an MCCS education program or activity at a location owned or controlled by MCCS, and MCCS had substantial control over the alleged perpetrator and the context in which the alleged sexual harassment occurred.

C. Complaints and Investigations

Individuals who believe that they are victims of sexual harassment must contact the Title IX Coordinator to file a complaint. It is the policy of the Maine Community College System to provide fair and impartial investigations, consistent with related MCCS procedures and guidance, that will protect the rights of persons filing sexual harassment complaints, the persons complained against, and the Maine Community College System. All conduct within the scope of Title IX is governed by MCCS Procedure 202.2. All other allegations of sexual harassment are governed by MCCS Procedure 202.1. The Title IX Coordinator will determine the applicable procedure after review of the allegations.

Additionally, individuals may also file a sexual harassment complaint with the Maine Human Rights Commission within 300 days of the alleged incident. Further information is available from the Maine Human Rights Commission at State House Station 51, Augusta, Maine 04333, (207) 287-2326, and/or from the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 33 Arch Street, Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, tel. 617-289-0111, TTY/TTD 617-289-0063, and fax 617-289-0150. College presidents are directed to take appropriate steps to distribute this policy statement and to inform students and employees of procedures for making complaints.

D. Retaliation

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has similar proscriptions against the same types of unwelcome sexual and sex-based conduct prohibited by Title VII and the Maine Human Rights Act, although with different definitions of the prohibited conduct. Title IX also includes sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and domestic violence within the definition of sexual harassment. Jurisdictional requirements must be met for the conduct to be governed by Title IX.

D. False Reports

It is a violation of this policy to intentionally file a report of any kind with a College official when the person knows that such report, by fabrication or material embellishment, is false.

ŢĮŢĻĘ IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROCEDURE

A. Introduction

This Procedure applies solely to allegations of sexual harassment that fall within the scope of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Under Title IX, discrimination in the form of sexual harassment is conduct, on the basis of sex, that effectively denies a person equal access to an MCCS educational program or activity. That conduct might be (a) quid pro quo; (b) unwelcome conduct that a reasonable person would deem severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive; or (c) sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking. The purpose of this Procedure is to define the reporting, investigation and adjudication procedures that govern MCCS' handling of sexual harassment allegations within the scope of Title IX and to provide guidance on

the application of those procedures.

Allegations of sexual harassment outside the scope of Title IX are governed by MCCS Procedure 201.1/202.1

B. Definitions

For purposes of this Procedure, the following terms have the following meanings:

- Complainant" means a person who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.
- 2. "Consent" means a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all parties to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be given by words and/or actions, so long as those words and/or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity at the time of the activity. Mere acquiescence to the sexual activity shall not be regarded as consent. Consent has been obtained when a reasonable person the Respondent's position would understand through words and/or actions that the person has voluntarily agreed to the sexual activity, at the time of the activity. Agreement to engage in one sexual activity is not agreement to engage in a different sexual activity. Consent can be withdrawn at any time and, if so withdrawn, the sexual activity shall stop. Permission from a person who is visibly under the influence of alcohol or drugs or otherwise impaired shall not be regarded as consent.
- 3. "Dating Violence" means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

a. the length of the relationship; b. the type of relationship; and,

c. the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

4. "Domestic Violence" means felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

 "Quid Pro Quo" means an employee of the MCCS conditioning the provision of a College aid, benefit, or service upon a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

6. "Respondent" means a person who has been reported to be the perpetrator of

conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.
7. "Retaliation" means pressuring a person to drop or support a complaint or to provide false or misleading information; pressuring a person to participate or refrain from participating as a witness in a proceeding; or engaging in conduct that may reasonably be perceived to affect adversely that person's educational, living, or work environment for making a good-faith report or participating in good faith in an investigation.

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"Sexual Assault" means an offense that meets the following definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting

System:

a. "Rape" means the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part of object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of

another person, without the consent of the victim.

b. "Fondling" means the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of their age and/or because of their temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
 c. "Incest" means sexual intercourse between persons who are related to

each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

d. "Statutory Rape" means sexual intercourse with a person who is under

the statutory age of consent. In Maine, the age of consent is 16.

9. "Stalking" means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

a. Fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or

b. Suffer substantial emotional distress.

10. "Unwelcome Conduct" means conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to an MCCS education program or activity.

C. Prohibited Conduct

It is a violation of the MCCS policy to engage in sexual harassment, or to retaliate against a person who in good faith reports or participates in an investigation under this Procedure. A person may be found responsible for retaliation even if not found responsible for the underlying alleged sexual harassment.

D. Reports and Formal Complaints

A report can be made informally, anonymously, orally or in writing. Supportive measures are available for students, faculty, or staff making a report. A person making a report alleging sexual harassment is not required to file a Formal Complaint.

Only a Formal Complaint initiates the resolution process set forth in this Procedure. A Formal Complaint must be written and signed by the complainant. Supportive measures are available for complainant and respondents named in the Formal Complaint.

1. Reports

a. Students, faculty, and staff are advised to report allegations of sexual harassment immediately, or as soon as possible. Reports can be made via mail, email, phone, web form, or in person.

b. Reports should be made to the Title IX Coordinator. Presidents, Deans, and Human Resources Managers who receive a sexual harassment report shall immediately share the report with the Title IX Coordinator.

c. Reports should include enough information to enable the Title IX Coordinator

to follow up with the person alleged to be sexually harassed.

d. The Title IX Coordinator must reach out to, and meet with, the person alleged to be sexually harassed and provide:

1) The option for supportive measures;

2) Information on Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) resources if

appropriate; and

 Information on the Formal Complaint and the Grievance Procedure, including that the person is not required to make a Formal Complaint.
 The Title IX Coordinator must document that this information was provided.

f. If the person does not wish to make a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator has the discretion to make a Formal Complaint based on the allegation, and would be the signatory, but not a party to the complaint.

2. Formal Complaints

a. Students, faculty, and staff are advised to file a written, signed Formal Complaint with allegations of sexual harassment or sexual assault immediately, or as soon as possible. Formal Complaints must be made while the complainant is participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the MCCS.

b. Formal Complaints shall be made to the Title IX Coordinator. Presidents, Deans, and HR managers who receive a Formal Complaint shall immediately share the Complaint with the Title IX Coordinator.

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c. Formal Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant or the Title IX Coordinator. The writing could be an email, a web form, or other document. A Formal Complaint must contain as much detail as possible. It must disclose the identity of the person(s) alleged to have engaged in the sexual harassment, and the location(s), date(s) and description of the

alleged conduct.

d. Upon receipt of a Formal Complaint, the institution has sixty business days to conclude the Informal Resolution or conduct the Investigation and issue the draft report. Extensions shall be made only for good cause.

e. It is a violation of MCCS Policy 202 for any person to intentionally file a report of sexual harassment with an MCCS official when the person knows

that such report, by fabrication or material embellishment, is false.

3. Mandatory Dismissal of a Formal Complaint

Federal regulations require a Formal Complaint of sexual harassment that does not meet the Title IX criteria to be dismissed from this Procedure. However, complaints against students will be referred to the Dean of Students to assess whether the alleged conduct violates the Student Code of Conduct and should proceed under the Code's Procedures. Complaints against employees will be referred to Human Resources for review.

Formal Complaints must be dismissed out of the Title IX Sexual Harassment

Procedures if:

- a. The alleged conduct would not constitute sexual harassment under the Title IX sexual harassment definitions, even if proved;
- b. The alleged conduct was against a person not in the United States;

 c. The alleged conduct was against a person not participating, or attempting to participate, in an MCCS educational program or activity; or, d. The alleged conduct was not at an MCCS location, not during an MCCS

a. The alleged conduct was not at an MCCS location, not during an MCCS activity or program, or the MCCS did not have substantial control over both the respondent and the context.

4. Discretionary Dismissal of a Formal Complaint

MCCS has the discretion to dismiss a Formal Complaint if:

 a. The complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator, in writing, that the complainant would like to withdraw the Formal Complaint or any allegations therein;

b. The respondent is no longer enrolled at or employed by the MCCS; or

c. Specific circumstances prevent the MCCS from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the Formal Complaint or allegations therein.

5. Appeal of Dismissal of Formal Complaint

A written notice shall be provided to both parties if the Formal Complaint is dismissed from the Title IX Sexual Harassment Procedure. The notice shall include the right to appeal the decision in writing to the president within two business days of receipt. The request to appeal the decision shall include the grounds for appeal.

E. Supportive Measures Offered to a Person at the Time of a Report; Supportive Measures Provide Offered to Complainant and Respondent at the Time of a Formal Complaint

Supportive measures are individualized, non-disciplinary services offered as appropriate and as reasonably available, without fee or charge. The measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to an educational program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus.

MCCS shall maintain confidentiality for the complainant and respondent of any supportive measures that they receive, to the extent possible. The Title IX Coordinator shall implement and monitor the supportive measures.

F. Grievance Procedures 1. Notice of Formal Complaint

Both the complainant and the respondent shall be notified, simultaneously, that a Formal Complaint has been made. The notice must include:

a. Details of the allegation (parties, conduct, date, location); b. The grievance resolution Procedure, including that the process shall be equitable, prompt, and impartial;

c. Both parties may receive supportive measures, and the Title IX Coordinator will work with each party to implement individualized

d. Both parties may have an advisor of their choice;

e. Both parties may inspect and review evidence;

f. The respondent is presumed not responsible and a determination regarding responsibility shall be made at the conclusion of the grievance

g. The MCCS bears the burden of proof; h. An Informal Resolution process may be available if it is appropriate and the respondent is not an employee; both parties agree in writing to participate; the parties can return to the Formal Grievance process any time until a resolution has been agreed upon; and documents on the agreement to participate, final resolution, or return to formal grievance process will be kept on record; and

i. It is a violation of MCCS Policy 202 to make false statements in the

course of the investigation.

Additionally, under the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), if the Formal Complaint alleges sexual assault, domestic or dating violence or stalking, the notice must include statements regarding:

a. Preserving Evidence;

b. Confidentiality;

c. Law Enforcement;

d. Counseling, Health and Mental Health resources;

e. Victim Advocacy and Legal Assistance resources;

f. Visa and Immigration resources; and g. Student Financial Aid resources.

2. Emergency Removal of Respondent

A respondent may not receive any disciplinary sanctions, such as suspension or expulsion, prior to the conclusion of the grievance process. MCCS may remove a respondent on an emergency basis from the time of a report through to the end of the investigation, provided that MCCS:

a. Undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis; and

b. Determines that there is an immediate risk of physical health or safety to any person arising out of the allegations of sexual harassment.

MCCS shall provide the respondent with written notice of emergency removal. It shall also provide the opportunity to be heard immediately following the removal. To file an appeal, students shall contact the Dean of Students and employees shall contact the Director of Human Resources or the president's designee. The Dean of Student/ Director of Human Resources decision shall be final.

3. Informal Resolution Procedures

a. The Informal Resolution process shall be guided by a trained facilitator.

b. The Informal Resolution process may be available if both parties agree in writing. Informal Resolution process is not available if the respondent is an employee.

c. Informal Resolution process is available at any time prior to reaching a

determination regarding responsibility.

d. Information disclosed by the parties during the Informal Resolution

process is confidential and may not be used as evidence during Formal Grievance process.

e. The parties may, until the Informal Resolution has been agreed upon, leave the process and return to the Formal Grievance process. Likewise, it the process fails and the parties cannot agree on a resolution, the complaint shall be referred to the Formal Grievance process.

f. A successful Informal Resolution process will yield an agreement between the parties. Once the agreement is reached the parties cannot pursue the

Formal Grievance process for the same conduct.

g. Agreements to participate in the Informal Resolution process, Informal Resolutions, and the referral to the Formal Grievance process shall be kept as records.

4. Formal Resolution Procedures

a. Investigation

The College shall investigate Formal Complaints of sexual harassment. Both the complainant and the respondent shall have the same opportunity to provide evidence and witnesses to the investigator. If the parties do not agree to attempt an Informal Resolution, the investigation will initiate after the notice.

All parties shall receive written notice of the date(s), times(s), location(s), participant(s), and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate. It the investigator decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the initial notice, the Investigator shall provide notice of the additional allegations. Further, a College may consolidate Formal Complaints where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

In gathering evidence, the College may not use records that are privileged without obtaining that party's voluntary written consent. Both parties will have equal opportunity to present witness and evidence to the Investigator. Parties shall forward all evidence to the Investigator as soon as the evidence becomes available.

Prior to the completion of the investigative report, the investigator will provide to the parties, and their respective advisors (if the party has one), all gathered evidence directly related to the allegations, and a copy of the draft report. The evidence will either be electronic or hard copy. The parties and their respective advisors (if the party has one) shall not copy, share, post, or otherwise disseminate the evidence. This prohibition does not apply to the use of evidence in a judicial proceeding. The parties have ten business days to submit a written response to the investigator. The investigator will review, and incorporate as appropriate, the responses prior to completing the report. The complete report will be provided to the parties, and their respective advisors, and the parties will have ten business days to submit a written response. Following the completion of the investigative report, the live hearing will be scheduled.

b. Live Hearing

The hearings shall be live and may be aided by technology so that the parties may see and hear the proceedings from separate rooms. A recording of the hearing shall be provided to both parties no later than ten business days after the hearing and shall not be copied, shared, posted, or otherwise disseminated. The hearings shall be conducted by a Decision Maker in accordance with this Procedure and the MCCS Rules for Title IX Live Hearings and shall use the preponderance of the evidence standard. The Decision Maker shall make determinations of credibility and g determination of responsibility.

Three business days prior to the hearing, parties shall be required to confirm attendance; provide the names of their advisor if they have one; and provide their witness list, in the order the witnesses shall be called. The parties shall also be invited to submit their list of cross-examination questions to the Decision Maker for relevancy predetermination.

The Decision Maker shall open the proceeding, recognize the parties and their respective advisors. If a party does not have an advisor at the hearing the College shall provide one, at no cost. The Decision Maker shall question the parties and witnesses. Advisors shall only participate during oral cross-examination of the other party and witnesses. The Decision Maker shall make relevancy determinations on every cross-examination question and follow up question before the question is answered by the party or witness. Advisors may not appeal the relevancy determination of the Decision Maker.

If a party or witness does not submit to cross-examination at the live hearing, the Decision Maker shall not rely on any statement of that party or witness in reaching a determination regarding responsibility. The Decision Maker shall also not take into consideration a party's decision not to submit to cross-examination in reaching a determination regarding responsibility.

All evidence collected during the investigation shall be available at the hearing. The parties and their respective advisors (if the party has one) shall not copy, share, post, or otherwise disseminate the evidence. This prohibition does not apply to the use of evidence in a judicial proceeding.

The Decision Maker shall issue in writing a responsibility finding which shall include a statement of and rationale for the finding as to each allegation including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the College will impose on the respondent, and whether remedies will be provided to the complainant.

c. Findings

The Decision Maker shall issue written findings which shall include:

1) Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment; 2) A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the Formal Complaint through the determination, including all notifications to parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather evidence and hearings held;

Findings of fact supporting the determination;

- 4) Conclusions regarding the application of Policy 202 and, if applicable, the MCCS Student Code of Conduct;
- 5) A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanction the College imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies are provided to the complainant; and

6) The grounds and procedures for the parties to appeal.

Both parties shall be notified simultaneously in writing and provided with the written findings.

d. Appeals

Both parties have the right to appeal the findings and any discipline imposed. Grounds for appeal are:

1) Procedural irregularities affecting the outcome;

- 2) New evidence that was not previously available that would affect the outcome; and
- 3) Bias on the part of the Title IX Coordinator, the Investigator, or the Decision Maker.

The appeal request, with grounds for appeal, must be made in writing to the president within two business days of the written notice of findings. MCCS shall notify the other party when an appeal has been filed and both parties shall have five business days to submit a written statement in support of or challenging the grounds for appeal. The president or his/her designee shall simultaneously issue a written decision to both parties with the result of the appeal and the rationale for the decision.

G. Discipline

Respondents found responsible shall be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal from the College. Student discipline shall be consistent with the auidelines set forth in MCCS Procedure 501.1. Employee discipline shall range from counseling to termination.

H. Retaliation

MCCS will take appropriate steps to ensure that an individual who in good faith makes a report, file's a Formal Complaint, or participates in an investigation under this Procedure will not be subjected to retaliation by the Respondent or others. Any person who experiences retaliation is strongly encouraged to report that concern using the procedures in Section D above.

l. Protective Orders

Complainants have the right to request from a court that a temporary or permanent restraining order, or other protection or no-contact order be issued against an alleged offender. Only the police, and not MCCS security, have the authority to enforce such an order by arresting or charging a person who violates the order. The complainant should, therefore, promptly inform the Dean of Students or Director of Human Resources if such an order is obtained so that MCCS may be better prepared to more promptly contact the police if necessary.

U. Record Retention

The College shall maintain records of each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility and any audio or audiovisual recording of the hearing, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, any remedies provided to the complainant, any information resolution and the result therefrom, and all training materials for a period of seven years.

K Primary Authority and Annual Training
The Title IX Coordinator(s) at each college and MCCS System Office shall have primary responsibility for overseeing the application of this Procedure. The Coordinator(s) shall ensure that Senior Officials, Informal Resolution facilitators, Investigators, Decision Makers, Appeals Decision Makers, Resident Directors, Resident Assistants, and other pertinent employees are annually informed about this Procedure, and that all training materials are publicly posted to the College's website. The Title IX Coordinator(s) shall further consult with the MCCS General or Assistant Counsel on questions arising under, or recommendations to improve, this Procedure.

L. Other

Nothing in this Procedure shall be construed to confer a private right of action upon any person to enforce the provisions of this Procedure.

M. Appendix

The Appendix of services and authorities referenced in Sections D and F above is attached to this Procedure and may be updated as needed, without pre-approval by the presidents.

STUDENT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND ASSAULT, STALKING, AND RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

A. Introduction

This procedure governs acts by students of nonconsensual sexual conduct, dating and domestic violence and stalking that do not fall within the scope of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Such acts within the scope of Title IX are governed by MCCS Procedure 202.2. This procedure supplements the MCCS Student Code of Conduct ("Code") by defining the prohibited acts of non-consensual sexual conduct, dating and domestic violence, and stalking governed by this procedure; explaining the procedures that will apply to the handling of such alleged violations; and providing important additional information to all students. The definitions of prohibited conduct governed by this procedure reflect Maine law where applicable and may differ from the federal definitions required in Procedure 202.2.

B. Definitions

For purposes of this procedure, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Reliable consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be given by words and/or actions, as long as those words and/or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity at the time of the activity. Mere acquiescence to the sexual activity shall not be regarded as reliable consent.

Reliable consent has been obtained when a reasonable person in the Respondent's position would understand through words and/or actions that the person has voluntarily agreed to the sexual activity, at the time of the activity. Agreement to engage in one sexual activity (such as a touching) is not agreement to engage in a different sexual activity (such as an act). Agreement can be withdrawn at any time and, if so withdrawn, the sexual activity shall stop. Agreement from a person who is visibly under the influence of alcohol or drugs or otherwise impaired shall not be regarded as reliable consent.

- Acquiescence means a person's submission to engaging in one or more sexual
 activities without communicating either reliable consent or an express physical or
 verbal objection.
- 3. Sexual misconduct means the following where there is no reliable consent:
 - **A. Sexual touching** which means any intentional touching of the breasts, buttocks, groin or inner thigh, directly or through clothing, and for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire; or
 - **B. Sexual contact** which means any intentional touching of the genitals or anus, directly or through clothing, other than as would constitute a sexual act, or **C. Sexual act**, which means any intentional act when that act involves direct physical contact between the:
 - 1) Genitals of one and the mouth or anus of another; or
 - 2) Genitals of one and the genitals of another; or
 - 3) Genitals or anus of one and an instrument or device manipulated by another person.
- 4. Sexual assault means any sexual misconduct as defined above where, at the time of the sexual activity, the Complainant:
 - a. Expressly communicated by words or physical act(s) a timely objection; or
 - b. Was visibly intoxicated or otherwise visibly impaired; or
 - c. Was unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unaware that sexual activity as occurring or about to occur; or
 - d. Was placed in reasonable fear of physical injury or other harm because of the Respondent's use or threatened use of physical force or other harm.

- 5. Dating Violence means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - a. the length of the relationship;
 - b. the type of relationship; and,
 - c. the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- 6. Domestic Violence means one of the following criminal acts against a family or household member:
 - a. Assault- intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury or offensive physical contact;
 - b. Criminal threatening intentionally or knowingly placing a person in fear of imminent bodily injury;
 - c. Criminal terrorizing-communicating a threat of violence that places a person in fear for their safety or the safety of another;
 - d. Reckless conduct- recklessly creating a substantial risk of bodily injury to another person;
 - e. Stalking- intentionally or knowingly engaging in a course of conduct directed at or concerning a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to; i) suffer serious inconvenience or emotional distress, ii) fear death or fear the death of a close relation, iii) fear damage or destruction to or tampering with property, or v) fear injury to or the death of an animal owned by or in the possession and control of that person; or
- Stalking means the conduct described in subsection 6.e, but the conduct may be directed at or concerning any person.
- 8. Complainant means a person who believes he or she experienced sexual misconduct or assault by student.
- 9. Respondent means a student accused of sexual misconduct or assault.
- 10. Retaliation means pressuring a person to drop or support a complaint or to provide false or misleading information; pressuring a person to participate or refrain from participating as a witness in a proceeding; or engaging in conduct that may reasonably be perceived to affect adversely that person's educational, living, or work environment for making a good-faith report or participating in good faith in an investigation.

C. Prohibited Conduct

It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct for a student to intentionally engage in sexual misconduct or sexual assault, or to retaliate against a person who in good faith reports or participates in an investigation under this procedure. A student may be found responsible for retaliation even if not found responsible for the underlying alleged sexual misconduct or assault.

D. Reports to a College

- When to Report. Students are advised to report allegations of sexual misconduct or sexual assault, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence immediately or as soon as possible.
- 2. Where to Report. Reports should be given to the Title IX Coordinator. Any other employee who receives such a report shall immediately share the report with the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator will determine whether the conduct is governed by this procedure or by MCCS Procedure 202.2 (Title IX Sexual Harassment Procedure).
- What to Report. A complaint may be made orally or in writing, and should be as specific as possible. A report should disclose the identity of the person(s)

alleged to have engaged in the complained of conduct, and the location(s), date(s) and description of the alleged acts. A College cannot take complaints "off the record." Once a College receives such information, it has a duty to investigate and possibly take action even if, at the time of the complaint, the Complainant does not want the College to do either. Unless the Complainant signs a written statement specifying withdrawal of the complaint, the Complainant may not be deemed to have withdrawn her or his complaint.

4. False Reports. It is a violation of the Code for any student to intentionally file a report of any kind with a College official when the student knows that such report, by fabrication or material embellishment, is false.

E. Information Provided to a Complainant at the Time of a Report

At the time of a report to the Title IX Coordinator, the College shall provide to the

Complainant a copy, or hypertext links to copies, of the Code, this Procedure and the Appendices to this Procedure. The Respondent shall receive copies or hypertext links upon notification of the allegation(s). Students are hereby advised of the following:

- Preserving Evidence. It is important to preserve all evidence, including but not limited to physical evidence, text messages, social media, photographs, and security video in any way related to an allegation of sexual assault or misconduct, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, retaliation, or request for a protective order.
- 2. Confidentiality. The College uses best efforts to protect the confidentiality of the identity and allegations involved in a report, including keeping all records confidential to the extent permissible by law. Information regarding reports of alleged violations, and any investigation or review of those reports, including sanctioning determinations, will be shared among College officials with a legitimate educational interest or with external individuals or entities only on a need-to-know basis and only as permitted by College policy and applicable law. A College will be required to disclose the Complainant's name, statements and allegations to the Respondent. A College may choose to comment publicly, in writing or otherwise, to the extent permitted by law, regarding the decision reached if, in the judgment of the College, the best interests of the community would be served by such a disclosure. If possible and appropriate, the anonymity of the student(s) involved will be protected.
- 3. Counseling, Health and Mental Health Services. Counseling, health and mental health support services are available on campus and/or in the area and both the Respondent and the Complainant shall be provided with information to access available services. A list of such services is attached in the Appendix to this procedure.
- 4. Law Enforcement. The complainant has the right to contact, and file a criminal complaint with, the police. A list of such authorities is attached in the Appendix. The police can advise and assist with the Complainant's option to request from a court that a temporary or permanent restraining order, or other protection or no-contact order be issued against an alleged offender.
- 5. Victim Advocacy and Legal Assistance Services. Victim advocacy and legal assistance services are also available. A list of such services is attached in the Appendix. Financial Aid and Visa and Immigration Assistance. Information regarding student financial aid issues may be obtained from the College's Financial Aid Office. International students may obtain information regarding visa and immigration issues from the College's Designated School Official. A listing of contacts at each college are included in the Appendix.

F. Investigations

The College shall use the Code of Conduct in conducting an investigation of reports or allegations of conduct within the scope of this procedure.

G. Interim Steps While an Investigation is Conducted

A College shall consider what interim steps, if any, should be taken until the investigation and findings are complete. Such steps include, for example, changing the affected student(s) academic, living, transportation, and working situations if requested and reasonably available.

H. Participation during Proceedings

Consistent with the Code, both the Complainant and the Respondent shall have the same opportunity to have others present during internal disciplinary proceedings, including the opportunity to be accompanied to related meetings by an advisor of their choice.

1. Outcomes

At the time that the College makes its final findings, the College shall in writing notify simultaneously the Complainant and Respondent of:

 Whether the Respondent was found to violate the Code and, if so, the provisions violated and discipline imposed; and

The Respondent's and Complainant's rights under the Code to appeal the findings and any discipline.

U. Discipline

A violation of this procedure shall result in discipline under the Code. With regard to cases involving sexual conduct, because of the wide range of conduct that exists between cases of violent assault and cases of sexual contact resulting from poor communication, the following guidelines shall assist Colleges in determining the appropriate discipline for each case.

 Sexual Assault vs. Sexual Misconduct. Findings of sexual assault shall be regarded as more severe than findings of sexual misconduct.

2. Types of Sexual Misconduct. Findings of a sexual act shall be regarded as a more severe form of sexual misconduct than findings of sexual contact, and findings of sexual contact shall be regarded as a more severe form of sexual misconduct than findings of sexual touching.

3. Cases of Acquiescence. Findings that a student did not obtain reliable consent and instead relied upon mere acquiescence shall be regarded as important but less severe than cases involving sexual assault.

4. Repeat Violators. Findings that a student was previously found responsible for sexual misconduct or sexual assault shall be regarded as more severe than a first-offender.

K. Retaliation

The College will take appropriate steps to ensure that a person who in good faith reports or participates in an investigation under this procedure will not be subjected to retaliation by the Respondent or others. Anyone who has experienced retaliation is strongly encouraged to report that concern using the procedures in Section D above.

L. Protective Orders

Complainants have the right to request from a court that a temporary or permanent restraining order, or other protection or no-contact order be issued against an alleged offender. Only the police, and not College security, have the authority to enforce such an order by arresting a person who violates the order. The Complainant should, therefore, promptly inform the College if such an order is obtained so that the College may be better prepared to more promptly contact the police if necessary.

M. Primary Authority and Annual Training

The Dean of Student and/or Enrollment Services at each college shall have primary responsibility for overseeing the application of this procedure. The Deans shall ensure that Disciplinary Officers, Resident Directors, Resident Assistants, Disciplinary Committee Members and other pertinent employees are annually informed about this procedure. The Deans shall further consult with the MCCS General or Assistant Counsel on questions arising under, or recommendations to improve, this procedure.

N. Other

Nothing in this procedure shall be construed to confer a private right of action upon any person to enforce the provisions of this procedure.

O. Appendices

The Appendix of services and authorities referenced in Section F above is attached to this procedure.

APPENDIX

COUNSELING & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

• Central Maine Community College

https://www.cmcc.edu/student-life/resources/health-and-counseling/ Student Services (207) 755-5293

Eastern Maine Community College

https://www.emcc.edu/student-life/resources/counseling/(207) 974-4858 sking@emcc.edu

Kennebec Valley Community College

https://www.kvcc.me.edu/student-services/resources/counseling-support (207) 453-5150

mclement@kvcc.me.edu

Northern Maine Community College

https://www.nmcc.edu/academics/support/student-services/counseling/https://mynmcc.edu/ICS/Student_Support_Services/Students may also contact:
Aroostook Mental Health Center (207) 764-3319
Emergency Help Line 207-762-4581 or 1-800-432-7805

Southern Maine Community College

https://www.smccme.edu/student-life/counseling/ 1-800-434-3000

Washington County Community College

WCCC refers students to: Aroostook Mental Health Center https://www.amhc.org/(207) 498-6431

York County Community College

YCCC recommends that students contact: York County Community Action Nasson Health Care https://yccac.org/health-care/

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MeCASA)

24 hour statewide sexual assault crisis and support line 1-800-871-7741 (voice) 711 (Maine Relay)

The regional sexual assault crisis and support centers that comprise the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault are:

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine

York and Cumberland Counties

24 hour support line: 1-800-313-9900

www.sarsonline.org

Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine

Eastern Cumberland, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Knox and Waldo Counties 24 hour support line: 1-800-822-5999

Anywhere in Maine: 1-800-871-7742

TTÝ: 1-888-458-5599 www.sassmm.org

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Team

Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties, and the Towns of Bridgton and Harrison

24 hour helpline: 1-888-458-5599 TTY: 1-888-458-5599

www.sapars.org

Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center

Kennebec and Somerset Counties 24 hour support line: 1-800-871-7741

www.silentnomore.org Rape Response Services

Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties 24 hour hotline: 1-800-310-0000

TDD: 1-888-458-5599 www.rrsonline.org

AMHC Sexual Assault Services

Aroostook, Hancock & Washington Counties (207)-498-6431

www.amhc.org

United Somali Women of Maine

Androscoggin and Cumberland Counties

(207) 753-0061 www.uswofmaine.org

Other Maine-based Sexual and Relationship Violence Services

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

https://www.mcedv.org/get-help/ Statewide Domestic Abuse Helpline 1-800-437-1220

Wabanaki Women's Coalition

https://www.wabanakiwomenscoalition.org/connections/ (207) 763-3478

National Resources

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE

National Sexual Assault Online Hotline: https://ohl.rainn.org/online/ For a list of resources with particular focus on the needs of LGBTQ persons, see: http:// barcc.org/information/resources-online/glbt

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Central Maine Community College Auburn Police Department

60 Court Street Auburn, Maine 04210 (207) 333-6650

Eastern Maine Community College

Bangor Police Department 240 Main Street Bangor, Maine 04401 (207) 947-7382

Kennebec Valley Community College

Fairfield Police Department

One Police Plaza Fairfield, Maine 04937 (207) 453-9321

Northern Maine Community College

Presque Isle Police Department (207) 764-4476 43 North Street, Suite 2

Presque Isle, Maine 04769

Southern Maine Community College

South Portland Police Department 30 Anthoine Street South Portland, Maine 04106 (207) 799-5511

Washington County Community College

Calais Police Department 43 North Street Calais, Maine 04619

(207) 454-2751 York County Community College

Wells Police Department 1563 Post Road Wells, Maine 04090 (207) 646-9354

MEDICAL HOSPITALS

Blue Hill Memorial Hospital

57 Water Street, Blue Hill, Maine 04614 (207) 374-3400 http://www.bhmh.org

Bridgton Hospital

10 Hospital Drive, Bridgton, Maine 04009 (207) 647-6000

http://www.bridgtonhospital.org/

C.A. Dean Memorial Hospital 364 Pritham Avenue, Greenville, Maine 04441

(207) 695-5200

http://www.cadean.org/ Calais Regional Hospital

24 Hospital Lane, Calais, Maine 04619 (207) 454-7521

http://www.calaishospital.com/

Cary Medical Center

163 Van Buren Road, Suite #1, Caribou, Maine 04736 (207) 498-3111

http://www.carymedicalcenter.org/

Central Maine Medical Center

300 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240 (207) 795-0111

http://www.cmmc.org Down East Community Hospital

11 Hospital Drive, Machias, Maine 04654 (207) 255-3356

http://www.dech.org/ Eastern Maine Medical Center

489 State St., Bangor, Maine 04402 (207) 973-7000

http://www.emmc.org

Franklin Memorial Hospital

111 Franklin Health Commons, Farmington, Maine 04938 (207) 778-6031

http://www.fchn.org/

Houlton Regional Hospital

20 Hartford Street, Houlton, Maine 04730 (207) 532-2900

http://www2.houltonregional.org/

Inland Hospital

200 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville, Maine 04901 (207) 861-3000

http://www.inlandhospital.org/

LincolnHealth

35 Miles St., Damariscotta, Maine 04543 (207) 563-1234

http://www.lchcare.org

Maine Coast Memorial Hospital

50 Union Street, Ellsworth, Maine 04605 (207) 667-5311

http://www.mainehospital.org

MaineGeneral Medical Center

35 Medical Center Parkway, Augusta, Maine 04330 (207) 626-1000

http://www.mainegeneral.org/

Maine Medical Center

22 Bramhall Street, Portland, Maine 04102

(207) 662-0111 http://www.mmc.org/

Mayo Regional Hospital

897 West Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426 (207) 564-8401

http://www.mayohospital.com/

Mercy Hospital

144 State Street, Portland, Maine 04101 (207) 879-3000

http://www.mercyhospitalstories.org/

Mid Coast Hospital

123 Medical Center Drive, Brunswick, Maine 04011 (207) 729-0181

http://www.midcoasthealth.com/

Millinocket Regional Hospital

200 Somerset Street, Millinocket, Maine 04462 (207) 723-5161

http://www.mrhme.org

Mt. Desert Island Hospital

10 Wayman Lane, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609 (207) 288-5081

http://mdihospital.org/site/

Northern Maine Medical Center

194 East Main Street, Fort Kent, Maine 04743 (207) 834-3155

http://www.nmmc.org/

Parkview Adventist Medical Center

329 Maine Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011 (207) 373-2000 http://www.parkviewamc.org

Pen Bay Medical Center

6 Glen Cove Drive, Rockport, Maine 04856 (207) 596-8000 http://www.penbayhealthcare.org/penbaymedicalcenter/

Penobscot Valley Hospital

Box 368, Lincoln, Maine 04457 (207) 794-3321

http://www.pvhme.org/

Redington-Fairview General Hospital

46 Fairview Avenue, Skowhegan, Maine 04976 (207) 474-5121

http://www.rfgh.net/

Rumford Hospital

420 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine 04276 (207) 369-1000 http://www.rumfordhospital.org/

Sebasticook Valley Health

447 North Main Street, Pittsfield, Maine 04967 (207) 487-4000

http://www.sebasticookvalleyhealth.org/

Southern Maine Health Care-Sanford Medical Center

25 June Street, Sanford, Maine 04073 (207) 283-7000

http://www.smmc.org/

St. Joseph Hospital

PO Box 403, Bangor, Maine 04401 (207) 262-1000

http://www.stjoeshealing.org

St. Mary's Regional Medical Čenter

P.O. Box 291, Lewiston, Maine 04243 (207) 777-8100

http://www.stmarysmaine.com/

Stephens Memorial Hospital

181 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268 (207) 743-5933

http://www.wmhcc.org

The Aroostook Medical Center

140 Academy Street, Presque Isle, Maine 04769 (207) 768-4000

http://www.tamc.org/

Waldo County General Hospital PO Box 287, Belfast, Maine 04915

(207) 338-2500

http://www.wcgh.org/index.html

York Hospital 1

5 Hospital Drive, York, Maine 03909 (207) 363-4321

http://www.yorkhospital.com/

LEGAL SERVICES

Pine Tree Legal Services

Free legal services for low -income Maine residents for non-criminal matters

Augusta Office

Somerset, Lincoln and Knox Counties 39 Green Street P.O. Box 2429 Augusta, Maine 04338-2429 (207) 622-4731 or (207) 623-7777

Bangor Office

Penobscot, Piscataquis and Waldo 115 Main Street, 2nd floor Bangor, Maine 04401 (207) 942-8241

Lewiston Office

Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin 37 Park Street, Suite 401 Lewiston, Maine 04243-0398 (207) 784-1558

Machias Office

Washington and Hancock 13 Cooper Street P.O. Box 278 Machias, Maine 04654 (207) 255-8656

Portland Office

Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin, Lincoln and Knox 88 Federal Street P.O. Box 547 Portland, Maine 04112 (207) 774-8211

Presque Isle Office

Aroostook County 373 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 (207) 764-4349

All Offices

TTY: 711

http://www.ptla.org

Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic

A legal aid clinic operated by the University of Maine School of Law. Services provided to lowincome individuals with legal cases in Southern

Maine courts (Cumberland, parts of York, Sagadahoc and Androscoggin counties) for most types of civil, criminal, juvenile and family matters.

Greater Portland area – (207) 780-4370

Toll free: (877)-780-2522

http://mainelaw.maine.edu/programs-centers/clac.html

Maine Lawyer Referral Service

A referral service operated by the Maine State Bar Association.

1-800-860-1460

http://www.lrs@mainebar.org

Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project

Free legal information and pro bono legal representation for qualifying low-income individuals state-wide.

Portland: (207) 774-4348 Toll free: (800)-442-4293 http://www.vlp.org

NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

A. Statement of Intent

The Maine Community College System recognizes that unlawful discrimination in educational programs and employment based upon actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, ancestry or national origin, disability, age, familial status, genetic information or status as a Vietnam era veteran can foreclose economic opportunity to a significant number of persons. In order to avoid this inequity and to afford all persons the opportunity to achieve their rightful place in society, the Maine Community College System pledges to eliminate unlawful discrimination upon any group protected by state or federal laws and, in addition, to take affirmative action to recruit, and employ qualified members of under-represented groups.

B. Policy Statement

The Maine Community College System provides equal opportunity regardless of actual or perceived race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, age, familial status, genetic information or Vietnam era veteran status pursuant to Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Order 11375; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975; the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008; and the Maine Human Rights Act (5 M.R.S.A., §4551, et. seq.). In addition, pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Maine Human Rights Act, the Maine Community College System does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs and activities. This policy affects employment policies and actions, as well as the delivery of educational services, at all levels and facilities of the Maine Community College System.

Further, as a state instrumentality, the Maine Community College System pursues in good faith an affirmative action employment program pursuant to the Code of Fair Practices and Affirmative Action. (5 M.R.S.A. §781, et. seq.)

C. Implementation

Authority and responsibility for implementing, maintaining and monitoring non-discrimination, affirmative action and equal opportunity at the Maine Community College System lies primarily with the president of each college and the System. All directors, department heads and equivalent officers are similarly responsible within their areas of jurisdiction. The System president through the System Office shall also help ensure that all units of the System are in compliance with the stated policy of the Board of Trustees, and with all pertinent state and federal laws and regulations.

D. Implementation

Commonly accessible bulletin boards maintained by the colleges and System Office shall contain the following notice of non-discrimination. The long form notice set forth below shall be posted in a prominent place in each building, and all college publications including, but not limited to, student and employee handbooks, catalogs, websites and other relatively lengthy sources shall contain the notice at the top or bottom of the inside front cover. For websites, the bottom of the homepage should contain a link to the long form notice. The short form of the notice set forth below may be placed in publications that have more limited space, such as flyers, brochures and advertisements in

newspapers. Advertisements for employment in newspapers, journals and other sources shall also contain position title, closing date and contact information.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

Southern Maine Community College does not discriminate as proscribed by federal and/ or state law on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, age, genetic information, disability, marital, parental or Vietnam era veteran status in specified programs and activities. Inquiries about the College's compliance with, and policies that prohibit discrimination on, these bases may be directed to:

Affirmative Action Officer Cates Administration Building 2 Fort Road South Portland, ME 04106 Telephone: 207-741-5571

Online: www.smccME.edu

Maine Relay Service: 800-457-1220 Fax: 207-741-5965 Email: deanofstudents@smccME.edu

and/or

United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights 33 Arch Street, Suite 900

Telephone: 617-289-0111 TY/TDD: 617-289-0063 Fax: 617-289-0150

E-mail: OCR.Boston@ed.gov Internet: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc

and/or

Maine Human Rights Commission (MHRC)

51 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0051 Telephone: 207-624-6050 TTY/TDD: 207-624-6064 Fax: 207-624-6063

Internet: http://www.state.me.us/mhrc/index.shtml

and/or

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 475 Government Center Boston, MA 02203

Telephone: 617-565-3200 or 1-800-669-4000 TTY: 617-565-3204 or 1-800-669-6820 Fax: 617-565-3196

Internet: http://www.eeoc.gov/

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SKATEBOARDS & OTHER SELF-PROPELLED DEVICES ON SMCC PROPERTY

Skateboarding, roller blading, bicycling, and the use of other similar self-propelled equipment are permitted on Southern Maine Community College property; provided that any such equipment shall be used only for transportation in traveling directly from one destination to another; that such use shall be at the user's own risk and responsibility; and that such equipment may be used only on flat paved surfaces. Use of such equipment for tricks or jumps is not permitted at any time.

GRADES & GRADING

Grades at Southern Maine Community College are assigned by letters representing levels of achievement. The basis for determining a grade is the relative extent to which the student has met objectives of the course. Letter grades signify the following:

GRADES	QUALITY POINTS PER CRED	IT INTERPRETATION
Α	4.00	93-100
A-	3.67	90-92
B+	3.33	87-89
В	3.00	83-86
B-	2.67	80-82
C+	2.33	77-79
С	2.00	73-76
C-	1.67	70-72
D+	1.33	67-69

D	1.00	63-66
F	0.00	Failure
Р	None	Equivalent to a "C" (2.0) or better
AF	0.00	Administrative failure assigned at the discretion of the instructor designating unofficial withdrawal (failure to continue attending class)
1	None	Incomplete
W	None	Official withdrawal from a course prior to the 13th week of classes;
		no credit earned.
NS	None	Failure to appear for any session of a class for which you have registered.

Computing of Grade Point Average

To compute the grade point average for a semester, first multiply the grade points earned in each course by the number of credit hours assigned to that course. The resulting product is the number of quality points for that course. Then divide the total number of quality points earned during the semester by the total number of credits attempted in that semester. For example:

COURSE ATTEMPTED MATH-140 BIOL-100 ENGL-100 SOCI-100	CREDITS 3 4 3 3	GRADE B+ C B- F	GRADE POINTS 3.33 2.00 2.67 0.00	QUALITY POINTS EARNED 9.99 8.00 8.01 0.00
TOTAL GPA = 2.00	13			26.00

To compute the cumulative grade point average, divide the total quality points earned by the total credits attempted in all semesters. Note: Pass/fail and repeated courses and credits granted through CLEP or AP examinations, work experience or transfer are not to be considered when computing grade point averages.

No Show Grade

A student who enrolls in a class, and pays any part of the tuition (even if through pending financial aid or another agency), but doesn't appear in class will receive a grade of NS (no show) on the faculty class list and their transcript. They will receive no reimbursement of tuition or fees for the course, the grade will be treated in the same manner as a withdrawal for the purpose of determining the number of credits attempted, and the grade will contribute to any determination of probation or suspension status.

Pass/Fail

A Pass (P) grade earned in a course that is graded pass/fail is equivalent to a C (2.0) or better.

Course Withdrawal

A student may withdraw from a course only during the semester in which s/he is registered for that course. Early withdrawal for full semester-length courses is from days 7-10 of the fall and spring semesters. Official withdrawal from a course during this period results in a 50% refund of course tuition and fees. Official withdrawal after the early withdrawal period is available through week twelve of semester-length courses and week nine of summer

courses. This period is pro-rated for shorter-length courses (75% of the course length). There is no refund of tuition or fees associated with a withdrawal following the early withdrawal period. The designation "W" will appear on the transcript after a student has officially withdrawn. A course withdrawal is an uncompleted course and may adversely affect financial aid eligibility and academic standing. Failure to attend or ceasing to attend class does not constitute withdrawal from the course.

Auditing Courses

Students planning to audit a course are required to pay full tuition and fees, and are also required to meet all course prerequisites and/or corequisites. The request to audit may be made no later than add/drop week. Students auditing a course will not receive a letter grade or credit for the course and may not count course credits toward full-time status or graduation requirements.

Administrative Failure

An Administrative Failure (a final grade of AF) identifies students who have stopped attending class and who have had no contact with the faculty member for a period in excess of one week. A student may be administratively failed after missing one more consecutive class meetings than the number of class meetings per week (4 for a class that meets 3 times a week, 3 for a class that meets 2 times a week, 2 for a class that meets once a week). A student in an online course may be administratively failed after not submitting an assignment, responding to a discussion question, completing a graded assignment, or otherwise performing some type of activity that shows active involvement in the course for a period of two weeks. At their discretion, faculty may reinstate students who resume attending after the grade has been assigned. There is no reimbursement of tuition or fees for AF grades.

Incomplete Grades

A faculty member has the option of granting a grade of "incomplete" when an extraordinary event occurring late in the semester prevents a student from completing all required assignments. The purpose of an incomplete grade is to give students an opportunity to earn the grade they would otherwise have received had the event not occurred. The purpose is NOT to give students more time to improve their grade.

Guidelines

- Each instructor has full discretion in granting an incomplete grade, and the student cannot appeal the decision.
- A student can request an incomplete grade after the end of the 12-week withdrawal period.
- The student must be able to demonstrate substantial progress toward completing all required work at the time an incomplete grade is requested.
- The student must be earning at least a "C" average in the course at the end of the withdrawal period.
- The student must have met the attendance requirements for the course prior to the event that the request is based on.
- Work submitted to satisfy an incomplete grade must meet the same standards as other course work.

Repeating a Course

A course may be attempted a maximum of three times (initial enrollment and two repeat attempts). All grades including NS, AF, W and F are considered attempts. Original work is expected, at the discretion of the faculty member. For credit courses, the last grade (regardless of whether that grade is better or worse) on any course repeated will be the grade used in computing the cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and for determining completion of degree requirements. The repeated course will count only once toward graduation requirements, provided the grade meets requirements.

Midterm Grades

To help students monitor their academic performance, faculty will submit midterm grades at the 60% point in the semester (Week 10). Midterm grades provide an evaluation of academic performance while there is still time for the student to improve their grade or withdraw from the course. Midterm grades provide no guarantee of either passing or failing grades at the end of the semester. The grades do not factor into grade point average or credits earned or appear on academic transcripts.

Dean's List

Students completing a minimum of 9 credit hours in courses graded A, B, or C, or P with a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00 are named to the semester's Dean's List, provided that no grade lower than C was earned in any course that semester and the student is not on probation. Grades lower than C include C-, D+, D, F, W, NS, AF, and I. Only courses numbered 100 or higher are considered for the Dean's List. Students who have asked to be excluded from the College's directory information, by law, cannot be included on the Dean's List published online or in local newspapers.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Southern Maine Community College students must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible to graduate from an academic program of study:

- Successfully complete all courses in their associate degree or certificate program.
- Attain a 2.0 minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- Associate degree students must complete at least 15 of their credit hours directly through the College.
- Certificate students must complete at least 9 of their credit hours directly through the College.
- All financial obligations are met.

Graduation with Honors

Southern Maine Community College recognizes students who meet certain qualifications during the annual commencement ceremony. The following list of honor levels describes minimum criteria:

- **High honors:** Students who have completed degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher.
- **Honors:** Students who have completed degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5-3.7499.
- Highest GPA: Students who have completed degree requirements with the highest cumulative grade point average of any student in their degree or certificate program, provided the GPA is 3.5 or higher.

Second & Subsequent Degrees

A student may apply to earn additional associate degrees. To qualify, a student must complete the required courses for each degree, resulting in a minimum of 15 credits beyond the first degree. A student may not earn more than one Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies degree, regardless of the multiple available concentrations.

PAY-FOR-PRINT POLICY

In an effort to control the escalating cost of supplies and to encourage students to conserve resources, SMCC charges for printing. Students receive a \$20 credit every semester. This credit resets for each semester and extra credit is not rolled over to the next semester. Page per costs are as follows:

- 8.5" x 11" black & white: \$0.10 per page
- 8.5" x 11" color: \$0.50 per page
- 8.5" x 14" and 11" x 17" black & white: \$0.20 per page
- 8.5" x 14" and 11" x 17" color: \$1.00 per page

Duplex (two-sided pages are discounted 50% from the listed page costs)

Students can monitor their remaining credit and number of pages printed by visiting the IT Help tab on MySMCC or by checking the Printing Information icon in the lower right-hand corner of the screen while logged in to an SMCC computer. More information about the Payfor-Print Policy is available on the IT Help tab on MySMCC.

PLAGIARISM

Adherence to ethical academic standards is obligatory. Cheating is a serious offense, whether it consists of taking credit for work done by another person or doing work for which another person will receive credit. Taking and using the ideas or writings of another person without clearly and fully crediting the source is plagiarism and violates the academic code as well as the Student Code of Conduct. If it is suspected that a student in any course in which he/she is enrolled has knowingly committed such a violation, the faculty member should refer to the Maine Community College System Policy on Student Grade Appeals and Academic Misconduct. The instructor has the authority to review the alleged misconduct and determine the grade that the student should receive for the assignment and the course.

The instructor may also refer the matter to the College's disciplinary officer for additional sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct. Sanctions from an instructor may include suspension from the course and a failing grade in the course. Sanctions from a disciplinary officer may include all available sanctions noted in the Student Code of Conduct. Students have the right to appeal the decision of an instructor via the grade appeal process and the sanction of a disciplinary officer via the Disciplinary Committee under the terms outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. These processes are parallel and may result in different findings.

PROCEDURE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE & STALKING

Any behavior that constitutes domestic violence, dating violence or stalking under this policy will subject the offender to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, whether or not criminal charges are filed and without regard to whether the conduct occurred on or off campus.

In addition, domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, rape and other sexual offenses are illegal under Maine criminal statutes and may be separately prosecuted in a court of law.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence means a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred, or any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Dating Violence

Dating violence means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social

relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. Violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. The existence of a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim is determined based on:

- 1. The reporting party's statement;
- 2. The length of the relationship;
- 3. The type of relationship; and
- 4. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

The term dating violence excludes acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

Stalking

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others or suffer substantial emotional distress.

Counseling & Support

The College can refer victims of the above mentioned offenses to counseling support and police assistance, if desired. Care and consideration of the victim's wishes will be taken into account throughout the intervention process. Individuals who feel that they are victims of any sexual offense, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking are urged to file a complaint with the respective police departments and/or the College's Safety and Security Department or the Office of the Dean of Student Life. Reports made to the Safety and Security Department are shared with the Office of the Dean of Student Life for disciplinary review or action. The College strongly recommends that all victims seek immediate medical assistance. A victim may have internal or external injuries and may need treatment for disease or infection. Additionally, the College strongly recommends that all victims seek counseling and emotional assistance.

A full range of support services can be initiated through **Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine** by calling **1-800-313-9900** or domestic violence resources by calling **1-866-834-4357**.

Standards of Conduct & The Disciplinary Process

SMCC's standards of conduct and the student disciplinary process are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, which is available in the student handbook, the SMCC Compass. The College's procedures for disciplinary action in cases that involve sexual offenses, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking comply with the Higher Education Amendment (HEA) of 1992. In those cases required by the HEA: the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunity, if any, to have others present during the investigative interview and/ or during a Stage Two hearing and attendant proceedings. For further information about the disciplinary system, contact the Dean of Student Life at 207-741-5610.

Residency Policy

A student is classified as a Maine resident or non-resident for tuition purposes at the time of admission to the College. No student, once having been identified as a non-resident student, is eligible for resident classification unless he/she has been a bona fide domiciliary of the state for at least one year immediately prior to registration for the term for which resident status is claimed. If the student is enrolled for a full academic program, as defined by the College, it will be assumed that the student is in Maine for educational purposes and that the student is not in Maine to establish a domicile as a permanent resident; thus, the burden will be on the student to prove that s/he has established a Maine domicile by the time of such registration. The domicile of a student who is claimed

as a dependent for tax purposes follows that of the parents or legally appointed guardian of the student.

If a student classified as a non-resident marries a person who is domiciled in Maine and asserts the establishment of a domicile in Maine, the student shall be presumed to be eligible for resident status at such student's next registration. If a current member of the United States Armed Forces, a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who has been honorably discharged, or a dependent thereof is enrolled in a program of education and uses Chapter 30, Chapter 33, or Fry benefits, that member, veteran, or dependent is eligible for in-state tuition rates, regardless of their state of residence.

In-state tuition is not available to anyone who holds a non-immigrant U.S. visa. If an individual is not a resident of the United States, they cannot be a resident of the State of Maine.

SMOKING POLICY

The use, sale, distribution or advertisement of tobacco is strictly prohibited on Southern Maine Community College property, including buildings, parking lots, grounds, and privately or publicly owned vehicles on those grounds, unless specifically authorized by the College.

"Tobacco" includes but is not limited to any cigarette, cigar, other smoking tobacco, or any electronic smoking device that produces vapor of any kind, as well as smokeless tobacco, dip, chew or snuff in any form.

Students who fail to comply may be fined or referred for disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct. Employees who fail to comply may be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA). Others who fail to comply may be removed from College property.

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW

As mandated by the Public Law 101-542, the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, as amended by Public Law 102-26, the Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1991, SMCC student completion information is available on the College website. Information concerning crimes on campus is also available on the College website.

TUITION BREAK - NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM (NERSP)

Southern Maine Community College participates in the New England Regional Student Program (NERSP). This program allows a limited number of out-of-state students to attend SMCC at a rate of 150% of in-state tuition if they enter an approved course of study that is not available in their state of residence. Various restrictions and exceptions apply. For more information visit www.nebhe.org.

WEAPONS POLICY

Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all of its faculty, staff, students and visitors. Therefore, SMCC does not permit the possession of weapons, firearms, ammunition or any other type of explosive device in its buildings, campus grounds and extension centers.

Discharging of firearms or any other type of projectile weapon or use of other forms of weapons is prohibited on College property.

Exceptions to this policy are:

- 1. Law enforcement officials in the execution of their duties.
- 2. Supervised and approved educational programs.

Any violation of this policy is subject to sanction under the SMCC Student Code of Conduct and/or applicable state laws.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE

A student withdrawing from the College prior to the twelfth week of classes (pro-rated for shorter courses) will be assigned grades of W in all courses. If a student withdraws from school after the twelfth week, the student's instructors will assign letter grades.

A student who has discontinued his/her enrollment at the college for a total of one full calendar year will be officially withdrawn from the College. If the student wishes to the College after being withdrawn, the student will be expected to follow the program curriculum for the academic year in which the readmission becomes effective.'

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM STUDENT GRADE APPEALS & ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

A. Introduction

MCCS standards of academic integrity require that each college have a process to address a student's legitimate challenge to, or a college's other concerns with, the propriety of a grade assigned by an instructor. Such standards also require application of a consistent process in determining allegations of student academic misconduct. The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that these standards are met.

B. Grade Appeals

An instructor has the authority to assign the grade that the instructor reasonably determines the student has earned. Each college shall also establish a procedure that allows students to appeal the instructor's grade to the department chair and, if not satisfied, to the college's chief academic officer. Under that appeal procedure, each decision-maker shall give due regard to the instructor's professional judgment. The chief academic officer shall have the final authority to enter the grade on the college's official transcript for that student.

C. Academic Misconduct

MCCS standards of academic integrity prohibit conduct that constitutes academic misconduct, and conduct that intentionally or knowingly helps or attempts to help another to commit an act of academic misconduct. For purposes of this policy, "academic misconduct" is defined as cheating or dishonesty of any kind in the performance of academic work, including misrepresenting one's own work, taking credit for the work of others without crediting them and without appropriate authorization, or the fabrication of information. Common examples of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

 Cheating - Cheating is intentional use or attempted use of unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise; unauthorized copying from another student's work; representing material prepared by another as one's own work; violating rules governing the administration of examinations; or violating any rules relating to

academic conduct of a course or program.

2. Plagiarism - Plagiarism is the intentional representation of the words, problem/design solutions, concepts, processes, procedures, compositions, ideas or sequence of ideas of another's as one's own. It includes failing to attribute to the actual author any quotations, paraphrases or the author's ideas.

3. Fabrication - Fabrication is intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any

data, information or citation in academic work.

4. Forgery - Forgery includes the falsification or alteration of an allegedly genuine document, or forging a signature on any academic document or record. For purposes of this paragraph, an academic document or record may include a transcript, add/drop form, request for accommodations or advanced standing, or request to register for a course.

D. Procedures to Address Allegations of Academic Misconduct

To address allegations of academic misconduct, each college shall proceed as follows.

- Instructor's Authority The instructor shall have the authority to review the alleged misconduct and determine the grade that the student should receive for the assignment and the course. The instructor's authority shall include the authority to assign a failing grade for the course. The instructor's authority shall also include the authority to require the student to complete additional work for the course. The instructor may consult with the department chair and/or the college's chief academic officer prior to making such decisions.
- 2. Appeal of the Instructor's Decision - In those instances when a student seeks to challenge an instructor's determinations made in Section D.1 above, the college shall use its grade appeal process authorized by Section B above.
- Sanctions Beyond those Imposed by the Instructor In those instances when a college seeks to apply sanctions in addition to an instructor's determinations made in Section D.1 above, such as probation, suspension or expulsion, the college shall use procedures of the MCCS Student Code of Conduct, provided that the college's chief academic officer or other person(s) designated by the college president shall participate in reviewing the allegations and investigative findings; in determining whether such findings constitute academic misconduct; and in recommending the propriety and/or level of such sanctions.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

l. Purpose of Code

The College requires students to conduct their affairs with proper regard and mutual respect for the College and the members of its community. In seeking to encourage responsible conduct, the College will rely upon counseling and admonition. When necessary, the College will use this Code in a prompt, fair and impartial manner to:

- Ensure the orderly administration of the College's academic, athletic and social offerings;
- Secure the opportunity of all students to pursue peacefully their educational objectives;
- Protect the health, safety and welfare of the College and the members of its community;
- And maintain and protect the real and personal property of the College and the members of its community.

This Code applies in addition to other College and System policies and regulations, local ordinances, and state and federal laws. Students whose conduct violates those authorities may also be subject to their sanctions and penalties. Finally, the Residence Hall Agreement between a student and the College imposes similar but additional responsibilities and obligations, and students whose conduct violates both that Agreement and this Code may be disciplined by the College under either or both.

Il. Persons Governed by Code
As used in this Code, "student" means any person who:

A. has been notified of admission to a College;

B. is taking courses or otherwise pursuing studies at or through a College;

C. has a continuing relationship with a College even if not officially enrolled for a particular term; or

D. has withdrawn from a College while a disciplinary matter is pending.

This Code applies to students and to organizations that are student organizations at the time of the alleged conduct. Students and student organizations are also responsible for the conduct of their guests, and this Code may be invoked against students and student organizations whose guests violate the Code. When a student is alleged to have violated the Code at a College other than the College in which the student is enrolled, the violation will be referred for disposition to the student's campus of enrollment.

III. Conduct Governed by Code

This Code applies to conduct, wherever it occurs, that:

1. Involves the real property owned, occupied or otherwise used by the College;

2) Involves the personal property owned, occupied or used by the College community;

3) Involves a College or College-related activity, event or function;

4) Poses an imminent or substantial threat to persons or property in the College

community; and/or

5) Otherwise interferes with the objectives or adversely affects the interests of the College or members of its community. Examples of violations of this Code include, but are not limited to:

A. Fraudulent conduct, which includes, but is not limited to: 1) supplying or assisting to supply false information to College personnel; 2) violating a professional code of conduct or ethics; 3) unauthorized representation of the College or its personnel; 4) failing to identify oneself to College personnel; and/or 5) tampering with or falsifying official documents or records.

Allegations of plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic misconduct shall first be handled pursuant the MCCS policies on academic misconduct and/or student issues arising at clinical affiliates which provide(s) for specific procedures and sanctions. Once the procedures and sanctions of those policies have been applied, the provisions of this

Code shall apply.

B. Conduct that disregards the welfare, health or safety of the College community, which includes, but is not limited to: 1) assault, harassment or intimidation; 2) false reports of fire or other dangerous conditions; 3) unauthorized use or possession of weapons, explosive components or chemicals, including fireworks, firearms, explosives, gas or compressed air; 4) disturbing authorized activities or the peaceful operation of the College; 5) use, possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or drugs as prohibited by law or College policy; 6) being under the influence or knowingly in the presence of drugs or alcohol while on College property or at College-related events; 7) action prohibited by health or safety regulations; 8) creation of a fire hazard or other dangerous condition; 9) restriction of vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow into or out of College property or facilities; 10) action that produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule to any member of the College community; 11) intentionally placing a person or persons in reasonable fear of physical harm; 12) lewd or indecent behavior; 13) tampering with fire or safety equipment; 14) parking violations; 15) disobeying the lawful order of College personnel; and or 16) any other conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety or any person in the College community.

C. Improper use of property, which includes but is not limited to 1) misuse, destruction, defacement or unauthorized requisition, removal or use of College or College community property; 2) unauthorized presence on College property; and/or 3) violation

of College or System computer use policies.

D. Other conduct that interferes with the orderly business of the College, which includes, but is not limited to 1) failure to comply with a sanction imposed by the College; 2) interference or refusal to cooperate with an inquiry under the Code; 3) continuous violations of the Code; 4) assistance in the violation of any of the provisions of the Code; 5) acts of discrimination in violation of College or System policy; and/or 6) conduct prohibited by law, College or System policy.

E. Sexual misconduct and sexual assault, as defined in and governed by MCCS Procedure 202.2 and MCCS Procedure 501.1.

- **F. Sexual harassment**, as defined in MCCS Policy 202 and governed by MCCS Procedure 201.1/202.1 and MCCS Procedure 202.2.
- G. Dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, as defined in and governed by MCCS Procedure 202.2 and MCCS Procedure 501.1.

IV. Sanctions for Code Violations

Students who violate this Code may be subject to one or more sanctions which include, but are not limited to: 1) an apology; 2) reprimand; 3) probation; 4) work or service requirement; 5) restitution; 6) fine; 7) prohibition from College classes, functions or facilities; 8) special terms and conditions of enrollment and/or participation; 9) forfeiture of room fee, room deposit and security deposit; 10) suspension or dismissal from a portion of the College; 11) suspension or dismissal from the whole of the College; 12) revocation of admission

or a degree; 13) withholding a degree; and/or 14) any other action as the College deems appropriate. The Dean of Students may suspend immediately a student if the Dean determines that the student's presence at the College poses an imminent threat of harm to self or others, or to property in the College community. Such suspension shall take effect when so designated and may not be stayed pending appeal unless otherwise determined by the College President.

V. Procedure

A. General: In applying the provisions of this Code, MCCS accords students the following opportunities. First, students have the opportunities to be advised of the charges and the nature of the evidence against them, and be heard before an impartial decision-maker. Second, students have the opportunities to have sanctions based on substantial evidence (a standard of "more probable than not"); the decision explained in writing; and, in a Stage Two proceeding, have questions asked of opposing witnesses. Finally, students have the opportunities to be assisted by a person who may observe the proceeding and advise the student, but who may not speak on behalf of the student or otherwise participate in the proceeding. In cases where suspension or dismissal is likely or where criminal charges are pending, such an assistant may be an attorney, but such an attorney shall not be at the College's expense.

B. Stage One: The College Dean of Student Life ("Dean") and/or Disciplinary Officer ("Officer") (collectively "Investigator") shall investigate alleged violations of this Code. Such inquiries shall include notice to the student of the: 1) complaint; 2) Code sections that may have been violated; and 3) possible sanctions that may be imposed. The

student shall be given an opportunity to be interviewed.

The Investigator may consider any information that the Investigator believes may be relevant and reliable information in determining whether it is more probable than not that the alleged conduct occurred, and that such conduct violated the Code. Upon concluding the inquiry, the Investigator shall notify the student in writing of the Investigator's findings of fact, Code provision(s) violated, if any, and a sanction(s), if any. The Investigator's decision shall take effect when so noted. Sanctions, other than interim suspension, may, in the discretion of the Dean, be stayed during any appeal. The Dean, but not an Officer, may at this stage impose a sanction of dismissal or suspension.

C. Stage Two: A student who does not accept discipline imposed at Stage One may request a Stage Two proceeding. A person materially affected by the alleged Code violation (such as the victim of the alleged conduct) may request a Stage Two proceeding in order to review a Disciplinary Officer's decision either to dismiss or

impose a relatively low sanction in the case.

1. Request: A request for a Stage Two proceeding must be submitted in writing to the Dean within two (2) school days following the day the student receives the Investigator's written decision, and must state specifically the grounds for the request. A student who fails to file a proper and timely request may be deemed to have waived the right.

2. Committee: A Stage Two proceeding shall be heard by a Disciplinary Committee ("Committee") which shall consist of at least three and not more than five members, each appointed by the College President. At least one member should be a faculty member and one member may be a student. The

President shall appoint a Chair.

3. Hearing: After receiving the student's request, the Committee Chair shall notify the student, Dean and/or Officer of the time and location for the hearing. Hearing shall be held as soon as practical and shall proceed as follows: The Committee Chair shall preside; the Dean and/or Officer will present the charges, information and findings against the student; the student will respond to the case presented by the Dean and/or Officer; and the Dean and/or Officer and student may then each summarize orally their position.

All or a portion of the hearing may, at the discretion of the Committee, be closed to persons other than those recognized by the Chair. If a student does not attend the

hearing, the Committee may commence the hearing or continue the hearing to a later time or date. Only the members of the Committee may pose questions to the witnesses or parties. The Committee is not bound by court rules of

evidence or procedure.

4. Decision: The Committee will convene in closed session to find facts and determine any Code violation(s). The Committee may consider any relevant and reliable information in determining whether it is more probable than not that the alleged conduct occurred, and that such conduct violated the Code. The Committee is not bound by the Investigator's findings and sanctions. The Committee may impose any appropriate sanction up to and including dismissal. Disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Committee take effect immediately unless otherwise specified. A majority of Committee members present and voting will prevail.

D. Stage Three: A student may appeal to the College President only a Committee sanction of suspension or dismissal from the College. Such appeal must be submitted in writing to the President within two (2) school days following the day when the student receives the Committee's written decision, and must state specifically the grounds for appeal. Such appeals shall be limited to the Committee's procedures and the appropriateness of the sanction. A student who fails to file a proper and timely appeal may be deemed to have waived the right to appeal. The President may also grant a request by a person materially affected by the alleged Code violation to review a decision of the Disciplinary Committee to dismiss a case or to impose a relatively low sanction. In all cases, the President shall issue a written decision as soon as practical after the hearing. The President is not bound by the decisions of either the Investigator or Committee.

VI. Notice and Receipt of Notice

A College may provide a notice under this Code to a student either in person or to the student's most recent electronic, campus or U.S. mail address on file at the College. A student will be deemed to have received such notice immediately when informed in person; within 24 hours when notified by electronic or campus mail; and within 72 hours of the date of mailing when notified by U.S. mail. In all instances a student has an affirmative duty to remain in contact with the College while a matter is pending under this Code.

VII. Coordination of this Code with the MCCS Policy on Special Conditions
When the student conduct at issue involves "special circumstances" as described in MCCS
Policy 504, the College may seek guidance from the provisions of that policy.

VIII. Certain Athletic Determinations

The provisions of this Code apply to misconduct related to participation in athletics. The procedures of this Code do not, however, apply determinations of whether a student may be a member of, or receive playing time for, a college athletic team because the student has engaged in conduct detrimental to the team. Those determinations shall be made by the coach, provided that the affected student may appeal the coach's decision to the College Dean of Students.

For purposes of this provision, "conduct detrimental to the team" includes, but is not limited to, conduct that is unsportsmanlike to fans, officials or opposing coaches or players; disruptive to practices and other team events; brings disruption or disrepute to the team through misconduct or violations of law, College or System policy; or is otherwise contrary to the principles taught through athletic competition, such as reliability, diligence, commitment, teamwork and the willingness to take seriously the duty to represent the College honorably during competition. Each College may adopt a more specific definition of "conduct detrimental to the team" that furthers the educational purposes of athletic competition.

IX. Traffic Violations

A student violation of a rule governing a moving, parked or standing vehicle on property owned, operated or under the control of the MCCS shall be processed under this Code only if the sanction sought by a college is suspension or expulsion from college for that violation. In all other cases, a college shall provide a process that permits a student an informal opportunity to contest the alleged violation before a person designated by the college to hear such contests.

X. Definitions

The following terms have the following meanings when used in this Student Code of Conduct, unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Code" means this Student Code of Conduct; "College" means a college of the Maine Community College System; "College Activity" means an activity under the auspices of the College, including activities of students and student organizations; "College Community" means any person or organization that attends, performs services for, is employed by, visits or otherwise uses the College; "College Personnel" means any instructor, administrator, employee, committee or contractor of the College or System; "Course" means any class of instruction, regardless of credit, offered by the College; "President" means a College President; "Property" means the real and personal property controlled through ownership, rental, charter or other means by the System, College, State of Maine or a member of the College Community. "Property" includes written documents and computer programs, files and resources; "School Day" means a day that the College is open for instruction; "Student Organization" means an organization that acts or purports to act for a student in matters regarding the College; and "System" means the Maine Community College System.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

The following SMCC & Maine Community College System Policies can found on MySMCC and/or the SMCC public website, www.smccME.edu.

- Academic Safety
- Blood Borne Pathogens and Infectious Diseases
- Clery Act Campus Crime Alerts
- Clery Act Sexual Offense Procedures
- College Crime Reporting
- College Procedure for Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Affirmative Action Complaints
- Complying with Copyright Laws
- Computer and Network Use
- Copyright Law Compliance
- Criteria for Academic Credentials
- Definition of Program of Study and Units of Credit
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Drugs and Alcohol Brochure
- Filming and Photography on MCCS Property
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Free Speech and Orderly Operations
- Freedom of Access Act Compliance
- Infectious Diseases
- Information Practices
- Native American Tuition Waiver
- Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

- Notice of Risk to Personal Data
- Political Activities
- Public Order and Hazing
- Regulation of Student Organizations
- Residence Hall Safety
- Sexual Harassment Brochure
- Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault and Consensual Relations Policy
 - Smoking
- Social Media
- Special Conditions of Admission, Enrollment and Participation
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Debts, Student Emergency Loans andStudent Activity Funds
- Student Grade Appeals and Academic Misconduct
- Student Immunizations
- Student Issues Arising at Clinical Affiliates
- Student Travel for Certain Student Activities Approved by the College
- Transfer Policy
- Tuition, Fees, Charges, Waivers and Refunds
- Uniform FERPA Notice and Policy
- Use of Institutional Names, Logos and Other Marks
- Veterans' Dependents' Tuition Waiver

Campus Maps & Locations

SOUTH PORTLAND CAMPUS

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www.smccME.edu/southportland

SMCC's South Portland Campus overlooks beautiful Casco Bay, making it one of the most picturesque points on the Maine coast. The campus covers 80 acres and includes residence halls and dining accommodations among its 45 buildings, as well as athletic fields, beaches, a pier, historic military fortifications and the Spring Point lighthouse.

The Campus Center is the focal point of the South Portland Campus. It contains the offices of Admissions, Registration, Advising, TRIO Student Success Services, Disability Services and Career and Transfer Services. It also includes the SMCC Bookstore, SeaWolves Café and student lounges that serve as student gathering spots and a place where events are held throughout the year. The Campus Center's second floor contains the Learning Commons, which includes the Library, Language Center and the Writing Center.

MIDCOAST CAMPUS

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SMCC's Midcoast Campus in Brunswick offers state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories that support studies in business, nursing, liberal arts, sciences and more. Students have access to personalized services and a broad array of in-demand programs and courses. The L.L.Bean Learning Commons on the Midcoast Campus serves as a convenient one-stop shop for student services and support.

ONLINE CAMPUS

For more information visit www.smccME.edu/online

SMCC offers online and hybrid courses and online degrees in Liberal Studies and Business Administration. Our online courses are based on the same excellent standards that have been the cornerstone of SMCC for the past seven decades. In addition, you'll get the online support you need to ensure your success on the path to a better future.

SATELLITE LOCATIONS

For more information visit www.smccME.edu/satellites

BIDDEFORD

Classes held at Biddeford Regional Center of Technology 10 Maplewood Avenue Biddeford, ME 04005

BONNY EAGLE

Bonny Eagle Adult Education Classes held at Bonny Eagle High and Middle School 94 Main Street Buxton, ME 04093

CASCO/NAPLES

Lakes Region & Fryburg Area Adult Education Classes held at Lakes Region High School 1877 Roosevelt Trail Naples, ME 04055

GRAY/NEW GLOUCESTER Gray/New Gloucester Adult Education 10 Libby Hill Road New Gloucester, ME 04260

PORTLAND

Deering High School 370 Stevens Avenue Portland, ME 04103

Casco Bay High School 196 Allen Avenue Portland, ME 04103

SACOPEE VALLEY

Sacopee Valley Adult Education Classes held at Sacopee Valley Middle School 115 South Hiram Road Hiram, ME 04041

WINDHAM

Windham High School 406 Gray Road Windham, ME 04062

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Bangor Savings Bank Library
Biological Sciences
Health Sciences Maine Career Center The Landing Cafe Tutoring

Orion Hall Fitness Studio Residence Life Security
Student Activities University of Maine at Augusta's Brunswick Center

- Maine Advanced Technology & Engineering Center (MATEC) Physical Sciences
- Academic Building
 Hannaford Lecture Hall Maine Fire Service Institute

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