



**BELMONT
COLLEGE**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Belmont College expects students to respect the rights and privileges of others and to be responsible for self-conduct. The College's Board of Trustees has established a resolution pertaining to conduct, which is published in its entirety below as revised June 1991.

RESOLUTION 74-3 CODE OF CONDUCT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Belmont College is charged by law with the responsibility of making rules and regulations for the college and establishing policy governing the conduct of the members of the College community and visitors to the College (Specifically, Section 3345.21 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the Board of Trustees of each college or university which receives any state funds for its support shall adopt regulations for the conduct of the students, faculty, administrative staff, non-academic employees, and visitors); and

WHEREAS, the statute requiring the creation of these regulations clearly states that such regulations shall not restrict freedom of speech nor the right of persons on the campus to assemble peacefully (These regulations are not intended in any way to discourage or restrict freedom of speech, including criticism, expression of grievances, or petition for redress of wrongs, real or fancied, so long as rights of freedom of speech and assembly are exercised in a lawful and peaceful manner); and

WHEREAS, persons who violate these regulations may be ejected from College property and suspended or expelled from Belmont College, or liable to legal prosecution, as may be appropriate for any individual member of the College community or any visitor to the College (Any penalties assessed as a result of the violation of any of these regulations shall be imposed according to due process);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of its responsibilities, the mandate of the statute referred to above, and the principles stated, the Board of Trustees of Belmont College does declare that the practices enumerated below are unacceptable conduct for members of the College community and visitors to the College.

- .01 Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other College activities, including the College's public service functions, or of other authorized activities on College-owned or - controlled property.
- .02 Disorderly conduct and indecent or obscene conduct or expressions, especially on College property or at a College-registered function.
- .03 Physical abuse or detention of any person on College-owned or -controlled property, or on any College-sponsored or -supervised functions, or conduct which endangers the health or safety of any such persons.
- .04 Physical or verbal abuse of any person, or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any such persons.
- .05 Theft or damage to property of the College or of property of a member of the College community or the property of a visitor to the College.
- .06 Unauthorized entry to or use of College facilities, including both buildings and grounds.
- .07 Violation of College-established policies or regulations, including regulations in the College Catalog or Student Handbook, the Board Policy Manual, and other publications pertaining to student organizations, student-, faculty-, administrative staff-, non-academic employee-, and visitor-conduct.
- .08 Use, possession, or distribution of narcotic or illegal drugs on College-owned or -controlled property, except as expressly permitted by law.
- .09 Failure to comply with directions of College enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties, and to identify one's self to these officers when requested to do so.
- .10 Failure to comply with the direction of College officials acting in the performance of their duties.
- .11 Illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms, explosives, dangerous chemicals, or other weapons on College-owned or -controlled property. Firearms include compressed air guns, such as pellet or BB guns.
- .12 Disorderly conduct, breach of the peace, and aiding, abetting, or procuring another to breach the peace on Belmont College-owned or -controlled property, or at College-sponsored or -supervised functions.
- .13 Dishonesty (such as cheating, plagiarism, etc.) or knowingly furnishing false information to the College by forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, records, or identification.
- .14 Nonpayment of College fees within the appropriate period.
- .15 Discrimination against a person on the basis of race, color, creed, or nationality.
- .16 Unauthorized possession, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on College property.
- .17 Hazing any member of the College community. Hazing is defined as any act which causes, or is likely to cause, physical or mental harm, or which demeans or tends to demean a person.
- .18 The College reserves the right to re-evaluate students' status and to recommend disciplinary action for students charged with:
 - a) Violating a city, state, or federal law on College property; or
 - b) Violating any applicable Board or College policy.

The Dean of Student Services is responsible for initially responding to a violation of the Code of Conduct. The Dean has the responsibility and authority to exclude any student who is considered to be hindering the learning process.

Students have the right to appeal action taken by the College which they feel has not been equitable. The appeal process is delineated in the complete text of the dismissal resolution and is available in the College Learning Commons.