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Student Code of Conduct

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Barnard Community Standards

As members of the Barnard College community, it is our goal to uphold the past, present, and future integrity of the Institution and the community by adhering to the highest standards of honesty and respect.

We show our dedication to Barnard by respecting the shared experiences and varied needs of our community members. Recognizing the value of every individual, we commit ourselves to protecting the well-being of our community, its members, and its resources. We observe the standards and expectations of our community both within and beyond the gates. We pledge to do all that is in our power to follow these principles to create a spirit of integrity, respect, and responsibility that allows us to honor ourselves, one another and the Barnard College community.

~approved by Barnard Students, 2009

I. Barnard College Code of Conduct

A. General Principles

The Barnard College Code of Conduct (Student Code) is a guide for all members of the college community to the expectations regarding conduct within the community. The Student Code holds students of and visitors^[1] to the Barnard Community to a high standard of behavior, both to protect the campus community, and to promote consideration and respect for individuals of our community in support of the mission of the College. This document also includes descriptions of the individuals/ bodies charged with responding to alleged breaches of these regulations (specifically the Honor Board and Student Conduct Administrators), including the composition, responsibilities, and procedures.

The following rights and expectations apply to all Barnard students:

You have the right to freedom of inquiry, and you are expected to know and adhere to the Honor Code, the Student Code of Conduct, the Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment, and other College Policies.

You have the right to freedom of expression, and you are expected to exercise regard for the rights and sensitivities of others.

You have the right to freedom of discussion, and you are expected to engage in respectful discourse, accepting others' rights to diverse opinions.

The Grievance Procedures for Sex and Gender Based Misconduct provide additional rights for students reporting sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking^[2].

Within the framework established in the rules and regulations of this code, an individual is as free as possible to conduct their own academic and non-academic life making decisions in acceptance of responsibility should such choices violate these regulations.

B. Conduct Rules and Regulations

Students are required to engage in responsible social conduct that reflects credit upon the College community and to model good citizenship in any community. Any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following misconduct is subject to the disciplinary process and sanctions:

1. Violation of the Honor Code. See the Honor Code webpage for further details of policy and process.
2. Acts of dishonesty, not covered within the Honor Code, including but not limited to the following:
 - Furnishing false information to any College official, faculty member, or office.
 - Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any College document, record, or instrument of identification.
3. Conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
 - Physical abuse, threats, intimidation, and/or coercion.
 - Verbal abuse, intimidation, and/or coercion.
 - Written communication, whether hard copy or electronic means (including but not limited to texts, emails, other social media), that includes threats, intimidation, and/or coercion.
4. Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to property of the College, or property of a member of the College community, or other personal or public property, on or off campus.
5. Hazing, defined as any reckless or intentional act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group or organization. This may include the destruction or removal of public or private property, or any act that a reasonable

person would find demeaning, uncomfortable, embarrassing, humiliating or ridiculing. The expressed or implied consent of participants will not be an excuse. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts; they are violations of this policy.

6. Failure to comply with directions of College officials, Public Safety officers, or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.
7. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys to any College premises or unauthorized entry to or use of College premises.
8. Use or possession of marijuana, heroin, narcotics, or other controlled substances except as expressly permitted by law. Misuse of prescription medication. The use of synthetic substances or other items ingested for intoxication effect. Manufacturing or distribution of marijuana, heroin, narcotics, prescription medication, or other controlled substances.
9. Use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly permitted by College regulations), or public intoxication. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used, possessed by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age. See full College policy online at <http://barnard.edu/policy/aod> (<http://barnard.edu/policy/aod>)

The health, safety, and welfare of Barnard College students and our community are of primary concern. In addition to making healthy choices, students are encouraged not only to look out for their own health and safety but also for that of their peers. As such, all Barnard students are expected to enlist support from Barnard Public Safety/CU-EMS in the event of a medical emergency - specifically those involving extreme intoxication or other ill effects related to the use of alcohol or drugs. In a medical emergency, the student who receives medical assistance, the student who reported the medical emergency, others involved, or the group/organization that actively seeks assistance will not be subject to disciplinary action for use or possession of alcohol or other substances. See the Responsible Community Action Policy. (<https://barnard.edu/title-ix-equity/respond/RCAP>)

10. Illegal or unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on College premises or use of any such item, even if

legally possessed, in a manner that harms, threatens or causes fear to others.

11. Participating in an on-campus or off-campus demonstration, riot or activity that significantly disrupts the normal operations of the College and/or unreasonably infringes on the rights of other members of the College community; Impeding access/egress to buildings or infringing upon the rights of others to access normal activities within any campus building, area, or program. See also [maintenance of public order policy](#) ([/sites/default/files/inline-files/Rules%20for%20Maintenance%20of%20Public%20Order_2.pdf](#)).
12. Deliberate obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or other behavior that infringes upon public safety on College premises or at College sponsored or supervised functions. Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings; other College activities, including its public service functions on or off campus; or of other authorized non-College activities when the conduct occurs on College premises, such that others are deprived of access to such scheduled activities.
13. Exposing others to conduct that is disorderly, lewd, or indecent; breach of peace; or aiding, abetting, or coercing another person to breach the peace on College premises or at functions sponsored by, or participated in by, the College or members of the academic community.
14. Violation of the [Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment](#) (<https://barnard.edu/title-ix-equity/inform/policy-against-discrimination-and-harassment>). The Sex and Gender Based Misconduct [procedures](#) (<https://barnard.edu/title-ix-equity/respond/grievance-procedures>) are utilized to resolve such matters, including but not limited to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. The [Procedures](#) (<https://barnard.edu/title-ix-equity/respond/grievance-procedures/discrimination-harassment>) for Discrimination and Harassment are utilized to resolve other discrimination or harassment concerns that fall under the Policy. *These procedures may also be used to address alleged violations of additional policies occurring in conjunction with harassing or discriminatory conduct (e.g. damage to property, conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person, etc.).*

15. Violation of Residential Life and Housing Services Policies (<http://barnard.edu/reslife/policies>).
16. Violation of the College Posting Policy (</sites/default/files/inline-files/Posting%20Policy.pdf>).
17. Violation of any other College or University policy, rule, or regulation published in hard copy or available electronically on the College website.
18. Violation of federal, state, or local law.
19. Any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video record of any person while on College premises without his/her prior knowledge, or without his/her knowing and willing consent when such a recording is likely to cause injury or distress. This includes, but is not limited to, surreptitiously taking pictures of another person in a gym, locker room, or restroom; or creating social media communication or profiles using the name or likeness of another. In general, filming of audio or video on College premises, whether for academic or other purposes, must be approved in advance by the Barnard Office of Communications.
20. Theft or other abuse of computer facilities and resources, including but not limited to:
 - Unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification and/or password.
 - Unauthorized transfer of a file. Use of computing facilities and resources in violation of copyright laws.
 - Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member or College Official. Use that interferes with normal operation of the College computing system.
 - Use of computing facilities and resources to send obscene or abusive messages.
 - Any other violation of the College Computer Use Policy (<https://barnard.edu/bcit/policies/acceptable-use-policy>).
21. Abuse of the Student Conduct System, including but not limited to:
 - Failure to obey the notice from a Student Conduct Board, Administrator, or other College official to appear for a meeting or hearing as part of the Student Conduct System.

- Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a Student Conduct Board or College official. This includes providing a false report that leads to a conduct process or investigation.
- Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a Student Conduct Board proceeding.
- Retaliation or threatening (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a Conduct Board prior to, during, and/or after a Student Code of Conduct proceeding.
- Attempting to interfere with an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the student conduct system. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a Conduct Board prior to, and/or during the course of, the Conduct Board proceeding.

22. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the Student Code or Honor System.

II. Organization and Procedures of Student Conduct System

Established 2012; amended Aug. 2013; amended Aug. 2015; Aug. 2016

[1] Employees are expected to be familiar with community standards expectations as outlined in the Faculty and Employee handbooks.

[2] The Grievance Procedures for Sex and Gender Based Misconduct provide for a range of rights and procedures, in compliance with state and federal laws, when responding to report of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence & stalking.