



UNIVERSAL COURSE POLICIES AND INFORMATION-PHARMACY

As a student enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at South College, you have agreed to abide by the policies and procedures of the program and college. These policies include the Honor Code, Academic Progression, Professional Conduct Standards and Regulations as further defined in the SOP Code of Professional Conduct, Class Attendance, Class Conduct, Dress Code, Assessments, Grievances, and Use of Distributed Materials and Recorded Lectures. This document, **Universal Course Policies and Information-Pharmacy**, is an addition to the syllabus for each class. You are responsible for knowing and following the syllabus that includes the material that is covered in this document.

Information regarding requirements specific to the School of Pharmacy program, including program progression policies, are communicated via the School of Pharmacy (SOP) Student Handbook. Please refer to the SOP Student Handbook for the following policies:

- **ACADEMIC PROGRESSION**
- **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS**
- **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY GRIEVANCES PROCEDURES**
- **LECTURE RECORDING**

SOUTH COLLEGE ACADEMIC HONOR CODE

PURPOSE OF THE HONOR CODE

The primary purpose of the *South College Academic Honor Code* (the “Honor Code”) is to promote individual student honor and integrity in the best traditions of higher education. The Honor Code aims to ensure that students understand expectations and responsibilities and agree to conduct all academic activities in compliance with the principles set forth in the Honor Code.

APPLICATION OF THE HONOR CODE

The Honor Code applies, as may be applicable to the student, to the following:

1. Tests or examinations, including challenge examinations.
2. Oral, written, or practical reports that are a part of a student’s academic program.
3. Classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, or experiential activities.
4. Research activities.
5. Unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, illegal downloading, and unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials using the institution’s information technology system (applies to academic work).
6. Other activities not listed above that are a part of a South College academic, classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, experiential, or research activity and that will be used as the basis for awarding of a grade.

This Honor Code governs the academic affairs of all programs at South College. Individual programs may impose additional requirements and standards for a student's personal and/or professional responsibility and competency.

VIOLATIONS OF THE HONOR CODE

It is a violation of the Honor Code for a student to commit any of the following actions using any method, including but not limited to, talking, eye contact, gesturing, copying, and storing or transmitting of information by electronic technology.

1. Use, give, or receive or attempt to use, give, or receive any unauthorized aid using any medium, including electronic devices.
2. Plagiarize or infringe upon an intellectual property right.
3. Falsify data.
4. Collaborate with others in assigned activities outside of class when directed or instructed, either in writing or verbally, that individual effort is required.
5. Record or report fraudulent data relating to academic, classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, experiential, or research activities, willfully neglect responsibilities associated with such activities, or otherwise place at risk the interests of those offering and/or supervising the activity, or a patient, or a client.
6. Assist another student in committing a violation of the Honor Code.
7. Report another student for a violation of the Honor Code without information to support such a report.
8. Exit from and re-enter an examination room without authorization.
9. Steal, possess, misappropriate, share, or use or attempt to steal, possess, misappropriate, share, or use any examinations or other materials relating to an academic, classroom, laboratory, clinical, student teaching, experiential, or research activity unless authorized or provided by a faculty member.
10. Share files with peers without authorization (applies to academic work).
11. Download or distribute copyrighted materials using the institution's information technology system without authorization (applies to academic work).
12. Violation of program testing policies.
13. Engage in any other similar acts of dishonesty.

THE HONOR CODE PROCEDURE

To ensure that students are treated equitably, a faculty member witnessing or discovering a possible violation of the Honor Code shall carefully evaluate all available information in determining whether a violation has occurred. Upon determining that a violation has occurred, the faculty member shall impose penalties as provided in the following section. In addition, any member of the South College community may file, with the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta), a report of a violation of the Honor Code if he or she believes there is information to support such a report.

THE PENALTIES

Imposed by a Faculty Member:

A faculty member who determines that a student has violated the Honor Code will promptly consult with the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta), to ascertain whether the student has had a prior violation of the Honor Code. The faculty member and/or the Dean of Student Services/ Dean of Academic and Student Services, as applicable, may impose a penalty based on whether the violation is a first, second, or third offense as set forth below.

Imposed by the Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee:

The Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Atlanta & Nashville) will consult with the Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Academic Operations and then will promptly convene a hearing before the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee upon (1) a student submitting an appeal of a finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed by a faculty member and/or the Dean of Student Services/Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta) or (2) receiving a report of a violation of the Honor Code. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the “Disciplinary Procedures” set forth in the South College Student Handbook.

In the case of a student appeal, the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee may (1) deny the appeal and uphold the finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed; (2) deny the appeal as to the finding of violation of the Honor Code and modify the penalty imposed; or (3) grant the appeal and reverse the finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed. In the case of a report of a violation of the Honor Code, the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee will determine whether the student violated the Honor Code. Upon determining that the student violated the Honor Code, the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee may impose a penalty based on whether the violation is a first, second, or third offense as set forth below.

First Offense of Violation of the Honor Code: The student may be given a grade of “0” for the examination, assignment, or other activity with the possibility of an “F” for the course at the discretion of the faculty member, and in addition, may be placed on probation or suspended for a specified period by the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta). If in the opinion of the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta), the violation is of such a grave nature that a more severe punishment is warranted, the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta) may recommend to the Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Academic Operations that the student be dismissed.

Second Offense of Violation of the Honor Code: The student may be given a grade of “F” for the course, resulting in the student being required to retake the course at a later date, and in addition, may be placed on probation or suspended for a specified period by the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta). If the receipt of the “F” results in a student not being allowed to progress in the student’s academic program, the student will be immediately dismissed from the program and will be required to reapply for future reinstatement if eligible. The reinstatement is not guaranteed. If in the opinion of the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta), the violation is of such a grave nature that a more severe punishment is warranted, the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta) may recommend to the Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Academic Operations that the student be dismissed.

Third Offense of Violation of the Honor Code: The student will be dismissed from South College and may return only if allowed by the South College Academic and Conduct Appeals Committee following a hearing.

Appeal

In the event that an appeal is desired regarding a finding of violation of the Honor Code and penalty imposed, contact the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) at 865-293-4539; the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville) at 828-398-2566; the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Nashville) at 629-802-3000, or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Atlanta) at 404-748-1225.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY TRACKING TOOLS

In addition to the observations skills of our faculty and staff, South College also uses several electronic resources for tracking. The fact is that virtually no system used today is without tracking capabilities, and academic dishonesty is easier to spot now than ever.

Our Learning Management System Canvas continually keeps a log of the following:

1. Every log in to a Canvas site.
2. Every page visited.
3. Every time a test/quiz is taken, or an assignment submitted.
4. Every browser and operating system from which you visit.
5. Every message sent.
6. Times and IP addresses of each page view.
7. Performance over time in a given class.

Faculty members have tools at their disposal for checking the originality of work submitted against online databases, papers submitted in other classes, and the Internet.

These are just a few of the ways that incidents of academic dishonesty are identified at South College. With these available methods, it is very time consuming to try to evade detection – time better spent studying and submitting your own original work.

STUDENT CONDUCT STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

South College's Student Conduct Standards and Regulations are published in the *Student Handbook*. All students are expected to meet the standards and follow the regulations of the college. Any student found guilty of an infraction of any of the Student Conduct Standards and Regulations will be accorded due process as explained in the Disciplinary Procedures section of the *Student Handbook*. Specific standards and regulations, which many students have difficulty adhering to, are addressed below for emphasis.

Academic Participation

Regular and active class participation in learning activities is a hallmark of adult learning and the professional responsibility of every student. The programs, as well as individual courses, are arranged with learning experiences in a sequential manner to ensure understanding of new information, knowledge, and skills and integration with previously introduced material. In addition, the collaborative learning activities used in virtually all courses requires regular interaction between and among students and faculty. Students should refer to specific course syllabus for information on specific pathway (hybrid/online vs on- ground) requirements.

Campus and Class Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and responsible manner at all times, creating an environment that embraces the values of South College.

Any conduct that is deemed unprofessional is prohibited and should be reported immediately to the Dean of Student Services (Knoxville) or the Dean of Academic and Student Services (Asheville, Nashville, or Atlanta). Although not all-inclusive, the following are examples of unprofessional conduct:

- Using inappropriate and/or profanity or displaying offensive hand signals.
- Ignoring or disrespecting an instructor or an administrator.
- Disregarding the directions given by an instructor or an administrator.
- Writing inappropriate language or expressions that are viewed as offensive to the prevalent standards of the college or its community.

- Other actions deemed inappropriate in a college setting.

Professional Zoom Etiquette

Students are to conduct themselves during a Zoom session as they would in an on-campus session. All cameras must be on. No backgrounds or filters are to be used. All program activities must be joined from a location that is conducive to learning, class participation, and does not disrupt others in attendance. Unprofessional Zoom behavior will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary policy.

Professional Email Etiquette

As a program, email is a primary form of communication within the program. Students are expected to respond to email communication within 24 hours of receipt if a response is necessary. All email communication must be conducted in a professional manner. Professional emails, regardless of the device they are sent from, should never resemble a text message, nor contain long, run-on sentences. The minimum standards of email professionalism include leading with a salutation; utilizing proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling; closing with your name; and ensuring each email is written with a tone of respect. Unprofessional emails will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary policy.

Smoking/Other Tobacco Use and E-Cigarettes

Smoking, chewing tobacco, dipping snuff or using E-Cigarettes are prohibited on any campus except in personal vehicles. The use of all tobacco products and any type of E-Cigarette (vapor) is not allowed in the buildings or on the campus grounds.

Food and Beverages

The eating and drinking of foods and beverages is prohibited in all college buildings except in the student centers. Receptacles for trash are provided in these areas. Food and drink cannot be consumed in the classrooms, labs, hallways, or libraries. Food and beverages with secured screw-on tops may be taken in these areas but must be kept out of sight (in back-packs, duffel bags, insulated lunch bags, purses, briefcases, and other appropriate carry-in bags). They may not be left on desktops, tabletops, counters, or any location including floors where they are visible. **Only water in an approved container is permitted in the classrooms.**

Social Media Policy

Students are expected to adhere to the same behavioral standards when using social media as they use when interacting with others in person. Social media are communication tools which, when used inappropriately, can damage reputations and cause harmful reactions. A student is in violation of this policy when he/she uses social media to slander, harass, demean, degrade, bully, discriminate, or threaten others and/or when postings are offensive to the prevalent standards of the college or its community. These postings include photographs, pictures, diagrams, drawings, video, video clips, films and other material which may be inflammatory or demeaning. If a student has been identified as having openly disparaged South College, or members of its community in a libelous or harassing manner in a public Internet forum – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. – or via phone usage, the student may face disciplinary action, comparable to if the offense occurred on campus.

Student Dress Code

I. Attire

The South College dress code is applicable to all students, day or evening, and is in effect at all times that the student is present on campus or virtually. This includes class times, laboratory hours, study days, final examinations, or visitation to the campus for other reasons. Students failing to adhere to the college dress code will be asked to leave campus and will be counted absent for any course time missed.

- A. Clothing worn by students should be neat, clean, and in good repair for the personal health and safety of students.
- B. Clothing that detracts from the learning process and/or is offensive to the campus environment must not be worn.
- C. Students shall *not* wear:
 - 1. Shorts, skorts, or skirts *more than* 3 inches above the knee.
 - 2. Spandex shorts or pants, *Underarmor*, or clothing made of similar materials.
 - 3. Clothing that is see-through, frayed or has holes.
 - 4. Shirts/tops that do not cover the midriff, back, shoulders, or chest.
 - 5. Shirts/tops that do not cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts.
 - 6. Jewelry that could be used as weapons (wallet chain, etc.).
 - 7. Extra-long belts or ones that hang loosely.
 - 8. In some courses, such as allied health courses and computer-related courses, students may be asked to remove jewelry as appropriate.
- D. Appropriate footwear is required at all times.

E. Undergarments should not be visible.

II. Attire for Off-Campus Student Services Activities

For off-campus activities such as Deans/Directors Excursions and student organization events, students are to remember that although they are not on-campus, they are representing the school and should dress appropriately for the activity.

III. Clinical Attire

Students assigned to college-sponsored worksites are expected to follow appropriate dress codes as outlined by their instructor and the worksite. Students should be aware that they represent South College and should dress in a professional manner.

COMPUTER / ONLINE LEARNING POLICIES

Computer Policy and Code of Ethics

Students shall abide by the **South College Computer Code of Ethics** (Acceptable Use Policy) available via the South College website. As described in detail in the code, computers cannot be used in any manner that violates any local, state, or federal laws or infringes copyright provisions as part of South College courses. The use of computers to violate the welfare, safety, or privacy of students, faculty, administration, or others is prohibited.

Students are responsible for any and all uses of their computer accounts. In particular, security passwords should be protected information, changed periodically to improve security, and not shared with other individuals.

In compliance with the United States Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Public Law 110-315 concerning the verification of student identity in distance learning, institutions must verify that the student registered for a course is the same student who participates in and completes the course requirements and receives academic credit. South College uses the following methods to ensure registered students are completing the assigned coursework:

1. Students use an individual secure login and password when accessing courses and completing coursework in the Learning Management System.
2. Tools such as ExamSoft, Tegrity, and TurnItIn Originality Check may be used to ensure integrity in the program. Additionally, faculty use pedagogical practices to verify student identity. Faculty will be alert for sudden changes in academic performance, writing styles, or odd online behaviors exhibited by the student.

Privacy Protection: South College protects the privacy of all student information used to verify student identity. This includes, but is not limited to, the student's security password and any personal identifying information used in the process of resetting passwords. Individual usernames and passwords are sensitive information and should be protected by the student.

South College Email

South College email addresses are required to communicate with your instructors and classmates and to log into all Canvas sites. All students are required to obtain, maintain, and daily check their official South College email address. Faculty, staff, and students use email and mailing lists to communicate important information. Some faculty may also use the email as an official mechanism to distribute handouts, reading lists, or other course materials. Other email addresses are not recognized.

ACADEMIC SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Professional counseling is also available to South College students and their families. These counselors are available 24/7 and can help with any issue, including anxiety, depression, stress, grief, life adjustments, substance abuse, and relationship conflict. If needed, students will be referred to a counselor located in their community where they will receive up to three, in-person sessions free of charge per issue. ComPsych has a large network of counselors throughout the United States, so all of our students (regardless of where they are) will have access to in-person counseling. Students may select counselors based on specialty, language, gender, or religious preferences. In addition to phone-based and in-person counseling, students also have access to ComPsych GuidanceResources which is a website that contains articles, podcast, videos, slideshows, and “ask the expert” personal responses to wellness questions.

Phone-based counselors: 844-268-5855

Website: guidanceresources.com (Web ID: SouthCollege)

Students requesting special services (including accommodations for disabilities) from the college should notify the Director of Student Affairs (Knoxville) at 865-293-4539 to schedule an initial meeting. Students will be asked to complete the *Registration Form for Disability Services* to disclose their specific limitations, request accommodations, and provide documentation from a health care professional of the need for accommodations. Students are encouraged to request accommodations and provide the required documentation at least one month prior to beginning classes for the first time to allow time for the request to be evaluated appropriately and for the accommodation to be arranged. Classroom accommodations are not retroactive and must be reestablished quarterly. South College does not discriminate based on disability and is committed to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

STUDENT SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER WEB LIBRARY

Self-help materials for both academic support and mental/emotional health issues are available to students 24/7 on the ***Student Portal*** under Student Services. Some topics include time management, note-taking, and stress management. These resources are not meant to be a substitute for professional help but can be excellent sources of information to help individuals with a variety of personal concerns or needs. Feel free to read through and/or download any of the materials you see. Additional resources can be found at guidanceresources.com.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) POLICY

As an academic institution, we value academic integrity and expect all students to adhere to the highest standards of ethical behavior. Artificial Intelligence (AI) language models, such as ChatGPT, have a wealth of knowledge and information that can be useful for academic assignments to provide helpful insights and suggestions, but students should not rely solely on these generated responses for their academic work. Artificial intelligence programs are not designed to replace critical thinking and research skills essential for academic work. Faculty members may use college-approved AI detection software to check for the use of AI programs in academic assignments.

Policy Statement: Course submission material generated by AI programs (e.g., ChatGPT) must be properly cited as a resource for any academic submission. The use of AI without proper source citation may be subject to academic penalties. Alleged violation of academic regulations shall be addressed under the Academic Honor Code published in the South College Student Handbook in accordance with legal regulations.

Examples of AI Misuse in an Academic Setting

AI programs may not be used:

1. as a substitute for independent research and critical thinking. While these programs may provide helpful insights and suggestions, students should not rely solely on these generated responses for their academic work.

2. for assignments that require original ideas or analysis. Students are expected to use their own creativity and analytical skills to produce unique and original work.
3. for assignments that require ethical or moral reasoning. It is important to understand that AI programs are not capable of making moral or ethical decisions.
4. for assignments that require interaction with human subjects. Artificial Intelligence is not a substitute for human interaction and cannot provide insights into human behavior or emotions.