Authority of Instructors

Gavilan College instructors have full authority in their classrooms. Every student is expected to attend classes and to satisfy the instructor that the work of the course is being performed in a systematic manner.

Students whose classroom behavior is inappropriate may be removed from the class for the day of the removal and the next class meeting (See Student Discipline Procedures on page 13 of this catalog.) Any student who refuses to leave a classroom when requested to do so by the instructor or an administrator of the college is subject to disciplinary action.

Students who feel that an instructor's authority has been misused may seek due process by initiating the Student's Problem Resolution Process.

Academic Honesty

Reference: Education Code Section 66300, AP5500

Academic honesty depends upon the integrity of the students and faculty. The College itself is defrauded if faculty and/or students knowingly or unwittingly allow dishonest acts to be rewarded academically. It is the faculty's responsibility to make every reasonable effort to foster honest academic conduct. If the faculty member believes that there is evidence of academic dishonesty on the part of a student it is the faculty member's responsibility to take appropriate action in accordance with these procedures.

Students at Gavilan College have the right to know what constitutes academic honesty at the college and in each course in which they are enrolled.

- Faculty members will apprise their classes of the ethical standards required in their courses and the permissible procedures in class work and examinations.
- A statement referring to this policy as a reference for the class will be presented in the course outline (green sheet)* and/or on the individual examinations.
- Students will be informed of the consequences of violating these standards, their rights of appeal, and the procedures to be followed in the appeal.

ACADEMIC HONESTY PROCEDURES Reference: BP 5500

The purpose of this procedure is to expand, clarify, and set forth clear levels of authority and disciplinary protocols in response to violations of the Standards of Student Conduct, specifically as it relates to academic honesty. These procedures guarantee the student or students involved the due process rights extended to them by state and federal constitutional protections. The procedures will be used in a fair and equitable manner, and not for purposes of retaliation.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty: The act of deliberately exhibiting a set of unacceptable behaviors that defy ethical and scholarship standards. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Purposely allowing another student to copy from another student during a test.
- Giving homework, term paper or other academic work to another student to plagiarize.
- Having another persons work submitted in another's name.

Posted Policy

Reference: AP 5550

Students shall be provided with bulletin boards for use in posting student materials at campus locations convenient for student use. All materials displayed on a bulletin board shall clearly indicate the author or agency responsible for its production and shall be dated with the date of posting by the Office of the Vice President of Student Services, ASB advisor or designee. Materials displayed shall be removed after the passage of ten (10) days.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault can happen to anyone, anywhere and at anytime. Gavilan College is committed to providing a safe environment for students and staff. Reports of sexual misconduct will be thoroughly investigated and the victim informed of the outcome. If you, or someone you know, have been the victim of sexual assault, notify Campus Security at (408) 710-7490. Confidential counseling is available on campus through Counseling at 848-4723 or Student Health Services at 848-4791. Off campus confidential counseling is available at Community Solutions crisis line: 1-877-363-7238.

Smoke-Free Buildings

Reference: Education Code BP 6500

Smoking is permitted only in designated areas. Smoking is prohibited inside all buildings. Smoking is also prohibited in all college-owned vehicles. Tobacco products shall not be sold on campus either through vending machines or campus establishments. Implementation of the campus smoke-free environment policy will be the responsibility of every student, faculty member, staff person and visitor on campus.

Transcripts

Transcripts of a student's permanent academic record are released only with written authorization of the student. Telephone and email requests are not accepted. The first two copies are free. Additional copies may be ordered for a fee.

Vocational English Skills

Limited English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in vocational education programs.

Withholding Records for Non-Payment of Financial Obligations

Gavilan College may withhold grades, transcripts, diplomas, registration privileges, or any combination thereof, from any student or former student who has been provided with written notice that he or she has failed to pay a proper financial obligation due to the college (e.g., returned checks, book loan payments, outstanding library books, etc.). Any item or items withheld shall be released when the student satisfactorily meets the financial obligation.