Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Academic Standards Handbook
**Gavilan College Mission**
Gavilan College cultivates learning and personal growth in students of all backgrounds and abilities through innovative practices in both traditional and emerging learning environments; transfer pathways, career and technical education, developmental education, and support services prepare students for success in a dynamic and multicultural world.

**Gavilan College Philosophy**
Gavilan College is committed to educational excellence. The college aspires to be an exemplary, student-centered community college through leadership, planning, and a commitment to ongoing improvement. Its services and programs are designed to instill the values of critical thinking, life-long learning, cultural understanding, and community service. Gavilan's quality of service to students is closely bound to the quality of the college staff.

Gavilan College strives to accomplish its mission with creativity and innovation and with a proactive, accessible and sensitive presence in the diverse communities it serves. The college is dedicated to fulfill its mission with compassion, caring and understanding and holds, in high regard, the respect and worth of all individuals.

**Gavilan College Purpose**
Gavilan College offers a wide range of services, including programs of community education, study in the liberal arts and sciences, and study in the pre-professional, business, vocational, and technical fields. To support student success, we offer services that strengthen and augment the learning environment. Courses and programs of study are offered days, evenings, weekends, and online. All offerings are designed to assist students in meeting their educational and life goals.

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Welcome to the Gavilan College Student Community!

We are so happy to have you join us at Gavilan.

What makes us special? We like to think it’s the personal touch we offer our students. We are a staff that loves our community and our college, and we want to connect with our students like we would our neighbors and friends.

We also want your college experience to be positive, and take the mystery out of figuring out where you want to go in your education and life. We have both Student and Instructional services designated to help and empower you to achieve your goals. We hope you aren’t shy about asking for help and advice, and letting us know how we can improve our services so you thrive while you are here.

At Gavilan, we want to provide you with an environment that nourishes your self-awareness, your dreams and success. We also want you to know your rights as students and the due process system that has been established when problems arise when you are here. We hope this Handbook is a helpful resource.

We encourage you to take advantage of the support services, student clubs and government, employment opportunities, and other additional experiences that can enhance your time here at Gavilan. We believe in you and we’re here to help.

Thank you for choosing Gavilan.

Kathleen Moberg
Vice President of Student Services

Spanish translations of Gavilan College policies and procedures are available in the College Catalog and online at www.gavilan.edu/catalog.

Las reglas y los procedimientos de Gavilan College se encuentran en Español en el catálogo de Gavilan College y en la página de internet www.gavilan.edu/catalog.