

Excerpts from the Southern California University of Health Sciences Policy Manual.

The complete SCUHS Policy Manual is available in the Seabury Learning Resource Center for review.

6.5.1 Student Code of Ethics

6.5.1.1 Introduction

SCUHS is committed to providing a campus that is safe and secure, and that allows students to develop as professional individuals and responsible citizens. Students are expected to behave in ways that are respectful of the rights of all members of the SCUHS community to learn, work, practice and teach. The Student Code of Ethics is meant to address any student behaviors that disrupt or detract from the goals of the University.

Students are expected to maintain themselves at all times in a manner befitting a professional institution. Unprofessional conduct at the University will not be tolerated. Students should realize that their enrollment at SCUHS is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it obligations with regard to conduct, not only inside but also outside the classrooms. In addition, students are subject to the laws governing the community, as well as the rules and regulations of the University.

Students are also expected to observe the standards of professional conduct, dress, and appearance approved by the University and the profession. Personal conduct and appearance are outward expressions of character. The right to exclude students whose behavior or appearance is undesirable, unprofessional or prejudicial to the University's interest is a right reserved by SCUHS.

A student may be expelled for unsatisfactory conduct, academic dishonesty, or for any other cause if the student's conduct is considered to be prejudicial to the interest of the University or the integrative health care professions through the University's Student Judicial Process. In addition, students may be subject to arrest by local, state or federal agencies for such violations.

6.5.1.2 Academic Dishonesty

As outlined in the University's Academic Integrity Code, academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to lying, cheating or plagiarism, embezzling, defrauding or using false pretenses to procure property or services; knowingly purchasing or possessing stolen or embezzled property, money or services; forgery, alteration or misuse of any SCUHS instrument of identification, document or record; or furnishing false information to any SCUHS official.

6.5.1.4 Complicity

A student shall not, through act or omission, assist another student, individual, or group in committing or attempting to commit a violation of this Code of Ethics or any other written University policy. A student who has knowledge of another committing or attempting to commit a violation of the Code of Ethics is required to remove him or herself from the situation, and

failure to do so when reasonable under the circumstances may be the basis for a violation of this policy.

6.5.1.5 Disrespectful Behavior

Disrespect shown by any student to an SCUHS official or to any member of the SCUHS community is inappropriate. Discriminatory, derogatory or rude behavior or remarks, in verbal, written or electronic form, will not be tolerated.

6.5.1.6 Disruptive Behavior

Disruptive behavior or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, clinical or other SCUHS activities distracts others from the educational focus necessary at a University. The following list, while not exhaustive, provides examples of typical disruptive behaviors:

1. Lewd, disorderly or indecent;
2. Breaching the peace on campus or aiding, abetting or procuring another person to breach the peace on SCUHS premises or at functions sponsored by, or participated in by the University;
3. Displaying conduct or behavior which disrupts the regular operations of classes, library, laboratories, clinic operations, or the residential or administrative community;
4. Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research or the operation or administration of any University program, including its public services functions on or off campus or online;
5. Disrupting University events or activities;
6. Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on University premises or at sponsored or supervised functions;
7. Obstructing access to any University building or any portion of the University facilities;
8. Inciting to action or participating in unauthorized activities resulting in destruction or damage of property;
9. Infringement upon the rights of others or actions that prejudice the maintenance of public order;
10. Climbing or scaling the exterior of any University building;
11. Exhibiting nudity, either publicly or during the course of treatment or education, or other inappropriate sexual related conduct.

6.5.1.14 Professionalism

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, both inside and outside of the classroom. Professionalism may be assessed by instructors and SCUHS officials, but may not count towards the course grade. Professionalism includes, but is not limited to, adherence to Academic Integrity Code, engaging in respectful communication with faculty, peers and staff, and being considerate of the needs of others. Students can also expect professional behavior of faculty and staff at SCUHS.

6.5.1.23 Violence and Weapons

The University is committed to providing an educational environment that is free from acts of violence or threats of violence. In keeping with this commitment, the University has established a policy that provides "zero tolerance" for actual or threatened violence against students, employees, patients, visitors, or any other persons who are either on our premises or have contact with students in the course of their education. Security and safety of the University is every

student's responsibility. It is therefore essential that every student understand the importance of safety and security.

Compliance with this anti-violence policy is mandatory and a condition of attendance at SCUHS, which will be evaluated, together with other aspects of a student's academic experience. Due to the importance of this policy, students who violate any of its terms, who engage in or contribute to violent behavior, or who threaten others with violence will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate expulsion. The University will support criminal prosecution of those who threaten or commit violence against its students, employees, patients, and visitors within its facilities, programs and activities.

Every verbal or physical threat of violence must be treated seriously and reported immediately to the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, the Director of Student Affairs, or Campus Safety. The University will promptly and thoroughly investigate all reports of threats or actual violence by consulting with the appropriate resources and witnesses. In situations where a student becomes aware of imminent acts of violence, a threat of imminent violence or actual violence, emergency assistance must be sought immediately. In such situations, students should immediately contact the Campus Safety office at extension 333 and, if appropriate, contact law enforcement authorities by dialing 911.