

**SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SCP-4151**

SUBJECT: Academic Standards and Expectations of Students

REFERENCE: None

ORIGINATION: June 9, 1987

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 1987

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SECTION 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To establish standards and expectations of students regarding their responsibility relating to course work, degree and certificate requirements; satisfactory academic progress; and program completion.

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 Applies to all students.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 *Student* – Any person who has been admitted to Southern to pursue a course of study, research, or service, who is currently engaged in an institutionally sponsored activity, who has some right or privilege to be on the campus or in the facilities of the institution, or to use the same in connection with study, research, or service or who yet has some right or privilege to receive some benefit or recognition or certification from the institution, under the rules, regulations, or policies of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, or the institution.

SECTION 4. POLICY

- 4.1 The following College Catalog entries relate to student academic standards and expectations and shall be regarded as policy until such time as they are superceded by policies subsequently considered and approved:
- 4.1.1 General Admissions
 - 4.1.2 Admissions Requirements for Allied Health or Nursing Associate Degree Programs
 - 4.1.3 Entrance Assessment
 - 4.1.4 Assessment Expectations for Students
 - 4.1.5 Academic Standing Policy
 - 4.1.6 Academic Dishonesty Policy
 - 4.1.7 Graduation Statement
 - 4.1.8 Academic Expectations of Students
- 4.2 To the extent any conflict is determined to exist between the existing policies identified in this policy and the published description of institution policy and procedure, as contained in the College Catalog, or subsequent revisions thereto, the policies and procedures embraced in the existing policies shall prevail, except under

circumstances where the observance of existing policy would be patently unfair to a student.

SECTION 5. BACKGROUND OR EXCLUSIONS

5.1 None.

SECTION 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1 None.

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

7.1 The student, by voluntarily accepting admission to the institution, accepts the academic requirements and all criteria of the institution. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill course work/degree or certificate requirements and to know and meet criteria for satisfactory academic progress and completion of his/her program.

7.2 Once the individual becomes a "student," he/she is expected:

7.2.1 To be willing to seek instruction for self-assessment and preparedness in the following skills:

7.2.1.1 Reading and Writing

7.2.1.2 Math and Science

7.2.1.3 Study and Testing

7.2.2 To know and meet each instructor's subject criteria by:

7.2.2.1 Following directives,

7.2.2.2 Reading materials, and

7.2.2.3 Completing required assignments.

7.2.3 To behave in a mature and responsible way – not in a distractive or disruptive fashion – while present in all academic settings (classes, labs, clinics, and/or related activities).

7.2.4 To strive for continuous academic progress by:

7.2.4.1 Improving the quality of work, and

7.2.4.2 Monitoring grade averages.

7.2.5 To continue monitoring program requirements by:

7.2.5.1 Checking one's status, and

7.2.5.2 Checking one's program requirements for possible changes.

7.2.6 To be aware of, and formulate as quickly as possible, personal and/or professional goals by:

7.2.6.1 Comparing personal qualifications with the requirements for a desired job,

7.2.6.2 Monitoring transfer requirements and own status, and

7.2.6.3 Reviewing goals for personal satisfaction.

7.2.7 To be aware of College policies pertaining to student rights and responsibilities by:

7.2.7.1 Understanding College related materials (catalog, notices, and/or general information), and

7.2.7.2 Clarification from personnel employed by the College.

7.2.8 To seek help from College personnel for assistance when faced with a problem.

SECTION 8. CANCELLATION

8.1 SCP-3705, *Student Academic Rights*.

SECTION 9. REVIEW STATEMENT

9.1 This policy shall be reviewed on a regular basis with a time frame for review to be determined by the President or the President’s designee. Upon such review, the President or President’s designee may recommend to the Board that the policy be amended or repealed.

SECTION 10. SIGNATURES

Board of Governors Chair **Date**

President **Date**

Attachments: None.

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Revision Notes: September 23, 2010 – Changed terms to match 2010-2011 College Catalog and made basic edit to make the policy more concise. February 21, 2006 – Incorporated relevant information from SCP-3705, *Student Academic Rights*, into SCP-4151 and revised this policy to meet the needs of the institution and its students. (Board of Governors cancelled SCP-3705 4/18/2006).