

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Lynchburg College expects every member of the campus community to share in its historic commitment to academic honesty, personal integrity, and behavioral maturity. The College is committed to the formal, in-class education of its students as well as to their growth into mature men and women who conduct themselves as responsible citizens.

The uniqueness of the academic community requires particular sensitivity to the individual rights of students and the rights of the College community as a whole. Rules and regulations are designed to maintain orderly conduct and an environment conducive to study, recreation, and personal growth. For a list of student rights and additional information on student responsibilities, see *The Hornet*, the annually updated student handbook.

Lynchburg College Honor and Student Conduct Codes and Regulations

Standards of student conduct address three major areas of integrity. The Honor Code includes academic as well as personal integrity, and it addresses respect for the rights of the College and the people within the community. These standards of conduct are intended to encourage honesty in academic achievement, to facilitate personal growth and development, and to create sound living and learning conditions for all members of the campus community.

In accepting enrollment at Lynchburg College, each student agrees to become aware of and to abide by all policies and procedures of the College. In addition to controlling their own behavior, students are expected to do their utmost to help maintain a high level of conduct among fellow students. College policies are set forth in writing to give students general notice of prohibited conduct; they are not designed to define misconduct in exhaustive terms—they should be read broadly.

When a violation of College policy is believed to have occurred, appropriate College officials or members of the student judicial board investigate the alleged infraction. If confirmed, the violation results in educational sanctions intended to facilitate the positive growth and development of those involved. See *The Hornet* for the full text of the Lynchburg College Honor and Student Conduct Codes and Regulations.

Student Records: Practices, Rights, and Privacy

Lynchburg College annually informs students about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). This Act, with which the institution complies fully, was designated to protect the privacy of education records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Students also have the right to file complaints with The Family Policy

Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the Act.

A student's permanent record consists of his/her Lynchburg College academic record transcript. These permanent course and grade records, whether paper or electronic, are kept in perpetuity and are safeguarded in fireproof cabinets or vaults. Temporary records are the supportive records of an applicant's or enrolled student's progress that are kept in various offices whose functions dictate the record retention and disposal schedule.

Information contained in student records is maintained primarily for educational purposes and is for the use of faculty and staff within the College who have a legitimate need for information. Except for information sent to parents or guardians of dependent students, information is not released outside the College without the written request or consent of the student, except as noted below and as might be required by law. The physical examination and health history record and other pertinent medical information submitted directly to the Student Health Service and maintained there are not available to any non-medical personnel.

Directory-type information such as name; campus, off-campus, e-mail, and permanent addresses; telephone numbers; names and addresses of parents and guardians; dates of attendance; full-time or part-time status; years in college; institutions previously attended; degrees and major fields of study; awards and honors; anticipated graduation dates; past and present participation in officially recognized sports and activities; physical description; photographic or videotaped image; and date and place of birth may be released without consent to those who have a reasonable and legitimate need for the information. Students who wish to prevent disclosure of directory information to persons other than parents or guardians outside the College may do so by completing the proper form at the Office of the Registrar.

Students may inspect certain portions of their education records within a reasonable time of presenting a request. Records not available for inspection by students include student health, employment, or alumni records; financial information submitted by parents; and confidential letters and recommendations associated with admission, employment or job placement, or honors for which the right of inspection and review have been waived.

Students who believe that their education records contain information that is inaccurate or misleading or is otherwise in violation of their privacy or other rights may discuss this with the Office of the Registrar for academic records or the Office of the Dean of Students for other education records. When records are not amended as requested following such discussion, appeal may be made to other administrative offices of the College.

Those needing further additional information or those wishing to complete forms to exercise any of the options outlined above, may contact the Office of the Registrar concerning academic records or the Office of the Dean of Students concerning other education records.

Drug Free Environment Statement

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act amendments of 1989, Public Law 101-226, require that higher education institutions adopt and implement a program to prevent unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees of the institution. This legislation calls for the publication of:

1. standards of conduct that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol by students and employees on College property or as part of any College activity;
2. a description of applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law;
3. a description of health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol;
4. a description of available drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs; and
5. a clear statement of the disciplinary sanctions the College will impose on students and employees for violation of the College's applicable standards of conduct with respect to the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol.

Lynchburg College complies with this legislation and supports all the provisions included in the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Specific information and relevant policies regarding prevention of the use of illicit drugs and the misuse of alcohol are included in the student handbook, *The Hornet*.

Motor Vehicles

Nonresident (commuting) freshmen and all sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible to register their motor vehicles for use on campus.

All motor vehicles parked or driven on campus at any time by any student must be insured, have a valid license and inspection, and bear a valid LC parking decal. Decals may be obtained during check-in periods at the beginning of the fall semester and at all other times at the Information Desk located on the first floor of Hall Campus Center. Students must present a current state registration, operator's license, and proof of insurance at the time of registration. The annual registration fee is \$30 through the first week of each semester and \$40 thereafter.

Any resident freshman desiring special permission to park on campus must receive approval from the coordinator of campus safety and security. A letter of need from a parent, guardian, employer, or doctor must accompany the request. This is required each semester for which special permission parking privileges are requested.

All operators of motor vehicles are subject to campus traffic regulations. See the Lynchburg College Student Traffic Code available in *The Hornet*.