

ONLINE CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

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Northwest Mississippi Community College is committed to providing an educational environment that is conducive to learning for all students. Students play a critical role in creating an environment in which learning can take place. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to address student behavior within the online classroom.

1. All communication must be conducted in a manner that is appropriate to the academic classroom. This includes any student-instructor interaction as well as any student-student interaction within Canvas or through NWCC email. For example, using **insulting or threatening language, demanding grade changes or extra time on assignments, or otherwise communicating in a manner that is not appropriate is not acceptable. If the instructor determines that a student's communication with another student or with the instructor is inappropriate, a warning will be issued. If the behavior continues, the instructor has the right to file a Virtual Incident report to the Dean of eLearning requesting that the student be removed from the course with a final grade of F.**
2. All students must respect other people's rights, opinions, and beliefs even though they may be different from their own. It must be understood by each student that his/her rights end where other individual's rights begin. **For example, when participating in class discussion, students should write with an awareness of a broad and diverse audience and take care to communicate respectfully with one another, avoiding insulting or biased language and asserting a stance of certainty when discussing a debatable issue.**
3. No manner of personal presentation via Canvas profile image or other image will be allowed which disrupts the normal educational process. A student may replace the default profile image only with a comparable image of himself or herself that is appropriate to the learning environment. **Canvas is a learning management system, not a social media platform.**
4. All dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly providing false information, either in oral or written form, is prohibited **and may result in removal from a course.**
5. Language which is appropriate to the classroom is expected of all students.
6. All students must do their own work, except where instructors state that group work is permissible.
7. Students must conform to the Code of Student Conduct as described in the Student **Guide and Bulletin (available through the NWCC website).**

Statement of Authority: The instructor has the right to remove from the class any student whose behavior violates the code of student conduct. The instructor has the authority to determine which behaviors are disruptive. A student who is removed from the class must contact the eLearning Office. Potential penalties may range from warnings to temporary or permanent removal from the course or being banned from taking any future online courses.

The Virtual Incident Report will be filled out by the Instructor and sent electronically along with supporting documents to the eLearning Coordinator and Dean of eLearning.