

REGULATIONS FOR PROPER STUDENT CONDUCT

The following regulations comply with the stated mission of the College to “furnish to all persons who wish . . . a scientific or theological education and to combine with this, such moral, social, and artistic instruction and culture as will best develop the minds and improve the hearts of the students.” The College considers itself a trustee of modern man’s intellectual and spiritual inheritance from the Judeo-Christian faith and Greco-Roman culture, a heritage finding its clearest expression in the American experiment of self-government under law.” The relationship between College and student requires a clear expression of the position of the College in certain areas. The College will follow the Procedure for Student Discipline for any of the following offenses. Violations will result in disciplinary actions up to and including suspension or expulsion.

1. Dishonesty. This includes all offenses covered in the Policy on Academic Honesty as well as the furnishing of false information to the College, forgery, alteration or misuse of official documents, records or identification.
2. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures or other College activities, including its public service functions, or of other authorized activities on College premises. This includes interference or failure to comply with the faculty, staff, administrators, or their designees, e.g. house directors, resident assistants, parking enforcement and security personnel from carrying out their duties.
3. Physical or verbal abuse of any person on College-owned or -controlled property, at College-sponsored or -supervised functions, or at off-campus locations; sexual or non-sexual assault, harassment, or hazing; or conduct that threatens or endangers the health, safety or overall well-being of any such person, barring no one.
4. Theft of, damage to, or misuse of property of the College or of a member of the College community or campus visitor. Possession of stolen property, including also intellectual property, i.e. course work, as covered in the Policy on Academic Honor.
5. Violation of College policies or of campus regulations concerning the registration of student organizations, the use of College facilities, or the time, place, and manner of public expression. College facilities are authorized for use only by student organizations acknowledged by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and listed by the Student Federation as official Hillsdale College student organizations.
6. Behavior that—on the part of individuals or student organizations—violates the bounds of common decency and civility or the high moral standards entailed in the College Mission, or that disrupts the climate of academic reflection and discourse proper to serious study.
7. Unauthorized entry to or use of College facilities, including College logo; this includes students who illegally attend a College-sponsored or College-supervised function.
8. Disorderly, lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression, including the inordinate display of affection. This extends to movies and other entertainment shown on campus or sponsored by student organizations. There is significant latitude in understanding this requisite decency, especially in light of thematic or aesthetic criteria. Nevertheless, the College has the responsibility to avoid sponsoring pornographic or otherwise dehumanizing films.
9. Improper, offensive, abusive, disparaging, threatening, lewd, indecent, pornographic, or obscene conduct, communication or material on an online social network or third-party Web site, cell phone, email, Twitter, Facebook, blog or other social media.
10. Use of bullhorns, loud speakers, radio or any other type of audio equipment to encourage assembly for purposes of demonstrations, riots, destruction of property or any other unauthorized use of College property. The flying of drones or other such devices (with or without recording capabilities) are prohibited on campus-owned properties, without explicit permission from the College.
11. Use, possession, distribution or being in the presence of any amount of a controlled substance (drugs and/or drug paraphernalia: water pipes, bongs, etc.), except as permitted by law. Parents will be notified in all instances.
12. Violation of the Michigan State Law requiring persons to be 21 years of age before consuming alcohol; illegal or unauthorized possession and/or consumption of alcohol, being in the presence of, or having containers formerly or presently holding alcoholic beverages found within campus residences. This applies to Greek houses as defined by their national regulations and alumni governing groups, and in honorary housing as well. Students should be familiar with the Hillsdale College Social Policy and the state laws of Michigan.
13. Illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms, knives, explosives, fireworks, dangerous chemicals and/or other weapons;

this includes items such as pellet guns, BB guns, paint guns, airsoft guns, bows and arrows, etc.

14. Violation of rules governing College-owned or College-controlled residences (See Residence Hall Guidelines and guidelines for specific Greek residences).
15. Violation of social policies, residence hall policies, off-campus housing policies, vehicle and parking policies, information technology acceptable use policy, and academic honor policy.
16. Conduct that adversely affects a student's ability, or a fellow student's ability, to participate as a member of the academic community.
17. Failure or refusal to cooperate in any College investigation; this includes any obstruction or attempted obstruction of an investigation, as well as interfering with the College's right to search property it owns or property under its auspices.

Hillsdale College reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any student who has matriculated to Hillsdale College who has been cited, arrested and/or convicted of violating local, state or federal law. Probation, suspension or expulsion may be applied.

Failure to uphold the Hillsdale College Honor Code and the policies, procedures, regulations and guidelines set forth by the College may result in disciplinary action ranging from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of expulsion. Many times, the severity of the consequence will be at a level between the minimum and maximum, and the deans reserve the right to issue fines, community service, counseling, social probation, etc., as deemed appropriate. In all cases, an incident report will be filed in the deans' offices.

In order for a student to be approved for graduation and to receive a Hillsdale College degree, he/she must resolve any outstanding charges of misconduct and must have complied with the terms of any penalties imposed as a result of misconduct. This applies to summer school students as well. Hillsdale College does not guarantee the award of a degree. The awarding of a degree is conditioned upon compliance with College regulations as well as meeting the expectations of the faculty. Therefore, grades, transcripts and diplomas may be withheld until all outstanding questions are resolved.

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