

F.6.2 (Policy) Student Responsibility for Success

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As members of the Alamo Colleges learning community, students, faculty, staff and administrators all share the responsibility to create an atmosphere where knowledge, integrity, truth, and academic honesty are valued and expected. A clear acknowledgment of the mutual obligations of all members of the academic community emphasizes this implicit partnership in fostering the conditions necessary for student success.

In this relationship, the Alamo Colleges provides institutional policies, procedures, and opportunities to facilitate student learning that encourage interaction, involvement and responsible participation. Inherent in the academic climate is the expectation that students will assume responsibility for contributing to their own development and learning. Academic success is directly tied to the effort students put into their studies, the degree to which they interact with faculty and peers, and the extent to which students integrate into the campus life.

Expectations and Student Responsibilities

I. Engagement

1. Create connections and build relationships with faculty, staff and students (visit during office hours, join clubs and organizations, participate in student activities, etc.);
2. Stay informed of policies, procedures, deadlines and events for academic and co-curricular activities;
3. Complete all requirements for admission, registration, and payment by deadlines;
4. Apply for financial assistance, if needed, complying with all federal, state and local regulations and procedures;
5. Meet all federal, state and local health care regulations.

II. Communication

1. Seek guidance from faculty, advisors or counselors for questions and concerns in regards to degree plans, major selection, academic status, grades, and issues impacting college success;
2. Develop a peer support system to identify student contacts for questions, group assignments, etc. regarding academic and co-curricular activities;
3. Communicate with College personnel promptly regarding academic or co-curricular concerns and assistance requests;
4. Carefully consider the information provided by College personnel and make decisions using that information;
5. Check the Alamo Colleges' *Web Services* regularly for emails, holds, student records, financial aid status and announcements;
6. Submit disability documentation if seeking services and request academic accommodations in advance of each semester.

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III. Academic Success

1. Complete courses with passing grades and maintain in good academic standing (2.0 GPA) status;
2. Read and follow all syllabi;
3. Purchase textbooks and required supplies in a timely manner;
4. Attend classes regularly and on time, with as few absences, late arrivals, and early exits as possible;
5. Arrive to class with all needed materials and completed assignments for that class period;
6. Be attentive in class and actively participate as appropriate;
7. Devote sufficient time for studying;
8. Ensure integrity in all aspects of academic and career development;
9. Accurately represent one's own work and that of others used in creating academic assignments. Use information ethically and exercise appropriate caution to avoid plagiarism on all assignments;
10. Notify faculty in advance or as soon as possible about absences and provide documentation as appropriate;
11. Consult faculty members in advance when unable to complete projects, assignments, or take examinations as scheduled.

IV. Self-Responsibility and Responsibility to Others

1. Maintain accurate and complete degree/certificate major selection and contact information including name, address, phone number and emergency contact;
2. Balance personal obligations and educational pursuits. Work with a counselor / advisor to design a realistic schedule that dedicates adequate effort to be successful in college studies;
3. Know and follow the regulations and guidelines outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook;
4. Maintain respectful and appropriate behavior within and outside the classroom;
5. Ask for help when needed. Use all available resources and facilities provided by the College to enhance the learning experience;
6. Attend scheduled advising sessions, tutorials, and other appointments. Cancel or reschedule only with good reasons as early as possible;
7. Arrive prepared for tutorial sessions, bringing all needed materials (books, syllabi, rough drafts, calculators, assignment sheets, etc.).