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Welcome to the 2016-2017 Hampshire College Student Handbook

Did you know the Student Handbook is your annual contract with the College?

The Student Handbook provides you with your rights and responsibilities as a student as well as links to important information that will help you make decisions about your academic and social success. Students are expected to read the Handbook in its entirety each year.

Did you know there's a policy updates section?

The Student Handbook is reviewed annually and completed in August for each academic year. While typically you will only see policy changes in August, the [Policy Updates](#) ^[1] section is dated to show you the most recent updates divided between Academic Policies and Norms for Community Living and Policies.

Did you know you can access previous versions of the Student Handbook?

While students are responsible for following Student Handbook policies as changes become effective, students are responsible for following the academic program policies for their year of entrance into the College. Visit the [Handbook Archives](#) ^[2] page to review academic policies from your year of entry into the College.

Did you know there's a notes feature that you can use?

In the left side bar, log in using your usual Hampshire College log in information. Once logged in, a Navigation section will appear below the "Handbook Navigation" in the left side bar that allows you to "Add a Personal Note." Only you can view these notes and they will remain on the pages you save them on for your own personal use.



NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Hampshire College reaffirms publicly its moral and legal commitment to a policy of equal opportunity in education and employment. Please click here for the full notice as well as the [discrimination and harassment policy](#) ^[3], how to report, and where to find support and resources.

A NOTE ON PRONOUN USE

This document uses "they" and "their" in place of "he or she" and "his or her." Though we acknowledge that this is not traditional English and sometimes sounds awkward to the ear, it is intentional. We seek not to use gendered pronouns, as doing so may exclude valuable members of our community.

CRIME STATISTICS

Hampshire College publishes its [Annual Security Report and Daily Crime and Fire Log](#) ^[4] in accordance with the Clery Act and encourages all persons to report any criminal act or activity of which they may be aware. Accurate reporting of all crimes can help the College to identify crime patterns and support its efforts to reduce crime.

ACCURACY

We strive to ensure this publication is made as accurate as possible. Please refer to the [Policy Updates](#) ^[1] section for up-to-date summaries of changes and specifically where to view individual sections that have been modified. While it is our practice to be transparent with students and the community, Hampshire College reserves the right to change and/or modify policies, processes, and procedure without notice. The [Office of Student Conduct, Rights, & Responsibilities](#) ^[5] oversees publication of the Hampshire College Student Handbook, please direct any questions and feedback to OSCRR at OSCRR@hampshire.edu ^[6].

Academic Policies

In this section you will find academic policies for the 2016-2017 academic year.

For policies applicable to other years please visit the [Handbook Archives](#) ^[2] section.

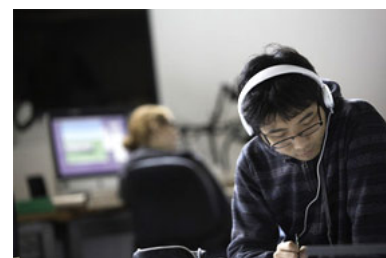
[View the Academic Calendar](#) ^[7]

Ethics of Scholarship

Students at Hampshire College are part of a broader community of scholars and artists, a community in which ideas, hypotheses, new concepts and images, and carefully established facts are the currency. None of us is able to survive without borrowing from the work of others. Just as we expect to have our work recognized in the footnotes of those who borrowed from us, so must we carefully recognize those from whom we borrow.

Brief guidelines are presented in this section for the proper acknowledgment of sources upon which we draw for course assignments, papers, examinations, oral presentations, artistic productions, and so on. We acknowledge the work of others not only in gratitude to them, but also to provide our readers with the opportunity to consult our sources if they want to review the evidence, consider other interpretations, or determine the basis for the cited passage. In the evaluation of scholarly work, the writer's creativity in locating appropriate sources and using them well can be assessed only if those sources are identified.

The failure to acknowledge one's sources is more than a failure to be properly socialized into a community of scholars. Scholars who fail to note sources are at best ignorant and at worst dishonest. Unacknowledged borrowing from the work of others in any medium is academically dishonest and a fundamental repudiation of the deepest values of the academic community. Students and faculty are members of this community and bound by these values, whether they are on our campus, taking courses at another of the Five Colleges, on an internship, or studying abroad. Academic dishonesty refers to plagiarism, falsification of data, and any other cases of violations of the ethics of scholarship.



Academic Dishonesty: Procedures for Dealing with Violations

Academic dishonesty (plagiarism, fabrication, or falsification of data) is a breach of the ethics of scholarship and a violation of one of the central norms of an academic community. Because reports of academic dishonesty are most likely to arise from work done in a course or for a divisional project, a member of the college faculty usually brings forward the report. When such a report is brought forward, the procedure is as follows:

1. The faculty member will inform the student and the School dean that a violation of academic honesty may have occurred. The School dean will inform the dean of advising of the violation. The faculty member will provide all documentation to the dean of advising, who will meet with both the student and faculty member, and recommend a course of action. If the dean of advising determines that it is more likely than not that academic dishonesty has occurred and determines that it is a first offense, the dean of advising will:
 - o Write a letter of warning to the student, to remain in the student's academic file;
 - o In consultation with the faculty member and the School dean, determine academic consequences that may include but are not limited to submitting a revised or new assignment; no evaluation given for the course regardless of add/drop/withdrawal deadlines or, in the case of [Division III](#) ^[8] work, a decision to set aside the project in question and require the student to do an alternative project on a different topic with a different committee (unless the committee concerned agrees to continue working with the student).

Academic integrity lies at the core of our work and unacknowledged borrowing from the work of others in any medium is a fundamental repudiation of the deepest values of the academic community. Therefore, in cases of egregious violation, the dean of advising may also refer the case to for review through the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9], as outlined below.

Referral of the Case to the Formal Conduct Process

Second or multiple offenses concerning plagiarism or other violations of the [ethics of scholarship](#) ^[10] (as well as egregious first offenses) will be referred by the dean of advising to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9]. Among the sanctions available if found responsible for a violation of the Ethics of Scholarship are probation, suspension, and expulsion from the College.

Appeals

The student has the right to appeal the finding of academic dishonesty and/or sanctions to the vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty. Findings may be appealed only on procedural grounds.

Process for Appeal

Appeals of procedure and appeals of sanction(s) by the student must be submitted in writing to the vice president for academic affairs within seven (7) days after written notification of the finding and/or sanction is sent to the student. Appeals must state the specific rationale for a procedural appeal and/or the grounds for an appeal of the sanction.

In all cases of an appeal, the vice president of academic affairs shall review the appeal and the pertinent facts relative to the appeal, determine if further investigation is warranted, and render a decision. The vice president of academic affairs will endeavor to render a decision within 21 days after an appeal has been submitted but may take additional time to consider the appeal when such time is deemed necessary. The vice president's decision is final.

Record of Cases of Academic Dishonesty

All cases of academic dishonesty should be reported in writing to the dean of advising. A confidential record of all cases of plagiarism will be maintained by the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) ^[11] (CASA) to aid in determining appropriate action.

Academic Dishonesty at another institution

Should a charge of academic dishonesty be brought against a Hampshire College student at another institution (i.e. Five Colleges, study abroad institution, internships or other external academic institutions) the policies and procedures of the host institution will apply.

Plagiarism

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Plagiarism (from the Latin for kidnapper) is the presentation of another's work as one's own. The term, "plagiarism" covers everything from *inadvertently* passing off as one's own the work of another because of ignorance, time constraints, or careless note-taking, to *deliberately* hiring a ghost writer to produce an examination or course paper. This range of possibilities is spelled out in more detail in the following list of examples.

Cheating

Cheating is the unfair or dishonest acquisition or use of information in order to gain an advantage. This includes but is not limited to unauthorized use of information from another person's paper, quiz, or exam; buying/borrowing, or selling/loaning quizzes, exams, or papers; unauthorized use of opened textbooks, notes, or other devices during a quiz or exam. It is the responsibility of each student to consult with faculty about the study aids and materials that are permissible.

False Citation

Material should not be attributed to a source from which that material was not obtained. That is, one must not pass off primary sources as if they had been consulted when in fact, the material in the oral presentation or written work is based upon a secondary source. All primary and secondary source material must be properly identified and cited.

Poor Documentation

As scholarly writers, we are expected to acknowledge our indebtedness for ideas, phrases, sentences, data, computer code, charts, diagrams, figures, images, and longer verbatim quotations by citing our sources. Sources can include, but are not limited to, course readings, lectures, websites, interviews, and other students' work. The necessity to cite sources extends to both published and unpublished work. Writers prepare for the necessity of proper source citation by taking careful notes on exact wording and spelling, page numbers, and source identification, including any material found on the internet. It is particularly important to present verbatim quotations exactly as they are in the original sources, including any errors. Paraphrases require documentation, and they must be a true restatement of the original rather than simply a rearrangement of the words in the sources. There are a number of methods of documentation. The form of the reference list or bibliography or footnote style may vary by discipline. There are a number of style manuals that describe the documentation rules for various academic disciplines. Some are in the reference collection at the library; many are online. Please the Hampshire College library for [assistance on citing sources](#) ^[12] via the associated link.

Unacknowledged Use of Work Produced by Others

Presenting papers or sections of papers (including any material found on websites) bought, borrowed, or stolen from others as one's own is the most blatant form of plagiarism. Plagiarism can also extend to buying, borrowing, or stealing data, images, or computer code and presenting it as one's own. There is no acceptable excuse for this behavior, including ignorance.

Unacknowledged Multiple Authors or Collaboration

The notion that intellectual work is and should be a lonely and fiercely independent enterprise is sometimes overemphasized. At Hampshire

College, students are encouraged to collaborate on work for courses, work for [Division II](#) ^[13], and even [Division III](#) ^[8] “independent projects.” For example, students are encouraged to have better spellers look at their work if that is necessary, and faculty members show drafts of their work or discuss their ideas with colleagues. In almost any book or article, writers in footnotes and references lists recognize their indebtedness to colleagues who have criticized their work. Students, too, should acknowledge the assistance of their collaborators. In joint examinations or class projects, the contributions of each member of the group should be made clear and every member of the group should have an understanding of the whole project. All collaborators should be clearly acknowledged and cited on each individual’s work. Students should consult with their faculty about the expectations and limitations about collaboration specific to each course.

Unacknowledged Multiple Submission

Students are expected to generate original work in response to each assignment, unless the faculty member setting the assignment has expressly stated otherwise. Using the same paper or assignment, or portions thereof, for several purposes without prior approval (for example, submission of a paper to several classes or publication in several scholarly journals) is generally considered to be unacceptable.

False Data

Data fabricated or altered in a laboratory experiment or field project is an instance of academic fraud. Though it is not plagiarism per se, falsification of data is a clear violation of the [ethics of scholarship](#) ^[10].

A repudiation of plagiarism in all its forms is shared by all academic disciplines. However, there is some variation between disciplines regarding the methods and norms for acknowledging and citing sources within that discipline. These are best discussed with the faculty in the context of specific courses of projects. Ignorance of expectations around proper citations of sources and collaborations is not an excuse.

Library Center

Harold F. Johnson Library Center

Access to Library Services

Library services are available to currently enrolled and field study Hampshire College students, faculty, and staff with a valid Hampshire ID. Students on leave do not continue to have access to library services. Students who will be returning to campus the following fall term have access to library services during the summer.

Services include:

- Access to collections
 - Circulation of books, CDs, bound periodicals, games, media equipment & seeds from the Harold F. Johnson Library Center
 - Direct borrowing and request item access to Five College libraries and Inter-Library Loan
 - Archives and Special Collections, including archived Division III's
- Research help
- Audio/Video editing support
- Printing/ Scanning/ Faxing
- Division III archiving
- Audio/Visual production support & technology expirimenting in the Media Labs
- Study spaces: Carrels, 24/7 Airport Lounge
- Times Square Campus Advertising
- Magic Board Digital Gallery

Hampshire and Five College Borrowing Policies

Hampshire College students may borrow books directly from all Five College main libraries and most major branch libraries. Items may be borrowed with your student ID. Five College book loan periods are 28 days for students; however, all loans are subject to recall for another borrower or for course reserve.

Media Loans

Five College students may also borrow CDs, DVDs, and VHS directly from all the media libraries in the area. This requires presentation of an ID card from one of the institutions. Five College media loan periods are standardized at five days with three online renewals.

Five College Delivery

Hampshire College students may request books, CDs, videos, and DVDs from the Five Colleges to be sent to the Hampshire College library for pickup. After identifying the desired item in the online library catalog, click on “Request item” and log in using your Hampshire college ID. The request will be placed and the item sent, usually within two business days. You will receive an email notice when the item is ready for pickup. Material will be held for pickup for seven days.

Renewals

Book, DVD and CD loans may be renewed at least three times for the same time period as the original loan. Click on “My account” in the [online library catalog](#) ^[14], log in with the barcode on the college ID, and follow the directions on the screen to renew books at all Five College libraries. Items that have been recalled or billed cannot be renewed.

Recalls

All loans from the Five College libraries are subject to recall for another borrower or for use on reserve. You will receive an e-mail recall notice asking you to return the item and giving its new due date. Unreturned recalls are fined at \$2 per day per item, and may result in denial of borrowing privileges.

Bills

Two overdue notices are sent in the month following a date the item is due. If it is still not returned, it is billed at a minimum charge of \$85 per item, of which \$10 is a nonrefundable billing fee. Media loans are billed on a shorter time frame, for a minimum charge of \$95. Billed items may result in denial of borrowing privileges. Inquiries about bills should be addressed to the library that owns the item.

Carrel Policy

- The Harold Johnson Library assigns carrels to students semester by semester.
- Priority is given to second semester Division III students. Since there are not enough carrels for all students, the library has developed an application process.
- Applications will be accepted the week before the start of the semester, and throughout the first week of classes. Hampshire College students can apply for a carrel by filling out an [online form](#) ^[15].
- Carrel space is limited, so we highly encourage you to find a carrel mate with whom you can share the space. If you are willing to share a carrel, but don’t have a carrel mate in mind, the library will facilitate a match.

- In assigning carrels, the library will give priority 1) to second semester Div III students, 2) to second semester Div III students willing to share carrels, and 3) to first semester Div III students willing to share carrels. In all three of these groups, students who have not previously had carrel access will be given priority over those who have already had carrels assigned to them.
- Recognizing that the number of carrels is so small, and that all students may want to use carrels, 10 carrels will remain unassigned and open for use by students on a first come, first served basis each day. You can use these carrels as they are open during library hours, on a first - come, first served basis. Please do not store or leave items in the carrels, nor do anything to claim them beyond the duration of that day's library visit.
- Hampshire items that are checked out and that have pink due slips may be left in assigned carrels, as well as checked out Five College items. You may ask at the InfoBar to get due slips for your checked out items. All other Hampshire items, including reference books and current periodicals, will be reshelfed daily. We will occasionally spot check the assigned carrels to ensure that items are in fact checked out. Items that are not checked out will be reshelfed.
- If you choose to leave personal or checked out items in carrels, please store them neatly on or under the carrel shelf. Items not stored in such a manner may be removed at the discretion of library staff. Please keep your carrel neat and do not leave trash or recyclables in the carrel. Carrels that become unsightly may be cleared at the discretion of the library staff.
- At the end of each semester, carrels are cleared completely.
- The responsibility for personal items and checked out library items remains yours. Leave them at your own risk. Do not leave laptops or other personal devices unattended in your carrel; thefts have been reported in the library.
- Assignment to a carrel is an agreement between the student and the library to observe good library conduct. Carrel holders agree to keep noise to a minimum and respect the needs of those around them. Social conversations and hangouts should move from the carrels to a more social space in the library, like the library's first floor.

Academic Advisors

Close student-faculty relationships are a central feature of a Hampshire education. Advisors provide academic advice, support, serve as mentors in their field, and help the student successfully navigate their academic path. The advisor/advisee connection can be strengthened when the student and faculty member work closely together on common academic projects.

The first-year Division I advisor is assigned to the student based on the student's tutorial, a first-year course specially designated for first year students only. The Division I advisor typically stays with the student until the student has filed for Division II and has an assigned Division II committee, which happens (at the latest) by the beginning of the fourth semester. Transfer students will be assigned an advisor based on their interests, and keep that advisor at least until Division II is filed.

First-year students are expected to meet with their academic advisor, at a minimum, on advising days and during progress review week at the end of the semester. Division II and Division III students should meet with their full committee regularly over the course of the semester and individually with their advisor as needed during the four semesters of Division II and the two semesters of Division III. Transfer students should follow these same guidelines.

Central Responsibilities of the advisor:

- Assist students in articulating their academic interests
- Assist students in planning their academic program, including course selection, deciding on internships, encouraging field study and study abroad opportunities when appropriate
- Contribute to the determination of student academic standing (see guidelines for academic progress)
- Write letters of recommendation, upon request
- Counsel students about exchange/study abroad, field study, personal leave of absence, and withdrawal

Academic Program

Hampshire College students qualify for the Bachelor of Arts degree by completing a full-time program composed of three levels or "divisions" of study with the aim of accomplishing Hampshire's four core cumulative skills goals:

- To write analytically and apply informed research practices
- To understand and apply quantitative methods of analysis and reasoning
- To successfully conceive and complete independent project-based work
- To understand and incorporate multiple cultural perspectives on intellectual or artistic subjects

In [Division I](#) ^[16], students pursue foundational studies in the liberal arts by designing a first-year curriculum in which they satisfy distribution requirements in various areas of study and develop competence in four core cumulative academic skills.

In [Division II](#) ^[17], students explore their chosen field(s) of study, "the concentration" through an individually designed program of courses, independent work, and internships or field studies. In addition to these requirements, students in Division II must include a community engagement and learning component as a part of their Hampshire education and demonstrate an understanding or an engagement with multiple cultural perspectives as they relate to their course of study.

In [Division III](#) ^[18]—advanced studies—students complete a major independent project centered on a specific topic, question, or idea, as well as two advanced educational activities. In the advanced activities, students are asked to look beyond the specific focus of their work by integrating their work into the larger academic life of the College by engaging in advanced courses, internships, or teaching assistant positions.

Division I

Division I is the foundation of Hampshire's academic program, covering the first two semesters of enrollment. It is designed to introduce students to a variety of academic disciplines, to give them a solid understanding of the academic resources available to them, and to spark the love of questioning and learning. It prepares students for advanced work in Division II and III.

By the end of their second semester, students must successfully complete a total of seven full academic courses, including a first-year tutorial for fall entrants. This total includes courses in four of the five distribution areas of study and three electives. Distribution requirements must be satisfied with Hampshire courses with the exception of CHL, which may be satisfied with a Five-College language course. The [distribution areas](#) ^[19] are, Arts, Design and Media (ADM); Culture, Humanities and Language (CHL); Mind, Brain and Information (MBI); Physical and Biological Sciences (PBS); and Power, Community and Social Justice (PCSJ). Division I electives may be satisfied with either Hampshire or Five College courses. Any Five College course used for Division I must carry 3 or more credits and be graded C or better. OPRA, EPEC and other co-curricular courses may not count for either distribution or elective course requirements, but may in some cases be used for [CEL-1](#) ^[20], which must also be completed during Division I. During Division I, students also develop their abilities in four core [cumulative skills](#) ^[21]: Writing and Research; Independent Work; Multiple Cultural Perspectives; and Quantitative Skills.

When preparing to pass Division I, students submit their portfolios to their advisors no later than the beginning of the third semester of enrollment. The Division I portfolio includes a retrospective essay; all Hampshire evaluations and any Five College grades; documentation of and reflection on the CEL-1; and evidence of progress and/or proficiency in the four cumulative skills. Students schedule a final meeting with their advisors, who will review the materials presented. If the advisors determine that the Division I requirements have been met, they record a pass on [TheHub](#) [22] and write an evaluation according to [published deadlines](#) [23].

Note for first-year entrants with advanced standing: carefully read the [advanced standing](#) [24] description and contact CASA with questions.

Note for transfer entrants: the rules for completing Division I are significantly different than those for first year entrants. Students should refer to the [Transfer Policy](#) [25] for information and contact CASA with questions.

First-Year Entrants with Advanced Standing

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Advanced Standing as described below may be awarded by The Center for Academic Support and Advising (CASA) to students who are in good academic standing. This policy applies to students who have completed fewer than 15 semester or 23 quarter credits of college work post high school graduation, and students who have completed college work during high school. The [guidelines for academic progress](#) [26] should be carefully reviewed to determine eligibility to use advanced standing. It is important to note that advanced standing may not be used to make up for academic deficiencies. Students' academic records are reviewed at the end of the first year of enrollment to determine eligibility to apply advanced standing to Division I electives, and are reviewed again in Division II to determine the eligibility to apply advanced standing to Division II.

Students may use a total of eight courses and exams combined towards their Hampshire degree with the following restrictions:

Courses must be full academic courses[1] taken at a regionally accredited college or university, evidenced by a college transcript, and graded C or better. Eligible exams include Advanced Placement (AP) exams with scores of 4 or 5 and International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher-Level exams with scores of 5 or higher. The courses described above may be used either for Division I electives, in Division II or a combination of both. The exams described above may only be used for up to three Division I electives in Division I. Advanced standing may not be used for distribution requirements in Division I with the exception of a language course which may be used to satisfy the CHL distribution.

Students complete the first year requirements along with their entering cohort according to the guidelines in [Division I](#) [27]. They should consult with their advisor and contact the Division I dean in CASA for approval to use advanced standing in Division I at the end of their first year of enrollment after the evaluations and any Five College grades for all seven courses have been recorded. Final approval from the Division I Dean is required to make advanced standing available for selection in Division I forms on [TheHub](#) [28]. Hampshire and Five College courses that are not used to complete Division I requirements may be included in Division II with committee approval.

Students should discuss the possibility of using advanced standing courses with their committees early in Division II. The committee will determine if the courses are appropriate for the student to include. Final approval from a Division II Dean in CASA is required to make advanced standing available for selection in Division II contracts on [TheHub](#) [28].

Request for Timeline Adjustment

Students with advanced standing are encouraged to complete the full program of eight semesters along with their entering cohort to benefit fully from Hampshire's rich academic program. However, students with a semester or more of advanced standing may, with CASA approval and the support of their Division II committee, request a timeline adjustment at the beginning of the anticipated final full semester of Division II. (For a student on an eight-semester timeline, the final semester of Division II is the 6th semester of enrollment.)

The request for a timeline adjustment will be considered if the student has maintained good academic standing and is on track to fulfill the requirements of Division II early. The student should initiate a conversation with the committee, who must write a letter of support directed to the appropriate dean in CASA. If approved, the student's timeline will be adjusted by one or, in some cases, two semesters.

[1] Full academic courses carry at least 3 semester credits at a community college; 4 semester credits at a four-year college or university; or 4.0 quarter credits for institutions operating on a quarter- system. Courses must be comparable in academic demands and disciplines to those offered at Hampshire and be graded C or better. Courses carrying less than the above-mentioned number of credits may be taken into consideration for advanced standing in combination with similar courses.

Division II

Division II is the core of the student's academic experience at Hampshire. It consists of a self-designed concentration pursued through courses and learning activities, as well as the multiple cultural perspectives requirement and the Community Engagement and Learning (CEL-2) requirement. It is typically four full semesters of academic and outside work, culminating in a Division II portfolio and final meeting with the committee (see below).

Each student designs and carries out their own self-designed concentration with the guidance and supervision of two Hampshire faculty, known as the committee. The committee has a chair and a member; the chair is the student's official advisor, although both chair and member actively advise the student throughout the Division II. Students may invite a Five College faculty member, or a community member in their field, to serve as a third member of the committee, if appropriate.

Within the limits of the resources of the Five College consortium, and the ability of the student and the committee to locate resources, there is great latitude in the design of a concentration. The concentration proceeds on the basis of a plan of coherent body of studies, and builds from foundational to advanced work.

In the concentration, the student seeks to achieve a solid foundation in particular knowledge and techniques, the broader concepts behind them, and critical and analytical skills. A concentration may range from a plan of study similar to a major at a traditional college, to a highly individualized program of study that encompasses several disciplines or areas of conceptual thought and understanding. The concentration is not the whole of a student's work in Division II; additional studies outside the area are an important part. It may include a number of learning activities, including independent studies, projects, courses, internships, field study, or study abroad. Along with the work related to the concentration, the student is expected to pursue academic interests that are not related, much as a student at a traditional college would take courses outside their major.

Division II Requirements

In addition to carrying out the work defined by the Division II contract, every Hampshire student must complete two academic requirements prior to completing Division II work: Multiple Cultural Perspectives and Community Engagement and Learning (CEL-2).

Multiple Cultural Perspectives

Hampshire College is committed to the principle that a liberal arts education should include a serious engagement with multiple cultural perspectives. The Multiple Cultural Perspectives requirement is to be an integral part of the set of questions that guide the Division II at its inception (Division II contract) and completion (Division II portfolio). In consultation with their Division II committee, students will fulfill the requirement through substantial engagement with one or more of the following critical issues: non-Western perspectives; race in the United States; and relations of knowledge and power. At the completion of the concentration, students will present the results of their work on the Multiple Cultural Perspectives requirement in their Division II portfolio, including course work and/or independent research. Students will also describe in their retrospective essay (or elsewhere) the impact those explorations have on their concentration as a whole. This requirement will be described and assessed as part of the Division II evaluation.

Critical Issues for Multiple Cultural Perspectives Requirement

In satisfying this requirement, students can choose to address one or more of the following critical issues. However, students are encouraged to integrate all three issues into their Division II:

1. **Non-Western perspectives:** Study of non-Western peoples and cultures helps students to understand better the cultural diversity of the interconnected world at large. An intellectually vigorous engagement with non-Western perspectives expands the way one comprehends the world. To achieve this goal, students must incorporate study of non-Western peoples and cultures into their Division II.
2. **Race in the United States:** Study of the history, politics, and culture of race in the United States and elsewhere will enable our students to understand better the conditions that underlie discrepancies of power that often fall along racial lines. Serious academic study of theories and analyses pertaining to "race" offers a more critical approach to students' education. To achieve this goal, students must incorporate study of the roles that race and racism play in American culture and society into their Division II.
3. **Knowledge and power:** The influence of discrepancies in power and privilege is hidden from most scholarly discourse, where the canons of academic disciplines are apt to be presented as neutral and universal. Study of how academic knowledge may be shaped by relations of power and difference will help our students think more critically about the processes under which intellectual or artistic perspectives can be either privileged or marginalized. To achieve this goal, students must incorporate study of the relations between power and knowledge, in regard to either non-Western perspectives or race, into their Division II.

Community Engagement and Learning (CEL-2)

In keeping with our educational mission, Hampshire expects every student to contribute something of value to the larger college community and encourages them to advance the cause of social justice and the well-being of others outside Hampshire. A commitment to engaged scholarship also emerges from Hampshire's distinctive pedagogy, which stresses the importance of critical inquiry and the development of knowledge that enables students to participate responsibly in a complex world. The Community Engagement and Learning requirement (CEL-2) encourages students to design multiple opportunities to build community on campus and seek innovative ways to help address critical needs as defined by communities and organizations outside the College. Off-campus projects are negotiated collaboratively between students and community organizations and should be founded on reciprocity and sustainability. Hampshire encourages students to integrate into their academic work, through documentation and reflection, the knowledge gained from extending their learning venues beyond the classroom. The requirement sets minimum standards for completion, but students are encouraged to engage in socially responsible activities and take advantage of the opportunity to incorporate engaged scholarship and learning throughout their Hampshire education.

Working closely with their [academic advisors](#) ^[29], Division II students will design and fulfill their Community Engagement and Learning requirement before the conclusion of their Division II. Engaging in a sustained, semester-long equivalent (about 40 hours) of community-based learning, students will demonstrate social responsibility by meeting agreed-upon goals defined by an organization, person, or community on or, more typically, off campus. To the extent possible, these contributions and the engaged learning that results will complement or in some way further a student's academic course of study, and may take many forms. Typical examples are:

- Internships (in local, national, or international settings) that are arranged through a course, through a Hampshire program, or independently
- Various forms of mentoring in one's area of growing expertise (e.g., teaching assistant position, ESL, or other types of tutoring)
- Other types of applied work that require students to utilize and build upon skills and expertise related to their divisional work (e.g., campus organizations, apprenticeships with NGOs, museums, or schools)

All students must carefully negotiate their proposed form of community engagement with their Division II committee before initiating the activity in order to determine if it meets the criteria and spirit of this requirement. Integration of the Division II Community Engagement and Learning requirement into the student's area of concentration is desirable, but is not required.

Students are expected to engage in ongoing reflection on the relationship between their own learning goals and community needs as defined by the individual(s) or organization(s) with whom they are working. A reflective essay that describes the work accomplished, the need(s) being addressed, the learning that took place from this experience and where applicable, the integration of this learning with the academic focus of a student's concentration will be documented on [TheHub](#) ^[28]. Please see [how to document the CEL-2](#) ^[30].

Division II Procedures

Published Deadlines

Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) ^[7] published by [Central records](#) ^[31] for the following deadlines in a semester: committee request; Division II filing; and Division II passing.

Establishing a Division II Committee

Division II is a four-semester undertaking, with at least three full semesters completed after filing the Division II contract. The Division II committee consists of two Hampshire faculty, a chairperson and a member. The chairperson, who also serves as the student's academic advisor has the primary responsibility for monitoring the progress of the concentration, overseeing the final meeting, and writing the student's final Division II evaluation. During the third semester of enrollment, students participate in a committee request process to identify their chairperson and member. After meeting with and getting feedback from potential faculty members, they complete a form, which includes a statement about the students' goals and objectives for Division II, and a list of faculty they are interested in working with. The completed form is reviewed by faculty and deans to assign the appropriate committee.

Note: The deadline for most transfer students to submit the committee request is in their first semester of enrollment.

Drafting the Division II Contract

Students draft their Division II contracts on [TheHub](#) ^[32] under the guidance of their newly-formed Division II committees, incorporating suggestions and responding to feedback through communications and meetings. Plans for fulfilling the [Community Engagement and Learning \(CEL-2\)](#) ^[33] and [Multiple Cultural Perspectives](#) ^[34] should be included in the discussions.

Filing the Division II Contract

When the contract has been written to the satisfaction of the committee members, the student changes the "state" of the document on TheHub to "ready for faculty signatures", making it available for committee members to electronically sign. After both members have signed, the student has officially "filed" Division II. The deadline for students to file is at the beginning of their fourth semester of enrollment, though students may file Division II any time after receiving notification of their assigned committee.

Note: The deadline for most transfer students to file Division II is in their second semester of enrollment.

Contract Revisions

The initial contract may be revised on [TheHub](#) ⁽²⁸⁾ at any time during Division II to reflect changes in educational goals or a change in committee members. It must be revised before passing to include courses taken in the final semester of Division II and any other relevant changes. For completion at the end of a fall semester the final revision must be dated after October 15; for completion at the end of a spring semester the final revision must be dated after March 1. Any time a student revises, the new draft must be signed by all members of the committee to be "filed" with Central Records. The final revision of the contract should be signed before the final meeting.

Fulfilling the Division II Contract

Prior to passing, students are responsible for fulfilling the commitments detailed in the Division II contract. Evidence of completion will typically include Hampshire course evaluations; evaluations for Hampshire independent study and teaching assistantships; Five College grades; field study and exchange program transcripts and/or evaluations; fulfillment of the Multiple Cultural Perspective and Community Engagement and Learning requirements; research papers and lab work; evaluations for internships and other learning activities; and performances and artistic work. During Division II, faculty committees provide guidance in the form of critical comments, advice, and ongoing evaluation. Students should meet and communicate regularly with their committees to assess progress. The culmination of a student's work is compiled in a portfolio that is presented to the committee in advance of the final meeting to review, provide feedback and give instruction for additional work or revision if needed. A time for the final meeting is scheduled. Before that date arrives, students should confirm with their committees that all of the materials specified have been received including the completed CEL-2 forms on TheHub (see [how to document your CEL-2](#) ⁽³⁰⁾). The final meeting may occur at the end of the 6th semester and must occur by the published deadline in the beginning of the 7th semester of enrollment.

Note: Transfer students pass Division II when the committee determines that the student has satisfied the Division II requirements.

The Final Meeting

When determining whether a student's Division II is ready to be passed, the faculty committee takes into consideration the number and type of courses and other learning activities in the portfolio and whether they form a comprehensive body of work; the student's proficiency with writing and other modes of expression and presentation; and the student's readiness, in terms of requisite knowledge and skills, to embark on their proposed Division III project.

Although the format and style of the final meeting varies, it is normally an oral examination of the student's Division II work, which involves a discussion of the central questions addressed in the concentration and the material presented in the portfolio. The committee will determine the student's readiness to pass Division II.

Passing Division II on TheHub and Faculty Evaluation

Committee members sign the online pass form at or shortly after the final meeting. The pass date recorded in the student's record will be the date the last committee member signs the pass. The committee chairperson will write a formal evaluation of Division II for the student's transcript in accordance with evaluation deadlines.

Preparing for Division III

Students are encouraged to include a statement about prospective Division III work as a part of their Division II portfolio. Typically, Division III projects explore in depth a specific aspect of the student's Division II work. Division III work should only be undertaken in a different area of study in cases in which the student has appropriate background that constitutes suitable preparation for advanced work. Students use the skills, methodologies and techniques necessary for independent study acquired in Division II to pursue their work in Division III.

Accelerated Division II

Division II is considered to be a four semester long undertaking. Under exceptional circumstances, students who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their Division II studies may, with the support of their Division II committee, petition for an accelerated Division II. They must do this in the anticipated final semester of their Division II. Students must be able to demonstrate not only that they will have completed the equivalent of four semesters worth of work in their Division II, but also that their work rises to an exceptional level. They must also demonstrate readiness for [Division III](#) ⁽⁸⁾, including commitments from a [Division III](#) ⁽⁸⁾ committee. Students must complete the application form available at the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) ⁽¹¹⁾ and secure written support from both Division II committee members. The full application must be submitted to [CASA](#) ⁽¹¹⁾ no later than November 1 or April 1 of a student's anticipated final semester of Division II.

Division III

In their final two semesters, students undertake a major independent project with the guidance of a committee. Typically, Division III projects explore in depth a specific aspect of the student's Division II work. Division III students devote the majority of their time to the independent project.

We expect scholars and artists to move beyond the boundaries of their particular fields of expertise and to participate in the collective activities that help to define and invigorate intellectual life. In a similar way, students are expected to engage in two advanced educational activities concurrent with their Division III independent project that have the dual goal of broadening the scope of their intellectual endeavor and making their more mature skills and viewpoints available to the College at large.

Division III Requirements

The Advanced Independent Project

Each student designs, implements, and completes a two-semester advanced independent project that encompasses a sophisticated and complex set of questions, concepts, skills, and abilities. The completed project should clearly demonstrate the student's ability to perform advanced work. The culmination of the Division III advanced independent project—whether a thesis, portfolio, film, exhibit, computer program, performance, or committee-approved combination of these—must be in a form that can be evaluated by the student's faculty committee. Judgment of the quality and scope of the advanced independent project is the responsibility of a student's committee.

Division III Advanced Educational Activities

Students must undertake two advanced educational activities (AEAs) while they are engaged in Division III work. All AEAs must demonstrate a serious academic/intellectual approach and engagement at an advanced level. They must indicate semester-long involvement, be evaluated by faculty and take place in a setting that permits interactions with other students who are working at an advanced level.

One of the AEAs must be an advanced level course or supervised teaching/teaching assistantship (TA). The other AEA may be an advanced level course; teaching assistantship; a supervised internship; a course of independent study for which the student is properly registered; or facilitation of an EPEC course that is planned with and evaluated by a Hampshire faculty member. In all cases, at least one of the AEAs must be an advanced level course, or TA. Students who take an advanced level course at another college or university must receive a grade of C or better in a credit-bearing course of at least three credits in order for it to count as an AEA. Students may not audit or receive a pass/fail grade in an AEA.

The work for all AEAs must be completed by the end of the Hampshire advising and progress review period. Formal awarding of the degree will be delayed if documentation of completion of one or both AEAs is not received prior to Hampshire's commencement. Students may not negotiate an incomplete in the final semester for any AEA. Failure to complete an AEA will result in the student having to complete an advanced level course at another institution, pre-approved by the Division III chairperson in a revised contract. The student's graduation date will be delayed until after receipt of a transcript documenting successful completion of the substituted course.

Advanced level course definition:

An advanced level course must be approved by the student's Division III committee and related to the student's Division III area of study. For the purposes of satisfying Division III advanced educational activities, independent studies are not considered advanced level courses. A course may be considered advanced-level if it is:

- A 300-level Hampshire course;
- A 200-level Hampshire course as long as the student explains the appropriateness of using that course in the Division III contract at the time of filing;
- Any Five College course or course taken at another college or university that is directed at seniors or graduate students.

Supervised teaching /teaching assistantship (TA) definition:

A student is considered a TA if they are assisting in the planning of and engaging in teaching activities for a full academic course. Please note that TA responsibilities differ significantly from the duties of a work-study or office/course assistant position, which are more limited in scope. Examples of the responsibilities of a teaching assistant might include: leading discussions, holding office hours for student appointments and providing feedback on papers or other assignments.

Awarding of Degrees

Degrees will be voted by faculty and the board of trustees in February and May. Students who complete Division III by the fall completion deadline will be awarded their degrees on the first Friday in February; by the spring completion deadline on the day of commencement. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) ^[23] for deadlines. No degree will be awarded until evidence of completion of degree requirements has been received, library books returned, student conduct sanctions fulfilled, and outstanding bills paid.

All But Division III Degree Program (AB Division III)

Students whose last semester of enrollment was at least ten years ago and who have completed Division II are eligible to apply for admission to the AB Division III program. Students in this program complete their work away from campus and are permitted a maximum of four consecutive semesters in which to complete all degree requirements. Further information is available from the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) ^[11].

Division III Extension or Personal Leave of Absence

Students Who Do Not Finish Division III by the Completion Deadline

Students who do not complete the Division III project by the [spring or fall completion deadline](#) ^[7], and both advanced activities by the end of the second semester in Division III, are typically expected to take another semester of full enrollment.

In extenuating circumstances, a student may request an extension for completing the Division III project. If a student is granted an extension, the date for submission of all completed work would be the first advising day in the following semester. Students on extension are not considered enrolled at the College and should participate in student loan exit counseling at the [Financial Aid Office](#) ^[35] before going on extension.

In order to be considered eligible for the extension date instead of the typical extra semester of enrollment, the Division III committee would need to certify, no later than the final day of classes, that they had received and reviewed Division III work that constitutes at least 90% of the total expected for that student's independent project. The student must have completed both advanced activities. (See policy on [Advanced Educational Activities](#) ^[8] the [Division III Guide](#) ^[36].)

Students who meet the above requirements to qualify for an extension date will be given the opportunity to be on leave of absence for the next semester, for only one semester, before taking advantage of finishing Division III on extension during the term following the leave. If a student decides to take a leave of absence for the following term, that student will have until January 15 after fall semester or June 15 after spring semester to indicate a change of plans. The status as of January 15 or June 15 is final. If the student has chosen to finish Division III with the extension date, that student is expected to turn in all work by the first advising day of the following semester. If the student has chosen leave of absence, the student will be placed on leave status for the following semester, and expected to turn in all work for completion of the Division III by the first advising day of the term following the one-semester leave. Students who choose to be on leave of absence may not continue on leave for more than one term.

A student who successfully completes all necessary work by the advising day deadline and passes Division III may then request a letter from the [Office of Central Records](#) ^[31] stating that degree requirements have been met. The degree would be voted by faculty and trustees during the following February or May, and the diploma would be made available to the student following the voting of degrees.

If a student is granted an extension and remains in contact with the Division III committee, but does not turn in all necessary work by that date, the student would be placed on leave for the remainder of the semester. The extension fee is not refundable, even if the student does not complete the work by the extension deadline. The student is expected to be fully enrolled and pay full tuition for the following term, in order to complete the Division III. The student would not be permitted to complete degree requirements with a second extension deadline. If such a student fails to complete e-checkin for the next term the student will be withdrawn from the College and need to apply for readmission in a future term.

If a student is granted an extension for completion of Division III, and fails to remain in communication with the Division III faculty, the student would be withdrawn from the College as of the advising day deadline. The extension fee is not refundable, even if the student does not complete the work by the extension deadline. In order to complete degree requirements, the student would need to apply for readmission for a future full semester of enrollment. The student would not be permitted to complete degree requirements with a second extension deadline.

Division III Leave of Absence

All Division III leaves require special approval. Division III students must meet the college requirement of two terms of enrollment in Division III and must plan their personal leave accordingly. Occasionally, a Division III student may plan a personal leave in the middle of two enrolled semesters. Consultation with the Division III counselor in [CASA](#) ^[11] must take place well in advance of College deadlines in order to plan appropriately. Students planning to go on personal leave during Division III must file a leave application.

Procedures for Division III

Contract Filing Process

Beginning in Fall 2015, the College piloted a Division III committee request process for students in their final semester of Division II. Students complete a Division III committee request form on [TheHub](#) ^[37] by the [published deadline](#) ^[23]. Faculty will then review committee requests during a two-week period, and students will be assigned prospective Division III committee members with whom they will work to refine their project ideas and draft their contracts.

A Division III committee must have two Hampshire faculty members, typically a chair and a member, but sometimes co-chairs. On rare occasions, it is possible to include a Five College faculty member, another person with special expertise, or an additional Hampshire faculty member. A token honorarium is offered by the Dean of Faculty office to Five College faculty who serve as a third member on a Division III committee.

Because Division III is a two-semester undertaking, the contract must be filed early in the first semester of Division III. Refer to the [academic calendar](#) ^[23] for deadlines. Division III contracts may not be negotiated or filed while a student is on a leave of absence.

A student may file a request for an exception to the Division III filing deadline based on the demonstration of extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control as well as the academic soundness and viability of the student's plan of study. The appeal is heard by the College exceptions committee. Materials to request an exception are available in the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) ^[11]. The Division III dean in CASA can provide further information about the Division III exceptions procedure.

Division III Funding

Students who receive financial aid and have already expended the funds included in their aid package may apply to the [financial aid office](#) ^[38] for additional funds. Students should not expect the College to meet the expenses of costly Division III projects. Several College programs also offer partial funding for Division III. Information about applying for these funds is available on the [CORC website](#) ^[39].

Division III Field Study or Exchange

Students may be granted field study or exchange status for the first semester of Division III work. Students must apply for an exchange program through the [Global Education Office](#) ^[40]. Refer to the [Exchange, Field Study, Leave, or Withdrawal](#) ^[41] section. In all cases, the final semester of Division III must be one of full enrollment on campus, not on field study or exchange.

Division III students who pursue [field study](#) ^[42] or participate in an exchange relevant to the independent project should plan to complete all Division II work and file the Division III contract (or, at minimum, participate in the Division III committee request process) by the end of the semester prior to the term of field study or exchange. All plans for field study or exchange must be written into the Division III contract and approved by the student's Division III committee and the [Center for Academic Support and Advising \(CASA\)](#) ^[11]. In order to plan appropriately, students need to consult with the Division III dean in CASA well in advance of the enrollment notification deadline, which is in April or November of the semester prior to the term in which the student plans to be away. Two meetings with the Division III dean are required. The first meeting is used for reviewing necessary materials and answering questions about Division III field study or exchange. After the student has secured all necessary signatures, the process is completed during a second meeting with the Division III dean in CASA.

Progress Reports

Each student must submit a progress report on [TheHub](#) ^[37] by the [published deadline](#) ^[23] near the end of the first semester of Division III. At this time, the student's Division III committee assesses in writing whether the student is progressing satisfactorily toward the completion of the contract. The chairperson is responsible for submitting the committee's assessment of progress on TheHub by the [published deadline](#) ^[23].

Contract Revisions

Students must complete a contract revision online, approved by all members of the committee, by the [published deadline](#) ^[23] early in the student's final semester of Division III.

Passing Division III

Committee members will decide and committee chairs will communicate to students the date by which completed Division III work must be submitted to the committee. All final meetings must be held and all members of the committee must pass the student on TheHub by the published [pass deadline](#) ^[23]. All final presentations, including film screenings, gallery shows, and theater productions, must take place by this date. If a final meeting does not take place by the pass deadline, students are typically expected to take another semester of full enrollment. The final evaluation is due ten days after the Division III pass deadline and must address each part of the contract.

In extenuating circumstances, a student may request an extension for completing the Division III project. See the section about [students who do not finish Division III by the completion deadline](#) ^[43] for information on deadlines and fees for extension.

Completion Dates for Fall Term

In the fall term, the completion date is in early December. There is an alternate completion date in January only for those students whose full committees are available to meet then and to write the evaluation. Refer to the [academic calendar](#) ^[23] for deadlines.

Responsibilities of the College, Schools, and Faculty

The College

The College will provide adequate faculty supervision for students admitted to Division III in a given year. Students should be aware that the College cannot guarantee that supervision will be available for a student's first choice of project. However, the College does have a responsibility to enable those students who complete Division II work in a given area to do a related Division III project.

The Schools

It will be the responsibility of each of the Schools to work out a system for faculty load distribution that will allow adequate supervision for Division III students working with the faculty of that School.

The Faculty

Supervision of a student's Division III project, and/or acting as chairperson of a student's Division III committee, is a serious teaching responsibility. Committee members should thoroughly discuss the duties of respective members and the amount of assistance the student can expect from each. Faculty should be sure that School deans are informed about their Division III supervisory loads and about the number of Division III committees on which they are serving or acting as evaluators. The responsibilities of faculty who agree to serve as chairperson of Division III committees are described in the Procedures for Division III.

Transfer Policy

Transfer students are required to fulfill all distribution and additional course requirements of Hampshire's Division I, II, and III. Transfer course work completed prior to enrollment at Hampshire may be used to satisfy some of Hampshire's graduation requirements. To be considered for transfer status, students must have been enrolled at a regionally accredited college or university on a full- or part-time basis and have completed at least 15 transferable semester credits or 23 quarter credits in a variety of academic (liberal arts and sciences) disciplines post-high school graduation prior to enrollment at Hampshire. Courses must be comparable in academic demands and disciplines to those offered at Hampshire, be graded C or better and not be recorded as high school credit. Students who have completed fewer than 15 semester credits or 23 quarter credits of college work will be considered first-year entrants and should refer to the description of the [first-year program](#) ^[27] for more information. Hampshire College will transfer courses completed during high school dual-enrollment programs only if the student's transfer institution has awarded them credit. Hampshire will also transfer Advanced Placement Program (AP) exams scores of 4 or higher and International Baccalaureate (IB) higher level exams scores of 5 or higher for up to four Division I elective requirements.

Prior to matriculation, transfer students' transcripts are evaluated to determine which eight Division I course requirements have been fulfilled through transfer work. Any remaining first-year course requirements must be completed during the first semester of enrollment. Distribution requirements that have been met will be indicated when students fill out their course preference forms on [TheHub](#) ^[37] prior to matriculation. At a

meeting for transfer students during orientation, transfer students will receive a list of the courses from their previous institution(s). Courses that were accepted to satisfy Division I distribution requirements will be noted as such.

During their first semester, students fill out a [Division I](#) [27] declaration form listing the 4 distribution requirements and 4 electives needed to complete Division I. These courses may be from a student's previous institution, Hampshire/Five-College courses, or a combination of both. After confirmation of completion of all 8 courses with accompanying grades and or evaluations is received and recorded, [Central Records](#) [31] will record a Division I pass. Transfer students do not complete Division I portfolios or submit Division I retrospective essays.

Like all Hampshire College students, transfer students negotiate a plan of study for [Division II](#) [13] with their advisor. Transfer courses not used for the completion of Division I are eligible for inclusion in Division II with approval of the student's Division II committee. Please see the section concerning requirements and procedures for filing Division II. When determining when a student's Division II is ready to be passed, the faculty committee takes into consideration: the number and type of courses and other learning activities in the portfolio and whether they form a comprehensive body of work; the student's proficiency with writing and other modes of expression and presentation; and the student's readiness, in terms of requisite knowledge and skills, to embark on the proposed [Division III](#) [8] project. The completion date of Division II will be determined by the student's faculty committee.

NOTE: Students receiving financial aid should consult with the [Financial Aid Office](#) [38] regarding the number of semesters of financial aid eligibility.

Academic Records

Students' academic records are the responsibility of the [Central Records Office](#) [31]. Students have access to their files at any time during open office hours; online evaluations are available through [TheHub](#) [44]. A picture ID must be presented upon requesting copies of documents from the file, which generally contains evaluations of learning activities, internships, and transcripts for study-abroad programs. Documents from the file may be photocopied in Central Records. Students are responsible for checking the accuracy of their records and reporting any discrepancies to Central Records prior to graduation.

Course Registration

Dates and deadlines are located on the [Academic Calendar](#) [45].

There are two periods a semester in which students may register for courses: preregistration and add/drop. At preregistration, students register for courses for the upcoming semester. Before or during this period, students must meet with their advisors to discuss plans and obtain advisor authorization, which is required to participate in preregistration. [1] Students may register and drop courses on [TheHub](#) [46] during preregistration and again during the add/drop period at the beginning of the semester. There are two deadlines during the add/drop period: the last day to add a class on TheHub; and the last day to drop a class on TheHub and to submit paper registration forms to Central Records. No record of courses dropped during either preregistration or add/drop will appear on student transcripts.

Students may withdraw from courses between the drop deadline and the published course withdrawal deadline in November for a fall course and April for a spring course. A "W" for course withdrawal is recorded on student transcripts. Note that only successfully completed co-curricular courses appear on student transcripts.

Students may not withdraw from courses after the course withdrawal deadline. Failure to withdraw from a course by the deadline could result in a "no evaluation" notation for a Hampshire course or an "F" for a Five College course. Students with documented medical reasons or other verified, unforeseen grounds of personal or family hardship may contact the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) [47] to request an exception to this policy. A request for an exception should occur by the drop deadline in the semester after the course in question. No request for an exception to policy will be considered beyond 60 days after the student's final semester of attendance.

In some cases, faculty may grant students an extension for completing work. See the policy for [incomplete courses](#) [48] for more information.

Students who withdraw from the institution or take a medical leave during a semester should refer to the information on academic work in the [leave policy](#) [49].

The need to observe religious holidays will be honored by arrangement with individual faculty members. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts statute ensures that any student who is unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirement on a particular day shall be excused and shall be provided with an opportunity to make up such examination, study, or work requirement that may have been missed because of such absence on any particular day, provided, however, that such makeup shall not create an unreasonable burden upon the College. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to the student.

For more information about course registration, please visit the [Central Records webpage](#) [50].

[1] Some holds will prevent students from participating in preregistration. Students should check the "Approvals and Holds" page on [TheHub](#) [46] for information on holds.

Five College Courses

Listed below are the rules and regulations covering enrollment in off-campus courses. These regulations have been worked out by mutual agreement among the Five Colleges. Registration instructions are located on the [Central Records webpage](#) [51].

- Students may preregister for a maximum of two Five College courses. During the add/drop period, students may request additional Five College courses. Students may take no more than two courses at Amherst College in any one semester.
- Off-campus courses do not incur extra tuition charges unless there are special lab fees, private music lesson and practice fees, or special materials. Registration for Five College courses in any registration period is completed on [TheHub](#) [37] through the Five College course request system. Enrollment in a course is not guaranteed until the class actually begins.
- If a student fails to enroll properly in a Five College course by the stated deadline, the grade in the course will not be recorded. The other colleges will not permit enrollment after this date unless the student has been granted an exception through the Late Add Justification process.
- For year-long courses, students must repeat the registration process for the spring term.
- Students taking Five College courses are subject to the grading system, calendar, and academic honor system of the host institution and must take all exams at the time scheduled. Five College registration policies and practices vary from institution to institution. Some instructors in the other four colleges will provide a written evaluation in addition to (not in place of) the required grade, on request. A Five College grading system is used by the Five Colleges. Students may be graded on a 14-point system (A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, etc.) when taught by

- Five College–appointed faculty. Students with questions about a grade received should generally contact the professor of the course. Students who fail to withdraw from a Five College course by the published deadline should refer to the [course registration](#) ^[52] policy.
- Division III students who enroll in off-campus courses to fulfill advanced educational activities that extend beyond Hampshire graduation deadlines should be aware that formal awarding of the degree will be delayed if confirmation of course completion is not received prior to commencement.

FERPA and Privacy of Records

What is FERPA?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, commonly known as FERPA, is a federal law governing the privacy of education records. It grants specific rights to current and former students and sets restrictions on how schools may handle education records. It is College policy to keep student academic records confidential, with the exception of directory information, which is considered public.

FERPA requires that schools obtain written permission from students before releasing education records. Exceptions to this include emergency situations in which the health and safety of the student is involved, to provide information to schools to which a Hampshire student is transferring, in certain student conduct cases, and in other circumstances described in FERPA. In addition, in well-defined circumstances, some information may be released without written permission from the student. College officials with a legitimate educational interest may also have access to a student's education records without prior consent.

What is an education record?

The definition of an education record under FERPA is broad. It refers to any record that is directly related to a student and that is kept by the College or someone acting on behalf of the College from which an individual student, or students, can be personally (individually) identified. Records can include: files, documents, and materials maintained by the College in any medium.

FERPA gives each student the following rights:

- The right to inspect and review education records the school is keeping on the student within 45 days of making a request.
- The right to consent to any disclosure of those records, unless disclosure is permitted under FERPA.
- The right to seek amendment to those records.
- The right to file a complaint with the FERPA Family Policy Compliance Office in Washington, D.C.

Note: When a student reaches the age of 18 or begins attending a postsecondary institution regardless of age, FERPA rights transfer to the student.

Public (Directory) Information

The items below are considered public information and may be released to third parties at the discretion of Hampshire College staff. Students may request that public information be withheld. Since there are important consequences of such a request, students must consult with the director of central records.

- Name
- Campus box number and phone
- Campus email address
- ID photo
- Pronouns
- Dates of attendance
- Field of concentration
- Name of advisor
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Dates, titles, and committees of Divisional projects
- Most recent educational institution attended

Privacy of Records

Students complete an annual 'privacy of records' form on [TheHub](#) ^[28] regarding parent or guardian access, which they may change at any time. Ordinarily, students themselves share evaluations and Five College grades with others. In some cases, however, parents, guardians or individuals acting as parents in the absence of a parent or guardian, may request information from advisors, faculty, or staff. Students indicate whether the College may release to these individuals general information on academic progress and financial matters and/or copies of academic contracts, and whether, upon request, the College may send them copies of evaluations. Other third parties may obtain non-directory information if the student has granted specific permission to do so.

Privacy rights apply only to currently enrolled students and former students; Hampshire applicants are not covered. These rights pertain to any education records in whatever form maintained by the College.

Type of Record	Responsible Office	
Academic ^[31]	director of central records	Telephone inquiries for information on alumni are answered by the Alumni and Family Relations Office ^[55] , which releases this information only to other alumni, Hampshire and Five College faculty, and other inquirers expressly authorized by the alum. Hampshire students interested in contacting alumni are encouraged to email alumni@hampshire.edu ^[56] with their requests.
Admissions ^[53]	dean of academic support and advising/dean of enrollment and retention	
Student Conduct ^[54]	director of student conduct, rights, and responsibilities/ dean of students office	
Financial Aid ^[38]	director of financial aid	

- Personal files kept by a College staff member if the record is not revealed to others and is kept in the sole possession of the staff member
- Records maintained separately from education records solely for law enforcement purposes
- Medical records maintained by the College's student health clinic
- Parents' financial records

Access to student education records may be provided without prior written consent where such disclosure involves:

- Hampshire College officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the record. A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a

person or company with whom the College has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using College employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a student conduct or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing their tasks.

- Officials of another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll
- Federal, state, and local agencies and authorities as provided under law
- Parents of an eligible student if the student is claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Organizations conducting studies for or on behalf of an educational institution, where such studies will not permit personal identification of students or their parents by those other than the representatives of such organizations
- Appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency
- Compliance with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena, where reasonable effort has been made to notify the student in advance of compliance
- Disclosure of final results of certain Formal Conduct Process proceedings (described in FERPA regulations) when there is a determination that a student committed a violation of its rules or policies with respect to the crime
- Disclosure to a parent of a student's violation of a federal, state or local law or any rule or policy of the College governing the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances
- Other circumstances permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended

The following College personnel have access to student files: staff of central records, dean of faculty, center for academic support and advising, admissions, and student life; offices of the College with responsibility for academic programs; the student's advisor; current and potential divisional committee members; College employees gathering data for legitimate college purposes; or any College official with a legitimate educational interest in an education record. To qualify as legitimate and educational, an interest must be related in a clearly discernible way to the conduct of the normal business of the institution or to the educational welfare of the individual student or of other students. Exceptions to this policy may be made in individual cases with the permission of the director of central records, provided that the exceptions are consistent with applicable law.

Request for Amendment to Educational Records

Generally, students resolve minor inaccuracies in their narrative evaluations without a formal process. Requests for amendment to records are not used in cases where the student is disputing a faculty member's judgment of academic work. Refer to the section on [Evaluation of Educational Activities](#) ^[57] information on requesting changes to narrative evaluations.

If an eligible student believes information contained in the education record is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy, the student may request a review of the record and its amendment. Requests to amend record may not be considered beyond 60 days after the student's final semester of attendance.

Requests for amendment will be reviewed within a reasonable time and if appropriate college officials so decide, the record will be amended. If the College decides not to amend a record, the student will be notified and informed of the right to a hearing.

Preferred First Names & Pronouns

Many members of the Hampshire community use names other than their legal names to identify themselves. As long as the use of this different name is not for the purposes of misrepresentation, Hampshire acknowledges that a preferred first name and pronoun may be used wherever possible in the course of a student's education. The preferred first name is used except where the legal name is required, such as payroll records and student transcripts.

Students should give serious consideration to the request to use a preferred first name and/or pronoun, as this choice will be permanently reflected in the narrative portions of the [academic transcript](#) ^[58]. Although students are generally free to determine the preferred name they wish to be known by, inappropriate use of the preferred name policy (including but not limited to avoiding a legal obligation or misrepresentation) may be cause for denying the request. The College reserves the right to remove a preferred name if it is used inappropriately.

Preferred first name requests are entered via the directory. Students have a choice of displaying their preferred first name instead of their legal first name, or in addition to their legal first name. Authorized changes to preferred names will be almost immediate in some locations; others may take additional time based on system configurations.

In addition to the preferred first name, students may select a pronoun from the list provided in their [directory preferences](#) ^[59] to be displayed on TheHub and Moodle. Pronouns are viewable to members of the Hampshire community who have a login to the directory. If no pronoun has been selected "not set" will be displayed. When writing evaluations, faculty use the pronoun entered on the directory.

Changes to a legal name can only be made in the [central records](#) ^[31] [office](#) ^[31] and will be based on appropriate documentation, such as a court order or Social Security card. Students with legal name changes may request that their narrative evaluations be amended to reflect their gender identity, whether or not they also have a legal gender change. Such amendments can take up to 30 business days to process.

Disclaimer: This policy does not form a contract of any kind and may be modified, changed, altered, or rescinded at the discretion of Hampshire College.

Transcripts

The Hampshire College transcript includes the following:

- **The First Page of the Transcript includes the following:**
 - Divisional titles and dates of completion
 - Hampshire and Five College course numbers and titles
 - Five College grades
 - Completed co-curricular activities
 - Terms of enrollment (includes semesters of field study and exchange programs)
 - Terms of leave of absence
 - Dates of attendance
 - Student current enrollment status
 - Transcript guide (located on the back of the main page)
 - Summary description of the academic program
 - Key to interpreting the transcript

Note: Hampshire courses that are not successfully completed, incomplete, or audited are notated accordingly.

- **Evaluations included:**
Divisional and course evaluations completed as of the transcript issue date

- o Division I
 - Includes certification of the Campus Engaged Learning (CEL-1) requirement
- o Division II
 - Includes certification of the Community Engagement and Learning (CEL-2) requirement and the Multiple Cultural Perspectives requirement
- o Division III
 - Includes evaluations and/or grades for the two required Advanced Educational Activities

Note: When Division II and/or III are in progress or passed and not yet evaluated, the contract abstract is included.

- Course evaluations not already part of Division I, II, and III evaluations
- Field study and exchange program evaluations and international transcripts.

Note: If a student studied at another U.S. institution before or during enrollment at Hampshire, the transcript must be ordered directly from the institution attended.

- **Optional Materials may be included upon student request prior to graduation**
 - o Evaluated learning activities
 - o Five College course evaluations (optional for Five College faculty)

All course evaluations and/or the Division I evaluation are included in transcripts prepared for students who have not yet received the Division II evaluation. Division III students may select representative evaluations of course work, field studies, internships, and so on. Transcripts also include a description of the academic program, a key to the transcript, and recommendations for awarding transfer credit.

Requesting a Transcript

Transcript request forms and additional information are available on the [central records web site](#) ^[60], and in the central records office. No transcripts will be issued without a student's written permission and signature. It can take up to five business days to prepare a transcript.

Cost

Students are billed a one-time transcript fee, which entitles them to request transcripts both while enrolled and in the future at no additional charge. Students are responsible for expedited shipping costs.

Maintenance of Student Files

Students should prepare their transcripts before leaving the College. Final documents are kept on permanent file in central records by scanning onto CD-ROM after students leave the College. Students who have not requested final transcripts prior to scanning may not have the option of selecting representative additional evaluations.

Transcripts/Outstanding Obligations

- Students who have outstanding financial obligations to the College may not receive official transcripts, nor will transcripts be issued to a third party.
- Transcripts will not be issued for any student who has defaulted on any federal student loan until the College has been notified by an agency that the student is no longer in default.
- If a student has not fulfilled any student conduct sanctions imposed through the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9], the degree will be withheld and official transcripts will not be released.

Students who have not fulfilled obligations as described above may be issued one unofficial transcript that will be stamped with "issued to student" and "outstanding obligation." Transcripts will not be issued to a third party.

Evaluation of Courses and other Educational Activities

The expectations for a student to receive an evaluation for the successful completion of a Hampshire course or other type of educational activity such as an independent study, field study or teaching assistantship are established in advance of the start of the activity. Evaluations for learning activities pre-approved by the student's Division II or Division III committee and written by non-Hampshire supervisors must be submitted to the committee and Central Records at the conclusion of the activity.

Students are responsible for checking their records for accuracy at the end of each semester. If a student finds an error in an evaluation, they should request that it be corrected as soon as possible after it has been posted online. Requests for changes to evaluations may not be considered beyond 60 days after the student's final semester of attendance.

Generally, students resolve minor inaccuracies in their evaluations without a formal process. Typographical and minor factual errors, including preferred name and pronoun errors, are easily resolved by contacting the appropriate School Administrator. The College has a separate policy and procedure for amending records of students who change their preferred pronoun, preferred name or legal name.

Students who question the content of an evaluation should first discuss their concerns with the faculty member who wrote the evaluation to come to a resolution. If a resolution with the faculty member cannot be reached, the student should contact the appropriate dean, who may consult with other parties as necessary to arrive at a decision.

Faculty Evaluation Deadlines

Mid-semester Course Evaluations

Faculty indicate concerns or comments regarding student progress courses by [published deadline](#) ^[23]s. (Mandatory for first and second semester students; optional for others)

Course Summary Evaluations

Faculty indicate whether students will be receiving an evaluation, no evaluation, or an incomplete by the [published deadline](#) ^[23]. Also see course [registration policy](#). ^[52]

Course Evaluations

Course evaluations are due by January 15th for a fall term and June 15th for a spring term.

Incomplete courses

Faculty are not obligated to negotiate an incomplete. In those cases where a student has requested and the faculty member agrees that an incomplete is appropriate, that information must be recorded no later than the course [completion summary](#) ^[23] deadline for that semester.

To record an incomplete, the faculty member enters the negotiated date along with any other pertinent notes on [TheHub](#) ^[37] in the course summary by the course summary deadline. Students are notified of the incomplete via email and asked to agree to the terms. The negotiated date will not exceed January 15th for a fall course, and June 30th for a spring course.

When the faculty member has determined that the conditions of the incomplete have been met, they must record that the course has been successfully completed on TheHub by January 15th for a fall course and June 30th for a spring course. If successful completion is not recorded by this time, the incomplete will automatically convert to a "no evaluation" notation. Faculty have one month from the negotiated date to evaluate the work.

Students experiencing exceptional circumstances that could make it difficult to adhere to any part of this policy should be referred immediately to [CASA](#) ^[11] for assistance with accommodating circumstances.

Division I and II

Evaluations for Division I and II work passed during a fall term are due January 30. Evaluations for Division I and II work passed during a spring term are due June 30. Check the [academic calendar](#) ^[7] for the evaluation deadline for Division I work that is passed at the beginning of a term.

Division III

Division III evaluations, including all Advanced Educational Activities, are due by the [published deadline](#) ^[23]. No student can formally be awarded the degree unless all Division III evaluations have been received.

Exchange, Field Study, & Short-term Field Courses

Exchange

Exchange is the term for participation in a Hampshire-sponsored program at a site away from the College. All Hampshire Exchange programs (both international and domestic) are administered by the [Global Education Office](#) ^[61] (GEO).

Field Study

Field study may be granted for academic study that requires a student to be away from the Hampshire campus for an entire semester.

Short-term Field Courses

Short-term field courses vary. See the [Global Education Office](#) ^[62] (GEO) website for more information.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility Requirements for Hampshire Exchange and Field Study (both domestic and international):

To be eligible to participate in a semester on Exchange or Field Study, you must

- Have filed for Division II or be in your first semester of Division III. Division I students and Division III students in their last semester are not eligible.
- Be in [good academic standing](#) ^[26] and [good disciplinary standing](#) ^[63] to qualify.
- For Exchange Programs, students must apply for the program through the Global Education Office.
- Receive approval from your academic committee.
- Be in good financial standing at Hampshire. Students who may have outstanding financial obligations may not be eligible.
- Receive necessary approvals from all relevant offices by the Field Study, Leave & Exchange Deadline the semester prior to being away (November for spring/April for fall).

Policy on Good Academic and Disciplinary Standing for Exchange and Field Study:

Students wanting to participate in a semester on Exchange or Field Study must be in both good academic and disciplinary standing at Hampshire College. The Center for Academic Support and Advising (CASA), the Global Education Office (GEO) and the Dean of Students Office/Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities collaborate to review all academic and conduct records of students who are applying to be on Exchange or Field Study. Students who are on academic contract are not eligible to participate in either Exchange or Field Study until the terms of the contract have been fulfilled. In addition, students must be clear of any outstanding or ongoing Formal Student Conduct processes and probationary terms cannot coincide with the intended semester away (all must be completed the semester before leaving campus). Students who may be on probation ([disciplinary status sanction](#) ^[63]) or contract at the time of application but whose probationary terms end prior to the planned semester off-campus are not automatically disqualified from participating. Hampshire reserves the right to review each case on the nature, severity, and number of incidents prior to approving the semester away. Students may be required to submit additional information to CASA or GEO as well as participate in an interview prior to their approval for a semester on Exchange or Field Study. Once a student's application is approved, approval may be revoked at any time for failure to maintain good academic and disciplinary status at through the time of departure. It is in the student's best interest to notify the appropriate CASA or GEO advisor/program manager if they have a violation of the norms for community living and policies prior to application. If a student's application for Exchange or Field Study has been denied or their eligibility status to participate has been revoked, students have an opportunity to seek a review by filing a written request to the Dean of Faculty within 3 days once they have been notified.

Eligibility Requirements for Hampshire/GEO Short-term Field Courses:

Short-term field courses are open to all actively enrolled Hampshire students in good academic and disciplinary standing and who qualify for specific course prerequisites. Students are required to apply to the Global Education Office using the online application system by the published application deadlines.

Policy on Good Academic and Disciplinary Standing for GEO Short-term Field Courses:

Students wanting to participate in a short-term field course must be in both good academic and disciplinary standing at Hampshire College. The Center for Academic Support and Advising (CASA), the Global Education Office (GEO) and the Dean of Students Office/ Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities collaborate to review all academic and conduct records of students who are applying for a short-term field course. Students must be clear of any outstanding or ongoing Formal Student Conduct Processes and probationary terms cannot coincide with the intended period away (all must be completed the semester before leaving campus). Students who may be on disciplinary probation or contract at the time of application but whose probationary terms end prior to the planned period off-campus are not automatically disqualified from participating. Hampshire reserves the right to review each case on the nature, severity, and number of incidents prior to approval of participation in a short-term field course. Students may be required to submit additional information to CASA or GEO as well as participate in an interview prior to their approval for a short-term field course. Once a student's application is approved, approval may be revoked at any time for failure to maintain good academic and disciplinary standing at any time up to the time of departure. It is in the student's best interest to notify the appropriate advisor if they have violation of the norms for community living and policies prior to application. If a student's application for a short-term field course has been denied or their eligibility status to participate has been revoked, students have an opportunity to seek a review by filing a written request to the Dean of Faculty within 3 days once they have been notified.

Exchange

Students interested in participating in exchange must follow the GEO application procedures. The Hampshire Exchange application deadlines (fall and spring term) are listed each year on the [GEO website](#) ^[61] and advertised extensively around campus. Students who enroll at a program or institution where Hampshire has an exchange agreement must do so through Hampshire College exchange status. Students may not enroll directly with Hampshire partners while on field-study status.

A student on exchange is generally supervised by an appropriate person at the exchange site. The student is entitled to a limited amount of supervision by a Hampshire College faculty member. A semester of exchange is considered a semester of enrollment for the purpose of academic standing (see the section on [Guidelines for Academic Progress](#) ^[26]). Students are expected to fulfill the academic requirements as outlined by their exchange program and their Division II or III committee. Failure to successfully complete a semester of exchange may impact a student's academic progress, divisional status, or financial aid eligibility.

Enrollment Status

Students on exchange will be considered full-time students for the purpose of educational loan obligations. If, for other valid reasons, certification of student status is necessary, the [Central Records Office](#) ^[31] will prepare a letter bearing the College seal.

All students, including those on exchange, are automatically enrolled in the Hampshire College health insurance plan through [Gallagher Koster](#) ^[64]. Medical care coverage is outlined in the College insurance company brochure and on the [student financial services website](#) ^[65]. Exchange students are required to have insurance. Some exchange programs may have additional, country-specific insurance requirements. Students have the option to waive Hampshire's insurance if they are covered under another acceptable insurance plan; students who will be studying outside of the United States will need to confirm that their private carrier will cover them internationally.

A student on exchange may **not** have use of any Hampshire College or Five College facilities. A student on field study may have access to library resources.

Fees

Students who participate in a Hampshire Exchange program are charged Hampshire College tuition for that semester. Room, board, and other fees vary by program; refer to the [Global Education Office website](#) ^[66]. Fees associated with exchange withdrawal will be assessed per the program withdrawal and refund policy (see [GEO website](#) ^[66]).

Financial Aid

Refer to the [Financial Aid website](#) ^[38].

Procedures for Exchange

Students must work closely with the [Global Education Office](#) ^[66] and complete all application materials. A Hampshire College Exchange form will be issued to a student if they have been accepted to an exchange program.

- A meeting with the advisor (Division II or Division III chair) who will be supervising the work during the exchange should occur at an early stage. If this is a Division III exchange, this planning meeting must be followed by a meeting with the Division III advisor in [CASA](#) ^[11]. Division III students should refer to the [Division III section](#) ^[8].
- After the project has been planned, it must be put in written form. A copy of the Division II concentration statement or a preliminary Division III plan (see below) should be attached. A written agreement between the student and the faculty supervisor outlining the obligations each is willing to undertake is an important part of the form. A statement about how and when the work will be evaluated should also be included.
- All students traveling on a Hampshire College-sponsored study are required to submit an Assumption of Risk and General Release form. College-sponsored travel is any travel that a student receives any funding, academic credit for work done during or upon return from the travel; or any travel which has been arranged by the College. This includes participation in an exchange program, whether domestic or international.
- Filing for exchange requires the signature of the following: Division II or Division III chair, assistant director of residence life, bursar, the director of financial aid (for financial aid students), the international student advisor in the multicultural and international student services offices (for students with an F-1 student visa), the director of global education, and a member of the Center for Academic Support and Advising staff.

Any exchange for which final approval has not been received will be canceled.

International Students

International students (with an F-1 student visa) are required to consult with the international student advisor regarding visa implications of exchange BEFORE applying for exchange. The advisor is located in the [multicultural and international student services office](#) ^[67] in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center.

Returning from Exchange

In order to preregister for courses or participate in the on campus housing lottery process, the student must notify [CASA](#) ^[11] of their intention to return by the November and April enrollment deadline. Students should refer to [online forms and information](#) ^[68] on the Hampshire College website and TheHub. Other information regarding returning to Hampshire is also included at this website. If [CASA](#) ^[11] is not notified of a student's plans for the term following the exchange by the notification deadline, the student will be withdrawn from the College.

Field Study

Field study may be granted for academic study that requires a student to be away from the Hampshire campus for an entire semester. Field study status assumes that the student is engaged in academic work away from the College, not just living off campus, and that the study or work to be carried out is of such a nature that it cannot be done while the student is in residence at Hampshire. In general, field study is the term used to describe work for which there has been adequate academic preparation and that must be done in a particular place away from the College—a "field site." The [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) ^[11] staff are available to answer questions about field study.

Students completing a semester's work at a site away from Hampshire College, which has been pre-approved by their Division II or Division III committees for inclusion into their Division II or Division III, are placed on field study. Students who want to be on field study must be in [good academic standing](#) ^[26] and [good disciplinary standing](#) ^[63] to qualify. The enrollment notification deadline is listed each year in the [academic calendar](#) ^[7] and tuition information on the [Student Financial Services website](#) ^[65]. All forms must be submitted by that date.

A student on field study generally is supervised by an appropriate person at the field-study site. The student is entitled to supervision by the Division II or Division III committee. A semester of field study is considered a semester of enrollment for the purpose of academic standing (see the section on [Guidelines for Academic Progress](#) ^[69]).

Students must submit the [required documentation](#) ^[70] to show evidence of continued full-time enrollment in the field study semester and successful completion of the semester.

Students are expected to fulfill the academic requirements as outlined by their field study program and their Division II or III committee. Failure to successfully complete a semester of field study may impact a student's academic progress, divisional status, or financial aid eligibility.

Enrollment Status

Students on field study will be considered fulltime students for the purpose of educational loan obligations. If for other valid reasons certification of student status is necessary, the [Central Records Office](#) [31] will prepare a letter bearing the College seal.

All students, including those on field study, are automatically enrolled in the Hampshire College health insurance program through [Gallagher](#) [64] [Koster](#) [64]. Medical care coverage is outlined in the College insurance company brochure and on the Student Financial Services website. Field-study students are required to have insurance. Students who receive this permission have the option to waive Hampshire's insurance if they are covered under another insurance plan; students who will be studying outside of the United States will need to confirm that their private carrier will cover them internationally.

Students on field study are not entitled to use any Hampshire College or Five College facilities. Specifically, this involves the library; Five College libraries; the Hampshire College or University of Massachusetts Amherst Health and Counseling Services; the Robert Crown Center; Outdoors Program and Recreational Athletics college-sponsored trips; enrolling in, teaching, or auditing Hampshire or Five College interchange courses; having a job on campus; or having a validated Hampshire ID card.

Fees

The fee for a field study is approximately one third of the Hampshire College tuition for that semester. Refer to the Student Financial Services website.

Financial Aid

Refer to the [Financial Aid website](#) [38].

Procedures for Filing for Field Study

The process for filing for field study should begin about six weeks into the term preceding the field study.

- Field-study forms are available from the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) [11].
- A meeting with the advisor (Division II or Division III chair) who will be supervising the work during the field study should occur at an early stage. If this is a Division III field study, this planning meeting must be followed by a meeting with one of the deans in the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) [11].
- After the project has been planned, it must be put in written form. A copy of the Division II concentration statement or a preliminary Division III plan (see below) should be attached. A written agreement between the student and the faculty supervisor outlining the obligations each is willing to undertake is an important part of the form. A statement about how and when the work will be evaluated should also be included.
- Filing for field study requires the signature of the following: Division II or Division III chair, assistant director of residence life, bursar, the director of financial aid (for financial aid students), the director of global education (for students traveling outside the United States), the international student advisor in the multicultural and international student services offices (for students with an F-1 student visa), and a member of the Center for Academic Support and Advising staff. The CASA dean cannot sign field study or exchange forms without the student obtaining all other necessary signatures.
- All students traveling on a Hampshire College-sponsored study are required to submit an Assumption of Risk and General Release form. College-sponsored travel is any travel that a student receives any funding, academic credit for work done during or upon return from the travel; or any travel which has been arranged by the College. This includes participation in field study, whether domestic or international.

The enrollment notification deadline is listed each year in the [academic calendar](#) [7] and tuition information on the [student financial services website](#) [65]. If plans are not definite or if a signature is missing, the form should still be submitted by the deadline and an appointment made with a [CASA](#) [11] staff member the following week. Occasionally a student will find that their plans cannot be finalized until later in the term or during the summer.

Any field study for which final approval has not been received will be canceled.

International Students

International students (with an F-1 student visa) are required to consult with the international student advisor regarding visa implications of field study BEFORE applying for field study. The advisor is located in the [multicultural and international student services office](#) [67] in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center.

Returning from Field Study

In order to preregister for courses or participate in the on-campus room-choosing lottery process, the student must notify [CASA](#) [11] of their intention to return by the November and April enrollment deadline. Students should refer to [online forms and information](#) [68] on the Hampshire College website. If [CASA](#) [11] is not notified of the student's plans for the term following the field study by the notification deadline, the student will be withdrawn from the College. Other information regarding returning to Hampshire is also included at this website.

Permission is rarely granted to extend field study if the field study was originally approved for one semester. If such permission is granted, students must file a new field-study form and obtain updated signatures. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of the field study and students will be placed on leave of absence.

Leave & Withdrawal

Personal Leave of Absence

If a student needs to be away from Hampshire College and will not require faculty supervision or a formal Hampshire record of activities while away, a one semester personal leave of absence may be appropriate.

Withdrawal

Students who want to withdraw from Hampshire College must complete a withdrawal form, which is available from the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) [11].

Leave of Absence

Personal Leave of Absence

There are various reasons students might consider a personal leave: to take time away from Hampshire, including personal circumstances; the desire to travel or work; or simply the need for a break. Personal leaves are not intended for students planning to obtain academic credit while away.

A personal leave may be granted to any student for one term. By the field study, leave and exchange deadline, students must meet with a dean in the Center for Academic Support and Advising (CASA) to notify the College of their intention to take personal leave for the upcoming semester.

In extenuating circumstances, students already enrolled in a term may take a personal leave for the semester, but must meet with a CASA dean to request the leave by the end of the add/drop period at the beginning of the term. Requests for a personal leave after add/drop will be denied, and are considered to be requests for withdrawal from the institution.

Automatic readmissions after one semester will be assumed, provided students declare their intention to return by the field study, leave and exchange deadline of the term away from campus. A personal leave is not a semester of active enrollment. Upon returning to campus, students anticipated graduation will be adjusted to a later date by one semester to account for the term away. Should students pursue academic work while on personal leave, there is no guarantee that it will be accepted. Students who fail to notify the College of their intention to return will be withdrawn and must apply for readmission.

Leave with Conditions of Return

Students who are not making satisfactory academic progress as determined by CASA may be required to take a leave to make up for academic deficiencies by completing course and divisional work elsewhere. Read more about this topic under the [Guidelines for Academic Progress](#) ^[26] section.

Procedure for Filing for Leave of Absence

The first step in the process is for students to meet with a CASA dean to discuss their plans before the leave deadline. CASA will provide a form that requires signatures from the student's advisor, housing operations office, financial aid office, the bursar, the international student advisor in the multicultural and international student services offices (for students with an F-1 student visa), and a CASA dean. To return from leave of absence the following semester, students should refer to online forms and information on the Hampshire College website. If CASA is not notified of the student's plans for the term following the personal leave by the notification deadline, the student will be withdrawn.

Students on leave do not have an advisor and may not work with faculty. They may not complete divisional work or negotiate the Division II or the Division III contract. Students on leave the fall term may not enroll in winter break workshops. Students on leave of absence may not have use of any Hampshire College or Five College facilities. Specifically, this involves the library; the Robert Crown Center; the Hampshire College or University of Massachusetts Amherst Health and Counseling Services; the Outdoors Program/Recreational Athletics college-sponsored trips; enrolling in, teaching, or auditing Hampshire or Five College interchange courses; having a job on campus, or having a validated Hampshire ID card.

Students who have waived insurance coverage for the preceding term are not eligible to apply for insurance while on leave. Students enrolled in the insurance plan are eligible for coverage for a maximum of two semesters. Health insurance does not automatically continue while on leave. To request continuation of health insurance while on medical leave, contact student accounts at 413.559.6982.

Students may purchase the supplemental health insurance offered by Hampshire College that entitles leave students to medical care as outlined in the college insurance company brochure and on the [Student Financial Services website](#) ^[65]. Supplemental insurance does not cover a student for care at the [Hampshire College Health and Counseling Services](#) ^[71] or [University of Massachusetts Amherst University Health Services](#) ^[72].

Medical Leave and Academic Work

Students who begin a medical leave (either voluntary or involuntary) during a semester do not have the option of completing the semester's academic work.^[1] If students begin a medical leave before the course drop deadline at the beginning of a semester, courses in progress will not appear on their transcripts. If the medical leave begins after the semester's course drop deadline, a "W" for withdrawal will appear on student transcripts for courses in progress.

Information about Medical Leave

Refer to the [Medical Leave](#) ^[73] section.

Deadlines and Fees

The leave of absence fee is \$350 for each term.

A change of status from fully enrolled to leave of absence after the opening of the term (enrollment check-in date) will, if approved, lead to the partial or full forfeiture of tuition, room, and board fees. Refer to the fee brochure and the [website](#) ^[74] for the refund schedule. Factors determining the amount of the refund include the date of leave, the type of leave, and the financial aid status of the student. Upon leave, financial aid students may have a part of their aid returned to the programs that assisted them as mandated by the federal return-of-funds formula. Returns are applied in the following order: federal student and parent loans, federal grants, college and outside grants, and scholarships. Students will be responsible for a balance due created by the return-of-funds process.

Vacating Student Rooms

See the [Residential Life & Housing Policies](#) ^[75] section.

International Students

International students (with an F-1 student visa) are required to consult with their international student advisor before submitting their leave of absence form to CASA; or if filing for medical leave, before submitting the medical leave declaration and any supporting medical documentation to [health and counseling services](#) ^[71]. Mandatory advisement will address the visa implications and procedures for international students taking a leave of absence or medical leave, and requests for authorization for a SEVIS Reduced Course Load (RCL) due to a medical condition, if applicable. Without receiving timely advisement from their international student advisor, the student risks jeopardizing their student visa status and lawful presence in the U.S. The advisor is located in the [multicultural and international student services office](#) ^[67] in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center.

[1] Students who begin medical leave within the last two weeks of classes may appeal to the Dean of Academic Support and Advising to discuss the possibility of completing work. This request must be in writing, addressed directly to the dean. Students should not negotiate the completion of work with the faculty member teaching the course. Approval to complete work will be considered on a course-by-course basis. If an exception is granted for one or more courses, a firm date for submitting the work will be established. If students do not complete the work, a "no evaluation" notation will be recorded on their transcripts. If students complete the approved courses, the semester will count as a semester of enrollment.

Withdrawal

Students are required to meet with a CASA dean to discuss their plans as the first step in the process of withdrawing from the College. CASA will provide a form that requires signatures from the student's advisor and other offices on campus. Students who wish to withdraw from an exchange program should refer to the [exchange section](#) ^[76]. Withdrawing from an exchange program after the program start and/or opening of the term is considered withdrawing from Hampshire College.

Deadlines and Fees

The enrollment notification deadline is listed each year in the [academic calendar](#) and tuition information on the [Student Financial Services website](#).

A change of status from fully enrolled to withdrawal after the first day of classes will lead to the partial or full forfeiture of tuition, room, and board fees. Refer to the fee brochure and the [Financial Aid website](#) for the refund schedule. Factors determining the amount of the refund include the date of leave, the type of leave, and the financial aid status of the student. Upon withdrawal, financial aid students may have a part of their aid returned to the programs that assisted them as mandated by the federal return-of-funds formula. Returns are applied in the following order: federal student and parent loans, federal grants, college and outside grants and scholarships. Students will be responsible for a balance due created by the return-of-funds process.

Fees associated with exchange withdrawal will be assessed per the program withdrawal and refund policy (see [GEO website](#)).

Vacating Student Rooms

See the [Residence Life and Housing Policies section](#).

International Students

International students (with an F-1 student visa) are required to consult with the international student advisor BEFORE filing for withdrawal with [CASA](#), regarding visa implications of withdrawing. Without receiving timely advisement from the international student advisor, the student risks jeopardizing their student visa status and lawful presence in the U.S. The advisor is located in the [multicultural and international student services office](#) in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center.

Guidelines for Academic Progress

Good Academic Standing

Hampshire is committed to the principles of individualized education, in which each student receives the benefits of close collaboration with faculty, individually designed programs of study, and interdisciplinary work. In order to graduate, students must satisfy the requirements at each divisional level. Considering the number of factors that enter into the determination of academic progress and the particular needs of the individual student, the student and academic advisor work together throughout the academic year on the design of a rigorous and appropriate course of study to move the student toward graduation. This course of study comprises course work, independent projects, fieldwork, and other learning activities, co-curricular courses (such as OPRA) do not count.

To maintain good academic standing, students must satisfactorily complete all required educational activities. Students who do not complete seven academic courses and the CEL-1 requirement by the end of the second term will be placed on academic contract by the [Center for Academic Support and Advising \(CASA\)](#), and will be expected to address the deficiencies to return to good standing in the subsequent term. First-year students must successfully complete at least five academic courses by the end of their second semester of enrollment to be eligible to return to Hampshire for their third semester, or will be subject to academic withdrawal. Successful completion of a course means receiving an evaluation or a grade of C or better.

For Division II students, good standing will be determined at the end of each semester by the advisor (usually the committee chair). Students must meet with their advisors prior to the end of each term so that determination of progress can be made. The College considers students at the Division II level to be in good academic standing if they complete at least three committee-approved courses and/or equivalent evaluated learning activities each semester with an evaluation or grade of C or better. Co-curricular courses and workshops (such as OPRA) do not count. Faculty committees will be asked to comment on the progress of Division III students by the end of the first semester of Division III.

During and at the end of the semester, [CASA](#) contacts the instructors of students who are on academic contract and requests that they provide feedback on the students' performance. Timely information on students' academic progress enables [CASA](#) to better assist in achieving their academic goals for the semester. At the end of a contract semester, [CASA](#) will determine if the student has satisfied the conditions of the contract and can return to good standing the following semester.

Students who fail to maintain good academic standing are subject to withdrawal from the College and/or loss of financial aid eligibility (see Satisfactory Academic Progress and Financial Aid, below). As an alternative to withdrawal, some students who have fallen behind may be placed on an academic probation contract worked out by [CASA](#) in consultation with the advisor. At the discretion of the advisor and [CASA](#), a student may be placed on required leave status in order to complete academic work and compensate for academic deficiencies before returning to full enrollment.

Disability-related Accommodations and Academic Contracts

It is standard practice for academic contracts to require completion of all coursework by the deadline for submitting work at the end of the semester set by instructors in individual courses. Taking incompletes in courses is not typically permitted. If there are foreseeable circumstances of any kinds that might impair or impede a student's ability to complete the terms of their contract, it is the student's responsibility to notify the appropriate dean in [CASA](#) in a timely fashion and no more than one week after receiving their contract. This includes accommodations provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation. If a student is unsure about whether they qualify for accommodations under ADA, they should consult with the [Office of Accessibility Resources and Services](#) immediately to begin the disclosure process. Students must arrange for accommodations with instructors before any applicable deadlines for coursework pass. Unless there are extreme, unforeseeable, and documented disability-related circumstances which arise throughout the semester, accommodations cannot be applied retroactively.

Satisfactory Academic Progress and Financial Aid

The College, in accordance with regulations concerning federal financial aid, has instituted guidelines for all students for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). The requirements have three different components:

- a quantitative measure
- a qualitative measure
- a limit on length of time to graduation.

Successful completion of a course means receiving an evaluation in a Hampshire course or a grade of C or better. Because Hampshire College does not use the traditional grade point average (GPA) as a method of evaluation, the College will examine the ratio of successfully completed courses to total courses.

For students entering spring 2015 and after:

- To meet the quantitative standard a student must successfully complete at least 67% of all courses attempted. Attempted courses include incompletes, in-progress, and withdrawn (W) courses.
- To meet the qualitative standard, the ratio of successfully completed courses to total courses, excluding incomplete, in-progress, or withdrawn courses, must be at least 1:2 or 50% (i.e. for every two courses attempted, one must be successfully completed).
- Hampshire College has determined that a student may not take longer than 10 full-time semesters to complete the degree requirements.

Additionally, for students entering fall 2015 and after:

- Co-curricular courses, such as OPRA, do not count toward meeting any of the three standards.

Hampshire College will measure Satisfactory Academic Progress standards at the end of spring semester each academic year. Students who are not meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards described above are not eligible for federal financial aid until an approved Satisfactory Academic Progress plan is developed in consultation with [CASA](#) ^[11]. As long as the student is making progress toward meeting the minimum standards, the student can continue to receive financial aid one semester at a time. A new Satisfactory Academic Progress plan will be required each semester until the standards have been met. If the student does not make progress toward meeting the standards they will lose eligibility for financial aid until all three standards (quantitative, qualitative, and the limit on the length of time to graduation) are met.

Notification to Family of Academic Contract/Academic Dismissal

Under Massachusetts law, the age of majority is 18 and carries full adult rights and responsibilities. The College communicates directly with students in matters concerning academic progress. It is the policy of the College to notify in writing both students and family when an academic contract goes into effect and of dismissal from the College only when the student has granted such permission. In communicating with parents concerning other matters, it is normal College policy to respect the privacy of the student and not to disclose information from student educational records without the prior consent of the student.

A student may appeal their academic standing by submitting a written statement to the dean of academic support and advising. The statement may cite mitigating circumstances for review.

Students who return from withdrawn status are sometimes placed on an academic contract as part of the readmission decision. This information will be provided to advisors.

Guidelines for Graduation in Four Years

The academic program at Hampshire College is a negotiated education; each student will work out a plan of study for graduation in four years with their advisor. The following guidelines are intended to encourage early and frequent discussions between students and advisors concerning a student's academic progress:

- Completion of the Division I course requirements by the end of the second term
- Passing Division I in the beginning of the third term
- Filing of the Division II contract by the beginning of the fourth term
- Passing Division II by the end of the sixth term
- Filing of the Division III contract at the beginning of the seventh term
- Passing Division III by the end of the eighth term

It is important to note that students have a maximum of ten semesters in which to complete all degree requirements. In rare instances, because of injury, severe illness, or death of a close relative, it may be necessary for a student to exceed the maximum period for completing degree requirements. In such cases, the student must submit a plan for completion on extension status to their Division III committee and to the committee on exceptions to academic policy. A student who is granted such an appeal would be placed on leave of absence status for at least the following semester but for no more than two consecutive semesters, before being allowed to return to Hampshire on extension status. Extension status carries a fee rather than tuition, and does not qualify students to receive financial aid. Students on extension status for completion of degree requirements may not live on campus.

Filing Dates and Deadlines for Division II and III

[Central records](#) ^[31] publishes the [academic calendar](#) ^[7], which details the filing deadlines for each academic year.

Readmission Policy

Students seeking readmission to the College are required to submit an application to the [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) ^[11] that includes a statement of their activities while away from the College and a proposed plan of study if readmitted. Contact [CASA](#) for information and the readmission application.

The completed application (including supplemental materials is due no later than November 1 for readmission for the spring term and April 1 for readmission for the fall term. Hampshire does not have a rolling process for considering applications for readmission. The readmissions committee meets just once per semester. It is important that, where applicable, supporting documents be recent. Readmission materials are submitted to [CASA](#) ^[11]. A processing fee of \$50 is required. Students seeking readmission who have been away from Hampshire for four years or more will follow the academic policies and deadlines in effect at the time of readmission. The [Center for Academic Support and Advising](#) ^[11] will provide current policies and deadlines upon request.

Students applying for financial aid must meet the College deadlines for consideration and should contact [Student Financial Services](#) ^[65] directly. Students applying for financial aid should note that there are limitations for aid eligibility for readmitted students and should contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) ^[38] early in the process. These deadlines may be earlier than those required by the readmissions committee. International students (with an F-1 student visa) should also contact their international student advisor before applying for readmission to discuss visa status and enrollment limitations. The advisor is located in the multicultural and international student services office in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center.

Complete applications will be reviewed by the readmissions committee before a final decision is made. Applicants for readmission should be aware that, regardless of the original or predominant reason for withdrawal, all issues that pertain to a student's ability to function at Hampshire may be addressed in determining suitability for readmission. The readmission decision rests on the discretion of the readmissions committee. There is no appeal process for decisions of the readmissions committee.

The readmissions committee will sometimes recommend that a student be readmitted to the College with the understanding that certain conditions or expectations will be met once the student has returned. [CASA](#) ^[11] will be responsible for conveying academic information to the student and the advisor in the form of an academic contract for monitoring academic progress. The committee may also consult with faculty or other pertinent persons, such as former advisors and faculty working in the area of the student's interests, concerning the advisability of readmitting the student.

Applicants must fulfill all requirements as set forth in the application materials, including submission of a personal statement that explains how the circumstances which led to the leave have been addressed. In addition to the requirements listed in [Readmission by Withdrawal Type](#) ^[79], the readmissions committee may require the student to submit additional documentation and/or participate in a personal interview with a College administrator. International students (with an F-1 student visa) should also contact the international student advisor before applying for readmission to discuss visa status and enrollment limitations. The advisor is located in the Multicultural and International Student Services Office in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center.

Readmission by Withdrawal Type

Readmission after Academic Withdrawal

Applicants must provide documentation of completion of all academic work stipulated in the academic withdrawal letter and submit a proposed plan

of study.

Readmission after Administrative Withdrawal

Students who have been administratively withdrawn from the College because they have not informed the College of their enrollment plans must submit information concerning any academic activities while away as part of the application.

Readmission after Incomplete Medical Records Withdrawal

A student who has been administratively withdrawn due to missing medical records must submit required documentation to [Health and Counseling Services](#) [71]. Health and Counseling Services will notify [CASA](#) [11] once all medical information has been received and, if appropriate, CASA will cancel the administrative withdrawal.

Readmission after Disciplinary Suspension

In addition to any criteria and recommendations made at the time of suspension from the College, evidence of responsible behavior in academic and nonacademic areas will be among the criteria used to determine readiness to reenter the Hampshire community.

Readmission after Financial Withdrawal

Students who have been financially withdrawn from the College because of an unpaid bill will not be considered for readmission until the [Student Accounts Office](#) [77] has notified [CASA](#) [11] that the student's account has been paid in full. The account must be paid in full before the first day of classes of the semester the student wishes to reenroll.

Readmission after Medical Leave

In addition to a completed readmission application, the student must submit a letter to [CASA](#) [11] from a qualified health professional that contains the following information:

1. A specific diagnosis and prognosis of the health condition that led to the medical leave
2. Description of the treatment that was received by the student during leave
3. An assessment of the student's present and sustained ability to meet the academic, behavioral, and other requirements of the College
4. An assessment of the student's present and sustained ability to live independently in student housing
5. An assessment of whether the student's return to the College presents a potential threat to the health or safety of the student or to others in the College community
6. Recommendations for continued treatment or accommodations (if any) upon return to the College. If requested to do so, the student also must provide the College with written permission to contact their health professional. In specific cases, additional requirements are possible. This information will be held as confidential by College health officers and the readmissions committee to the extent practical.

For International Students

International students (with an F-1 student visa) are required to contact the international student advisor immediately after applying for readmission, regardless of withdrawal type, to discuss visa status, enrollment limitations, and to obtain an updated Form I-20 necessary for returning to Hampshire. The advisor is located in the Multicultural and International Student Services Office in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran [Cultural Center](#) [80].

Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS)

Hampshire College offers services on an individual basis to students with documented disabilities. The College recognizes its obligation under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities so they may participate as fully as possible in the College's academic programs. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to, sensory impairments, mobility impairments, chronic illnesses and medical disabilities, learning disabilities, developmental disabilities and psychological disabilities. The director of OARS is responsible for the coordination of services and accommodations for students with disabilities. Accommodations may be provided by OARS directly, but often accommodations are implemented in collaboration with faculty or other relevant campus offices and services. OARS may be reached at 413.559.5498 or via email: accessibility@hampshire.edu [81].

Student Responsibilities

The Office of Accessibility Resources and Services supports students advocating for equal access to all programs and services at Hampshire College. Students are expected to self-identify with OARS to initiate requests for accommodations through the [Disability Disclosure and Accommodation Request](#) [82] process and to engage in the interactive process to determine reasonable accommodations for their disability. Once approved for accommodations, it is a student's responsibility to notify relevant faculty or administrators of approved accommodations and to collaborate with them and OARS in the process of accommodation implementation.

Confidentiality

The decision to disclose a disability to the College is wholly voluntary. The information provided by students will be treated as confidential and will be disclosed by OARS only if necessary to assess and/or implement requested services or accommodations. Evaluations, medical records, and other documents submitted to establish a disability or the need for accommodations are securely filed in the OARS director's office and do not become part of a student's academic record. Students are legally considered to be adults. Communication of confidential information with parents or professionals regarding disabilities must be authorized by the student.

Evaluations

Hampshire College does not provide educational evaluations or any other assessment of medical, learning or mental health status to determine eligibility for accommodation. Documentation Guidelines are available to clarify types of assessments and appropriate professionals to administer such assessments which substantiate need and eligibility for disability-related accommodation. A list of local practitioners qualified to conduct relevant evaluations at a student's expense can be made available at a student's request. [Health and Counseling Services](#) [71] will provide referrals to local professionals who can evaluate psychiatric and medical conditions.

Request and Review of Accommodation Eligibility

Request for Accommodations/Documentation of a Disability

In order to be recognized by the College as a person with a disability and become entitled to reasonable accommodations, a student must first [disclose a disability](#) [82] with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) and provide appropriate supporting documentation in accordance with our [documentation guidelines](#) [83]. That signifies that the student is formally registering with the College as a person with a disability and is seeking accommodations.

Students may not receive accommodations from the College without such disclosure and/or without providing appropriate supporting information and documentation. A request for accommodations may be made at the point of disclosure or at some future date. Accommodations cannot be retroactive. Some students who go through the process of documenting a disability are not seeking specific accommodations but rather confirmation of a disability that they can present to faculty to assist in best meeting their learning strengths and weaknesses; faculty are not obligated to provide any accommodations not formally approved through OARS.

Housing Accommodation Requests

OARS works closely with the Housing Accommodation Committee to review and approve requests for accommodations in the residential setting. The Housing Accommodation Committee includes members of the Housing Operations Office, Dining Services, and Health and Counseling Services who consult to ensure students disability-related needs are met in the residence halls with reasonable accommodations and appropriate placement. Please navigate to the [Housing Accommodation Request Process](#) ^[84] for more information about requesting housing-based accommodations

Review of Requests

All requests for accommodations will be assessed by the [Office of Accessibility Resources and Services](#) ^[85], which may consult with appropriate College administrators and/or faculty to determine the appropriateness and/or feasibility of the requested accommodations. It is OARS' general practice to discuss accommodations directly with the student requesting them prior to approval. OARS may request further information from the student and/or treating professional and may make its own recommendations for alternative accommodations more appropriate to address individual circumstances. Students will be notified in a timely manner by OARS when requests are approved, modified, or denied.

Disability-related Accommodations and Academic Contracts

(This text can also be found as part of the policy [Guidelines for Academic Progress](#) ^[69].)

It is standard practice for academic contracts to require completion of all coursework by the deadline for submitting work at the end of the semester set by instructors in individual courses. Taking incompletes in courses is not typically permitted. If there are foreseeable circumstances of any kinds that might impair or impede a student's ability to complete the terms of their contract, it is the student's responsibility to notify the appropriate dean in CASA in a timely fashion and no more than one week after receiving their contract. This includes accommodations provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation. If a student is unsure about whether they qualify for accommodations under ADA, they should consult with the [Office of Accessibility Resources and Services](#) ^[85] immediately to begin the disclosure process. Students must arrange for accommodations with instructors before any applicable deadlines for coursework pass. Unless there are extreme, unforeseeable, and documented disability-related circumstances which arise throughout the semester, accommodations cannot be applied retroactively.

Request for Accommodations at the Five Colleges

Hampshire students frequently take courses at the other four colleges in the Five College consortium. If a student documents a disability at their home college, they do not need to engage the same process at the other colleges. Requests for accommodations in courses at other colleges can be made through the director of OARS at Hampshire, who will certify that the student is recognized as a person with a disability and list approved accommodations on the Five College accommodations form. The student is then responsible for taking the form to the accessibility services office at the other college. The final decision regarding the appropriateness or feasibility of such a request for accommodation rests with the accessibility services administrator at the other campus. Though the hosting institution's accessibility services staff will consult with OARS when appropriate to support students as proactively as possible, any formal grievances regarding barriers or discrimination encountered at another institution in the Five Colleges should follow that institution's grievance process.

Grievance Procedures for Disability-related Access

Hampshire College [prohibits discrimination](#) ^[86] on the basis of disability. The College has adopted this procedure to provide prompt and equitable resolution of complaints which allege any action prohibited by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and applicable state law. These laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in any programs, activities, and employment opportunities available at Hampshire College. These laws also prohibit retaliation against an individual who files a complaint regarding disability discrimination, files a grievance under this procedure, or cooperates in the investigation of such complaint or grievance.

If a student is in need of accommodation related to any of Hampshire's physical environments or programs, they are strongly encouraged to [disclose their disability](#) ^[87] to OARS in order to have access to advocacy and on-campus resources which assist with proactive removal and prevention of barriers through accommodations or other means. This includes, but is not limited to [dining and residence](#) ^[84], [academic programs](#) ^[82], co-curricular programs and events, and on campus employment. If students do encounter any additional unforeseen barriers to College programs, services, or resources, they are encouraged to report these barriers as soon as reasonably possible to the department where the barrier was encountered and to the director of the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS). If a student encounters a barrier or discrimination in the course of working for the college as a student employee, the student should still seek resolution through the student grievance process.

Informal Solutions are Encouraged

The [ADA \(Americans with Disabilities Act\)](#) [encourages alternative means of dispute resolution](#) ^[88] when appropriate and to the extent authorized by law. These methods include settlement negotiations, conciliation, facilitation, mediation and arbitration. The use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms is completely voluntary and is intended to supplement, and not to supplant, the other remedies provided by the ADA. No alternative dispute resolution procedure precludes the affected person from seeking relief under the enforcement provisions of the ADA. Alternative dispute resolution measures are not required to be used prior to the filing of an administrative complaint with the federal government or through existing campus discrimination grievance procedures.

The College encourages students to seek the aid and intervention of the director of OARS in order to resolve complaints informally – typically conciliation or facilitation of a remedy. If informal procedures do not satisfactorily address the student's concerns, they may still file a written grievance.

Filing a Written Grievance

Students have the right to file a grievance if they believe they have been denied equal access to the college's programs, resources or services (academic or otherwise) because of or on the basis of a disability. In order to establish the basis for such a grievance students must first [register with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services](#) ^[87] (OARS) and provide written documentation of their disability. The written grievance should include the student's identifying information (name and student ID), a description of how the College has denied equal access to the student, any steps that the student has already taken to identify and resolve the problem, and the desired remedy. Students are encouraged to include relevant documents to support their account.

The formal grievance should be given to the director of OARS. The director will investigate the complaint and meet with the parties cited to resolve the student's concerns. Absent any unusual circumstances, the director will make recommendations for resolution to the student and other parties involved within thirty days after the filing of the grievance.

Appealing a Grievance Resolution

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to the student or to the other principals in the grievance, either party may then appeal to the [chief diversity officer](#) ^[89]. The chief diversity officer may attempt to reach an informal resolution and/or investigate the grievance as described above or shall review all of the documents pertaining to the case, hear the parties and convene such meetings as required to resolve the complaint. If consensus on a resolution cannot be reached, the chief diversity officer will render a decision as soon as possible after an appeal has been

submitted. It typically takes about 10 days, but may take up to 21 days, to consider the appeal when such additional time is deemed necessary. In rare instances where extenuating circumstances exist, appeals may take longer than 21 days for a decision to be rendered. The decision of the chief diversity officer is final.

If a grievance pertains to the actions of the director of OARS or the chief diversity officer specifically, or they are unable to otherwise serve in the above outlined capacities due to any other conflict of interest, an appropriate senior-level administrator will be appointed to serve in their place throughout the grievance process.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Personal information regarding such grievances is considered confidential. The College reserves the right to consult with legal counsel, relevant faculty or staff, and/or experts in the field of disability services in order to obtain information or advice regarding the subject of the grievance. All individuals consulted agree to be bound by the rules governing disclosure of confidential personal information.

State and Federal Options

The College recognizes the right of students to file grievances with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights or other regulators if they believe that their rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 have been violated.

Office for Civil Rights, *Boston Office*
U.S. Department of Education
8th Floor
5 Post Office Square
Boston, MA 02109-3921
Telephone: (617) 289-0111
Fax: (617) 289-0150
Email: OCR.Boston@ed.gov ^[90]

United States Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Disability Rights Section, NYA
Washington, DC 20530
(202) 307-0663 (voice and TDD)
Fax: (202) 307-1198

ADA Coordinator
Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/your-rights/civil-rights/disability-rights/ada-rights-and-grievance.html> ^[91]

Service and Emotional Support Animals

Hampshire College is committed to creating a welcoming environment through the use of commonly accepted guidelines and procedures that allow animals to be on-campus for specific purposes. These purposes include reasonable accommodations for employees, students, and visitors with disabilities in compliance with applicable Massachusetts state and federal laws. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended ^[92] and related laws, rules and regulations, including the Fair Housing Act ^[93], Hampshire College will reasonably accommodate requests for service animals and other assistance animals to reside with their owner/handler in College provided housing.

To learn more about what constitutes a pet, emotional support animal or service animal, and how to gain an exemption to our Pet Policy ^[94], please see our definitions and policies on the Norms for Community Living and Policies ^[94] section.

Students in need of accommodation related to a service or emotional support animal and would like to register with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) should review:

- Request and Review of Eligibility Policies ^[87]
- Student Responsibilities for Service and Emotional Support Animals ^[95]
- Housing Accommodation Process ^[84]

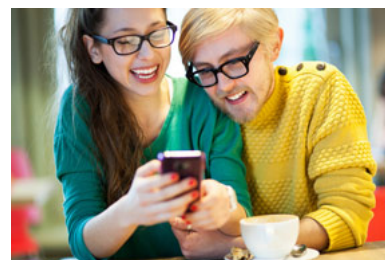
Norms for Community Living and Policies

Student Conduct: Our Philosophy

Our approach to student conduct at Hampshire College is one of education and care, focusing on student learning through individual growth and accountability for behavior within the Hampshire College community. Our goal is to help and encourage students to be successful, both socially and academically; this includes providing the tools for students to make informed decisions. The conduct process and sanctions for violation of the policies laid out under the Ethics of Scholarship, Code of Conduct, and Norms for Community Living ^[96] are designed to guide student behavior and to balance the rights of the individual with that of the health and safety of the community.

Informal and Formal Processes

Hampshire College values the ability to facilitate outcomes through both formal and informal processes. As often as possible, the College encourages students to utilize informal processes, such as restorative conferencing ^[97] or working with resident advisors (RAs) and area coordinators in residence life to resolve conflict. Engaging in informal processes means there will be no formal student conduct record, however it is the right of students and administrators overseeing processes to request and recommend the use of formal processes. The goal of both formal and informal processes is to repair harm and find resolution for all involved parties. While interim measures may be taken for community safety following an incident and until a reported violation can be reviewed through a Conduct Meeting or Hearing, respondents are not considered responsible for violation of policy until such time that a finding of responsibility be determined and the respondent is notified in writing (via e-mail and/or hard copy).



Policies related to academic matters are found in the Academic Policies ^[98] section of the Hampshire College Student Handbook.

Code of Conduct, Norms, & Policies

In the early years of Hampshire College, each of the four housing areas determined their own policies and procedures. In 1972, Community Council (comprised of 8 students, 4 faculty, and 2 staff) began work to establish a student Code of Rights that would apply to all students. On May 17, 1973 the Community Council approved the first guidelines for community living, the "Code of Rights;" over time this document was reviewed and revised and the Community Council approved the second set of guidelines for community living, the "Bill of Rights." Finally on March 11, 1976, the Community Council affirmed the "Norms for Community Living" that the College continues to use today as guiding principles for review of all reported violations of policy. The Code of Conduct section was later added as the student conduct process evolved, and serves to strengthen the College's expectation that these are the standards, along with the associated Policies, to which all Hampshire College students and employees must conform. While the Code of Conduct is specific to students, the Norms for Community Living apply to all Hampshire College community members.

Code of Conduct

Hampshire College students, whether or not they are on campus or enrolled as a degree candidate, must abide by this Code of Conduct including the Norms for Community Living that guide review of all policies. Guests of Hampshire students and students from other colleges who are enrolled in Hampshire College courses are required to comply with these policies while on the Hampshire College campus and while off campus when participating in Hampshire College programs and activities.

All rules and laws of the Town of Amherst, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States of America apply on the campus and are considered part of College policies. The Town of Amherst and Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws include, but are not limited to, regulations on indoor and outdoor smoking, open container laws (for alcoholic beverages), public nudity restrictions (including public urination), bans on drug use and paraphernalia, and limitations on weapons possession.

Town of Amherst General Bylaws: <https://www.amherstma.gov/207/General-Bylaws-Government-Act> ^[99]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/> ^[100]

Norms for Community Living

Charge and Membership

Members of the Hampshire College community have a common concern for each individual person and their personal development. Each member of the community has certain rights that afford personal protection and insure the College's commitment to learning and the advancement of knowledge through free inquiry will not be interfered with. No member of this community shall violate the rights of any other member, as represented by the norms described in this document.

All persons affiliated with Hampshire College are considered members of the Hampshire community and are expected to abide by the Norms for Community Living and Policies while they are on or off the Hampshire College campus.

Right of Assembly

All members of the Hampshire community have a right to assemble peaceably and petition for the redress of their grievances.

Right of Freedom of Communication of Ideas

All members of the Hampshire community have the right to freely express their ideas provided that the method of expression does not violate any other rights affirmed by this document, the Code of Conduct, and policies in the Hampshire College Student Handbook. Any member of the College has the right to publish and distribute without interference. However, while such members may not be subject to prior restraint, they shall be held accountable for any erroneous, malicious, or defamatory statements that violate any other right affirmed by this document, the Code of Conduct, and policies in the Hampshire College Student Handbook.

Right of Integrity

Every member of the Hampshire community is entitled to the Right of Integrity. The Right of Integrity is composed of three parts:

1. Academic Integrity: Every member of the college community has the exclusive right to their own academic work. To use or convert another person's work as one's own for academic credit, public approbation, or monetary gain violates this right. (Also see [Ethics of Scholarship](#). ^[101])
2. Business Integrity: Every member of the college community has the right to expect that any business conducted with any other member is free from malice and fraud.
3. Personal Integrity: Every member of the college community has the right not to be the subject of slander or libel, and not to have their character impugned.

Right of Personal Security

Every member of the Hampshire community has the right to reasonable security from threat or physical abuse or mental anguish by any other person or device or substance controlled by any other person.

Alcohol and Other Drugs

In Massachusetts the drinking age is 21 and marijuana has been legalized, however marijuana is not permitted at any educational institution, including Hampshire College, that receives federal funding. Hampshire is committed to providing support and assistance to students struggling with issues related to alcohol or other drug use. Students who come forward to actively seek help when they are concerned about their own use or that of their friends and/or acquaintances may qualify to earn [Alcohol & Other Drug Amnesty](#) ^[101] or educational and restorative [sanctions](#) ^[102] if found responsible for a violation. Students will still be expected to work with the College to develop a plan to address these issues, and to take responsibility for any negative impact their behaviors have had on others or the environment (e.g., property damage, noise complaints, medical transports). Students are not absolved of responsibility for violations of Norms for Community Living and Policies committed under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Both on- and off-campus support and informational resources are available for students seeking help for substance use issues, and a listing of these resources can be found at www.hampshire.edu/slresources ^[103].

Within the Alcohol and the Other Drug Policy, you will find guiding information about violations of policies as well as the range of outcomes for single and recurrent violations.

Alcohol Policy

Hampshire College's alcohol policy is guided by and abides by laws regarding such matters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the town of Amherst. The acquisition, possession, transportation, consumption, and distribution of alcoholic beverages is governed by statute and regulation. For the full text of the law, please see [chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws](#) ^[104].

The following outlines the policy including application of the policy for students who are of a legal drinking age:

- A person must be 21 years of age or older to purchase, possess, consume, and transport alcoholic beverages.
 - Any alcoholic beverage found in the possession of someone under 21 years of age may be confiscated.

- o For students residing in College housing, alcohol may be stored only in the private rooms of those who are of legal age to drink alcohol, and those individuals may store only their own alcohol for private use.
- o Alcoholic beverages may not be stored in common spaces in College housing, except for those common spaces of campus apartments where all residents are 21 years of age or older.
- o Students transported to the hospital or assessed medical attention for over consumption of alcohol, whether of legal age or not, may be in violation of the alcohol policy and may qualify for [Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty](#) ^[102].
- Purchasing or delivering a drink to anyone under the legal drinking age is a violation of law and of Hampshire policy.
- The possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages in public violates Hampshire College policy and Amherst town law. Possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages outdoors and in common areas of the College is prohibited in the absence of a registered social event. The private rooms and offices of community members 21 years of age or older and the residence common spaces of campus apartments where all residents are 21 years of age or older are the only exceptions to this.
- It is a violation of Hampshire policy and Massachusetts law to willfully misrepresent one's age or the age of another person in order to purchase or receive alcoholic beverages.
- No person may serve an alcoholic beverage to a person who is obviously intoxicated.
- No alcohol may be served at a social event after 1 a.m.
- Possession of kegs of alcohol is permitted only with a permit from the town of Amherst. A town permit must be applied for from the Amherst police chief at least one week prior to the event.
 - o Beer kegs are not permitted on campus without the prior approval of the area coordinator for the area for parties in student residences and the appropriate student life professional for all campus events. In all cases, a copy of the completed permit must be provided to [campus police](#) ^[105] prior to the event.

Events with Alcohol

A person, group, or organization may not sell alcoholic beverages, or charge admission to an event where alcoholic beverages are served, unless a license is obtained from the local licensing authority, the [Amherst Board of Selectmen](#) ^[106].

- A social event on the Hampshire College campus is considered to be any gathering at which more than 15 people are in attendance.
- The availability of alcohol may not be contained in the off-campus advertising, including postings online, of any event. On-campus advertising may indicate alcohol may be served to persons over the age of 21, but amounts of alcohol may not be publicized. Alcohol should not, in any context, be the central focus of any event, and may not be advertised as such. No advertisement may contain the offering of free alcohol at any time.
- At all social events where alcohol is served, nonalcoholic beverages and food must be provided by the sponsor of the event in adequate proportion to the alcoholic beverages on hand, and must be available for as long as alcohol is served.

For more information on sponsoring an event with alcohol on campus please visit [Campus Leadership & Activities \(CLA\)](#) ^[107] or speak with an area coordinator to discuss [registering an event with alcohol in a student residence](#) ^[108].

Drug Policy

The unlawful manufacture, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance on the Hampshire College campus or as part of any College activity or business off the College premises is prohibited. This includes the unlawful or unauthorized use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. If a student is found responsible for violation of this policy sanctions up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution may result as deemed appropriate by the Dean of Students Office/Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities following review through the [Formal Conduct Process](#). ^[9] Minor violations of policy are likely to follow these [sanction guidelines](#) ^[109].

Local, state, and federal laws make illegal use of drugs and alcohol a serious crime. Conviction can lead to imprisonment, fines, assigned community service, and loss of federal financial aid funds. A felony conviction for such an offense can prevent you from entering many fields of employment or professions. Massachusetts has criminal penalties for use of controlled substances, or drugs, with penalties varying with the type of drug. In general, narcotics, addictive drugs, and drugs with high potential for abuse have heavier penalties.

In addition, it is illegal under Massachusetts State law to be in a place where heroin is kept and to be in the company of a person known to possess heroin.

The College is subject to federal laws, including the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act, that require recipients of federal funds to prohibit the use, possession and cultivation of marijuana at educational institutions, regardless of state law. These regulations apply to all members of the campus community.

- The use, possession, or growing of marijuana is not permitted at Hampshire College, on any other College property, or at College sponsored events on or off campus.
- Possession of marijuana paraphernalia is not permitted at Hampshire College, on any other College property, or at College sponsored events on or off campus.

Drug paraphernalia is defined under [Massachusetts State Law](#) ^[110] as, items "one reasonably should know, that it will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance."

Persons convicted of drug possession under state or federal laws are ineligible for federal student grants and loans for up to one year after the first conviction, five years after the second; the penalty for distributing drugs is loss of benefits for five years after the first conviction, ten years after the second, and permanently after the third.

Statement on Medical Marijuana

Hampshire College receives federal funding through Title IV in the form of student financial aid (grants, loans, and work-study programs) and through federal research grants. As a condition of accepting this money, Hampshire is required to certify that it complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) (20 U.S.C. 1011i; 34 C.F.R. part 86). The federal government regulates drugs through the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), which does not recognize the difference between medical and recreational use of marijuana. Thus, to comply with the Federal Drug Free School and Communities Act and avoid losing federal funding, Hampshire College prohibits all marijuana use, including medical marijuana, and students may be sanctioned for its use.

Therefore, marijuana prescribed for medical purposes is prohibited at Hampshire College even though Massachusetts state law permits its use. Students who have a documented disability may apply for accommodations, including a waiver of the campus residency requirement, through the housing-based accommodation request process. As with any housing accommodation request, the College will engage in an interactive process to determine reasonable accommodations for the disability. Accommodations may be given that support a student's on-campus residency requirement or waive the residency requirement. Please consult with the [Accessibility Resources and Services](#) ^[64] office for complete details of the accommodations procedures.

Sanctions for Alcohol & Other Drug Violations

In determining appropriate sanctions, the College is committed to providing consistency to students in violation of similar policies, while recognizing the circumstance and impact varies greatly for individual students. All outcomes and sanctions are guided by principles found in our Conduct Philosophy, Code of Conduct, and Norms for Community Living:

1. Providing students with the tools to live and learn in a healthy and safe community
2. Promoting individual growth, accountability for behavior, and informed decision making

Students charged with a minor violation of policy, such as possession of alcohol underage, possession of drug paraphernalia, or possessing an open container in a public space will be expected to meet with a conduct administrator, typically an area coordinator in residence life, and if found responsible will likely be referred to an alcohol and other drug discussion circle or other individualized educational sanction.

Students charged with more severe violations, repeat violations, and/or those with a greater impact on the community will also be eligible for alcohol and other drug circles, additional individualized educational sanctions, participation in our BASICS program, and may also receive a Deferred Status Sanction ^[111].

Students transported to the hospital for alcohol and other drug overuse/abuse may qualify for alcohol and other drug amnesty. In order to earn amnesty, the student must meet with an administrator, as requested by the administrator, for a Brief Intervention meeting and successfully complete the BASICS program. Students who are of legal age to consume alcohol and are transported for overuse/abuse may also qualify for alcohol and other drug amnesty.

Continued violations of policy including those that cause significant concern for community members will require additional meetings with College administrators, and if found responsible will result in additional General Sanctions ^[112], Housing Sanctions ^[113] and/or Disciplinary Status Sanctions ^[63].

Conduct meeting administrators have the right to deviate from these sanctioning guidelines if after meeting with a student a different path would be more beneficial to the student's growth and success. Sanction definitions specific to alcohol and other drugs can be found here ^[102].

Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty

Students who seek and/or receive medical assistance for themselves or someone else for alcohol and other drug use will neither be subject to conduct sanctions ^[114] nor notation on their educational record for the sole violation of using or possessing a substance. Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty is not automatic; the criteria that must be met to receive amnesty are outlined below.

The Dean of Students' office is committed to providing support and assistance to students who experience negative consequences related to substance use. In cases of alcohol and other drug overuse, the primary concern is for the health and safety of the individual(s) involved.

The goal of the Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty Policy, which encompasses both medical amnesty and bystander amnesty, is to decrease the risk that a student will hesitate to seek help in an alcohol and other drug-related emergency. Alcohol and other drug amnesty policies are common on college campuses and are intended to encourage safety and responsibility throughout the community. These policies promote education and/or treatment instead of punishment for individuals who receive emergency medical attention or seek medical attention for others in order to reduce the risk of future occurrences.

Individuals who need medical assistance for themselves or others are strongly encouraged to call emergency services (x5555 from an on campus phone or 413.559.5555 from a cell phone).

Please note that students granted Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty will not be exempt from sanctions resulting from other policy violations committed while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Students will be expected to take responsibility for any negative impact their behaviors had on others or the environment (e.g., property damage).

How to Receive Medical Amnesty

Medical amnesty is not automatic and is earned only once a student has completed the following:

- Met with a member of the professional residence life staff and/or dean of students office staff upon request by the staff member for a Brief Intervention Meeting
- Completed the BASICS program as assigned by a member of the professional residence life staff or dean of students staff member
- Successfully completed any additional educational/wellness activities discussed in either of the above meetings

Failure to complete any of the steps listed above will be grounds for referral to the Formal Conduct Process ^[115].

Students **may be granted medical amnesty only once during their enrollment as a Hampshire College student**, because repeated violations compromise not only one's personal health and safety, but also that of the community. Students who require medical assistance due to alcohol or other drug overuse more than once may be subject to sanctions, such as, but not limited to deferred sanction statuses, probation and/or additional educational/wellness requirements.

How to Receive Bystander Amnesty

Bystanders who seek medical assistance on behalf of others will neither be subject to conduct sanctions ^[114] nor notation on their educational record for the sole violation of using or possessing a substance themselves, including bystanders who are also assisting the person in need of medical attention, not solely the person placing the call for help. Bystander amnesty is not automatic and is earned only once a student has completed the following:

- Met with a professional staff member in Student Life upon request by that staff member*
- Successfully completed any educational/wellness activities discussed in their meeting

***This is not a Conduct Meeting; however, failure to attend and participate in the meeting will be grounds for referral to the Formal Conduct Process** ^[115].

There is no limit to the number of times a student can receive bystander amnesty, because Hampshire College strives to create a community in which students are willing and expected to seek help for others in need.

Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Hampshire College reaffirms its commitment to a policy of equal opportunity in education and employment.

Hampshire College does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, religion, national origin, disability, previous military service or any other protected category in the admission of students, employment, access or treatment in its programs and activities or the administration of its educational and employment policies. Discrimination or harassment on the basis of these factors is in direct conflict with the mission of the College and strictly prohibited.

Hampshire College is strongly committed to building an inclusive environment and will not tolerate any actions of any individual or group that violate this Policy.

Hampshire College is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicable federal and state laws and guidelines are followed, including Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Executive Order 11246 of 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11357 of 1967; Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment Policy

Discrimination and harassment are understood to comprise any one or more of the following actions and courses of conduct between persons:

- Physically assaulting, or threatening to assault, any person because of the Protected Factors.
- Causing any person to have reason to believe that by virtue of the Protected Factors or membership in one or more of the aforementioned groups they will be prevented from pursuing a chosen activity.
- Making written or oral statements designed to produce in members of the aforementioned groups fear for their physical safety or fear that freedom of movement or expression would be restricted; or making written or oral statements that can reasonably be supposed to have this effect. Threatening language is expressly prohibited.
- Directing at an individual or person, present or absent, language that grossly offends or insults such individual or groups on the basis of the Protected Factors.
- Denying academic, social, recreational, housing, employment, health service, or other College opportunity or service on the basis of the Protected Factors, or any action or statement that might lead any member of any such group to reasonably expect that access to such opportunities or services might be denied to them on such a basis.
- Retaliating against any person who is participating in any complaint involving discrimination or harassment.
- Using different standards of evaluation for academic work, suitability for employment or promotion, or job performance because of the Protected Factors.
- Any similar actions designed to degrade, insult, threaten, or harm one or more members of the aforementioned groups, or which can reasonably be expected to have these effects.

With regard to language used in classrooms and other teaching/learning contexts, at the same time that we stress that unreasonable constraints on either scholarship, academic freedom (of teachers and learners), and creative work would be chilling in an academic environment, individuals weighing the use of offensive language for an ostensible educational or creative purpose should proceed with care.

The chief diversity officer has been designated to serve as the College's Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator will oversee responses and investigations of reports of all forms of discrimination and harassment. A team of staff members have been designated to serve as Title IX Deputy Coordinators. These team members include the [director for student conduct, rights and responsibilities](#) ^[116], the [student life coordinator](#) ^[117], the [assistant director for human resources](#) ^[118], and an [OPRA coach and instructor](#) ^[119]. Whenever a member of the community (student, staff, or faculty) believes their rights in relation to gender and/or sex have been violated, said person is encouraged to contact the Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Deputy Coordinators, below, to discuss their options under this policy and College procedures. Complaints involving alleged violations of this policy shall be submitted to the Title IX Coordinator or, for complaints by Hampshire College students involving conduct or actions of other Hampshire College students, to the Title IX Deputy Coordinators as described in this policy. The Title IX Deputy Coordinators shall keep the Title IX Coordinator informed of complaints submitted to the Title IX Deputy Coordinators and of the outcome of those complaints.

Individuals are encouraged to report Sexual Misconduct Violations by contacting the Title IX Coordinator or the Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Dianna Williams, Title IX Coordinator

dwilliams@hampshire.edu ^[118]

(413) 559-5442

Office: Cole Science Center, Room 109

Shannon Da Silva, Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students

sdasilva@hampshire.edu ^[117]

(413) 559-4510

Office: Enfield Area Office, 2nd Floor

Any complaints or appeals relating to a violation of the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy, and other violations of Norms of Community Living and Policies that are alleged to have occurred as part of the same circumstances as the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy complaint, shall proceed in accordance with the the procedures set forth in the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy.

Retaliation

The College will not tolerate retaliation against any individual either for bringing forth a complaint of discrimination/harassment or for participating in an investigation procedure. It is prohibited to engage, directly or indirectly, in any action or attempt to harass, intimidate, retaliate against, or improperly influence any individual, including third parties, associated with the student conduct process. For the College's full definition of [Retaliation](#) ^[120], please click the associated link.

External Resources

Individuals who believe they have been subjected to discrimination and harassment may also contact the following resources outside of the College:

Employees and students may bring complaints to:

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

One Ashburton Place, Room 601

Boston, MA 02108

617.994.6000

[United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#) ^[121]

John F. Kennedy Federal Building

Government Center Room 475

Boston, MA 02203-0506

800.669.4000

Students may also bring complaints to:Office for Civil Rights (OCR) ^[122]

United States Department of Education

8th Floor

5 Post Office Square

Boston, MA 02109-3921

617.289.0111

OCR.Boston@ed.gov ^[90]

Grievance Process for Discrimination & Harassment

Informal Process

Engaging in any informal process will not impair a person's right to access other resources inside and outside of Hampshire College. If at all possible, the complainant should bring notice of the problem directly to the person whose actions have been found objectionable. It is hoped that in discussing an issue or concern directly with another person, the parties will be able to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution. Individuals with complaints against an employee of the College are encouraged also to consider speaking to the employee's immediate supervisor. (The chief diversity officer can be helpful in identifying who that person is; in the case of a faculty member, for these purposes it is considered to be the School dean.)

The chief diversity officer may work with the person bringing the complaint forward to work toward an informal resolution, which may include meeting with the person bringing forward the complaint (the complainant) as well as the person to whom the complaint is against (the respondent) either together or separately. Acts of physical and/or sexual violence and/or threats to commit acts of physical and/or sexual violence may include informal conversation, but will not be resolved solely through informal process.

Formal Process

If the complainant chooses not to use the informal procedure or the informal procedure is not successful, the complainant can file a complaint with the chief diversity officer. The chief diversity officer will work in collaboration with the director of student conduct, rights, and responsibilities to determine the best course of action for formal resolution. Typically, resolution will include the complaint being brought to a conduct meeting and/or the Community Review Board (CRB) ^[123], however the chief diversity officer, at their discretion may recommend the case be heard via another type of conduct process.

In some cases, an investigation will occur prior to a conduct meeting or hearing and any reports and/or documentation collected through an investigation would be sent to the conduct administrator/CRB for consideration. An investigation means that the complainant, respondent, and relevant witnesses would be interviewed and an investigation report would be created detailing any factual information relevant to the complaint.

Complaints of discrimination and/or harassment that are gender-based and/or related to sex will follow the processes outlined in the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy ^[124] while all other discrimination/harassment based on Protected Factors will follow the above process.

Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy

STATEMENT OF POLICY

All Hampshire College ("the College") community members have the right to personal and sexual safety, respect, integrity, and freedom of expression, as long as such expression does not cause harm to others. The College seeks to maintain a safe learning, living, and working environment. To that end, the College and this policy prohibit Sexual Misconduct, an umbrella term that encompasses a broad range of behavior including Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, and Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment; Relationship Violence (also known as Dating Violence, Domestic Violence or Intimate Partner Violence); Stalking; Complicity; and Retaliation against an individual for making a good faith report of conduct prohibited under this policy (collectively, "Sexual Misconduct Violations"). These forms of Sexual Misconduct Violations are unlawful, undermine the character and purpose of the College, and will not be tolerated. These forms of Sexual Misconduct Violations are a subset of the behaviors prohibited for students under the Hampshire College Student Handbook and for employees under the Employee Policy Manual ^[125] and the Faculty Handbook ^[126].

This policy has been developed to reaffirm these principles and to provide recourse for those individuals whose rights have been violated. This policy is intended to define community expectations and to establish a mechanism for responding when those expectations have been violated. Violations of this policy will be addressed by the accompanying procedures in Appendices A (Resource Guide and Procedures for Reports against Students) ^[127] and B (Resource Guide and Procedures for Reports Against Employees) ^[128].

Hampshire College adopts this policy with a commitment to: (1) eliminating, preventing, and addressing the effects of Sexual Misconduct Violations; (2) fostering a community of trust in which Sexual Misconduct Violations are not tolerated; (3) cultivating a climate where all individuals are well-informed and supported in reporting Sexual Misconduct Violations; (4) providing a fair and impartial process for all parties, and (5) identifying the standards by which violations of this policy will be evaluated and disciplinary action may be imposed. This policy defines Sexual Misconduct Violations; outlines available resources and reporting options available to students and employees; and references the applicable investigative and disciplinary procedures (Appendices A and B). Hampshire College will take prompt and equitable action to eliminate Sexual Misconduct Violations, prevent their recurrence and address their effects. The College also conducts prevention, awareness, and training programs for students and employees to facilitate the goals of this policy.

Hampshire College does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, religion, national origin, disability, previous military service or any other protected category in the admission of students, employment, access or treatment in its programs and activities or the administration of its educational and employment policies. Discrimination or harassment on the basis of these factors is in direct conflict with the mission of the College and strictly prohibited.

This policy is designed to comply with applicable legal requirements including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") ^[129]; relevant provisions of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 ("VAWA") ^[130]; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII") ^[131]; the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act ("Clery Act") ^[132]; and, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ^[133].

Other forms of discrimination, including discrimination based on race, religion, and disability, as well as any other form of sex-based discrimination not covered by this policy, are addressed by: (1) the Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy for Employees, (2) the Faculty Handbook ^[126], and (3) the Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy for Students ^[134]. This policy supersedes any conflicting provision contained in those policies. Where Sexual Misconduct Violations violate this policy and also violate any other College policies, the College's response will be governed by the procedures referenced in this policy and explained in its Appendices A and B, provided that this does not cause undue delay in prompt resolution of a report under this policy. For questions about which policy applies in a specific instance, please contact Hampshire College's Title IX Coordinator, Diana Sutton-Fernández at (413) 559-6253.

PDF Version of Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy ^[135]

[Resolution Process Flowchart for Complaints Against an Employee](#) ^[136]

[Resolution Process Flowchart for Complaints Against a Student](#) ^[137]

To Whom This Policy Applies

This policy applies to students who are enrolled for credit- or non-credit-bearing coursework, including students taking courses at Hampshire College through the Five College Interchange (“Students”); Hampshire College employees and Five College employees working at Hampshire College, including all full-time and part-time faculty, staff, and administrators (including adjuncts and casuals) (“Employees”); and contractors, vendors, visitors, guests, or other third parties (“Third Parties”). This policy pertains to Sexual Misconduct Violations committed by Students, Employees, and Third Parties when:

- (1) the conduct occurs on Hampshire College premises or other property owned or controlled by the College;
- (2) the conduct occurs in the context of a Hampshire College employment or education program or activity, regardless of location, including, but not limited to Hampshire-sponsored study abroad, research, on-line or internship programs; or
- (3) the conduct occurs outside the context of a Hampshire employment or education program or activity, but has continuing adverse effects on or creates a hostile environment for Students, Employees, or Third Parties while on College premises or other property owned or controlled by the College, or in any College employment or education program or activity.

This policy applies to all Sexual Misconduct Violations occurring on or after the effective date of this policy (August 1, 2016). Where the date of the Sexual Misconduct Violation precedes the effective date of this policy, the definitions of misconduct in existence at the time of the alleged incident(s) will be used. The procedures under this policy, as set forth in Appendices A and B, however, will be used to investigate and resolve all reports made on or after the effective date of this policy, regardless of when the incident(s) occurred.

Applicable Procedures Under This Policy

The specific procedures for reporting, investigating and resolving Sexual Misconduct Violations are based upon the nature of the Respondent's relationship to the College (Student, Employee, or Third Party). Each set of procedures is guided by principles of fairness and respect for a Complainant and a Respondent. “Complainant” means the individual who presents as the victim^[1] of any Sexual Misconduct Violation under this policy, regardless of whether that person makes a report or seeks action under this policy. “Respondent” means the individual who has been accused of violating this policy.

The procedures outlined in [Appendix A \(for Reports against Students\)](#) ^[138] and [Appendix B \(for Reports against Employees\)](#) ^[128] provide for prompt and equitable response to reports of Sexual Misconduct Violations. The procedures designate specific timeframes for major stages of the process and provide for thorough and impartial investigations that afford all parties notice, an opportunity to present witnesses and evidence for consideration by the investigator, and the opportunity to view the information that will be used in determining whether a policy violation has occurred. The College applies the preponderance of the evidence standard when determining whether this policy has been violated. “Preponderance of the Evidence” means that it is more likely than not that a policy violation occurred. A Respondent has the right to be presumed not responsible until proven responsible by the preponderance of the evidence.

A. WHERE THE RESPONDENT IS A STUDENT

The procedures for responding to reports of Sexual Misconduct Violations committed by Students are detailed in “Appendix A: Resource Guide and Procedures for Reports Against Students.” If the Respondent is a Five College Student taking classes at Hampshire, the procedures for investigating and resolving Sexual Misconduct Violations at the Students' home institution will apply, although the College may remove the Five College Student from the course or prohibit their presence on campus (no trespass).

B. WHERE THE RESPONDENT IS AN EMPLOYEE

The procedures for responding to reports of Sexual Misconduct Violations committed by Employees are detailed in “Appendix B: Resource Guide and Procedures for Reports Against Employees.” If the Respondent is a shared employee between Hampshire College and another higher education institution, including Five Colleges, Incorporated, the College's decision to take corrective action under Appendix B will be informed by the nature of the relationship of the Employee to the College. The Title IX Coordinator will determine the appropriate manner of resolution consistent with the College's commitment to a prompt and equitable process consistent with federal and state law and federal guidance, and the College may hold proceedings for investigating and resolving Sexual Misconduct Violations according to Appendix B of this policy. Regardless of the College's action, the procedures for investigating and resolving Sexual Misconduct Violations at the Respondent's home institution will also apply. The home institution is the institution responsible for processing payroll for the Employee.

C. WHERE THE RESPONDENT IS BOTH A STUDENT AND AN EMPLOYEE

Where a Respondent is both a Student and an Employee, the Student-Respondent procedures ([Appendix A](#) ^[138]) will apply if (a) the Student's primary status is an enrolled student, and (b) the Student is not enrolled as a benefit of their own employment at Hampshire College. Where there is a question as to the predominant role of the Respondent, the College's Title IX Coordinator will determine which of the procedures applies based on the facts and circumstances (such as which role predominates in the context of the Sexual Misconduct Violation). Further, where a Respondent is both a Student and an Employee, the Respondent may be subject to any of the sanctions applicable to Students or Employees.

D. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR FIVE COLLEGE INTERCHANGE STUDENTS AND SHARED EMPLOYEES

Hampshire College Students, and Five College Students and Employees generally, are subject to the disciplinary policies of the other Five College institutions while present on their respective campuses. Where a Student or Employee violates the disciplinary policies of another of the Five College campuses while visiting that campus, that conduct violation will be treated as though it occurred on the Respondent's home campus, as indicated in Sections A and B above. The Respondent will then be subjected to their home institution's applicable and appropriate disciplinary procedures. While the College does not have the authority to enforce remedial or protective measures or sanctions on another campus, the College will take prompt and effective action to protect the Hampshire community from Sexual Misconduct Violations, remedy their effects, and prevent their recurrence, which may include limiting or prohibiting a Respondent's access to the College. The College will assist Five College Complainants according to Section VII below to the extent reasonably practicable and will coordinate efforts with the Title IX Coordinator at the Complainant's home institution to assure resources and support are provided to the Complainant. For example, the College can accompany the Complainant to a meeting with the home institution's Title IX Coordinator or to a court hearing, and can offer resources, support, and remedial or protective measures available on Hampshire College's campus. The College does not have the authority or ability to enforce remedial and protective measures or sanctions on other campuses.

E. WHERE THE RESPONDENT IS A THIRD PARTY

The College's ability to take appropriate corrective action against a Third Party will be determined by the nature of the relationship of the Third Party to the College. The Title IX Coordinator will determine the appropriate manner of resolution consistent with the College's commitment to a prompt and equitable process consistent with federal and state law, federal guidance, and this policy.

[1] We recognize that many individuals may choose to self-identify as a survivor rather than a victim or Complainant. The choice of language for any individual is a personal choice and will be respected by the College. In this policy, however, the College uses the terms Complainant and Respondent to assure consistency throughout this policy and with other policies.

Enforcement

A Student or Employee determined by Hampshire College to have committed a violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including separation from Hampshire College. Five College Students and Employees and Third Parties who violate this policy may have their relationship with the College terminated and/or their privilege of being on College premises withdrawn.

Title IX Coordinator

Under Title IX:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

The College has designated a senior administrator to serve as the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator is charged with monitoring compliance with Title IX; ensuring appropriate education, training, and notifications; overseeing reports; coordinating the College's investigation, response, and resolution of all reports under this policy, and ensuring appropriate actions to eliminate Sexual Misconduct Violations, prevent their recurrence, and remedy their effects. The Title IX Coordinator is available to meet with any Student, Employee, or Third Party to discuss this policy or the accompanying procedures. The College has also designated Deputy Title IX Coordinators who may assist the Title IX Coordinator in the discharge of these responsibilities. The Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinators receive appropriate training to discharge their responsibilities.

Concerns about Hampshire College's application of Title IX, VAWA; Title VII; the Clery Act; and Massachusetts laws under this policy may be addressed to the College's Title IX Coordinator; the United States Department of Education, Clery Act Compliance Division (at clery@ed.gov ^[139]); the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, at (OCR@ed.gov ^[140] or (800) 421-3481); and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (at info@eeoc.gov ^[141] or (800) 669-4000).

The Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinators can be contacted by telephone, email, or in person during regular office hours:

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Privacy & Confidentiality

Hampshire College is committed to protecting the privacy of the parties involved in a report under this policy, and will respect the wishes of the Complainant to the extent possible without impeding its investigation and/or its ability to end harassment and eliminate a hostile environment. The College is also committed to providing assistance to help Complainants make informed choices. All parties have the right to decline to participate in the College's investigation and hearing processes at any time, with the understanding that the College will only be able to take action on the information available through the exercise of reasonable care. It is expected that any materials and information prepared or obtained under the investigation process will be shared with those parties who have a legitimate need to know consistent with law and policy. Disclosure of such information may also be made necessary if permissible by law and the Title IX Coordinator determines in their judgment that disclosure is necessary for the safety and well-being of the Hampshire College community.

A. DISTINCTION BETWEEN PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Privacy and confidentiality have distinct meanings under this policy.

Privacy: Privacy generally means that information related to a report of misconduct will be shared with a limited circle of individuals who "need to know" in order to assist in the active review, investigation, resolution of the report, and related issues. All Hampshire College employees who are

involved in Hampshire's Title IX response receive specific training and guidance about safeguarding private information in accordance with applicable laws.

The privacy of Student education records will be protected in accordance with the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) ^[144]. The privacy of an individual's medical and related records generally are protected in the United States by the [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#) ^[145], excepting health records protected by FERPA.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality exists in the context of laws that protect certain relationships, including with medical and clinical care providers (and those who provide administrative services related to the provision of medical and clinical care), mental health providers, counselors, and ordained clergy, all of whom may engage in confidential communications under Massachusetts law. The college has designated individuals who have the ability to have privileged communications as "Confidential Employees." When information is shared by an individual with a Confidential Employee or a community professional with the same legal protections, the Confidential Employee cannot reveal the information to any third party except when an applicable law or a court order requires or permits disclosure of such information. For example, information may be disclosed when: (i) the individual gives written consent for its disclosure; (ii) there is an imminent threat of the individual causing serious harm to self or others; (iii) the information concerns conduct involving suspected abuse or neglect of a minor under the age of 18, which must be reported to the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families' Child Protection Hotline at 1-800-792-5200 or (iv) as otherwise required or permitted by law or court order, including reporting felony crimes to State Police.

B. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT VIOLATIONS

It is important to understand the different responsibilities of Hampshire College Employees. Every Hampshire College Employee is designated as either a "Confidential Employee" or a "Responsible Employee".

A "Confidential Employee" is (1) any Employee who is a licensed medical, clinical, or mental-health professional (e.g. physicians, nurses, physician's assistants, psychologists, psychiatrists, professional counselors and social workers, and those performing services under their supervision), when acting in that professional role in the provision of services of a patient who is a Student; and (2) any Employee providing administrative, operational and/or related support for such health care providers in their performance of such services. A Confidential Employee will not disclose information about Sexual Misconduct Violations to the College's Title IX Coordinator without the individual's permissions (subject to the exceptions set forth in the Confidentiality section of this policy).

A "Responsible Employee" is any Employee who is not a Confidential Employee. A Responsible Employee is required to immediately report to the College's Title IX Coordinator all relevant details (obtained directly or indirectly) about Sexual Misconduct Violations that involve a College Student or Employee as a Complainant or Respondent, including dates, times, locations, and names of parties and witnesses. Responsible Employees include Resident Advisors and all other student-employees when disclosures are made to any of them in their capacities as employees. If a Complainant requests (a) that personally-identifying information not be shared with the Respondent, (b) that no investigation be pursued, and/or (c) that no disciplinary action be taken, the College will seek to honor this request unless there is a health or safety risk to the Complainant or to any member of the College community. Additional information about [remedial and protective measures](#) ^[146] can be found in that section of the Policy.

Responsible Employees are not required to report information disclosed (1) at public awareness events (e.g., "Take Back the Night", candlelight vigils, protests, "survivor speak-outs", or other public forums in which students may disclose Sexual Misconduct Violations; collectively "Public Awareness Events"; or (2) during an individual's participation as a subject in an Institutional Review Board-approved human subjects research protocol ("IRB Research"). The College may provide information about Title IX rights and about available College and community resources and support at Public Awareness Events, however, and Institutional Review Boards may, in appropriate cases, require researchers to provide such information to all subjects of IRB research.

Private Resources: A small subsection of Responsible Employees have the ability to receive reports and share information with the Title IX Coordinator in a manner that preserves the anonymity of the Complainant. These include the Director of Wellness Promotion, the Director for Queer/Women Services, and Peer Chaplains. In order to foster increased reporting, Hampshire has designated these individuals as reporting options. In turn, these resources are permitted to share the report with the Title IX Coordinator in a manner that initially excludes personally-identifiable information about the Complainant or witness. In the event that the resource and/or the Title IX Coordinator determine that the reported conduct poses a potential threat to the health or safety of any campus community member, the resource may be required to share personally identifiable information. This manner of reporting may help inform the Title IX Coordinator of the general extent and nature of sexual violence on and off campus so the Coordinator can track patterns, evaluate the scope of the problem, and formulate appropriate campus-wide responses. Without the sharing of personally-identifiable information, however, the Title IX Coordinator's ability to respond may be limited. In addition, unlike Confidential Employees, who have statutorily-protected legal confidentiality, records maintained by these resources may be subject to release by court order, search warrant or subpoena.

- Emily Rimmer, Director for Queer/Women Services, Center for Feminisms (413) 559-5320
- Peer Chaplains - peerchaplains@hampshire.edu ^[147]

Clery Act Reporting: Pursuant to the Clery Act, Hampshire College includes statistics about certain offenses in its [daily crime log](#) ^[148] and annual security report and provides those statistics to the United States Department of Education, but does so in a manner that does not include any identifying information about persons involved in an incident. The College will also assess a report of misconduct for the need to issue a timely warning under the Clery Act. If a report of misconduct discloses a serious and continuing threat to the campus community, where timely notice must be given to protect the health or safety of the community, the College is required to issue a timely notification to the community under the Clery Act. The timely warning will not provide any identifying information about the Complainant.

Resources and Reporting Options

The College offers a wide range of resources to provide Students and Employees with support and guidance in response to Sexual Misconduct Violations. For comprehensive information on accessing College and community resources, including emergency and on-going assistance; health, mental health, and victim-advocacy services, options for reporting Sexual Misconduct Violations to the College and/or law enforcement; and available support with academics, housing, and employment:

- Students should refer to [Appendix A](#) ^[138].
- Employees should refer to [Appendix B](#) ^[128].
- Third Parties should contact the Title IX Coordinator to discuss available College and/or community resources and reasonably available assistance.

Remedial and Protective Measures

The College will take and/or make available reasonable and appropriate measures to provide support and guidance throughout the initiation, investigation, and resolution of a reported Sexual Misconduct Violation. The College will offer reasonable and appropriate measures to protect a Complainant and facilitate the Complainant's continued access to College employment or education programs and activities. These measures may be both remedial (designed to address a Complainant's safety and well-being and continued access to educational opportunities) or protective (involving action against a Respondent). Remedial measures are available regardless of whether a Complainant pursues a complaint or

investigation under this policy. Hampshire College will maintain the privacy of any remedial or protective measures provided under this policy to the extent practicable and will promptly address any violation of the protective measures. The Title IX Coordinator has the discretion to impose and/or modify any interim measure based on all available information, and is available to meet with a Complainant or Respondent to address any concerns about the provision of interim measures.

The College will assist Five College Complainants to the extent reasonably practicable and will coordinate efforts with the Title IX Coordinator at the Complainant's home institution to assure resources and support are provided to the Complainant. For example, the College can accompany the Complainant to a meeting with the home institution's Title IX Coordinator or to a court hearing, and can offer resources, support, and remedial or protective measures available on Hampshire College's campus. The College does not have the authority or ability to enforce remedial and protective measures or sanctions on other campuses.

For information, support, assistance, and the arrangement of a broad range of remedial and protective measures, contact the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinators. Students may also contact the Office of the Dean of Students ("ODOS") in the Merrill Student Life Center, Second Floor (413) 559-5412, and Employees may also contact the Office of Human Resources in the Robert Stiles House (413) 559-5411. The Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Coordinators, and ODOS employees have received training for this purpose and will assist Students or Employees in determining whether certain forms of support, remedial and/or protective measures may be beneficial and appropriate. ODOS and Human Resources employees are Responsible Employees and are therefore required to report information disclosed to them about Sexual Misconduct Violations to the College's Title IX Coordinator.

The availability of remedial and protective measures will be determined by the specific circumstances of each case. The College will consider a number of factors in determining which measures to take, including the needs of the Student or Employee seeking remedial and/or protective measures; the severity or pervasiveness of the alleged Sexual Misconduct Violation; any continuing effects on the Complainant; whether the Complainant and the Respondent share the same residence hall, academic course(s), or job location(s); whether the Complainant and/or the Respondent are Five College Students or Employees; and whether other judicial measures have been taken to protect the Complainant (e.g., Protective Orders). When implementing such measures, the College will seek to minimize the burden on the Complainant. For example, if the Complainant and the Respondent share the same class or residence hall, the College will not, as a matter of course, remove the Complainant from the class or residence hall while allowing the Respondent to remain, without carefully considering all options and circumstances.

Remedial and protective measures may be temporary or permanent and may be modified by the College as circumstances change. Examples of such measures include:

- Imposition of a No-Contact Directive against an Employee or Student (i.e., an order directing one or both of the parties to refrain from contacting the other, directly or through proxies);
- Arranging access to counseling services and assistance in setting up initial appointments for Students, or providing contact information for available counseling services for Employees;
- Arranging access to medical services and assistance in setting up initial appointments for Students, or providing contact information for available medical services for Employees;
- Assistance in seeking academic assistance or modifications;
- Assistance in modifying College housing arrangements, including immediate temporary relocation to safe living quarters and/or permanent reassignment of College residence halls;
- Assistance in modifying College employment arrangements, including changes in work schedules, job assignments, or work locations;
- Changing an Employee's phone number at work;
- Assistance in enforcement of Protective Orders in an Employee's work environment;
- Arranging a meeting with Police to discuss or report a Sexual Misconduct Violation;
- Arranging a meeting with Police to discuss safety planning; and
- Any other measures that may be arranged by the College (to the extent reasonably available) to ensure the safety and well-being of a Student or Employee who has been affected by a Sexual Misconduct Violation.

In some cases, a Student may choose to seek a leave of absence or a reduced course load; these actions may, in turn, impact a Student's immigration, visa and/or financial aid status. In such cases, the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Coordinators, or ODOS staff will connect Students with the applicable College department or unit so that they may obtain relevant information and assistance. If informed of a report, the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinators will ensure Students receive written notification of all their rights and options, regardless of whether a Student chooses to report a Sexual Misconduct Violation to the College or to the Police.

In some cases, an Employee may choose to seek leave to make arrangements or meet other legal obligations. The College will endeavor to approve reasonable leave for Employees who have experienced a Sexual Misconduct Violation to seek assistance or make arrangements related to the incident. Employees should direct any such requests for leave to their supervisor or, in the case of faculty, to their School Dean. Employees and/or supervisors and deans should direct any questions or concerns related to such requests to Human Resources.

The College will provide reasonable remedial and protective measures to Third Parties as appropriate and available, taking into account the role of the Third Party and the nature of any contractual relationship with the College.

Confidential Resources

Consistent with the definition of confidentiality and designation of Confidential Employees, there are a number of resources within the College and local community where Students and Employees can obtain confidential, trauma-informed counseling and support:

Students may contact Hampshire College Health and Counseling Services (413) 559-5458, Cooley Dickinson Hospital (413) 582-2000, the Center for Women and Community at the University of Massachusetts (888) 337-0800, and Hampshire College Spiritual Life Professional Staff (413) 559-5282. For a complete list of Hampshire College and community-based Confidential Resources for Students, see [Appendix A](#) ^[138].

Employees may contact Cooley Dickinson Hospital (413) 582-2000, the Center for Women and Community at University of Massachusetts (888) 337-0800, or the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offered through LifeScope (800) 828-6025. For a complete list of Hampshire College and community-based Confidential Resources for Employees, see [Appendix B](#) ^[149].

Reporting

There are multiple channels for reporting Sexual Misconduct Violations or potential criminal conduct. A Complainant may choose to report to the College, to law enforcement, to both, or to neither. Complainants may simultaneously pursue criminal and College disciplinary action.

Reporting to the College

Hampshire College strongly encourages anyone who becomes aware of a Sexual Misconduct Violation to immediately report the incident by contacting one of the following Reporting Options:

- Dianna Williams, Title IX Coordinator (413) 559-5442, dwilliams@hampshire.edu ^[118]

- Shannon Da Silva, Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students (413) 559-4510, sdasilva@hampshire.edu ^[117]
- Jessica Fontaine, Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Student Case Management (413) 559-6205, jfontaine@hampshire.edu ^[116]
- Amanda Surgen, Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Athletics (413) 559-5754, asurgen@hampshire.edu ^[142]
- Amy Hunter, Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Staff, Faculty and Visitors (413) 559-5605, ahunter@hampshire.edu ^[143]

There is no time limit on reporting violations of this policy, although the College's ability to respond may diminish over time, as evidence may erode, memories fade, and Respondents may no longer be affiliated with the College. If the Respondent is no longer a Student or Employee, the College will provide reasonably appropriate remedial measures, assist the Complainant in identifying external reporting options, and take reasonable steps to eliminate Sexual Misconduct Violations, prevent their recurrence, and remedy their effects.

In order to foster increased reporting of Sexual Misconduct Violations, the College will not pursue disciplinary action against Complainants or witnesses for personal consumption of alcohol or other drugs in violation of College policy where this information is disclosed in connection with a good faith report or investigation of a Sexual Misconduct Violation and it does not otherwise threaten the health or safety of any individual.

Obligation to Provide Truthful Information: All College community members are expected to provide truthful information in any report or proceeding under this policy. Submitting a false report or providing false or misleading information in bad faith or with a view to personal gain is prohibited and subject to disciplinary sanction. This provision does not apply to reports made or information provided in good faith, even if the facts alleged in the report are determined not to be accurate.

Reporting to Law Enforcement

A Complainant has the right to notify or decline to notify law enforcement. A Complainant who wishes to pursue criminal action in addition to, or instead of, making a report to the College is strongly encouraged to immediately contact law enforcement directly:

- 911 (for emergencies)
- Town of Amherst Police (413) 259-3000 (for non-emergencies)
- Hampshire College Campus Police (413) 559-5424 (for non-emergencies)

Police have unique legal authority, including the power to seek and execute search warrants, collect forensic evidence, make arrests, and assist in seeking civil protective orders. The College will offer support and transportation to any Complainant seeking assistance in notifying law enforcement. Under limited circumstances posing a threat to health or safety of any College community member, the College may independently notify law enforcement.

Sexual Misconduct Violations Under This Policy

Conduct under this policy is prohibited regardless of the sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression of the Complainant or Respondent. Sexual Misconduct Violations include the following specifically defined forms of behavior: Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Relationship Violence, Stalking, Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment, Complicity, and Retaliation.^[1]

[1] These forms of Sexual Misconduct Violations are a subset of the behaviors prohibited for students under the Norms for Community Living in the Student Handbook.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault ^[1] consists of (1) Sexual Contact and/or (2) Sexual Intercourse that occurs without (3) Consent.

1. Sexual contact is:

- Any intentional sexual touching
- With any object or body part (as described below)
- Performed by a person upon another person.

Sexual Contact includes (a) intentional touching of the breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals, whether clothed or unclothed, or intentionally touching another with any of these body parts; and (b) making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts.

2. Sexual intercourse is:

- Any penetration
- However slight
- With any object or body part (as described below)
- Performed by a person upon another person.

Sexual Intercourse includes (a) vaginal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger; (b) anal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger; and (c) any contact, no matter how slight, between the mouth of one person and the genitalia of another person.

3. Consent is:

- Informed (knowing)
- Voluntary (freely given)
- Active (not passive), meaning that, through the demonstration of clear words or actions, a person has indicated permission to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity

Consent cannot be obtained by **Force**. Force includes (a) the use of physical violence, (b) threats, (c) intimidation, and/or (d) coercion.

a) **Physical violence** means that a person is exerting control over another person through the use of physical force. Examples of physical violence include hitting, punching, slapping, kicking, pushing, restraining, choking, and brandishing or using any weapon.

b) **Threats** are words or actions that would compel a reasonable person to engage in unwanted sexual activity. Examples include threats to harm a person physically, to reveal private information to harm a person's reputation or cause a person academic or economic harm.

c) **Intimidation** is an implied threat that menaces or causes reasonable fear in another person. A person's size, alone, does not constitute intimidation; however, a person's size may be used in a way that constitutes intimidation (e.g., blocking access to an exit).

d) **Coercion** is the use of an unreasonable amount of pressure to gain sexual access. Coercion is more than an effort to persuade, entice, or attract another person to have sex. When a person makes clear a decision not to participate in a particular form of Sexual Contact or Sexual Intercourse, a decision to stop, or a decision not to go beyond a certain sexual interaction, continued pressure can be coercive. In evaluating whether coercion

was used, the College will consider: (i) the nature of the pressure, (ii) the intensity of the pressure, (iii) the degree of isolation of the person being pressured, and (iv) the frequency and duration of the pressure. To constitute coercion, conduct must result in wrongfully impairing another individual's freedom of will to participate in sexual activity.

Consent cannot be gained by taking advantage of the **Incapacitation** of another, where the person initiating sexual activity knew or reasonably should have known that the other was incapacitated. Incapacitation means that a person lacks the ability to make informed, rational judgments about whether or not to engage in sexual activity.

A person who is incapacitated is unable, temporarily or permanently, to give Consent because of mental or physical helplessness, sleep, unconsciousness, or lack of awareness that sexual activity is taking place. Mentally helpless means a person is incapable of appraising or controlling one's own conduct. Physically helpless means a person is physically unable to communicate willingness or unwillingness to an act. A person may be incapacitated as a result of the consumption of alcohol or other drugs, even where voluntary, or due to a temporary or permanent physical or mental health condition.

The College offers the following guidance on Consent and assessing Incapacitation:

A person who wants to engage in a specific sexual activity is responsible for obtaining Consent for that activity. Lack of protest, lack of resistance, and silence and/or passivity do not constitute Consent. Relying solely on non-verbal communication before or during sexual activity can lead to misunderstanding and may result in a violation of this policy. It is important to not make assumptions about whether a potential partner is consenting. In order to avoid confusion or ambiguity, participants are encouraged to talk with one another before engaging in sexual activity. If confusion or ambiguity arises during sexual activity, participants should stop and clarify a mutual willingness to continue that activity.

Consent to one form of sexual activity does not, by itself, constitute Consent to another form of sexual activity. In addition, Consent to sexual activity on a prior occasion does not, by itself, constitute Consent to future sexual activity. In cases of prior or ongoing relationships, the manner and nature of prior communications between the parties and the context of the relationship may have a bearing on evaluating the presence of Consent, but any sexual activity must still be mutually agreed-upon.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time. An individual who seeks to withdraw Consent should communicate, through clear words or actions, a decision to cease the sexual activity. Once Consent is withdrawn, the sexual activity must cease immediately.

In evaluating Consent in cases of alleged incapacitation, the Colleges asks two questions: (1) *Did the person initiating sexual activity know that the other party was incapacitated? and if not, (2) Should a sober, reasonable person under the same circumstances have known that the other party was incapacitated?* If the answer to either of these questions is "YES," Consent was absent and the conduct is likely a violation of this policy.

Incapacitation is an extreme form of intoxication. A person is not necessarily incapacitated merely as a result of ingesting alcohol or other drugs. The impact of alcohol and other drugs varies from person to person; each individual may have a different level of tolerance or metabolism. One is not expected to be a medical expert in assessing incapacitation. Instead, one must look for the common and obvious warning signs that show that a person may be incapacitated or approaching incapacitation. A person's level of intoxication can change rapidly, and a person can reach incapacitation within a short time span. Although every individual may manifest signs of incapacitation differently, typical signs include slurred or incomprehensible speech, unsteady gait, combativeness, emotional volatility, vomiting, or incontinence. A person who is incapacitated may not be able to understand some or all of the following questions: "Do you know where you are?" "Do you know how you got here?" "Do you know what is happening?" "Do you know whom you are with?"

One must not engage in sexual activity when either party has been drinking alcohol or using other drugs. The introduction of alcohol or other drugs may create ambiguity for all involved as to whether Consent has been sought or given. If one has doubt about either party's level of intoxication, the safe thing to do is to forego all sexual activity.

Being impaired by alcohol or other drugs is not a defense to any violation of this policy.

[1] The College uses the term Sexual Assault to refer to a broad range of behavior. These behaviors may also meet the criteria for statutorily-defined terms in the penal code, including rape.

Sexual Exploitation

Sexual Exploitation is purposely or knowingly doing any of the following:

- Causing the incapacitation of another person (through alcohol, drugs, or any other means) for the purpose of compromising that person's ability to give or deny Consent to sexual activity;
- Allowing third parties to observe private sexual activity from a hidden location (e.g., closet) or through electronic means (e.g., Skype or live-streaming of images);
- Engaging in voyeurism (e.g., watching private sexual activity without the consent of the participants or viewing another person's intimate parts (including genitalia, groin, breasts or buttocks) in a place where that person would have a reasonable expectation of privacy);
- Recording or photographing private sexual activity and/or a person's intimate parts (including genitalia, groin, breasts or buttocks) without consent;
- Disseminating or posting images of private sexual activity and/or a person's intimate parts (including genitalia, groin, breasts or buttocks) without consent;
- Prostituting another person; or
- Exposing another person to a sexually transmitted infection or virus without the other's knowledge.

Relationship Violence

Relationship Violence^[1], also referred to as Dating Violence, Domestic Violence or Intimate Partner Violence, includes any act of violence or threatened act of violence against a person who is, or has been involved in, a sexual, dating, domestic or other intimate relationship with that person. The College will evaluate the existence of an intimate relationship based upon the Complainant's statement and taking into consideration the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Relationship Violence can encompass a broad range of behavior, including, but not limited to, physical, sexual or emotional violence and economic abuse in the form of threats, assault, property damage or other violence. Relationship Violence affects individuals of all genders, gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientation and does not discriminate by racial, social, or economic background. Relationship Violence may include any form of Sexual Misconduct Violation under this policy, including Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Physical Assault (as defined below).

Physical Assault is threatening or causing physical harm or engaging in other conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person. Physical Assault will be addressed under this policy if it involves Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment, Relationship Violence, or part of a

course of conduct under the Stalking definition.

[1] Relationship Violence includes “dating violence” and “domestic violence” as defined by VAWA.

Stalking

Stalking occurs when a person engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person under circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury or experience substantial emotional distress.

Course of conduct means two or more acts including but not limited to unwelcome acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person’s property. Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish.

Stalking includes “cyber-stalking,” a particular form of stalking in which a person uses electronic media such as the internet, social networks, blogs, cell phones, texts, or other similar devices or forms of contact.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Following an individual in close proximity
- Repetitive verbal or written communications whether on paper or electronic
- Sending or posting unwelcome messages under another username

Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment

Sexual Harassment is any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or other unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, whether verbal, non-verbal, graphic, physical, or otherwise, when one or more of the following conditions outlined in (1) and/or (2), below, are present.

Gender-Based Harassment includes harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, which may include acts of aggression, intimidation, or hostility, whether verbal or non-verbal, graphic, physical, or otherwise, even if the acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature, when the conditions outlined in (1) and/or (2), below, are present.

(1) Submission to or rejection of such conduct is either an explicit or implicit term or condition of an individual’s employment, academic standing, evaluation of academic work or advancement in an academic program, or is used as the basis for College decisions affecting the individual (often referred to as “quid pro quo” or “this for that” harassment);

(2) Such conduct creates a hostile environment. A “hostile environment” exists when the conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s learning, working, or living environment, or limiting or depriving an individual of the ability to participate in or benefit from the College’s educational program and/or activities. Conduct must be deemed severe, pervasive, or persistent as to create an intimidating, threatening, abusive, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive learning, working, or living environment under both an objective (a reasonable person’s view) and subjective (the Complainant’s view) standard.

In evaluating whether a hostile environment exists, the College will consider the totality of the known circumstances, including, but not limited to:

- The frequency, nature and severity of the conduct;
- Whether the conduct was physically threatening;
- The effect of the conduct on the Complainant’s mental or emotional state;
- Whether the conduct was directed at more than one person;
- Whether the conduct arose in the context of other discriminatory conduct;
- Whether the conduct unreasonably interfered with the Complainant’s educational or work performance and/or College programs or activities;
- and
- Whether the conduct implicates concerns related to academic freedom or protected speech.[1]

A hostile environment can be created by persistent or pervasive conduct or, if sufficiently severe, by a single or isolated incident. The more severe the conduct, the less need there is to show a repetitive series of incidents to prove a hostile environment, particularly if the conduct is physical. A single incident of Sexual Assault, for example, may be sufficiently severe to constitute a hostile environment. In contrast, the perceived offensiveness of a single verbal or written expression, standing alone, is typically not sufficient to constitute a hostile environment. In addition, conduct does not have to be directed at a particular person to constitute Sexual or Gender-based Harassment.

Examples of conduct that may constitute Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment include but are not limited to:

- Unwelcome sexual advances, whether they involve physical touching or not;
- Sexual innuendos, jokes, written or verbal references to sexual conduct, gossip regarding one’s sex life, comments on an individual’s body, discussion or inquiry about an individual’s sexual orientation, gender identity, activity, deficiencies, or prowess;
- Displaying or circulating sexually suggestive objects, pictures, videos or cartoons, including via electronic communications;
- Bullying or hazing based on sex or gender:

Bullying is the repeated use by one or more people of a written, verbal or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture or any combination thereof, directed at a another person that: (i) causes physical or emotional harm to the victim or damage to the victim’s property; (ii) places the victim in reasonable fear of harm to self or of damage to personal property; (iii) creates a hostile environment at the College for the victim; (iv) infringes on the rights of the victim at the College; or (v) materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of the College.

Hazing is any conduct, including methods of initiation into student organizations, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any person, or which subjects the person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

[1] In making this evaluation, the College should carefully consider its obligation to protect and uphold academic freedom and freedom of speech. Title IX does not reach curriculum or in any way prohibit or abridge the use of particular textbooks or curricular materials. See 28 C.F.R. § 54.455;

34 C.F.R. § 106.42. Furthermore, OCR's 2001 *Guidance* stated, "Title IX is intended to protect students from sex discrimination, not to regulate content of speech... [T]he offensiveness of a particular expression as perceived by some students, standing alone, is not a legally sufficient basis to establish a sexually hostile environment under Title IX." Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, *Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance* (2001) at 22. See also OCR Dear Colleague Letter on the First Amendment, July 28, 2003 (explaining that "OCR's regulations should not be interpreted in ways that would lead to the suppression of protected speech on public or private campuses.").

Complicity

Complicity is any act taken with the purpose of aiding, facilitating, promoting or encouraging the commission of a Sexual Misconduct Violation by another person.

Retaliation

Retaliation means any adverse action taken against an individual for making a good faith report of a Sexual Misconduct Violation or participating in any investigation or proceeding under this policy. Retaliation includes threatening, intimidating, harassing or any other conduct that would discourage a reasonable person from engaging in activity protected under this policy. Retaliation may be present even where there is a finding of "no responsibility" on the allegations of a Sexual Misconduct Violation. Retaliation does not include good faith actions lawfully pursued in response to a report of a Sexual Misconduct Violation.

Violations of Law

Behavior that violates this policy also may violate the laws of the local jurisdiction in which the incident occurred and subject a Respondent to criminal prosecution by the presiding authority.

Massachusetts General Laws describe prohibited Sex Offenses in chapters 265 and 272, and prohibited Stalking Offenses in Ch. 265§ 43 and Ch. 269 § 14A. Students and Employees studying, working, or engaging in other activities at locations outside of Massachusetts are governed by the applicable laws regarding sexual assault and other criminal offenses implicated by this policy. Behavior that violates this policy also may subject a Respondent to civil liability.

Consensual Relationships

A. Discouraging Sexual or Romantic Relationships with Students

Sexual behavior that is consensual by all involved parties does not constitute a Sexual Misconduct Violation. However, consensual sexual relationships in circumstances where one individual has power or authority over another may result in a violation of this policy, and/or may give rise to complaints by others of disparate treatment. Employees and Third Parties (contractors, vendors) should understand the possibilities for coercion in sexual relationships with Students with whom the Employees or Third Parties also have instructional, advisory or supervisory relationships. Even though a relationship may have been entirely consensual at its inception, a significant power differential exists when an Employee or Third Party has the authority to influence the employment or academic progress of the student. Students have a right to an academic, professional, and socially engaging community and such relationships undermine the likelihood of such a community by introducing the possibility or perception of favoritism, abuse of power, and conflict of interest, all of which compromise the ability of Employees and Third Parties to carry out their responsibilities to both Students and the College in support of our educational mission and consistent with principles of academic integrity.

For these reasons, the College strongly discourages consensual sexual or romantic relationships between Employees or Third Parties and Students, and such relationships are not allowed where an Employee or a Third Party has a professional evaluative, advisory, or supervisory responsibility with a Student. If such relationship currently exists, or has existed before any professional responsibility arose for the Employee or Third Party at Hampshire College, the Employee shall disclose the relationship to their immediate supervisor (staff), or to their School Dean (faculty), and Third Parties shall disclose to Human Resources. The College will protect privacy but reserves the right to share information with individuals who may have a need to know in order to ensure compliance with this policy.

Upon disclosure, the Employee or Third Party shall remove themselves from undertaking or continuing any professional responsibilities related to the Student, including but not limited to the Student's evaluation or supervision. The supervisor (staff), School Dean (faculty), or Human Resources (Third Parties), working together with the Title IX Coordinator, and, as needed, other offices necessary to consult in affecting changes, such as Human Resources, the Dean of Faculty Office, or the Center for Academic Support and Advising, will make the necessary alternative arrangements for the Employee or Third Party and the Student. Supervisors and School Deans will also work with their Division Head to assure that arrangements do not result in workload inequalities among Employees. The supervisor, School Dean, or Human Resources and the Employee or Third Party will develop a plan for periodically checking in on the status of this arrangement.

Employees and Third Parties shall take appropriate actions to minimize any actual or potential preferential or adverse consequences to the Student, or to other members of the College community resulting from any such sexual relationships. Generally, such disclosure will not result in a demotion nor adversely impact the Employee or Third Party in terms of condition of employment, benefits, or status, unless there are circumstances that support a finding of Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment. With respect to the Student, arrangements shall be made to prevent interference with, or deprivation of, any academic or professional opportunities.

B. Relationships Between Employees

In cases where a consensual sexual or romantic relationship exists between Employees who hold unequal positions of authority, it is important that the person in the position of greater authority does not exercise any supervisory or evaluative function over the other person in the relationship. Accordingly, if this dynamic exists, the Employees in the relationship shall notify Human Resources to evaluate the situation and ensure that alternate supervisory or evaluative arrangements are put in place. The College will protect Employee privacy but reserves the right to share information with individuals who may have a need to know about the relationship in order to make alternative supervisory arrangements in compliance with this policy.

Prevention and Awareness Programs

The College is committed to the prevention of Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking through education and awareness programs. Incoming students and new employees receive primary education and prevention training as part of their orientation, and returning employees and students receive ongoing training and related programs.

The College has designated the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Title IX Coordinators and the Director of Wellness Promotion with oversight of providing education, prevention and training programs as required by Title IX, Clery and VAWA.

Resources are also available through the Department of Campus Police Website (shared by Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges): <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/campuspolice> [150]. The website offers safety information including: locations of call boxes and 911 telephones, transportation services, programs and workshops offered by campus police on sexual assault prevention, and general safety tips.

Examples of prevention and education programs for Students include:

- **Student Success™ Every Choice online bystander intervention program** is a required online training for all new students, orientation leaders, and resident advisors each fall. Student Success™ Every Choice includes information about, and links to, College policies and resources, and focuses on preparing students to intervene in situations involving sexual violence, relationship violence, and stalking. Contact Shannon Da Silva at sdasilva@hampshire.edu [117] for more information.
- **Consensual Sensual: Sexual Violence Prevention** is a required orientation program for all incoming students. It is a performance designed to educate and start dialogue about sexual assault, sexual violence prevention, healthy relationships, consent, and communication. The performance contains a series of vignettes with examples of consent conversations, bystander strategies, and stories of support for both survivors and those who have perpetuated violence. The cast and crew consists of sexual violence survivors, allies, consent educators, trauma counselors, and safer sex educators. Small group discussions follow the performance, with professional support available. Contact Shannon Da Silva at sdasilva@hampshire.edu [117] for more information.
- **Green Dot Active Bystander Intervention Campaign at Hampshire College.** Green Dot is a three-tiered sexual assault prevention strategy that consists of social marketing, overview speeches, and daylong bystander intervention trainings for campus leaders. The goal of this program is to initiate cultural change so that the College has a campus that prioritizes taking care of its community members. In March 2014, thirteen professional Hampshire College staff members were trained to become certified Green Dot instructors and have been working as an implementation team since then. Student Life is rolling out this training module over the coming year to campus leaders, with the goal of expanding the movement across campus over time. Contact Shannon Da Silva at sdasilva@hampshire.edu [117] for more information and to become involved.
- **The Sexperts** are a group of students who serve Hampshire's community as sexual health peer educators. They provide resources and facilitate trainings on sexual health, anatomy, communication, safety and safe sex, contraception, sexually-transmitted diseases, and sexual identities. See the Sexperts' Hampedia site at <https://hampedia.org/wiki/Sexperts> [151] for more information.

Employee Training on sexual assault, relationship violence, and harassment, and College policies and procedures, is provided to new employees within three months of their start date. Contact Dianna Williams at dwilliams@hampshire.edu [118] for more information. Examples of prevention and education programs for Employees include:

- **Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act Learning Program** is an online training offered by United Educators and required of all employees annually. The course reviews the Campus SaVE Act and how it affects faculty and staff, including recognizing and preventing specific types of sexual violence offenses, warning signs of abuse, bystander intervention, and what steps victims of sexual violence should take. Contact Dianna Williams at dwilliams@hampshire.edu [118] for more information.
- **Workplace Harassment Prevention: Learning Program for Higher Education** is an online training offered by United Educators and required of all supervisors annually. This course provides an overview of the law on harassment with an explanation of the legal environment surrounding workplace harassment, using real-life scenarios to engage faculty and staff in understanding the concepts. Contact Dianna Williams at dwilliams@hampshire.edu [118] for more information.

Related Policies

Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Students located in the Student Handbook
<https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/39> [134]

Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Employees located in the Employee Policy Manual
https://www.hampshire.edu/sites/default/files/shared_files/policy_manual.4.11.pdf [125]

Faculty Handbook
<https://intranet.hampshire.edu/files/faculty-handbook.pdf> [126]

Student Code of Conduct, Norms, and Policies
<https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/43> [96]

Appendix A - Resource Guide & Procedures for Reports Against Students

INTRODUCTION

Hampshire College (the "College") is committed to maintaining a safe and non-discriminatory learning, living, and working environment for all members of the College community. The College prohibits Sexual Assault, Relationship Violence, Stalking, Sexual or Gender-Based Harassment, Complicity, and Retaliation ("Sexual Misconduct Violations"), as set forth in the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy (the "Policy"). This Appendix provides resources for counseling, support, and reporting ("Resources") and sets forth the College's procedures for reporting, investigating, and resolving violations of the Policy where an incident involving a Student as a Respondent is reported to Hampshire College ("Procedures"). These Resources and Procedures should be read in the context of the Policy and capitalized terms used in this document are defined in the Policy.

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College & Community Resources

A. Emergency Medical, Law Enforcement, and Crisis-Response Resources

1. Medical Assistance: An individual who experiences sexual assault or any other form of interpersonal violence is strongly encouraged to seek immediate medical attention at one of these locations:

- Cooley Dickinson Hospital, 30 Locust Street, Northampton, MA 01061 (413) 582-2000
- Baystate Medical Center, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199 (413) 794-0000
- University Health Services at the University of Massachusetts, 150 Infirmary Way, Amherst, MA (413) 577-5000 (Visitors not affiliated with UMass will be seen on a fee for service basis only)

Each of these facilities has access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (also known as “SANE Nurse”). SANE Nurses can assess injuries related to physical trauma; evaluate for sexually-transmitted infections and possible pregnancy; provide medical care (including medications to prevent infections and pregnancy); and can, within the first 72 hours after a sexual assault, administer a “forensic sexual assault examination.” During the forensic exam, the SANE Nurse documents and collects evidence of sexual contact and/or physical trauma (including injuries to the body and genitals), trace evidence, biological fluids, and identifiable DNA. When there is reason to believe that an assault may have been facilitated by the use of drugs or alcohol, the forensic exam may also include the collection of urine and blood samples for toxicology testing. A patient who requests a SANE exam is not required to report the incident to law enforcement or the College in order to receive medical attention or a forensic exam. Patients may have a support person of their choosing present throughout the forensic exam. Students may access follow-up care at Hampshire College Health Services, or through any appropriate health care provider outside of the College. Employees may access follow-up care through any appropriate health care provider of their choice.

For medical assistance on campus, contact:

- Hampshire College Health Services (413) 559-5458. Clinic hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. When Health Services is closed during the academic year (nights, weekends, and during vacation periods), students with emergencies may be seen at one of the locations listed above.
- The College also has a student-run Emergency Medical Service, staffed by student EMTs, that provides 24-hour emergency medical services to the Hampshire College community, and can direct students to any of the locations above. (413) 559-5555.

2. Law Enforcement: All Hampshire community members have the right to report Sexual Misconduct Violations that may constitute a crime to local law enforcement (“Police”). Police have unique legal authority to seek and execute search warrants, to collect forensic evidence that may have been left at the scene or at other relevant locations, to obtain cell phone and electronic records, and to make an arrest when supported by probable cause to believe a crime has been committed. Police are also able to provide assistance in seeking Emergency Protective Orders (see below).

- Hampshire College Campus Police can be reached by dialing “5555” (for emergencies) or (413) 559-5424 (for non-emergencies). Students seeking medical attention at Hampshire College Health Services can ask that Police be called on their behalf.
- Town of Amherst Police can be reached by dialing “911” (for emergencies) or (413) 259-3000 (for non-emergencies).

3. Crisis Resources (Support and Counseling): All Hampshire community members are urged to seek immediate emotional support after any Sexual Misconduct Violation. There are a number of resources and “hotlines” for crisis counseling, both at the College and in the local community. Some of these resources are able to maintain legally-protected confidentiality (see [Privacy & Confidentiality](#) ^[152] section of the Policy). Crisis counselors can provide trauma-informed support and offer information about reporting options.

a. **Confidential** College Crisis Resources

These individuals may provide confidential counseling and support without disclosing the reported incident to the Title IX Coordinator or other employee of the College:

- Hampshire College Health and Counseling Services (413) 559-5458
- Hampshire College Spiritual Life Professional Staff (413) 559-5282
- University of Massachusetts Health Services (413) 577-5000 (students may receive free transportation provided by Hampshire College Campus Police)

b. **Confidential** Community and National Crisis Resources

These individuals may provide confidential counseling and support without disclosing the reported incident to the Title IX Coordinator or other employee of the College:

- Cooley Dickinson Hospital (413) 582-2000 (students may receive free transportation provided by Hampshire College Campus Police)
- Holyoke Medical Center (413) 534-2500
- Baystate Medical Center (413) 794-0000
- Center for Women and Community at UMass 24 hour hotline (413) 545-0800
- Safe Passage Domestic Violence Program 24 hour hotline (413) 586-5066 or (888) 345-5282 (toll-free).
- Rape and Incest National Network (RAINN) Hotline (800) 656-4673 <https://rainn.org/> ^[153]
- Students and Employees may also visit their own health and counseling providers.

c. Private College Support Resources:

These individuals will disclose the reported incident to the Title IX Coordinator, but may be able to maintain the anonymity of the person seeking assistance:

- Emily Rimmer, Director for Queer/Women Services, Center for Feminisms (413) 559-5320
- Peer Chaplains, peerchaplains@hampshire.edu ^[147]

d. Additional College Support Resources:

These individuals will disclose the reported incident and all available details of the report to the Title IX Coordinator, but will maintain the privacy of any resources provided:

- Office of the Dean of Students, Merrill Student Life Center, Second Floor, (413) 559-5412
- Resident Advisors, paraprofessional residence life staff who provide programming, located at <https://www.hampshire.edu/housing/fall-2015-resident-advisors> ^[154]
- Sexperts, a group of students who serve as health peer educators, sexperts@hampshire.edu ^[155]

B. Legal Resources

There are several resources that may help Students and Employees explore and understand their legal rights and options – both criminal and civil – following a Sexual Misconduct Violation.

- [Campus Police Victim/Witness Assistance Center](#) ^[156]
- [Mass Legal Services](#) ^[157]
- [Mass Legal Help](#) ^[158]
- [Jane Doe Inc.](#) ^[159]
- [Northwestern District Attorney's Office](#) ^[160]

The Northwestern District Attorney’s Office Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit works closely with police departments, courts and social service agencies to address the serious problem of domestic violence and sexual assault through prosecution of the offenders and the development of strategies for prevention and intervention for the victims. If you are the victim of abuse and you notify the District Attorney’s office, they may file charges against the Respondent. You will be assigned a victim witness advocate to keep you informed of court proceedings. You have the right to be notified of the proceedings and to submit a victim impact statement to the court at sentencing.

Complainants and Respondents may consult with an attorney or use one as a supporter during the College Resolution process. The College does not provide or arrange for attorneys.

C. Interim Remedial and Protective Measures

The Title IX Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators and the Office of the Dean of Students staff can provide Students with information, support, and assistance and can arrange for a broad range of remedial and protective measures. As outlined in the Policy, remedial and protective measures, which may be temporary or permanent, may include no contact directives, separation orders, residence modifications, academic arrangements and support, work schedule or work location modifications, and other reasonable and appropriate measures. Complainants are entitled to receive information, assistance, and a broad range of support and remedial measures regardless of whether they choose to pursue criminal and/or College disciplinary resolution of a Sexual Misconduct Violation. For more information about such measures, please see the Remedial and Protective Measures section of the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy or contact the College's Title IX Coordinator.

Reporting Sexual Misconduct Violations

The College encourages anyone who experiences or becomes aware of a Sexual Misconduct Violation to make an immediate report. There are multiple channels for reporting Sexual Misconduct Violations. A Complainant may choose to report a Sexual Misconduct Violation to the College for Resolution under these Procedures, to law enforcement for potential criminal prosecution, to both, or to neither. Complainants may simultaneously pursue criminal and College disciplinary action. The College will support Complainants in understanding and assessing their reporting options.

A. Reporting to the College

The College strongly encourages anyone who has experienced, has knowledge of, or has witnessed a Sexual Misconduct Violation to make a report to the College. Under Title IX, once an educational institution has notice of a Sexual Misconduct Violation, it is required to (1) take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate or otherwise determine what occurred; (2) provide interim measures to support a Complainant; and (3) take prompt and effective action to end any Sexual Misconduct Violation that occurred; remedy its effects; and prevent its recurrence.

Making a report to the College does not require participation in any subsequent College proceedings, nor is a report required in order for a Student to receive support or remedial measures. Individuals are encouraged to report Sexual Misconduct Violations by contacting the Title IX Coordinator or the Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Dianna Williams, Title IX Coordinator

dwilliams@hampshire.edu ^[118]

(413) 559-5442

Office, Cole Science Center 109

Shannon Da Silva, Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students

sdasilva@hampshire.edu ^[117]

(413) 559-4510

Office, Enfield Area Office, 2nd floor

All disclosures of Sexual Misconduct Violations to any "Responsible Employee" will be reported, as required by College Policy, to the Title IX Coordinator. This reporting allows the College's Title IX Coordinator to provide information about resources and procedural options to a Complainant, evaluate any safety risk posed by the reported conduct, track patterns and trends, and initiate appropriate action to end the conduct, prevent its recurrence and address its effects. A Responsible Employee is any College Employee who is not a Confidential Employee. Contact information for Confidential Employees is located in [College & Community Resources](#) ^[161] section of Appendix A.

Upon receipt of a report of a Sexual Misconduct Violation, the College will conduct an initial assessment and take any immediate action that may be necessary to protect the health and safety of the Complainant and the College community, as described in the Procedures below.

The College also offers access to confidential resources for individuals who are unsure about whether to report a Sexual Misconduct Violation or are seeking counseling or other emotional support in addition to (or without) making a report to the College. Information about confidential resources can be found in the [College & Community Resources](#) ^[161] section of these procedures and the [Privacy & Confidentiality](#) ^[152] section of the Policy.

Although there is no time limit for reporting Sexual Misconduct Violations to the College, the College's ability to respond may diminish over time, as evidence may erode, memories may fade, and Respondents may no longer be affiliated with the College. If the Respondent is no longer a Student or an Employee, the College will provide reasonably appropriate remedial measures, assist the Complainant in identifying external reporting options, and take other reasonable steps to respond under Title IX.

B. Reporting to the Police

A Complainant has the right to notify Police or decline to notify Police. Anyone may contact the Police directly (see the [Emergency Medical, Law Enforcement, and Crisis-Response Resources](#) ^[161] section). Alternatively, College community members may seek assistance in notifying Police from the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS). ODOS can assist in setting up an initial meeting with Police and can accompany Students to that meeting. Filing a Police report does not obligate an individual to participate in any subsequent criminal proceedings. A Complainant who wishes to pursue criminal action in addition to, or instead of, making a report under these Procedures should contact law enforcement directly:

- Hampshire College Campus Police can be reached by dialing "5555" (for emergencies) or (413) 559-5424 (for non-emergencies). Students seeking medical attention at Hampshire College Health Services can ask that Police be called on their behalf.
- Town of Amherst Police can be reached by dialing "911" (for emergencies) or (413) 259-3000 (for non-emergencies).

C. Preservation of Evidence

The College recognizes that making the decision to report a Sexual Misconduct Violation often takes time. Nevertheless, pending the decision to report, a Complainant is strongly encouraged to take immediate steps to preserve all evidence that might support a future report of a Sexual Misconduct Violation, a Protective Order, or an investigation by the Police, by the College, or both. Such evidence may include:

- A forensic sexual assault examination (within 72 hours);
- Any clothing, sheets or other materials (items containing bodily fluids should be stored in cardboard boxes or paper bags);
- Electronic exchanges (e.g., text messages, emails, and Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or other social media posts, to the extent that they can be captured or preserved);
- Photographs (including photographs stored on smartphones and other devices); and
- Voice-mail messages and other physical, documentary and/or electronic data that might be helpful or relevant in an investigation.

Electronic and photographic evidence may be lost through the upgrade or replacement of equipment (including smartphones), software and/or accounts or may simply be lost to the passage of time or damage to devices.

D. Seeking a Protective Order

Where a Sexual Misconduct Violation is reported to the Police, it may be possible to obtain a court-ordered Protective Order. These Protective Orders may be issued if the judge or magistrate believes that there is an immediate threat to health or safety. For more information on Massachusetts law about Protective Orders see:

<http://www.masslegalhelp.org/domestic-violence/wdvwgfh/chapter6-209a-protective-orders> ^[162]

“Protective Orders” are separate and distinct from “No-Contact Directives” (described in the [Remedial and Protective Measures](#) ^[146] section of the Policy). Protective Orders may be obtained only from a court of law and are enforceable anywhere in the United States; their violation may result in criminal charges.

In contrast, No-Contact Directives may be obtained from the Title IX Coordinator and are enforceable through the College. The Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinators can explain the process for seeking a Protective Order and can escort a Complainant to the appropriate office in order to initiate a petition seeking a Protective Order.

Initial Response and Title IX Assessment

When a Complainant or witness reports a Sexual Misconduct Violation, the College will take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate or otherwise determine what happened and work to resolve the matter promptly and equitably. The first step in this process is called an initial assessment.

A. Initial Assessment

Upon receipt of a report, the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator will conduct an initial assessment. As part of the initial assessment, the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator will:

- Assess the Complainant’s safety and well-being and offer the College’s immediate support and assistance;
- Provide the Complainant with written information about on-campus and off-campus resources and the range of appropriate and available interim measures based on the status of the Complainant;
- Inform the Complainant of the right to seek medical treatment, and explain the importance of obtaining and preserving forensic and other evidence;
- Inform the Complainant of the right to contact law enforcement, decline to contact law enforcement, and/or seek a protective order;
- Inform the Complainant of the right to seek Alternative Resolution (where available) or Formal Resolution under these Procedures, discuss the Complainant’s expressed preference for the manner of resolution and discuss any concerns or barriers to participating in any College investigation and resolution under these Procedures;
- Explain the College’s prohibition against Retaliation and that the College will take prompt action in response to any act of Retaliation;
- Assess the nature and circumstances of the report;
- Ascertain the ages of the Complainant and Respondent, if known, and, if either of the parties is a minor (under 18), contact the appropriate child protective services agency; and
- Assess whether the report triggers any Clery Act obligations, including entry of the report in the daily crime log and/or issuance of a timely warning, and take steps to meet those obligations.

B. Requests to Maintain Privacy or Not Seek Disciplinary Action

Where a Complainant requests that personally identifying information not be shared with the Respondent, that no investigation into a particular incident be conducted and/or that no disciplinary action taken, the College will balance that request against the College’s obligation to provide a safe, non-discriminatory learning, living and working environment for all community members, including the Complainant. This request may occur at any point after the report is made.

The Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator will evaluate the Complainant’s request. When considering whether to honor a Complainant’s request that no personally identifying information be shared with the Respondent or that no investigation or disciplinary action be pursued, the College will consider the totality of the circumstances, including:

- The impact of moving forward on the Complainant’s well-being;
- The increased risk that the Respondent will commit additional acts of sexual or other violence, taking into consideration, among other matters, any known history of arrests, violence, or other reports of Sexual Misconduct Violations involving the Respondent, any threats of future violence made by the Respondent, and whether multiple perpetrators were involved in the reported incident;
- Whether the Sexual Misconduct Violation was perpetrated with the use or threat of use of a weapon or involved physical violence or threat of physical violence;
- Whether the report reveals a pattern of Sexual Misconduct Violations;
- Whether the Complainant is or at the time was a minor; and
- Whether the Sexual Misconduct Violation occurred while the Complainant was unconscious, physically helpless or unaware that the Sexual Misconduct Violations was occurring;
- Whether the Sexual Misconduct Violation was facilitated through the use of a “date rape” or similar drugs or intoxicants;
- Whether the College is able as a practical matter to pursue the investigation without the participation of the Complainant (e.g., whether there has been other relevant evidence of the Violation such as admission by the Respondent, security cameras, other witnesses, or physical evidence); and/or
- Whether other aggravating circumstances exist.

Where possible based on the facts and circumstances, the College will seek action consistent with the Complainant’s request to maintain privacy and/or not conduct further investigation or disciplinary action. If the College is able to honor the request, the College’s ability to meaningfully investigate and respond to a report may be limited. The College may only be able to respond in more general ways, such as providing targeted training or prevention programs or offering reasonably available remedial measures to the Complainant.

At any time, the Complainant who has initially requested to maintain privacy or declined to participate in an investigation may choose to pursue Alternative or Formal Resolution where available. The College may also reopen and pursue a report where new or additional information becomes available.

There are times when the College may not be able to honor a Complainant’s request in order to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for the College community. Where the balance of factors requires that further investigation be conducted, that disciplinary action be taken, or that the identity of the Complainant be disclosed, the College will inform the Complainant of its intent to investigate prior to commencing the investigation and/or of its intent to disclose the identity of the Complainant. In such cases, the College will make reasonable efforts to protect the privacy of the Complainant consistent with the needs of the investigation and resolution of the matter, and will, to the extent possible, only share information with people responsible for handling the College’s response; however an investigation normally involves speaking with the Respondent and others who may have relevant information about the incident and disclosing the identity of the Complainant may be necessary in those conversations.

The College will take ongoing steps to protect the Complainant from retaliation or harm and assist the Complainant in accessing support and safety services regardless of their level of participation or engagement with these Procedures.

Because the College is under a continuing obligation to address sexual and gender-based harassment and violence campus-wide, reports of Sexual Misconduct Violations (including reports that do not include personally-identifiable information) will also prompt the College to consider broader remedial action, such as increased monitoring, supervision or security at locations where the reported sexual violence occurred; increasing education and prevention efforts, including to targeted population groups; conducting climate assessments/victimization surveys; and/or revisiting its policies and practices.

C. Determination after Assessment

These Procedures offer two forms of resolution for reports of Sexual Misconduct Violations: (1) Formal Resolution, which involves investigation, and review and sanction (if applicable) by an Adjudicator as described in the [Formal Resolution](#) ^[163] section; and (2) Alternative Resolution as described in the [Alternative Resolution](#) ^[164] section, which includes a variety of informal options for resolving reports.

After the initial assessment, the Title IX Coordinator will determine whether the circumstances warrant proceeding to an investigation. The Title IX Coordinator may consult with other College administrators or legal counsel. The determination as to how to proceed will be communicated to the Complainant in writing. Depending on the circumstances and requested resolution, the Respondent may or may not be notified of the report or resolution. A Respondent will be notified when the College takes action that would impact a Respondent, such as protective measures that restrict the Respondent's movement on campus, the initiation of an Investigation, or the decision to seek to involve the Respondent in Alternative Resolution, Investigation, or other Disciplinary Process. Notice to the Respondent will include a written explanation of all available resources and options. The Respondent will also be offered the opportunity to meet to discuss those resources and options. The College will also provide the Respondent an opportunity to respond to such actions.

Following this initial assessment, during an Investigation, or at any point in the Disciplinary Process, Hampshire College may seek an Alternative Resolution that, as appropriate, endeavors to prevent future Sexual Misconduct Violations and addresses their effects without conducting or concluding, as applicable, a formal Disciplinary Process against a Respondent. Alternatively, if appropriate, the College may pursue an Investigation and Disciplinary Process.

Formal Resolution

Formal Resolution is commenced when:

- A Complainant reports that a Student has engaged in one or more Sexual Misconduct Violations and requests, at any time, an investigation; or
- Alternative Resolution does not resolve a reported Sexual Misconduct Violation and, in the Title IX Coordinator's discretion, an investigation of the report of the Sexual Misconduct Violation is required; or

At the conclusion of the assessment process described in the [Initial Response and Title IX Assessment](#) ^[165] section of these Procedures, the Title IX Coordinator has determined, based upon a review of the totality of the circumstances, that investigation of the reported conduct is necessary to ensure the health and safety of the Complainant and/or other members of the College community, notwithstanding the Complainant's request that personally identifying information not be shared with the Respondent, that no investigation be pursued, and/or that no disciplinary action be taken.

Investigation

Whenever Formal Resolution is commenced, Investigation will proceed as follows:

1. As a first step, the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator will meet with the Complainant and Respondent, separately, to describe the process and resources available. The Respondent will be notified in writing (via email) of the report, with a summary of the allegations in the report and the potential violations at issue. The Complainant will also receive a copy of this notice.
2. The Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator will assign an investigator to conduct a prompt, thorough, fair, and impartial investigation of the report. Any individual designated as an investigator will receive annual training under Title IX and VAWA. The Investigator may consult with the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Coordinators, or others during the Investigation as necessary. Both parties will be provided with the name of the assigned investigator. The Complainant and Respondent should inform the College of any actual bias or conflicts of interest in the choice of investigator.
3. During the Investigation, the Complainant and Respondent will have an equal opportunity to be heard, to submit information and corroborating evidence, and to identify witnesses who may have relevant information. The investigator will notify and seek to meet with all involved parties separately (e.g., the Complainant, the Respondent, and identified witnesses) and also will gather other evidence and information relevant to the determination as to whether or not a Policy violation has occurred. Witnesses must have information deemed relevant to the Investigation, as determined by the investigator, and cannot be participating solely to speak about an individual's character.
4. Medical and counseling records of a Complainant and Respondent are privileged confidential records that individuals are not required to disclose. However, these records may contain relevant and material information and a party may voluntarily choose to share such records with the investigator. Any records provided by a party become part of the file and are available to review by the other party.
5. Where there is evidence of a pattern of similar conduct by the Respondent or of violent acts or other related conduct, either before or after the conduct in question, regardless of whether there has been a prior finding of a Policy violation, this information may be deemed relevant to the determination of a Policy violation and/or in assigning a sanction. The determination of relevance will be based on an assessment of whether the previous or subsequent incident was substantially similar to the conduct cited in the report, indicates a pattern of behavior and substantial conformity with that pattern, or is otherwise associated with the conduct cited in the report. Prior or subsequent conduct of the Respondent also may be admissible to prove intent, motive, or absence of mistake.
6. A Complainant's prior sexual history will never be considered as evidence of a person's reputation or character. Moreover, evidence related to prior sexual history is generally not relevant to the determination of a Policy violation and will be considered only in limited circumstances. For example, where there is a current or ongoing relationship between the Complainant and the Respondent, and the Respondent alleges that consent was given, the prior sexual history between the parties may be relevant to assess the manner and nature of communications between the parties. As noted in the Policy, however, the mere fact of a current or previous dating or sexual relationship, by itself, is not sufficient to constitute consent. In addition, prior sexual history may be relevant to explain the presence of a physical injury or to help resolve another questions raised by the report.
7. The investigator has the discretion to determine the relevance of any evidence and may determine that certain types of evidence should be included or excluded in the determination of responsibility. In the absence of good cause, information discoverable through the exercise of due diligence that is not provided to the investigator during the interview stage will not be considered at a hearing. The investigator will communicate to the parties a deadline for submitting evidence.

8. Throughout the process, the Complainant and Respondent have the right to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice (referred to in this policy as a “supporter”). The supporter may be invited by the Complainant or Respondent to attend meetings, investigation interviews, and the hearing, and must follow the guidelines for supporters located in the Student Handbook (see <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/208> ^[166]). The supporter may be any person, including an attorney, who is not otherwise a party or witness to the reported incident(s). While the supporter may be present, the supporter may not speak on behalf of a party, nor be disruptive to the meetings.
9. At the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator will prepare an investigation report that summarizes the information gathered, outlines the contested and uncontested information, and includes a threshold determination as to whether the allegations, if proven, would provide sufficient information to establish a violation of the Policy by a preponderance of the evidence. A threshold determination does not involve findings of fact or determinations of credibility. This report will include any other related and available documents such as campus police reports, statements, and other relevant materials. The investigator has the discretion to determine the relevance of any evidence and may determine that certain types of evidence should be included or excluded in the investigation report.
10. Both the Complainant and the Respondent will be given the opportunity to review the investigation report, identify any additional information or witnesses, and provide feedback or comment to the report.
11. The Director of Student Conduct, Rights and Responsibilities (“Director”) will designate a reasonable time for review and response. Upon receipt of any additional information or comments, the investigator will issue a final investigation report.
 - a. If the investigator determines that the threshold has been reached (i.e., that the allegations, if proven, would provide sufficient information to establish a violation of the Policy), the report will be submitted to the Director or their designee, who will convene a hearing as described in the [Hearing](#) ^[167] section.
 - b. If the investigator determines that the threshold has not been reached (i.e., that the allegations, if proven, would *not* provide sufficient information to establish a violation of the Policy), a copy of the report will be provided to the Director. The Director will provide the Complainant and the Respondent an opportunity to review the report. The Complainant may request that the Director or their designee (the “Reviewer”) conduct an Administrative Review of the finding by making a written request for review within five (5) business days. The Reviewer may affirm the threshold finding, reverse the finding, or remand the matter for additional investigation as warranted. The Reviewer will render a decision in writing, to both parties, within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request for review. The decision of the Reviewer is final.
12. Typically, the period from notice of an investigation through resolution (finding and sanction, if any) will not exceed sixty (60) calendar days. This time frame may be extended for good cause as necessary to ensure the integrity and completeness of the Investigation, to comply with a request by external law enforcement, to accommodate the availability of witnesses, to account for Hampshire College breaks or vacations, and to account for complexities of a case. Any extension of the time frame for resolution, and the reason for the extension, will be communicated to the parties in writing.
13. At the request of law enforcement, the College may agree to defer its Title IX Investigation until after the initial stages of a criminal investigation. The College will nevertheless communicate with the Complainant regarding the availability of remedial and protective measures and available courses of action under the Policy and these Procedures. Hampshire College will promptly resume its Title IX Investigation as soon as it is notified by law enforcement of the completion of its initial fact-gathering.

Hearing

The Hearing and Appeal process consists of: (1) Pre-Hearing Steps; (2) a Hearing; and (3) a Determination of Violation and Sanctions.

1. Pre-Hearing Steps

- a. The Director or their designee will receive and review the investigation report. The Director may accept the report as rendered or may request that an investigator (1) conduct additional interviews or (2) seek out other evidence as deemed to be appropriate. The Director may consult with the Title IX Coordinator as needed. Any additional Investigation, and a supplemental report, will be completed within seven (7) business days. This time period may be extended for good cause at the discretion of the Director.
- b. Convening of Hearing Panel: The hearing will be adjudicated by a three-person panel of Hampshire College faculty and/or staff selected by the Director, which may include faculty or staff members trained to serve on the Community Review Board (“CRB”). (The three-person panel is referred to here collectively as the “Adjudicator”.) All persons serving as an Adjudicator must receive training under Title IX and VAWA and must also be impartial and free from actual bias or conflict of interest. The Complainant and Respondent will be notified of the composition of panelists and must advise the College of any actual bias or conflicts of interest. Panelists may also recuse themselves. The College may make alternative arrangements in Adjudicator assignment as appropriate.
- c. Notice of Hearing: The Complainant and Respondent will be notified in writing of the date, time, and location of the hearing as well as the specific charges to be reviewed by the Adjudicator. In general, the hearing will be scheduled within ten (10) business days of the date of the Notice of Hearing. This time frame may be extended for good cause at the discretion of the Director. Good cause may include the availability of the parties, the timing of semester breaks, or any other extenuating circumstances.
- d. Pre-Hearing Review of Documents: The Complainant and Respondent will each have the opportunity to review the final Investigation report, including any supplemental report, and any relevant documents that will be provided to the Adjudicator. The Adjudicator will be provided with the same set of materials before the hearing. Either party may also submit to the Adjudicator at least one (1) business day in advance of the hearing a statement outlining the impact it has had on them and what they would like to see in terms of sanctioning outcomes if the Adjudicator finds a violation did occur and sanctions are warranted.
- e. Request to Postpone Hearing: Permission to postpone a hearing may be granted provided that the request to do so is based on a compelling emergency and where possible is provided to the Director at least 36 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

2. Hearing

- a. Timing: Typically a hearing will be held within fifty-five (55) calendar days from the date of the initiation of the Investigation. This timeframe may be extended for good cause as necessary to ensure the integrity and completeness of the Investigation, to comply with a request by external law enforcement, to accommodate the availability of witnesses during the investigation phase, to account for Hampshire College breaks or vacations, to account for complexities of a case, including the number of witnesses and volume of information provided by the parties, or to address other legitimate reasons. Any extension of this timeframe, and the reason for the extension, will be shared with the parties in writing.
- b. Hearing Guidelines: At any hearing under these Procedures, the following guidelines below will apply:
 - i. Supporters: Both the Complainant and Respondent have the right to be accompanied at the hearing and any meetings by a supporter of their choice who is not otherwise a party or witness involved in the Investigation. While the supporter may be present, the supporter may not speak on behalf of a party, may not address the Adjudicator or pose questions, and must not be disruptive to the hearing.
 - ii. Presence at Hearing: The parties are not required to participate in person at the hearing in order for the hearing to proceed, but are strongly encouraged to participate. A Complainant or Respondent may request alternative options that do not require physical proximity to the other party,

including appearing in person at different times at the hearing or appearing via a remote electronic method. This request should be made no less than five (5) business days prior to the hearing. If, despite being notified of the date, time, and location of the hearing, the Respondent or Complainant is not in attendance, the hearing may proceed and sanctions may be imposed. In doing so, the Adjudicator will consider the available evidence. In the absence of clear evidence that emergency circumstances beyond the control of the Complainant or Respondent prevented such person from being present, the decision of the Adjudicator will stand.

iii. Questioning: The Complainant and Respondent will not be permitted to directly question one another, but will be allowed to propose questions to the Adjudicator who will screen the questions for appropriateness and relevance, in consultation with the Director.

iv. Hearing Format: The Hearing is an opportunity for the parties to address the Adjudicator about any information in the Investigation Report and any impact and mitigation statements. Each party has the opportunity to be heard, to identify issues or information for the Adjudicator's consideration, and to respond to any questions of the Adjudicator. A typical hearing may include information presented by the investigator, with follow-up questions by the Adjudicator of the investigator; brief remarks by the Complainant and/or Respondent, with follow-up questions posed by the Adjudicator; and brief concluding remarks by the Complainant and/or Respondent. Absent compelling circumstances, it is not anticipated that witnesses will appear at the Hearing. The Director has the discretion to determine the specific hearing format.

3. Determination of Violation and Sanctions; Notice of Outcome

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Adjudicator will determine whether there is sufficient information, by a preponderance of the evidence, to support a finding of responsibility for a violation of the Policy. After consulting with the Director or their designee, the Adjudicator will (1) determine if there is a violation and (2) if so, the Adjudicator will determine the appropriate sanction(s). Prior to making their decision final the Adjudicator's determinations of responsibility and sanctions may be reviewed by the Title IX Coordinator and/or a Deputy Coordinator to advise the Adjudicator with regard to consistency and proportionality in sanctions and sufficient action to eliminate the Sexual Misconduct Violation, prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.

In determining the appropriate sanction(s), the Adjudicator will consider a number of factors, including:

- The nature of the conduct at issue, including whether it involved violence;
- The impact of the conduct on the Complainant;
- The impact or implications of the conduct on the Hampshire College community;
- Any previous misconduct by the Respondent, at Hampshire College or elsewhere;
- Whether the Respondent has accepted responsibility for the conduct;
- Maintenance of a safe and respectful environment conducive to learning; and
- Any other mitigating, aggravating, or compelling circumstances to reach a just and appropriate resolution in each case.

The Adjudicator may also consider restorative outcomes that, taking into account the safety of the Hampshire College community as a whole, allow a Respondent to develop insight about their responsibility for the behavior, learn about the impact of the behavior on the Complainant and the community, and may impose a combination of sanctions.

The potential sanctions for a violation of the Policy, as set forth in the Outcomes and Sanctions set forth in Norms for Community Living and Policies, include: Deferred Sanction Statuses, Disciplinary Probation, Removal from Campus Housing, Housing Relocation, Housing Lottery Restriction, No Contact Order, Restitution, Suspension, and Expulsion. Any Student found responsible for Sexual Assault involving Sexual Intercourse will face a minimum sanction of suspension or expulsion.

Notification of Outcome: The Complainant and Respondent will be notified simultaneously in writing with an Outcome Letter (which may include email) within five (5) business days following the hearing. The Outcome Letter will set forth the violation(s) of the Policy for which the Respondent was found responsible or not responsible; the rationale for the finding; any sanction(s) imposed against the Respondent; and the rationale for any sanction(s) imposed. The Outcome Letter may also identify protective measures implemented with respect to the Respondent. The Outcome Letter will not disclose any remedial measures provided to the Complainant. In order to protect the privacy of the parties, the College will make reasonable efforts to maintain confidentiality of the Outcome Letter and materials related to the investigation, subject to release by court order, search warrant or subpoena.

Appeal

The Complainant or Respondent may appeal the determination by submitting a written appeal within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the Outcome Letter to a senior administrator designated in the Outcome Letter. The Outcome Letter will notify the parties to whom they may submit a written appeal. The designated senior administrator will have appropriate training and experience and will serve as an impartial decision-maker. The written appeal must include the specific grounds for the appeal and any information or argument in support of the appeal. Grounds for an appeal are limited to (1) a material procedural error that substantially impacted the outcome, (2) previously unavailable relevant evidence that could affect the outcome; and/or (3) the sanction being substantially disproportionate to the violation.

The senior administrator will make a determination based on the written record. Appeals are not intended to be a *de novo* review, i.e., they are not intended to be a review from the beginning. The senior administrator can: 1) affirm the findings, or 2) alter the findings only where there is clear error based on the stated appeal grounds. The senior administrator will make a final decision within ten (10) business days of receiving the appeal. This timeframe may be extended for good cause as necessary to ensure the integrity and completeness of the review. Any extension of the timeframe, and the reason for the extension, will be shared with the parties in writing.

Effect of a Pending Complaint on a Respondent

If the Respondent withdraws from Hampshire College while a sexual misconduct complaint is pending, the Respondent's transcript will reflect a withdrawal. The College may withhold a Respondent's Hampshire College degree and transcripts pending conclusion of the Formal Resolution procedures and pending the fulfillment of any deferred sanction statuses or disciplinary sanctions. If a Respondent leaves the College for any reason while Formal Resolution procedures are underway, the Formal Resolution procedures will continue through to conclusion, regardless of whether the Respondent participates.

Alternative Resolution

A Complainant may seek Alternative Resolution instead of an investigation and Formal Resolution. The Title IX Coordinator, however, has the discretion to determine whether the nature of the reported conduct is appropriate for Alternative Resolution, to determine the type of Alternative Resolution that may be appropriate in a specific case, and, pursuant to Section V of these Procedures, to refer a report for Formal Resolution at any time. **Forms of Alternative Resolution that involve face-to-face meetings between the Complainant and the Respondent, such as mediation (even if voluntary), are not available in cases involving Sexual Assault.**

Participation in Alternative Resolution (including any specific form of Alternative Resolution) is voluntary. The College will not compel a Complainant or Respondent to engage in Alternative Resolution, will not compel a Complainant to directly confront the Respondent, and will allow a Complainant

or Respondent to withdraw from Alternative Resolution at any time. The College may decline the request for Alternative Resolution in any particular case and may stop an ongoing Alternative Resolution process at any time. Pursuing Alternative Resolution does not preclude later use of Formal Resolution if the Alternative Resolution fails to achieve a resolution acceptable to the parties and the College. Where the Complainant or the Respondent withdraws from Alternative Resolution or Alternative Resolution is otherwise terminated for any reason, any statements or disclosures made by the parties during the course of the Alternative Resolution may be considered in a subsequent investigation and Formal Resolution.

With any form of Alternative Resolution, each party has the right to choose and consult with a supporter. The supporter may be any person, including an attorney, who is not otherwise a party or witness to the reported incident(s). The parties may be accompanied by their respective supporters at any meeting or proceeding held as part of Alternative Resolution. While the supporters may provide support and advice to the parties at any meeting and/or proceeding, they may not speak on behalf of the parties, or in any manner disrupt, such meetings and/or proceedings.

Alternative Resolution may include:

Resolution with the Assistance of a Third Party: A Complainant may seek assistance in informally resolving a reported Sexual Misconduct Violation from the Title IX Coordinator, who can arrange to have a trained representative facilitate a meeting or meetings between the parties. The availability of this form of Alternative Resolution, and any resolution reached through such form of Alternative Resolution, is subject to the agreement of the Title IX Coordinator, the Complainant and the Respondent. This form of Alternative Resolution may not be used where the allegation involves Sexual Assault.

Interventions and Remedies: Alternative Resolution agreements may involve a host of interventions, remedial measures and remedies, such as actions designed to maximize the Complainant's access to educational, extracurricular, and/or College employment activities; increased monitoring, supervision, and/or security at locations or activities where the Sexual Misconduct Violation occurred or is likely to reoccur; targeted or broad-based educational programming or training for relevant individuals or groups; academic and/or College housing modifications for Student Complainants; workplace modifications for Employee Complainants; one or more of the restorative remedies or other sanctions described in these Procedures; and/or any other remedial or protective measures that can be tailored to the involved individuals to achieve the goals of the Policy.

Any form of Alternative Resolution and any combination of interventions and remedies may be utilized. If an agreement acceptable to the College, the Complainant, and the Respondent is reached through Alternative Resolution, the terms of the agreement are implemented and the matter is resolved and closed. If an agreement is not reached, and the Title IX Coordinator determines that further action is necessary, or if a Respondent fails to comply with the terms of the Alternative Resolution, the matter may be referred for an investigation and Formal Resolution under these Procedures.

The Title IX Coordinator will maintain records of all reports and conduct referred for Alternative Resolution, which typically will be completed within forty-five (45) calendar days.

Records

The College shall retain all records relating to reported Sexual Misconduct Violations for a period of ten years after the date the report was received, or for at least three years after termination of employment, whichever is later.

Appendix B - Resource Guide and Procedures for Reports Against Employees

Please click on the following link for the PDF text of [Appendix B](#) ^[128].

Smoking and Fire Safety

As fire, including that produced by smoking devices, poses an extreme danger to the health and safety of all members of the community, smoking and fire safety regulations and precautions are very important and must be adhered to at all times. The cooperation of each individual is necessary for the safety of all. The College publishes its [fire safety statistics](#) ^[4] in accordance with the Clery Act.

The Smoking and Fire Safety Policies pages provide an overview of safety regulations as well as guidelines for violations of these policies.

Through August 31, 2016, smoking is only permitted 25 feet (7.62 meters) or further from all buildings. Effective September 1, 2016, smoking will be restricted to [designated smoking areas](#) ^[168].

DSAs are located:

Behind the Prescott Tavern, by the FPH parking lot between Dakin & ASH, between the Community Garden & Cole, behind the library near the bus stop, Greenwich, between the donuts and the road behind the RCC, between Enfield and EDH, and near the Red Barn.

Smoking Policy

Purpose: In Spring 2015, President Jonathan Lash informed the community that Hampshire College would restrict smoking. The need for policy change became apparent during the 2013-2014 strategic planning process and restricting smoking to designated smoking areas was approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2016. President Lash stated that restricting smoking "...out of respect for others and the environment will allow us to increase overall community wellness and provide a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable campus for students, faculty, and staff."

Effective September 1st, 2016, smoking will be restricted to designated smoking areas (DSAs).

DSAs are located in seven areas throughout the campus ^[168] - Behind the Prescott Tavern, by the FPH parking lot between Dakin & ASH, between the Community Garden & Cole, behind the library near the bus stop, Greenwich, between the donuts and the road behind the RCC, between Enfield and EDH, and near the Red Barn.

Through August 31, 2016, smoking is only permitted 25 feet (7.62 meters) or further from all buildings.

What does restricting smoking mean?

It means the restriction of any combustible product that is producing smoke, including but not limited to, cigarettes (including hand-rolled), cigars, cigarillos or mini-cigars, pipes including improvised pipes, bongos, hookahs, and other similar devices or products.

Smoking means carrying a lighted or inhaling a lighted product or the burning of any material to be inhaled including, but not limited to, cigarettes (including hand-rolled), cigars, cigarillos or mini-cigars, pipes including improvised pipes, bongs, hookahs, and other similar devices or products.

What about e-cigarettes and/or vaporizers?

Because electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and/or vaporizers produce water vapor rather than smoke and have been found to be effective (although not approved by the FDA) as [cessation devices](#) ^[169], this policy allows outdoor use of e-cigarettes and/or vaporizers 25 feet or more from campus buildings. [Research as of Fall 2015](#) ^[170] indicates that the second hand impact of the vapor produced by e-cigarettes is minimal. This does not mean that e-cigarettes are safe, but rather that [research suggests](#) ^[171] they are safer than tobacco cigarettes. If future research is published that indicates otherwise, this policy may be revisited. Please note that [research indicates](#) ^[172] young adults who have never smoked tobacco cigarettes but begin using e-cigarettes may be more likely to transition to using tobacco cigarettes

Indoor use of e-cigarettes is prohibited as the vapor can trigger or worsen respiratory conditions. (See additional research [here](#) ^[173] and [here](#) ^[174].) Additionally, the vapor that is exhaled can set off smoke detectors and fire alarms.

Reach & Compliance

This campus policy applies indoors and outdoors, to all property that is owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by the College, including College owned vehicles. See [Campus Map](#) ^[175].

All College employees, students, visitors, guests, vendors, and contractors are required to comply with this policy, which shall remain in effect at all times. Failure to comply with this policy may be cause for disciplinary action in accordance with [Employee Handbook](#) ^[125] or the Student Handbook's [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176]. Refusal to comply with the policy by visitors, guests, vendors, and contractors may be grounds for removal from campus.

Exceptions include, but are not limited to:

Academic: The use of smoke producing products in laboratory and classroom instruction or experiments as part of academic work, in compliance with established safety standards.

Cultural and religious practices: Specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities including practices by American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 1996 and 1996a allow for the use of combustible products. All ceremonial use exceptions must be approved in advance by the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities by contacting oscr@hampshire.edu ^[177].

Campus sanctioned fire pits: See the [Fire Safety policy](#) ^[178] on Open Fires or contact the Greenwich/Enfield Area Coordinator at 413.559.5314.

Sanctions for Smoking Policy Violations

Students

The following actions will likely be taken for students found responsible for violations of the Campus Smoking Policy:

- *First Offense* - Meeting with an administrator in Student Life
- *Second Offense* - Deferred probation, discussion circle including review of fire safety videos and/or other health-based educational materials
- *Third Offense* - Probation and one or more of the following at the discretion of the conduct administrator or board: community service, educational project, housing relocation, loss of housing lottery privileges
- *Fourth Offense* - Removal from campus housing. (For students living off campus, Probation may be extended with additional sanctions applied.)

For residential communities (floors, mods, etc.) where smoking is occurring and individuals are not identified, community discussion circles may be required as well as other outcomes at the discretion of the area coordinator.

Conduct meeting administrators have the right to deviate from these sanctioning guidelines if after meeting with a student a different path would be more beneficial to the student's or the community's growth and success.

Employees

The following actions will be taken for employees found responsible for violations of the smoking policy:

- *First Offense* - Verbal reminder
- *Second Offense* - Verbal warning from supervisor; referral to educational materials
- *Third Offense* - Written warning from supervisor; referral to educational coaching/counseling
- *Fourth Offense* - Referral by supervisor to Human Resources

Contractors and/or vendors

All contractors and/or vendors are obligated to follow the campus smoking policy. All contractors and/or vendors should defer to policies and procedures from their employer for holding employees accountable for workplace policy violations.

Smoking Policy FAQs

Am I allowed to have cigarettes on campus or in my living space?

Yes, you are allowed to be a smoker and possess smoking products. You just can't smoke on campus property outside of designated smoking areas.

What about personal motor vehicles? Can I smoke in my car?

No, while you (and your car) are on campus property, smoking is limited to designated smoking areas.

Who enforces the smoking policy?

We all do. As a community, it is our responsibility to hold each other accountable. If you see someone smoking on our campus, ask them to move to a designated smoking area and thank them for complying.

What do I say to someone who is smoking?

Gently and kindly remind them that our policy changed recently, and that Hampshire restricts smoking to designated smoking areas around campus. Use the acronym "SMOKE" to remember how.

S is for Smile and introduce yourself

M is for Make the assumption the person just doesn't know the policy

O is for Offer resources for smoking cessation if they are interested

K is for Kindly remind them of the policy
E is for Enforce the policy by asking them to move to a designated smoking area

Inspired by Portland Community College's educational campaign. ^[179]

The conversation might look something like this:

Person 1: Hey, I'm [name], how are you today?

Person 2: Hey, I'm [name]. I'm good, how about you?

Person 1: Pretty good, thanks. So I noticed you are smoking and wasn't sure if you knew Hampshire restricts smoking to designated areas. Can I show you to one?

Person 2: Oh whoops, I didn't know that.

Person 1: No worries, thanks for being willing to move!

It might feel awkward to talk to someone else about smoking, but if you come to the conversation from a place of compassion and understanding, most people will comply.

In the unlikely event someone gets angry or refuses to move to a designated smoking area, just walk away and ask someone else, like a faculty or staff person to help you.

I'm interested in quitting; how can I get support or resources?

For College employees (including faculty and staff): resources are available via the Tufts Health Plan ^[180] and Employee Assistance Program ^[181].

For students: Resources available via Health and Counseling Services ^[182] and the Wellness Center ^[183].

- Health and Counseling offers one on one quit coaching with medical professionals; contact 413.559.5458 to make an appointment.
- The Wellness Center offers one on one and group cessation support with trained student educators who are former smokers themselves; contact well@hampshire.edu ^[184] for more information.

For all community members:

Apps: Quit Now, Craving to Quit, Quit Guide, This is Quitting

Social Media: #quittingsmoking; <http://whatshouldwecallquitting.tumblr.com/> ^[185]

Websites:

<http://smokefree.gov/build-your-quit-plan>

^[186]<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/quit-smoking/guide/index.html>

^[187]<http://smokefree.gov/>

^[188]<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/guidetoquittingsmoking/guide-to-quitting-smoking-toc>

^[189]<https://quitsmokingcommunity.org/>

^[190]<https://www.quitnow.net/Program/>

^[191]<http://quitworks.makesmokinghistory.org/>

^[192]<http://makesmokinghistory.org/quit-now/> ^[193]

Quit Lines:

- 1-800-QUIT-NOW/1-800-784-8669 or 1-877-44U-QUIT
- Spanish: 1-800-8-Déjalo (1-800-833-5256)
- Other languages: 1-800-784-8669 to connect with interpreter service
- Deaf/TTY: 1-888-229-2182
- [Request a callback from a Helpline coach](#) ^[194]

Text messaging: Text QUITNOW to 202-759-6436

Fire Safety Policies

Fire Alarms

When a building fire alarm activates on campus, residents must leave the building immediately and remain at the designated gathering point until their presence is recorded. Both campus police ^[105] officers and the Amherst Fire Department ^[195] respond. Students who are found responsible for failure to leave a campus building when a fire alarm is activated may receive sanctions which may include community service and/or a fine of up to \$300 and deferred probation which could lead to probation, housing relocation, or removal from campus housing. No one may reenter the building until the fire department determines that it is safe to return. Campus police ^[105] may open and enter locked rooms to ensure that no one is inside and to check for the source or cause of the fire alarm.

Campus police and residence life staff conduct fire drills at least one time per semester in each residence area. All occupants of a residence hall must leave the building immediately any time the alarm sounds. These drills are not announced and staff may enter each apartment, hallway, and room to ensure compliance with proper evacuation procedures. If staff discover fire safety or other violations, students will be contacted by an administrator regarding the violation(s) and any prohibited items will be confiscated.

If a fire alarm activates and an individual knows the cause, this individual is required to call campus police ^[105] from a safe location and explain what happened. If the fire alarm is activated inadvertently (cooking smoke, shower steam, etc.), the individual responsible must be available to talk to campus police ^[105] and the fire department ^[195]. If the alarm is the result of negligent behavior (for example, smoking, leaving cooking unattended) the following sanctions will be imposed:

- *First offense:* meeting with an administrator, fire safety review, and/or community service (see General Sanction ^[112] information)
- *Second offense:* community service and/or a charge of \$100 for each individual being held accountable
- *Third offense:* community service and/or a fine of \$300 each.

For second or third offenses additional sanctions, including but not limited to Deferred Status Sanctions ^[111] and Housing Sanctions ^[113] may be imposed. When responsible individuals cannot be identified, all residents of that particular area may be found responsible. Additional sanctions may apply if the alarm is caused by a prohibited activity.

Tampering with Fire Safety Equipment

Fire extinguishers and fire detection and alarm systems are in place to protect the community. Tampering with fire safety devices is a serious violation of the Norms for Community Living and Policies ^[176] and is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- disabling smoke detectors

- covering smoke detectors with any materials whatsoever
- activating an alarm when no hazard is present
- hanging items from sprinkler pipes
- discharging, tampering with or moving fire extinguishers

Tampering with fire safety equipment will result in the following sanctions:

- *First offense:* 20 hours community service (includes time devoted to educational project designed to inform community of pertinent fire safety issues); reflection paper; deferred probation
- *Second offense:* probation and permanent removal from campus housing

When responsible individuals cannot be identified, all residents of that particular area may be found responsible.

Open Fires

Open fires (inside or outside) are prohibited anywhere on campus or College property, including fire pits, woods, and fields unless prior written approval is granted by the director of [campus police](#) ^[105] and the [town fire department](#) ^[195]. Please contact the Greenwich/Enfield area coordinator for safety information and expectations for registering to use the Enfield fire pit at 413.559.5314.

Use of grills (charcoal and gas) is not permitted inside, on balconies, or exterior stairwells. Charcoal barbecues are permitted on the grounds, but must take place at least 25 feet (7.62 meters) from buildings. Propane gas containers must be stored outside, at least 3 feet (0.915 meters) away from building openings such as doors, windows, dryer vents and air intakes. Barbecue grills must not be left unattended and must be totally extinguished before leaving. The College may confiscate any barbecue grill that is used inappropriately and any container of propane gas or other flammable liquid without notice.

Additional Fire Safety Regulations

The College may confiscate any fire safety hazard, including but not limited to prohibited items listed below, from any place, including student rooms and lockers, at any time, with or without notice. The College has no obligation to identify the owner of confiscated property, notify the owner of any confiscation, or reimburse the owner of confiscated property for any loss or damage to said property.

- Halls, entrances, and egresses, including egress routes through common spaces, must be kept clear of all items at all times. This includes entryways to buildings, center rooms in Greenwich Area, and all stairwells. Bicycles, skateboards, or other items, may not be stored in hallways or entryways.
- No more than 40 percent of wall space may be covered by combustibles, such as tapestries or posters. Nothing can be hung from ceilings. No combustible holiday decorations such as trees or wreaths are allowed.
- Student door postings are limited to the existing bulletin board or a 2' x 2' area (60.96 cm x 60.96 cm).
- Light fixtures may not be covered by any materials (such as bedspreads, scarves, paper shades) nor may they be painted or darkened.
- Combustibles, such as furniture, recycling, clothing, curtains, and garbage, must be kept at least 12 inches (30.48 cm) away from heaters.
- No combustibles are permitted in hallways, stairwells, or egresses.
- All gas-powered vehicles must be parked in student parking lots.
- Other activities or items that pose an increased risk of fire or impede fire response will be prohibited upon discovery.

Prohibited Items

(Visit the [Prohibited Items](#) ^[196] section for a full list of items prohibited in addition to fire safety prohibited items.)

- Candles and incense are not permitted anywhere inside residential buildings.
- Space heaters are not permitted in student rooms, with the exception of those provided by the College in response to a problem with the heating system.
- Use of non-College alarm systems or other than College-issued locks, including locks on storage closets.
- The storage and use of flammable liquids (e.g. gasoline, paint thinner, spray paint, air brushes) and flammable gases (e.g. propane, acetylene), fireworks or other materials that pose an increased fire hazard.
- Halogen lamps are a significant fire safety hazard if there are combustibles too close to the bulb. The use of these lamps is prohibited. Lamps with plastic shades must use compact fluorescent or 40 watt or less bulbs.
- Extension cords are not permitted unless UL-approved with surge protectors. Electrical cords should be kept at least 12 inches (30.48 cm) away from heaters.

Toaster ovens may be used only in kitchens or lounges. Microwaves and hot pots are permitted in student rooms. Appliances must be kept clean at all times and unplugged when not in use.

Access and Use of Facilities and Grounds

Building and Roof Access

Students may not access buildings after closing hours (hours vary per building). Should a student have permission to access a building after closing hours, Campus Police should be contacted to grant access. Students are not permitted on roofs except as necessary for emergency evacuation.

Summer Access to Campus Facilities and Grounds

Students may visit campus offices during summer business hours following the office's procedures for appointments or drop-ins. Students wishing to access academic spaces at any time during the summer need permission of the faculty overseeing their work, as well as the School dean. Students wanting access to other campus facilities at any time, or campus grounds outside of business hours need authorization from the appropriate office or department in advance. Offices granting access should notify [campus police](#) ^[105] that permission has been granted for the student, including the approved date(s) and time(s) for which access has been approved. Hampshire does not provide housing for students over the summer, and all residences are closed.

Hampshire College students may not have access to the following services during the summer: media services, and TV studio and editing facilities.

Access to Five College Physical and Recreational Facilities

Physical and recreational facilities at each of the Five Colleges are available year-round to Five College students only if they are registered in a physical education class at that college. These classes will be arranged through administrators of each program and limited to class time only. Arrangements for fee-funded courses and use of special facilities such as ice rinks, swimming pools, stables, and tennis courts will be made through the proper authorities at each school, and the rules and regulations for use will be determined by the host school.

Camping

Camping on Hampshire College property is not allowed without the written permission of the director of [campus police](#) ^[105].

Chalking Policy

Chalking is permitted on any outside ground surface that is exposed to the elements (i.e. horizontal walking surfaces that rain and snow fall on). Chalking is prohibited inside campus buildings and outside on non-ground surfaces including, but not limited to, walls and windows of campus buildings, signs, trees, poles, and other structures.

Postering Policy

Posters are permitted only on bulletin boards not designated for other purposes. Students are encouraged to use the bulletin boards under the walkway along the west wall of FPH and the north wall of the Johnson Library, underneath the bridge. Posters placed anywhere but upon designated bulletin boards will be removed regardless of content. All posters will be removed from designated spaces after an advertised event has taken place. Posters that do not pertain to an event that occurs on a specific date will be removed on the last working day of each month.

Project Review

Student projects that may impact the physical campus, pose a health, safety or environmental hazard, or otherwise increase the College's institutional risk require review and approval by applicable campus offices. Please visit the [Student Project Approval](#) ^[197] site to view the online project review process. Examples of projects requiring approval: installations of art or other structures on campus (other than gallery approved exhibits), creating new garden space, and performances in other than regular theater spaces.

Trespass Policy

Campus police officers are authorized to give oral and written notices of trespass warnings to individuals based on their authority granted by the Trustees of the College and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 266, Section 120 to control the security and safety of students, faculty/staff, and visitors upon the property owned by or under the control of Hampshire College. Violation of this order will result in criminal prosecution up to and including arrest.

Campus police officers or other College employees may ask community members or visitors for identification. Failure to comply with such a request may result in referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9] for students and up to and including escort from the Hampshire College campus and/or trespass for non-students. Students are required to carry their Hampshire College ID cards with them at all times.

Bullying

Bullying is the repeated use by one or more people of a written, verbal or electronic (cyber bullying) expression or a physical act or gesture or any combination thereof, directed at a another person that: (i) causes physical or emotional harm to another person or damage to the person's property; (ii) places the person in reasonable fear of harm to self or of damage to personal property; (iii) creates a hostile environment at the College for the person; (iv) infringes on the rights of the person at the College; or (v) materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of the College.

Any bullying and/or cyber-bullying related to sex and/or gender will be reviewed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the [Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy](#) ^[124].

Civil Behavior & Disruption

All students have the right to an educational environment that is supportive of the learning process. Behavior that interferes with the learning process of students, whether in or out of the classroom, is prohibited. Substantial disruptions or repeated incidents that prevent students from being able to undertake their academic pursuits are subject to referral for review under the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9]. Behaviors that may result in a [Conduct Meeting](#) ^[198] include, but are not limited to:

- exhibiting little or no control in adhering to College policies
- inability to carry out the normal routine of campus life
- threatening to harm^[1]
- disrupting the living and/or learning environment on campus
- placing consistent unrealistic expectations on the time and energy of other students, faculty, and/or staff

[1]Hampshire College recognizes that certain life threatening behavior (e.g. suicide threats, gestures or attempts; eating disorders; substance abuse; threats, gestures or attempts to harm others) are signs of personal distress. The College is committed to helping students reduce whatever stress factors are precipitating life-threatening behavior by providing support and/or referral through use of appropriate resources. However, since it is critically important to maintain civility and respect for all members of the College community, it is recognized that referral to the Formal Conduct Process must occur when such behavior is considered by the College to be disruptive and unacceptable in the academic and/or social/living environments. Students will always be afforded the opportunity to engage with resources and work with the Dean of Students Office to establish clear expectations for future behavior.

Dining and Meal Plans

Meal Plan

All students living in Merrill and Dakin as well as first-year/first-semester mod students are required to be on the full meal plan. Meal plans are subject to change each year, and information about meal plan options is available from the Dining Services Office or the [Dining Options, Meal Plans, and Bookstore Purchases](#) ^[199] page of the Hampshire College website. Meal plans are not transferable and are to be used only by the meal plan holder. Students must have their meal card to enter the dining commons. Students will be asked to retrieve their card if they arrive without it. Students who have lost their card are required to go to the [OneCard](#) ^[200] office ^[200] on the ground floor of the library next to the campus police parking office to receive a temporary replacement card.

Entering and Exiting Dining Commons

Students with full meal plans are allowed into the dining commons at any time and as often as they want. Guests are not permitted to enter the dining room unless they have paid for that meal. Food may not be taken from the dining commons and must be consumed inside. This is out of concern for possible foodborne illnesses, as well as our ability to maintain the program and standards of service required at the College.

Dress Code

Everyone entering the dining commons is required to wear a shirt and shoes at all times. We ask that all clothes be clean to ensure proper sanitation.

Meal Plan Waivers

Waivers from the College meal plan are rarely granted because [Bon Appetit](#) ^[201], our dining services provider, offers a wide range of dietary options and is able to provide food choices tailored to most individual needs. Students have the right to request waivers or modifications of the meal plan based on a documented disability or disabilities.

Before requesting a formal accommodation, students should consult with the [Bon Appetit](#) ^[201] dietitian to learn about how their needs can be met within the dining hall. If it is determined that a student's needs cannot be met or can only be partially met in the dining hall, the dietitian will share their recommendations with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) and will refer the student to the [Housing Accommodation Request Process](#) ^[84].

OARS, in consultation with relevant Hampshire College professionals, will review the student's self-report and disability-related documentation to determine if the student is entitled to reasonable accommodations due to a disability. This is typically in the form of a meal plan modification or waiver. Such a waiver or modification will not automatically result in a change in a student's housing assignment. Timelines for the request process for upcoming semesters can be found on the [Housing Accommodation Request page](#) ^[84]. Students needing accommodation consideration off-cycle can submit their request to OARS for review at any time, but there is no guarantee that any approved accommodations will be applied retroactively to the current semester. Any waivers or meal plan modifications granted are for the duration of the remainder of the current or upcoming academic year.

Failure to Comply

Students are required to comply with all requests or instruction of any College administrator, official, and/or [campus police](#) ^[105] officer when that administrator, official, and/or officer is carrying out the assigned duties of their position. This includes but is not limited to:

- Responding to e-mail in the amount of time specified
- Discontinuing a particular behavior
- Completing a sanction within the time specified in an outcome letter
- Responding to/ meeting an academic deadline
- Complying with terms of a No Contact Directive

Financial Aid

Aid Policies

Students who enroll as dependent students are considered dependent throughout their Hampshire career. U.S. citizens and permanent resident aliens who did not receive a grant from the College upon their initial enrollment are not eligible to apply until their second year of enrollment. International students who did not receive a grant from the College upon their initial enrollment are not eligible during their Hampshire career, even if there is a change in circumstance or currency exchange rates.

Students not on a full meal plan will have a reduction in their cost of attendance and their Hampshire Grant. Students living at home with their parent(s) will have a larger reduction in their cost of attendance and their corresponding Hampshire Grant eligibility. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more details.

Please review our [financial aid web page](#) ^[202] for more information about financial aid policies and the application process.

Aid Eligibility

Students must demonstrate financial need and must be making [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) ^[203] according to the guidelines of the College. Need is the difference between the cost of a Hampshire education and the amount a student and family can reasonably be expected to contribute. The expected family contribution consists of a contribution from the parents, a portion of the student's savings and assets, and a summer earnings' expectation from the student.

Students must be making [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) ^[203] according to the College's guidelines to be eligible for financial aid (federal, state, and institutional awards including merit scholarships). The [Center for Academic Support and Advising \(CASA\)](#) ^[111] and the [Financial Aid Office](#) ^[38] will measure academic progress once per year at the end of the spring semester.

Aid Application Process

All financial aid students (except international students) need to reapply for financial aid each year. We use the [CSS Profile](#) ^[204] and the [FAFSA](#) ^[205] forms to determine eligibility for institutional aid. We use the FAFSA form to determine eligibility for federal and state aid including federal student loans, federal and state grants, and federal work-study. Students applying for fall term institutional aid must provide the Profile and FAFSA forms to the financial aid office by May 1. Students applying for aid for the spring term only must submit these two forms by December 1. Renewal application reminders are mailed in the spring; new applicants may notify the financial aid office that they wish to apply. Be sure to review email communications from the financial aid office for a list of required outstanding documents. Your required financial aid documents will also appear on [TheHub](#) ^[206].

Students selected for the verification process need to provide all required forms and data, including those for the verification process, before a financial aid award is determined.

Non-custodial parents are not required to complete the Non-custodial Profile for renewal applications but may request a review of their financial situation when a significant change has occurred. Please contact the financial aid office for details. First time financial aid applications will require the [Non-custodial Profile](#) ^[207] if applicable.

Aid Decisions

After we receive all of your required documents and data for your aid application, we will review your application and determine if we can provide you with need-based aid. On-time applicants will be notified of their financial aid decisions by the end of June; late applicants will be notified after their aid application becomes complete. Awards are "packaged" to include a student loan recommendation, a work-study opportunity, and grant assistance. You must accept your awards to authorize us to post them to your College bill and to originate and disburse your federal aid. The self-help (loan and work) components of your award will increase each year as you progress toward your degree. Late applications are subject to a reduction to the Hampshire Grant.

Student Loans

Students are eligible for a student loan even if they are not receiving other assistance. Students not awarded but interested in a student loan must notify this office of the loan amount. Hampshire participates in the [Federal William D. Ford Direct Loan Program](#) ^[208]. The [FAFSA](#) ^[209] is the application for this loan program. Annual loan limits are \$5500 for first-year students (0 - 6 successfully completed courses); \$6500 for second-year (7 - 12 courses); and \$7500 beginning with the third year (third year = 13 - 18 courses; fourth year = 19+ courses). After all of the loan paperwork is completed, the loan will be disbursed to your student account. First-time borrowers are required to participate in the entrance counseling session and sign a master promissory note before their loans can be disbursed. Students are also required to participate in an exit counseling session when leaving Hampshire. Student rights, responsibilities, and obligations will be explained during both entrance and exit sessions. Hampshire College adheres to a strict [Code of Conduct](#) ^[210] related to student loans.

Financial Aid Office

If you have any questions about the financial aid application process or our policies please contact us by phone at 413.559.5484; by email at financialaid@hampshire.edu ^[211], or visit our website at <http://financialaid.hampshire.edu> ^[212].

If you need to send documents to the Financial Aid Office be sure to write your name and/or Hampshire ID number on each document. You may fax documents to 413.559.5585 or mail them to the Financial Aid Office, Hampshire College, 893 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002-3359.

Student Employment

Only students who have work-study eligibility as part of their financial aid award are eligible to work on campus. Eligible students can [view](#) ^[213] [the master job list](#) ^[213] and other job listings. There are a variety of employment opportunities and experiences that will enable students to meet their earnings potential as well as their academic schedule and interests. Students work an average of six hours per week and are paid directly on a biweekly schedule according to the time slip submitted. The wage rate is \$10 per hour; \$11 per hour as of January 1, 2017. A work-study award gives the student an opportunity to apply for work study jobs on and off campus, but it is not a guarantee of employment. Students must apply for and secure their own jobs. Students may need to utilize some of their work-study earnings to satisfy their tuition bills, and have the option to pay directly or to sign up for payroll deduction. The [Student Accounts](#) ^[77] Office allows students to deduct up to \$500 per semester from work-study earnings.

Students are required to complete work papers before they begin their employment. All first-time employees at the College must complete an I-9 Form (requires identification and citizenship or visa status) to certify their eligibility for employment. W-4, M-4, and Work Authorization forms are also required and are available in the [Student Employment Office](#) ^[213].

Students must submit their hours worked, by the payroll processing due date, electronically on the HUB; click on the Enter My Timecard link. Students will not receive pay for hours not reported.

Students may not earn more than the work study award listed on their financial aid award letter. Students will be notified periodically of their remaining earnings. If a student reaches the maximum award the student will need to stop working even if the semester or year is not over.

For additional rights and responsibilities as a work-study employee please refer to your Work Authorization form(s) or contact the student employment coordinator or the Financial Aid Office.

Hazing

Pursuant with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19 (below), the College prohibits hazing. Hazing is defined as any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under sanction of a college. Hazing shall include, but not be limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of food, liquor, drugs, or other substance, or any other forced physical activity, that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual. Hazing shall also include any activity that could subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the individual. Any of these activities upon which the initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, a college organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be a forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

Some ways to tell if an activity is hazing:

- A selected group is singled out for ritual
- It results in behavior or pictures that you would not share with your parents, coaches, or professors
- The activity is humiliating, demeaning, intimidating, and exhausting, and/or results in physical or emotional discomfort, involves harassment or ridicule, or which endangers the health or safety of any person whether on or off campus.

Remember: what may seem like harmless "fun" to you may be deeply humiliating to another person.

Any activity organized by a student group or members of a student group that involves a member in practices that are injurious or potentially injurious to an individual's physical, emotional, or psychological wellbeing (as determined at the sole discretion of the College) shall be cause for [disciplinary action](#) ^[214]. It shall not matter whether such practices were mandatory or voluntarily entered into by any of the student group members in question, including new and initiated members.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19

Section 17. Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

Section 18. Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

Section 19. Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the board of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of higher education and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

Improper Upkeep

All community members shall maintain their areas (including residences and common spaces) in a clean and orderly condition in consideration of others' use of the space and in accordance with health and fire codes. Rooms, lounges, and offices must be cared for in a manner that maintains their condition for future use.

Specific information on [fire safety policies](#) ^[215] and [upkeep of residence hall rooms](#) ^[216] can be found by clicking the associated links.

Information Technology

Computing - Acceptable Use Policy

The IT computer labs are available to all members of the Hampshire community to support teaching, learning, and research. Unauthorized use of these facilities is prohibited. For additional information about IT, visit <https://www.hampshire.edu/it/information-technology> ^[217].

Student Computing Acceptable Use Policy

Hampshire College's computing, server, network, and Web resources support academic, research, and administrative needs of all students, faculty, and staff members of the College community. The following policy is intended to shape the College's use of these resources and to assert our shared values and expectations. Students agree to this policy by virtue of their relationship with the College.

The College owns the network, servers, and all college-purchased computer systems. Personal use of the College's computing resources is permissible as long as it does not interfere with other users' access to resources for academic work and is not excessive. The college assumes no responsibility for the preservation of any files or data, and is not liable for any loss of or damage to any files or data stored on the college's network or servers. Students are personally responsible at all times to back up for their files and data.

Accounts to College resources, including email, are issued to all students at time of enrollment and remain in effect as long as the student maintains a student relationship with the College. These accounts are for the sole use of the student to whom they are issued. Accounts are not transferable. Students are responsible for choosing secure passwords and maintaining password confidentiality. Students are also responsible for checking their college email accounts regularly, as all official College correspondence via e-mail is sent to these accounts only. The College is not responsible for setting up, using, or forwarding e-mail to any other account. Students may retain email accounts as alumni in accordance with the College's e-mail policy.

Students may not access, inspect, or alter any file or directory belonging to another user without their permission. Students may not harass other users by sending unwanted e-mail, programs, or other files that are knowingly disruptive or may be reasonably construed as threatening or disparaging of others. Students may not knowingly forward virus-infected e-mail or files to others and are strongly encouraged to maintain updated virus protection software on their computer. Students may not use the College's resources to gain unauthorized access to other computing resources either on campus or elsewhere. Nor may they use College computing, network, or web resources, including access to the internet, for solicitation or operation of commercial ventures or interests. Students may not use the College's computer resources in any way that violates the College's gender-based and sexual misconduct policy, nondiscrimination policy, or other policies.

The College believes in freedom of speech regardless of the medium used for communication and does not want to act as a censor of information on college resources, including webpage content. However, the College will investigate complaints arising from either the college community or external sources and will comply with, and enforce, applicable laws and college policies as appropriate. All e-mail and files on college-owned computers and servers are legally the property of the College. The College reserves the right to inspect e-mail and files and take appropriate action without notice if there is reasonable belief that there has been intentional or inadvertent disruption to the College's network or other shared resources or if there is suspected violation of this policy or applicable laws.

Students may not damage, deface, alter, or remove any College computing equipment from campus without authorization or deliberately attempt to degrade the performance of College computing or network resources. Students may not install software on any College computer system without appropriate authorization or install software that is in violation of any licensing agreement.

Guidelines regarding [Ethics of Scholarship](#) ^[110] apply to course work completed on computers and network and web resources just as they do with any other type of course work. Students should be aware of and abide by all applicable copyright laws and licenses.

Medical Leave

A medical leave is a leave of absence from the College that may be granted to students who are unable to continue their enrollment because of physical or psychological conditions. Non-degree students are not eligible for medical leave. A request for medical leave is considered a request to withdraw from Hampshire College. Students seeking a medical leave must contact [Health and Counseling Services](#) ^[71] (413.559.5458) to discuss the circumstances and to obtain medical verification of their need to leave the College. The final day to take a medical leave is the last day of classes for the current semester; students cannot take a retroactive medical leave after classes have concluded. All medical leaves are processed through [Health and Counseling Services](#) ^[71]. A "W" for withdrawal will appear on transcripts for courses in progress if a student goes on medical leave after the add/drop deadline. Students seeking a medical leave must fill out a medical leave declaration.

As with any other leave, the College reserves the right to deny a student's request for medical leave.

A student on voluntary or involuntary medical leave normally will not be permitted to participate in College activities or to utilize the College's services, facilities, or programs (including extracurricular activities) and will also be restricted from entering the campus during the leave period; exceptions to these restrictions must be approved in advance by the Dean of Students Office.

Students on medical leave must complete a readmissions application. Refer to the [Readmission Policy](#) ^[218] for details.

Students who have waived insurance coverage for the preceding term are not eligible to apply for insurance while on medical leave. Students enrolled in the insurance plan are eligible for coverage for a maximum of two semesters. Insurance must be requested. Refer to the [student financial services website](#) for more information.

A change of status from fully enrolled to leave of absence after the opening of the term (enrollment check-in date) will, if approved, lead to the partial or full forfeiture of tuition, room, and board fees. Refer to the fee brochure and the website [studentaccounts.hampshire.edu](#) for the refund schedule. Factors determining the amount of the refund include the date of leave, the type of leave, and the financial aid status of the student. Upon leave, financial aid students may have a part of their aid returned to the programs that assisted them as mandated by the federal return-of-funds formula. Returns are applied in the following order: federal student and parent loans, federal grants, college and outside grants and scholarships. Students will be responsible for a balance due created by the return-of-funds process.

For information about medical leave in relation to academic work, see the [Leave Policy](#) in the Academic Policies section.

Duration of Medical Leave

Students on medical leave normally will be assumed to be on leave for the remainder of the semester in which the leave began and for one additional semester. Students beginning a medical leave within the last two weeks of classes are considered to be on medical leave for the remainder of the semester as well as two full consecutive semesters. Students may be permitted to return in accordance with the [Readmission Policy](#).

Students on medical leave will have their leave automatically extended for a second consecutive semester. Students who do not apply for readmission after their second semester of medical leave are withdrawn from the College.

Students who want to return to the College after any medical leave (voluntary or involuntary) must follow the [readmission policy](#).

Involuntary Medical Leave

All students (including those with physical or psychological conditions) are required to meet the academic, behavioral, and other standards of the College; requests for reasonable accommodations to meet these requirements are considered on a case-by-case basis. Threatening or other inappropriate behavior by a student will usually be addressed either through the College's student conduct process or by a qualified health professional. Where such behavior is deemed attributable to a physical or psychological condition, the College may, in its discretion, initiate the following:

The College may encourage the student to voluntarily seek professional assistance and/or apply for a voluntary medical leave in order to address the condition. If the student is unwilling to take a voluntary medical leave, the College may place the student on involuntary medical leave. When, prior to being placed on an involuntary medical leave, a student requests to take a voluntary medical leave, they normally will be permitted to do so.

Examples of behavior that may lead to involuntary medical leave include, but are not limited to:

- Engaging in or threatening behavior that is deemed dangerous to the student or to others (e.g., physical threat to self or others, suicide attempt or threat, demonstrated inability to care for oneself)
- Engaging in or threatening behavior that is deemed to be disruptive of the ability of the student or other members of the College community (including other students, faculty, and staff) to participate in the College's academic, residential, or social environment
- Engaging in or threatening behavior that is likely to cause significant damage to property

The following procedures will apply to involuntary medical leaves:

- Prior to placing a student on involuntary medical leave, the dean of students, the director of health and counseling services, or the associate director of health and counseling services will make an assessment of the student's ability to participate in the College's academic, residential, or social environment. When the student is available on campus, the assessment may include a meeting with a clinician from health and counseling services or the dean of students or designee of the dean of students, at which time they will: (a) discuss the areas of concern with the student; (b) give the student an opportunity to respond to those concerns; and (c) explain the College's involuntary medical leave policy to the student. Further assessment may include consultation with persons knowledgeable about the College's obligations regarding students with disabilities and with appropriate health or other professionals. The total assessment will take into consideration the following: (a) the nature, duration, and severity of the risk of harm; (b) the likelihood that the harm will occur; and (c) whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures would sufficiently mitigate the risk.
- If the process is initiated by the dean of students office, the student may be required to be evaluated by an appropriate health professional selected by the College. Such evaluation normally must be completed within five business days after the dean's request. The student will be requested to sign a written authorization permitting the health professional to exchange health information with appropriate representatives of the College. A student's refusal to sign such authorization will impede the dean's ability to make an assessment and may negatively affect the leave decision.
- If the assessment results in a decision to place the student on involuntary medical leave, the assessor will inform the student of that decision in writing. The student may request reconsideration of the decision by submitting a written request (including the grounds for reconsideration and requested resolution) to the dean of students within ten (10) business days of receiving notice of the decision. The student will also need to sign a form giving the dean permission to speak with any medical professionals involved in the case. The student also may utilize the Section 504 complaint procedure referred to in the [accessibility resources and services](#) section of this handbook.
- The College may immediately suspend a student from the campus and/or from student housing if it determines that such immediate action is warranted due to: (a) imminent risk of substantial harm to the health/safety of the student or others; (b) the student's refusal to participate in any part of the above-described process; or (c) a senior administrator's determination that such action is necessary under the circumstances then known to them. Following an immediate interim suspension, the College will engage in the procedures described above as soon as reasonably practicable.

Students placed on involuntary medical leave will be subject to the policies and procedures for [readmission](#).

Outdoors Program and Recreational Athletics (OPRA)

OPRA Position on Substance Use

All OPRA facilities, trips, events, and activities are substance-free. This position is taken very seriously and will be enforced in accordance with the [Alcohol and Other Drug Policy](#). Failure to comply with these policies will result in removal from participation in activities, including removal from trips and teams at the participant's expense and without reimbursement for expenses paid. OPRA supports students looking for substance-free experiences and is committed to continued support of this environment.

General Use of the Robert Crown Center (RCC) & MultiSport Center

The RCC & MultiSport Center are for use by Hampshire College ID holders and not the general public.

1. Users must show and swipe their valid Hampshire ID when they enter the RCC and MultiSport Center. Student IDs are not transferable. No one is allowed to use someone else's student ID to gain entrance to the RCC or the MultiSport Center.
2. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their legal parent or guardian who holds a valid Hampshire ID. Everyone using the MultiSport Center must sign in at the front desk.

3. Guests must be signed in at the front desk. The host must remain with the guest in the RCC and/or Multisport Center. Any person causing what the staff consider unpleasantness or unruliness in the building will be required to leave the RCC and/or Multisport Center.
4. The climbing wall, bouldering cave, and tennis courts may be used by Hampshire ID holders and one guest of an ID holder. The ID holder must be present with the guest at all times.
5. Metal lockers are issued on a first-come, first-served basis twice during the academic year, once in September and then at the start of winter break. Lockers must be emptied and locks removed before winter recess and again prior to graduation in May. Any locks placed on metal lockers prior to registering at the front desk are liable to be removed and locks left on beyond the above periods will also be removed. Lockers are available only to students and employees.
6. The use of radios, boom boxes, and so on, is prohibited. These devices may be used only with earphones.
7. Summer use of the RCC, playing fields, and outdoor tennis courts is only available during posted hours when not exclusively reserved and scheduled by a summer program.

Robert Crown Center Swimming Pool

1. A valid Hampshire ID must be left at the lifeguard's desk before a swimmer enters the water.
2. Non-swimmers are not permitted to use the pool.
3. A shower must be taken before a swimmer enters the pool.
4. Bathing suits are necessary; cut-offs are permissible. Nude swimming is not permitted at any time. Artificial flotation devices such as water wings and inner tubes are not permitted.
5. Anyone with a heart problem, epileptic seizures, or a dislocated shoulder should get a physician's approval before using the pool and must alert the lifeguard.
6. No glass containers are not permitted in the pool area. The consumption of beverages or food is not permitted. Running, splashing, and the throwing of objects are not permitted in the pool or pool area.
7. The lifeguards on duty have complete authority over the pool. The guards may ask anyone to leave who breaks the RCC rules or who, in the judgment of the guards, creates a nuisance, disturbance, or a potential hazard.
8. The pool phone is to be used only for pool emergencies.
9. In the event of a storm involving lightning in the vicinity of the College, an equipment breakdown, a problem in heating or lighting, overcrowding, or any other situation that the lifeguards deem potentially hazardous, the guards have the authority to close the pool.
10. No swimming is permitted in the pool unless it is during a regularly scheduled recreational swim or class period with appropriate lifeguards on duty.
11. Lifeguards are not responsible for personal belongings left in the pool area.
12. No swimming is permitted when the pool cover is covering the pool.

The Sauna

Current valid Hampshire ID holders only and no guests. Clothing is required in the facility. Gender-neutral and gender-specific hours are posted in the RCC.

Equipment Use

Because of the considerable loss of equipment, the following Policy will be enforced:

1. People signing out equipment are responsible for the replacement value of the equipment (not the depreciated value). If equipment is lost, they will be billed for it directly.
2. All equipment should be returned clean and in good repair. The person who signed out the equipment is the person who will be billed for loss or damage.
3. No one may sign out more than \$400 worth of equipment.
4. Only people having valid Hampshire IDs and those who are taking Hampshire courses for which the equipment is specifically necessary may sign out equipment.
5. Sign-out limit is one week for all equipment (except bikes and ski equipment).
6. For overdue equipment, fines will be assessed at the rate of 50 cents per item per day for items having replacement cost of less than \$10 and \$1 per item per day for items having replacement value greater than \$10.
7. No further equipment will be checked out to anyone owing a fine.
8. The fine for late return of ski equipment and bikes is \$10 for the first day and \$12 for each additional day.

For additional information regarding equipment, defensive driving, trips, game schedules and more, visit opra.hampshire.edu ^[221].

Intercollegiate Athletic Team Policies

1. All Hampshire student-athletes must follow all OPRA guidelines (please see [OPRA policy section](#) ^[222].)
2. Student-athletes must successfully go through compliance (athletic, academic, and medical) in order to participate in practice or games each semester.
3. Student-athletes may be subject to removal from a team for violations of athletic policies, inappropriate behavior, or violations of other sections of the [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176].
4. Student-athletes must follow athletic department team guidelines. Failure to follow may result in removal from the team.
5. OPRA does not condone hazing and expects that student athletes and other participants in OPRA activities adhere to the [Hazing Policy](#) ^[223].

The College does not provide liability insurance for injuries or damages caused to others during athletic events. See the [Student Insurance section](#) ^[224] for more information.

Parking/Vehicle Policies

Personal Vehicles on Campus

The College is not responsible for, nor will it pay any claims for, damages to student-owned vehicles resulting from falling ice, snow, tree limbs, or any other natural occurrence or event on its property or elsewhere, whether or not the possibility of such an event is warned against. The College is not responsible for, nor will it pay any losses, claims, or other damages, to student-owned vehicles resulting from vandalism, collision, or other acts by any person, other than damage caused directly by its employees. See the personal vehicle section of the [Five Colleges Inc. website](#) ^[225] for more information. Reckless driving and driving on walkways, fields, and other areas of campus not intended for regular auto traffic is prohibited. Students reported for reckless driving will be referred for a [Conduct Meeting](#) ^[198].

Registering Your Vehicle

In order for [campus police](#) ^[105] to regulate and manage motor vehicles on campus students who want to bring, operate, or park a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped on the Hampshire College campus must do the following:

1. Complete a [Motor Vehicle Registration form on TheHub](#) ^[226]. Do not use "N/A" or "none" on this form. (Incomplete forms will not be processed.)
2. Your parking decal will be mailed to your campus mailbox.
3. Students who are nonresidents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with vehicles **not registered** in Massachusetts must complete the Non-resident Driver Vehicle Statement Form in addition to the above. Print this form; you will need it when you pick up your non-resident driver parking decal. Do not use "N/A" or "none" on this form. (Incomplete forms will not be processed.)

Five College Students

Non-Hampshire College students enrolled in classes on our campus who are requesting a parking decal must complete a Proof of Registration form and bring it to the [Central Records Office](#) ^[31] on the first floor of the Lemelson Center for Design to obtain a signature. Bring this signed form, your student ID, and your vehicle registration to the parking office at the rear of the Johnson Library to obtain a parking decal. These decals are free of charge. The Five College Student decal is valid for any Hampshire College student parking lot.

Accessible Parking

Accessible parking is located throughout the Hampshire Campus. A valid Hampshire parking decal is required in addition to a handicapped placard to utilize accessible parking in any lots requiring a decal.

Any student in need of long-term or permanent accessible parking should visit their state's motor vehicle department to learn about acquiring a placard for accessible parking. More information about applying in the state of Massachusetts can be found with the [Registry of Motor Vehicles](#) ^[227].

Decal Availability

Students with vehicles on campus, including motorcycles and mopeds, must register with the Campus Police Parking Office within seven days of arrival on campus. Parking on campus is limited, and parking permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are encouraged to check with campus police for available parking before bringing a vehicle back to campus after any holiday or break.

Decal Fee

Student vehicles must be registered within seven days of arrival on campus. A valid driver's license and a valid vehicle registration are required in order to receive a parking decal. Insurance must have your name on the policy. A student can have only one vehicle registered on campus at a time. Students are not allowed to have any unregistered vehicle(s) on campus. The parking decal fee is \$170 per academic year, \$100 off campus (fall/spring term). The replacement decal fee is \$10. These fees will be charged directly to your student account. A vehicle is not considered registered until the parking decal is affixed to the vehicle according to the decal placement sheet you will receive when obtaining your decal. Vehicles not registered within seven days are subject to being towed without warning at the owner's expense. All parking issues should be directed to the campus police [parking office](#) ^[228].

Decal Returns

Parking decals are nontransferable and must be affixed to the vehicle for which they are issued. If you sell or dispose of your vehicle, you must return a portion of the parking decal that was issued to the vehicle to [campus police](#) ^[105] in order to register another vehicle.

Parking Lots

Student vehicles must be parked in the designated student parking lots identified by a parking sign that reads "Student Parking Only." Student vehicles will be ticketed when parked in other parking lots/spaces. Each student lot has a section for faculty/staff and visitors. These are not student parking spaces. The director of [campus police](#) ^[105] may grant exceptions. Only registered student vehicles can be parked in the student parking spaces. Students should not park in areas marked "Snow Removal."

Can't Find a Space?

Contact Campus Police at x5424 (on campus phones) or 413.559.5424 if you cannot find a space in your designated lot. **DO NOT PARK ILLEGALLY.**

Restricted Parking

Vehicles parked in restricted areas (e.g., fire lanes, bus stops), unregistered vehicles, or vehicles that are parked in violation of parking regulations are subject to being towed without warning at the owner's expense.

Summer Parking

There is no parking available for students who do not remain on campus. Vehicles may not be stored on campus at any time. Vehicles displaying evidence of non-use will be ticketed and towed.

Loss of Parking Privileges

Students who show a continual disregard for parking and/or driving regulations risk losing the ability to have a vehicle on campus. The Dean of Students Office, upon recommendation by [campus police](#) ^[105], may make this decision.

Citations

Violation tickets are issued when a vehicle is parked or driven contrary to [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176]. Citations range from \$20 to \$100, depending on the violation. Fines are billed directly to a student's account. They may be paid in the [Student Accounts Office](#) ^[77] during regular business hours. Visitors on campus who have their vehicles ticketed should mail their payment to Hampshire College Campus Police, 893 West St., Amherst, MA 01002.

Appeals

Citations may be appealed in writing within seven days from the time the citation was issued. Questions can be directed to the parking office during business hours (hours, location, and contact listed at the bottom of this page). Complete a [parking appeal form on TheHub](#) ^[229].

Student Temporary Parking

You must obtain a temporary permit if your vehicle will be on campus only for up to six weeks: 1 week, \$10; 6 weeks, \$60 (maximum). You **MUST** park in student-designated parking. If your vehicle will be on campus for more than six weeks, you are required to purchase a student parking decal.

Temporary Accessible Parking

Students in need of temporary accessible parking due to an injury or other short-term, disability-related circumstance may request a temporary parking pass through the [Office of Accessibility Resources and Services \(OARS\)](#) ^[230].

Visitor/Guest Temporary Parking

All visitors and guests are required to register their vehicles with [campus police](#) ^[105] by providing the vehicle's make, model, color, and license plate number in order for [campus police](#) ^[105] to issue a temporary parking permit. The permit must be visibly displayed in the vehicle; the vehicle must be assigned a parking lot. If you are visiting a student, the host student must be present (with a valid student ID) when applying for a temporary parking permit. There is no cost for a visitor temporary parking pass.

Temporary Parking Permit Needed

A permit is needed Monday through Friday 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Temporary Parking Permit Not Needed

If you are a visitor on campus after 4 p.m. and leave before 8 a.m., you do not need a permit. You **MUST** park in visitor parking **ONLY**. If you are a

visitor after 5 p.m. on Friday and stay through Sunday (out by 8 a.m. Monday), you do not need a permit; however, you MUST park in visitor parking ONLY.

Parking Office Location, Hours, and Contact

The [parking office location](#) ^[231] is on the ground floor of the Harold F. Johnson Library building, accessible from the rear entrance, next to the OneCard office. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact 413.559.6151 or parking@hampshire.edu ^[232].

Bicycles

All bicycles on campus must be registered with the Campus Police Department. Registration is free and can be completed on [TheHub](#) ^[206] anytime. The registration decal will expire upon the student's graduation date no longer than five years from original registration.

All bicycles on campus must be stored in approved outdoor bike sheds and secured to a bicycle rack. Bicycles may NOT be secured to fire hydrants, trees, parking signs, ramps, railings, or left in the path of egress in any building on campus. Bicycles that are inappropriately secured may be immediately removed and/or confiscated.

Bicycles must be removed from campus during the summer break. Bicycles left over the summer will be considered abandoned and will be confiscated and discarded.

The College must continuously remove unregistered bicycles from campus to make more room for registered bicycles. Any bicycle in violation of the College's Bicycle Policy or unregistered will be confiscated and, if not claimed within 30 days, will be discarded.

The College is not responsible for any bicycle brought to or left on campus, whether secured or not.

Use of College Vehicles and Insurance

Use of College Vehicles

College vehicles are not available for personal use. "Pool vehicles" are available for College business and College-approved student activities. Student groups must contact the [Campus Leadership and Activities](#) ^[233] Office. For offices and School departments, the office or department budget manager or their designated assistant makes the reservation. A vehicle request can be made three days or more in advance.

Members of the College community who want to be eligible to operate a College vehicle must [fill out an online application form](#) ^[234], attend a defensive driver class, and have a clean driving record. Annual credential forms must be filled out via an [online form](#) ^[235] through Five College Risk Management. This form is for insurance purposes only and has to be completed by everyone who will drive a College-owned vehicle or drive a personal vehicle on College business.

All drivers of College-owned vehicles, or vehicles driven on College business, are expected to follow the rules in the [Fleet Vehicle Handbook](#) ^[236] and to abide by all campus regulations and all local, state, and federal laws.

Travel Accident Insurance

The College provides limited travel accident insurance, including medical evacuation and repatriation to students traveling on College or academic business, worldwide. Worldwide travel assistance services are also available. Contact the [Dean of Students Office](#) ^[237] for details or see the [Five Colleges Inc. website](#) ^[238].

Auto

The College purchases Auto Liability Insurance, which protects both the College and the driver from third-party liability and third-party property damage arising from the use of College-owned, hired/rented, and non-owned vehicles. The [Five College Risk Management website](#) ^[238] has more detailed information on this coverage.

- For College-owned vehicles, the student driver must be credentialed and have permission from a faculty member, a dean, a coach, or a department head to drive a College vehicle. For details on becoming a credentialed driver, visit [Five College Risk Management Policies](#) ^[235].
- To rent or drive a rented vehicle for College business, the student must be credentialed and have written authorization from an authorized person (see owned vehicles, below) and be a scheduled driver with the rental company. Most car rental agencies prohibit persons under the age of 25 from driving rented vehicles. The College policy is to waive coverage for liability and collision coverage on domestic rentals; however, students should follow departmental guidelines with respect to waiving the rental company insurance. If the College insurance is used, a certificate of insurance should be obtained as proof of insurance.
- If a student drives their own vehicle on College business, such use must be specifically authorized in writing by the department head or chair before the use occurs. The College policy is excess of the student's own policy with respect to liability coverage. No coverage is provided for any physical damage to the student's vehicle, nor will any deductible amount be paid by the College, whether or not the vehicle is used for College business, and regardless of any liability of the driver or other parties.
- Use of borrowed vehicles for College business must be approved before such use by the Five College director of compliance and risk management.

The College auto insurance policy may not cover unauthorized drivers. Unauthorized drivers may be personally liable for claims brought against them. The College may also have a right to claim against unauthorized drivers.

Weather Conditions

Trips may be canceled due to adverse weather conditions. The on-duty [campus police](#) ^[105] supervisor has the authority to not allow vehicles to be used due to the adverse weather conditions. The on-duty supervisor will utilize all available information (including but not limited to weather advisories, radio, TV, internet, etc.) to assist in determining the advisability of allowing vehicles to leave the campus. As a general rule, the College will cancel trips in order to protect faculty, staff and students that may be using College vehicles. As a matter of policy, the College expects drivers to interrupt their trips when weather conditions deteriorate, find a safe place to wait, and to resume the trip once the weather improves.

OPRA Van Use

OPRA vans are only for the use of College staff for the purpose of transportation to OPRA programs, courses, and events.

1. OPRA does not lend or rent vans.
2. Smoking, drinking alcohol, and using illegal drugs are prohibited in OPRA vans.
3. The transportation of alcohol or illegal drugs in OPRA vans is prohibited.

Pets, Service, and Support Animals on Campus

Pet Policy

Pets and other animals, with the exception of [service animals and emotional support animals](#) ^[239] approved in accordance with the [College's policy](#)

[240], are prohibited in all residence buildings. Residents are also prohibited from keeping or providing for animals on College property, and visiting animals must be kept outdoors on a leash at all times in the presence of the owner. Hosts are responsible for cleaning up after any visiting animals. Visiting is defined as temporary, short term (less than a day), and occasional (no more than three times per term) **and not overnight**. Students who violate this policy are subject to referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) [9], including seizure of animals when students fail to give warnings and other attempts to resolve concerns with animals found in the residences. Students will bear any associated cost to the College or any of its employees or agents, whether because of damage to property owned by the College or others or because of any claim brought against the College by any person because of injury, illness, or other reason as a result of the student having brought an animal onto campus, regardless of whether the animal is in violation of this policy.

DEFINITIONS

Pet: A pet is an animal kept for ordinary use and companionship. A pet is NOT considered a service or emotional support animal and not allowed in campus residences.

Hampshire College is committed to creating a welcoming environment through the use of commonly accepted guidelines and procedures that allow animals to be on-campus for specific purposes. These purposes include reasonable accommodations for employees, students, and visitors with disabilities in compliance with applicable Massachusetts state and federal laws. In accordance with the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended](#) [92] and related laws, rules and regulations, including the [Fair Housing Act](#) [93], Hampshire College will reasonably accommodate requests for service animals and emotional support animals to reside with their owner/handler in College provided housing.

Disability: Defined as a physical or mental condition or impairment that is medically recognizable and diagnosable, and substantially limits one or more of an individual's major life activities. These limitations may include performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, working, and learning. An individual is substantially limited in major life activities if they are unable to perform the activity, or is significantly restricted as to the manner in which they can perform that activity when compared to the average person. Acceptable documentation of a disability will be from either a licensed medical or mental health provider and must verify the disability and describe the need for a service or therapy animal.

Service Animal Access

Service Animal [241]: Any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition, however the College will consider other animal species on a case-by-case basis in accordance with Federal regulations. The tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability.

Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

Service Puppies and Service Dogs in Training: These animals are considered to have the same public accommodation rights as service animals.

Students requiring use of a service animal as a means of access may utilize their service animal as needed throughout campus. It is important that, if a student resides on campus that they connect with the [Housing Operations Office](#) [242] (HOO) to ensure they are placed in a residence which does not conflict with their disability. In order to maintain equal access for other residents, it is also important for HOO to be able to ensure the presence of an animal does not [conflict with their own disabilities](#) [243].

Emotional Support Animals (ESA's): Animals that provide assistance and/or emotional support to its owner by its very presence but is not trained to perform specific tasks in response to the disability. These animals (not limited to dogs) do not meet the ADA definition of a Service Animal, but may qualify under the [Fair Housing Act](#) [93] and Hampshire College's Policy on ESA's. Because ESA's are not required to perform a specific task for a student and do not need to be with the student at all times, they are only permitted in the student's residence. As such they are considered a housing-based accommodation and requests for an ESA are handled as any other request for [housing-based accommodation](#) [84].

Students with a disability may apply to have an emotional support animal as a reasonable accommodation in housing facilities that otherwise impose restrictions or prohibitions on animals. Students requesting an ESA as a reasonable accommodation must register with the [Office of Accessibility Resources and Services](#) [78] (OARS) and pursue the [Housing Accommodation Request Process](#) [84]. Students must register with OARS at least 30 days before housing for the animal is needed and provide documentation in compliance with [documentation guidelines](#) [83].

In order to qualify for such an accommodation, the emotional support animal must be necessary to afford the individual an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling or to participate in the housing service or program and there must be a relationship, or nexus, between the individual's disability and the assistance the animal provides documented by a medical professional competent to address the need for the accommodation and the requirement of the specific accommodation requested.

Students going through the request process should note that all assistance or support animals must be spayed or neutered. In addition, all animals must be housebroken or live within a contained habitat, and may not weight more than 40 pounds. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Students whose requests are approved will be permitted to have one assistance/emotional support animal. Requests for more than one animal may be considered with specific documentation as to the need for the animal to be paired. Under no circumstances will breeding pairs of animals be permitted.

RESOURCES

- U.S. Department of Justice, Information about the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) [244]
- Town of Amherst [bylaws for dog licensing](#) [245]
- [Guidance on Service Animals in Public Places](#) [246]

Expectations for Animals on Campus

This policy provides the guidelines and requirements with respect to use of emotional support animals (ESA's) and service animals, and applies to any ESA or service animal whose user or handler is a Hampshire College student residing in College-owned housing. It also applies to any handler of a service animal participating in a College program or who is on the College's campus (including students, employees and third parties). The policy applies to working service animals, service animals in training and service puppies.

ESA's and service animals that are approved or supported through the College's [housing accommodations process](#) [84] will be permitted to reside with their owner in the student's private room. These animals are also permitted in other areas of the student's residence as long as the animal is under the direct physical control of the student at all times. "Residence" is defined as the specific apartment unit ("mod") or residence hall to which the student is assigned.

Emotional support animals are not permitted in any other indoor, College-owned spaces or facilities. An assistance/emotional support animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether at all times while outside of the student's private room.

Service animals are permitted to accompany their handler in any environment the handler needs to access to perform the necessary tasks for which they are trained, relative to the handler's disability.

Public Etiquette by Students/Staff/Faculty/Administrators on Campus

Service animals and ESA's are not pets. Accordingly, the College asks that students and their visitors adhere to the following good practices when interacting with service animals and ESA's.

Individuals should NOT:

- Assume that the animal is a pet.
- Pet/touch an assistance animal. Petting distracts them from their responsibilities.
- Assume the handler may have visible disability. Do not make assumptions about the necessity of the assistance animal.
- Ask the handler about their specific condition.
- Prioritize the needs of another individual over the needs of an individual with an assistance animal. For example, we cannot restrict the access of an assistance animal fearing another member of the community may have an allergy.
- Feed an assistance animal.
- Deliberately startle, tease or taunt an assistance animal.
- Separate or attempt to separate an animal from their handler.
- Hesitate to ask the handler if they would like assistance if the team seems confused about a direction in which to turn, an accessible entrance, the location of an elevator, etc.

Emergency Situations

Appropriate facilities and campus police staff are notified of residences with animal inhabitants in case of need for entry for repair or emergency. In the event of an emergency, on campus personnel designated to respond is expected to recognize assistance animals and their role in communicating their partners' need for assistance. The handler and/or animal may be confused or disoriented in a stressful situation due to smoke, sirens, wind noise or by shaking and moving ground. The response personnel should be aware that animals may be protective in their confusion and should not be considered harmful. The responders should make every effort to keep the animal with its partner. The handler should make every effort to control the animal during an emergency situation and be prepared to muzzle or restrain the animal as needed. Students who are with assistance animals regularly on campus are encouraged to develop an individual evacuation plan with the College. Students interested in creating such a plan should contact the Housing Operations Office and Office of Accessibility Resources and Services.

Student Responsibilities for Service and Emotional Support Animals

Service Animals: We encourage, but do not require, students to make themselves known to the College should they desire to have a service animal accompany them in academic classes, activities, or services on campus.

If a student plans to have their service animal live with them in residence, we ask that they provide notice to the College especially if they are seeking some type of accommodation for that animal. Notice to the College is used solely to ensure the appropriate housing placement is made. Students should provide notice to the College by contacting the [Office of Accessibility Resources and Services](#) ^[85] (OARS).

While access rights are legally afforded to users/handlers of service animals, all persons with service animals are expected to adhere to the [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[247] and ensure that their animals act and respond appropriately at all times while in public.

Emotional Support Animals: Students with assistance/emotional support animals are also expected to adhere to the [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[247] and ensure that their animals act and respond appropriately at all times while in public.

Students are responsible for ensuring the safety of their animals.

Control Requirements

The animal may not pose a risk of health or safety to others and may not create unreasonable interference for others.

An assistance/emotional support animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether at all times while outside of the student's private room. If the student is unable to use a harness, leash, or other tether because of a disability, or because the use of such a restraint would interfere with the animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks (service animals only), the animal must be under the handler's control (e.g., voice control, signals, or other effective means).

Service animals (including puppies and trainees) shall be reasonably identified to the community by harness or service animal vest or other gear when not in a private or student residence. If there is no identification, College staff may ask if the animal is a working service animal. It is strongly encouraged that all emotional support animals also be identified as such in a reasonable manner by use of vest or other clear signage and gear.

Animal user/handlers are responsible for cleaning up their animal's waste. Waste must be properly disposed of. Persons with disabilities who physically cannot clean up after their own animal will not be required to do so; however these individuals should take their animal to designated relief areas. Relief areas may be designated on an individual basis with the collaboration of the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services and the College grounds personnel. If an animal relieves itself in non-designated areas, these individuals should request assistance with cleaning up.

Care of Animal

Students are expected to maintain flea, tick and odor control. Animals must be regularly groomed as appropriate. All animals are expected to be up to date with required vaccinations, licenses, and maintain a regular schedule of veterinary care.

Financial Responsibility

Students who have an animal on campus are financially responsible for property damage caused by the animal including, but not limited to, cost of repairs, replacement or cleaning of facilities or furnishings and any bodily injury or personal injury caused to other persons by the animal.

Documentation Requirements

The student must provide the following documentation to the Housing Operations Office upon approval of the accommodation request and prior to the arrival of the animal on campus, and then annually or as requested by a College official:

- **Proof of Licensure:** If the animal is residing on campus it must meet the town of Amherst and or Massachusetts licensing requirements and wear tags designating this license.
 - If the animal resides off campus (service animal), the animal must meet the licensing requirements of the Service Animal user/handlers' resident town and wear tags indicating this licensing.
 - **Proof of Vaccinations:** All dogs must wear a rabies vaccination tag. All animals residing or coming onto campus on a regular basis must be up to date with vaccinations in accordance with state and local laws and regulations.
 - **Proof of Annual Veterinary Care:** The student must provide evidence that the animal is receiving annual, routine veterinary care.

- **Proof of Service-Animal-in-Training Status (where applicable):** Service Animal user/handlers will provide upon request the College with evidence that the animal is a service dog candidate.
- **Proof of Service Puppy Status (where applicable):** This documentation must be supplied by an authorized service dog organization, and include an indication that the organization expects the animal to return for specialized training after the raising period is over.

Additionally, it is recommended that the student provide evidence of current insurance coverage for any injuries the animal may cause to a third party as specified in the preceding section.

Restricted Areas

The College may restrict the use of assistance/emotional support animal in certain residential locations.

The College may prohibit the use of service animals in certain locations due to health or safety hazards, where service animals may be endangered, or where their use may compromise the integrity of research or fundamentally alter the nature of a program or activity. The safety of locations will be individually considered by the director of OARS, the laboratory director or professor, and the College risk management team. If a location is determined to be unsafe, reasonable accommodations will be provided to ensure the individual equal access to the activity.

Exceptions to restricted areas may be granted on a case-by-case basis by contacting OARS. In making its decision, OARS will consult with the appropriate department and/or laboratory representative regarding the nature of the restricted area and any ongoing research.

Resolution of Conflict and Appeals for Service or Emotional Support Animals

Conflicting Disabilities

Persons who have asthma, allergies, or other medical conditions affected by the presence of animals are asked to contact the [Office of Accessibility Resources and Services](#) ^[85] (OARS). The person impacted by the presence of the animal must provide verifiable medical documentation to support their claim. The needs of both persons will be considered in resolving the issue.

Removal of an Emotional Support or Service Animal from College Facilities or Programs

An animal that is determined to be out of control may be excluded from a College program or facility. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Vicious behavior
- Disruptions (e.g., barking, running around, nipping, bringing attention to itself)
- Not being housebroken
- Not cleaning up after or properly disposing of animal's waste
- Being insufficiently cleaned or groomed (e.g., the animal smells or has fleas or ticks)
- Not being appropriately restrained

The behavior will be treated on an individual basis through the Housing Operations Office with support or input as may be appropriate from the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities, Dean of Students Office, Campus Police, Office of Accessibility Resources and Services or other offices. If the animal poses a threat to the safety of others, Campus Police will be part of a collaborative team to determine the outcome of the behavior. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, muzzling a barking dog, refresher training for the animal and student, or exclusion of the animal from College facilities.

If the student or any other person brings an animal to areas of campus where the animal is not permitted (see [student responsibilities](#) ^[95] policy), the College/any employee may require that the animal be removed from the facility or area and returned to the student's room. Failure to comply with this request may result in permanent removal of the animal from the College.

In the event that an animal is excluded from College facilities or programs in accordance with applicable FHA regulations and the student wishes to bring a new animal to campus, the student must comply with all documentation requirements for the new animal.

Grievance and Appeals

Prior to filing a grievance, a complaint may be brought to the director of Accessibility Resources and Services/Section 504 Coordinator for informal resolution.

Any student dissatisfied with a decision concerning the use of an animal on campus shall be entitled to bring a grievance under the [Grievance Procedures](#) ^[248] for Students. Any claims of discrimination on the basis of a disability or failure to provide reasonable accommodations regarding the use of a service animal on campus may be brought pursuant to the College's [Grievance Policies](#) ^[219].

Physically Endangering Behavior

Physically endangering behavior is acting in a manner that exerts control over another person through the use of physical force and/or puts the greater community in physical danger.

Actions that endanger any person's physical well-being are unacceptable. These actions include but are not limited to:

- physical violence include hitting, punching, slapping, kicking, pushing, restraining, choking, and brandishing
- use of fireworks or weapons (see [Weapons, Firearms, & Explosives policy](#) ^[249]) on campus
- the malicious setting of fires
- the sale of illegal drugs (see [Drug policy](#) ^[250])
- reckless driving or speeding on campus
- the throwing of objects out of windows, off roofs, or in any other dangerous manner

All campus spaces must be used only for their intended purpose unless appropriate permissions are obtained. Any use of a space that creates a hazard for the user or other occupants of the building is prohibited. No student is allowed on the roof of any building on campus, except in those instances when it is a secondary egress route in the event of a fire. No student is allowed to scale the exterior of any building on campus.

[Campus police](#) ^[105] should be contacted regarding any physically endangering behavior.

Physically endangering behavior may result in immediate suspension and other sanctions up to and including removal from the College.

Political & Civic Rights

Political and Campaign Activities Policy

Hampshire College has a longstanding tradition of free and open inquiry, and values and protects the freedom of students, faculty, and staff to express political views, to exercise their right to vote, and to participate in the electoral process. At the same time, to retain our status as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, the College must not directly or indirectly participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The prohibition applies to all campaigns including campaigns at the federal, state and local level. Violation of this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes.

Faculty, students, and staff taking political positions for themselves or groups with which they are associated should clearly indicate, by words and actions, that their positions are not those of the College and are not being taken in an official capacity on the College's behalf. Because this may restrict certain uses of institutional resources as well as prohibit certain types of statements made on behalf of the College, here is a set of guidelines for Hampshire College community members. This is not intended to be an exhaustive description of every possible scenario in which the political campaign intervention issue may arise, so if you have any questions about these or other situations, please contact the President's Office. In addition, students and student groups planning political or campaign activities should discuss their plans with the Office of Campus Leadership and Activities and the Dean of Students Office.

Members of the Hampshire College community **may not**:

- Hold fundraisers for political candidates on College property.
- Provide a candidate for public office an opportunity to speak on campus or use College-owned facilities unless authorized by the President or designee. In most cases, all legally qualified candidates for that office must be offered equal access and opportunity to speak.
- Allow a candidate or political party to conduct a rally or other political event on campus unless authorized by the President or designee. Candidates running for office and/or members of a campaign staff wishing to use college facilities for appearances must comply with established college policies and rental fees, and must go through the Event Services Office for further information and reservations. No political fundraising is allowed at such an event.
- Cause the College to make, or to appear to make, an endorsement of, comment on, contribution to, or expenditure for a political candidate or party.
- Use message boards and forums affiliated with the College's website to support particular candidates, if the statements can be reasonably attributed to the College, or provide links on Hampshire College websites to the web pages of a political candidate or party.
- Conduct voter registration or education activities in a partisan manner that favors or opposes certain candidates.
- Use the Hampshire College letterhead, logo, or seal on materials intended for partisan political purposes.
- Use College-owned telephones for phone banking on behalf of a candidate or for other similarly significant partisan political uses. (However, campus residential telephone services, such as in student residence hall rooms, may be used for these purposes.)
- Use College resources or services, such as interdepartmental mail, e-mail, mailing lists, and equipment such as photocopy machines, computers, and fax machines, or supplies for partisan political purposes.
- Request that a College employee, as part of their job, perform tasks in any way related to partisan political purposes.
- Lobby or attempt to influence federal, state, or local legislative action or a legislative or administrative official or staff member on behalf of the College unless authorized by the President or designee.
- Use federal funds, including contract or grant money, received by the College for lobbying activities.

Notification of Jury Duty Law

According to the [Office of the Jury Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#) ^[251], "Every U.S. Citizen 18 years of age or older who is a Massachusetts resident or an inhabitant for more than 50% of the time is eligible to serve as a juror. If you are a resident of another state but a student at a Massachusetts college, you are an inhabitant for more than 50% of the year and, therefore, eligible to serve as a juror in Massachusetts." There are no student exemptions from jury duty.

Students should read carefully all materials they receive with their summons to service, which contain helpful information about confirming, postponing, rescheduling, or relocating service, and address many of the most frequently asked questions. Jury duty is an important legal obligation, and those who fail to respond are subject to criminal prosecution. Students who miss class in order to fulfill their jury service requirement should notify each of their instructors of the summons and make arrangements to complete any missed work.

If you have any questions about jury duty, including confirming, postponing, rescheduling, or limiting your service, contact the [Office of the Jury Commissioner](#) ^[251] (1.800.THE.JURY/1.800.843.5879).

Voter Registration

As a part of the Higher Education Amendment, Hampshire College must provide you with the opportunity to register to vote. You may [request a mail-in voter registration form](#) ^[252] online. The Massachusetts form can be used only to register to vote in Massachusetts.

Out-of-state students who want to vote in their home state must use either a mail-in form supplied by an election official in the home state or the federal mail-in affidavit of voter registration. Affidavits may be obtained by writing or calling the [Massachusetts Elections Division](#) ^[253], Room 1705, McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108; 617.727.2828 or 800.462.8683.

Post Office

The Hampshire College Post Office is located on the ground floor of the library. Window Hours are Monday through Friday, 9AM-4PM.

Students **must** include their name and mail box number on all incoming mail and packages. Delay in delivery will likely occur if this information is not included.

(Note: Your mailbox is not a P.O. Box. Please, just use box # on U.S. Mail, UPS, FedEx and DHL packages.)

How to Write Your Mailing Address

Student Name
Box#
Hampshire College
893 West Street
Amherst, MA 01002-3359

The mailbox numbers assigned to students will remain the same throughout their Hampshire careers, even if the student lives off-campus. Students living off campus should check their mailbox on a regular basis. All on-campus mailings will be distributed to mailboxes. Combinations for student mailboxes can be found on theHub under personal information.

Please do not ship packages to campus prior to August 15th for the fall term, and January 15th for the spring term.

If you are unable to get your mail/package and wish that someone else get it for you, you must inform the post office by e-mail; giving your authorization. Include your name, mailbox #, and the name of the person who will be getting your mail. To open the mailbox, that person should know the mailbox combination. They must also provide an ID at the time of pick up.

The USPS website, www.USPS.com ^[254] is a good source of information for mailing questions, package tracking, as well as looking up zip codes.

Post Office Forwarding Service

During the summer or when a student is (on leave of absence, field-study leave, medical leave, consortium agreement, or has withdrawn), the Hampshire College Post Office will close their mailbox and all 1st class U.S. mail will be forwarded to the student's current address. If the address needs to be updated, a change of address form should be completed and submitted to the Central Records Office. The College Post Office will forward it via U.S. mail in most cases. The Post Office will re-open the same mailbox to a student returning from leave. No mail will be forwarded during Winter Break.

Mail will be forwarded for one year following graduation or withdrawal from the College.

Magazines and newspapers will NOT be forwarded to students. In order to receive subscriptions while they are away, students must inform the sender of the magazines and newspapers of their forwarding address at least four weeks prior to leaving the College.

Prohibited Items

A number of items are prohibited in the Hampshire College buildings. These prohibitions are in place to support the health and safety needs of all community members. Some of the prohibited items are specific to students living the residences. This listing is not all-inclusive of specific items, but gives a comprehensive description of types of items not permitted and does include some specifics to guide student understanding of prohibited items.

An additional list of fire safety prohibited items can be found at the end of the [Fire Safety Policy](#) ^[178].

Items Prohibited in the Residences

- The building or installation of "lofts," furniture, or other structures of any kind or size, including, but not limited to, cinder-block or wooden platforms, is prohibited.
- Waterbeds are prohibited.
- Cooking devices are prohibited with the exception of hotpots and small microwave ovens. For a comprehensive description of additional fire safety regulations and other prohibited items, please see the [Fire Safety Policy](#) ^[178].
- Additions to, modifications of, and unauthorized connections to existing wiring systems (electrical, telephone, data, television, radio, cable/dish) or other utilities are prohibited.
- The installation of air conditioners or other objects in windows is prohibited.
- Pets, with the exception of approved service and emotional support animals, are prohibited in the residences. You can view the full policy on [Pets, Service, and Support Animals on Campus](#) ^[94].
- Weapons, whether real or replica, are prohibited, please see the full [Weapons, Firearms, & Explosives policy](#) ^[249] for details.

Weapons, Firearms, and Explosives

Students are prohibited from introducing, possessing, using, buying, selling, carrying, or displaying any weapon or replica. Weapons are defined as any device or substance that is designed, used, or likely to be used to cause bodily harm, or property damage. Firearms are defined as any gun, rifle, pistol, handgun or device designed to fire bullets, BBs, pellets, or shots (including paint balls), or other projectiles, regardless of the propellant used. Other weapons include but are not limited to, mace, pepper spray, taser, stun guns, knives with fixed blades, switchblades, spring-loaded knives, pocket knives with blades longer than 4 inches, kitchen utensils not used for their intended purpose, martial arts weapons, bow and arrows of any type, swords, brass knuckles, sling shots, explosives, or incendiary devices such as firecrackers are strictly prohibited on campus. All "prop" weapons used in plays, the theater, etc., must be registered and stored in the Campus Police Department. The policy also covers any other items deemed by the [Campus Police Department](#) ^[105] to be dangerous, including hazardous chemical or biological material of any sort. Also included are displays/collections of the above named items, ornamental weapons and ornamental ammunition. Any prohibited items are subject to confiscation and permanent forfeiture without any expectation of return or reimbursement. Violators will be subject to criminal prosecution and sanctions up to and including removal from the College.

Quiet Hours and Noise

Quiet Hours

Campus-wide quiet hours begin 11 p.m. Sunday to Thursday and after 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday and are in effect until 7:30 a.m. each day. Noise that infringes on a person's working environment at any time cannot be tolerated.

Noise

Members of the Hampshire community have the right to a quiet environment. Unlike areas surrounding other buildings, noise made outside of residence halls can interfere with the ability to sleep, study, or socialize. The same expectations regarding courtesy that apply inside residence halls also apply to the area surrounding them. The use of amplified instruments, DJ equipment, and drums in the residences, indoor or outdoors, and the placing of stereo speakers in windows facing outward are prohibited. The sanctions for violation of noise regulations will depend on the severity and frequency of the noise and an offender's behavior when alerted by [campus police](#) ^[105] or a staff member.

Residence Life and Housing

Since our founding, Hampshire College has been envisioned as a residential learning community. This has meant that not only does Hampshire strive to provide safe, secure, and comfortable living areas for students, but we also strive to provide a dynamic, intellectual environment outside the classroom. The residence life system encourages students to assume community responsibility and to respect the diverse backgrounds and lifestyles of our community members by providing opportunities for residents to learn about differences and to intentionally create a community that embraces those differences.

For more information about the student and professional staff who work live and work in the residence halls, visit the [Residence Life and Housing website](#) ^[255]

The following policies and associated subsections outline Residence Life and Housing Policies. If you have additional questions about these policies, please [contact your area coordinator or another member of the residence life and housing staff](#) ^[256].

Health & Safety

Residence life staff and/or health and safety staff may enter common spaces and rooms as needed, and at least once during each term, to conduct fire, health, and safety inspections. Residence life staff also enter each room, as part of the December shut-down process, to check the heat and make certain windows and doors are secure. Students are required to comply with the required corrective action of all fire, health and safety inspections carried out by college personnel.

All campus spaces must be used only for their intended purpose unless appropriate permissions are obtained. Any use of a space that creates a hazard for the user or other occupants of the building is prohibited. No resident is allowed on the roof of any building on campus, except in those instances when it is a secondary egress route in the event of a fire. Additionally, no resident is allowed to scale the exterior of any building on campus.

Liability

Hampshire College assumes no responsibility or liability, directly or indirectly, for damage, loss, or destruction of any personal property by fire, water, theft, etc. Students are strongly encouraged to carry personal insurance to cover their belongings (see [Student Insurance](#) ^[224]). It is the responsibility of each student to safeguard their personal belongings and keep bedroom and apartment doors locked. Most property crimes on campus are crimes of opportunity. The simple step of keeping doors locked provides enormous protection. [The Department of Campus Police](#) ^[105] has electric engravers available for loan. It is a good practice to engrave valuable items with some identifying marks. Marking of personal property will help in identifying the rightful owner of recovered property.

Room Changes

Although students are expected to live in the same room for an entire academic year, there are sometimes extenuating circumstances that may warrant a move. If a student feels a move is necessary, they must meet with their area coordinator to discuss those needs. Typically, the area coordinator will first work with the student to solve any problems in the student's living area. If despite everyone's best efforts, the problem is irresolvable, the area coordinator may grant permission for the student to move.

An administrative move may be determined as necessary by a member of the residence life staff or the dean of students office. In such cases, these staff reserve the right to move students to any vacancy on campus.

Abandoned Property

Students are expected to remove all personal belongings from their assigned room and associated common areas within 48 hours of notice of a change in room assignment due to relocation to another residential space or leaving the College. The Housing Operations Office will communicate specific moving instructions and timelines in writing via Hampshire College email. All items remaining in student rooms and associated common areas at the end of their contract period or when the student leaves an assigned space will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of or donated to local charitable organizations by the College.

All items in [residential storage rooms](#) ^[257] must be removed by the posted date each semester. All items remaining in storage spaces after that date will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of or donated to local charitable organizations by the College.

The College assumes no liability for the loss or damage of students' personal property if property has been abandoned.

Furniture, Furnishings, and Room Damage

Room Damages

Damage to student rooms and/or damage to or removal of furnishings or equipment, beyond ordinary wear and tear, will be charged to the last known student occupant(s) of that room. This will include, without limitation, material and labor costs for replacing missing furniture, screens, window stops, heater covers, draperies, other safety devices, stoves or any other equipment that is part of the room or mod. Damages to the public areas of a residence hall or mod will be charged to all residents of the smallest applicable area of the hall or mod, the total being divided equally. Group charges may include costs for replacing missing furniture and other furnishings that cannot be attributed to specific individuals. Assessments for damages are made as students move and at the end of the academic year. Disablement or removal of safety devices may result in personal liability for harm that may arise from such acts and may be subject to referral to the [Formal Student Conduct Process](#) ^[9].

Under no circumstances are students permitted to paint their rooms or common areas. Failure to abide by this rule will result in charges for paint and labor to restore the room or common area to its original condition.

Furnishings and Furniture

Room decorations are permitted, provided they do not exceed 40 percent of any wall and are not hung on ceilings, sprinkler pipes, over smoke detectors, or near any source of heat. Any method of affixing decorations that puts holes in or mars walls, woodwork, doors, or furnishings is prohibited.

No decorations are allowed in hallways or stairwells with the exception of existing student room bulletin boards.

Students bringing hotpots and/or microwave ovens should keep them unplugged when not in use.

All College furnishings and fixtures must remain in student rooms and common spaces at all times.

Items furnished by the College in public and common areas may not be moved from those spots. If such items are found in student rooms, it will be treated as theft of College property.

Students may supplement College-owned furniture in common spaces with their own additions. However, the College is not responsible for damage or theft of non-College furnishings. It is the student's responsibility to remove all non-College furnishings upon departure and summer shutdown. Furniture that remains in rooms and common spaces at the end of the academic year may be disposed of by the College in accordance with the [Abandoned Property Policy](#) ^[258].

All screens must be left in place, attached to the windows. Students are billed for detached, missing or damaged screens. Students may face referral to the [Formal Student Conduct Process](#) ^[9] if screens are removed and/or for causing security risks to card access and locked doors.

Vandalism of College-provided phones will result in all hall or apartment/mod residents bearing the cost of repairs or replacement.

Guests

Students are permitted to have overnight guests in their rooms or apartments/mods as long as the host is on campus during that time. Hosts must [register their guests](#) ^[259], indicating the length of the visit, which may never exceed one week at a time or more than 15 days cumulatively in a semester, even if the guest has had more than one host. Guests' vehicles must be registered with [campus police](#) ^[105] as specified in the [Parking Policy](#) ^[260]. All guests are expected to abide by Hampshire College's Norms for Community Living and Policies. Responsibility for the conduct and safety of guests lies with the host. Any damage caused by a guest, whether or not they have been registered, will be charged to the host. Any guest whose behavior is disruptive will be required to leave campus.

Off Campus Housing

While Hampshire College is primarily a residential college, some years we are unable to house all students on campus. During those times, all first- and second-year students are guaranteed on-campus housing, if they desire. A process of students voluntarily requesting off-campus will be implemented in an attempt to meet the College's housing needs.

In years when a housing shortage is not predicted, students will be required to live on campus except for those meeting the following criteria:

- Students 25 years of age or older.
- Students who live with a parent or legal guardian within 30 miles of campus.
- Students who are married (non-legal definitions may be considered) must live off-campus, as there are no provisions for dependents to live on campus.
- Students who have legal dependents living with them must live off campus, as there are no provisions for dependents to live on campus.
- Students under 16 years of age as of September 1 of their entering year (or February 1 if a spring entrant) are not eligible to live on campus until they reach the age of 16. It is recommended that these students live off campus with a parent or legal guardian. **Effective as of spring 2017, entrants under the age of 17 as of February 1 (September 1 for fall entrants) are not eligible to live on campus.**
- If a student falls into one of the above categories, they must notify the assistant director of residence life well before the housing process.

Students seeking off campus housing accommodations due to psychological, physical, or learning disabilities must seek support through our [housing-based accommodation request process](#) ^[84].

Students who are granted off-campus status will retain that status for the remainder of their time at the College. Students who wish to return to campus housing must contact the Housing Operations Office. The number of vacant rooms and the timing of the request will have an impact on how quickly students may be returned to campus housing. Every effort will be made to expedite the request. For emergency purposes, all off-campus students are required to provide the College with their current local address and telephone number each semester. This information is made available to Hampshire staff and faculty.

Students who are granted off-campus status will retain that status for the remainder of their time at the College. Students who wish to return to campus housing must contact the Housing Operations Office. The number of vacant rooms and the timing of the request will have an impact on how quickly students may be returned to campus housing. Every effort will be made to expedite the request. For emergency purposes, all off-campus students are required to provide the College with their current local address and telephone number each semester. This information is made available to Hampshire staff and faculty.

Room Condition and Upkeep

Proper Upkeep—Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible for the cleanliness of their own rooms and for their common spaces. In the residence halls, the common areas are the lounges and in the apartments/mods they are kitchens (including the insides of stoves and refrigerators), living rooms, and bathrooms. Students may not store personal items in residence hall lounges and kitchens.

The cleanliness of all areas must meet the standards of fire and safety codes. Students are responsible for bringing trash and recycling from rooms to the large bins in the lounges. Apartment/mod residents are responsible for bringing trash and recycling to the dumpsters. As recycling is the law in Amherst, all members of the community must comply. Recyclable materials must be clean before they are deposited in the recycling bins. Residents are responsible for bringing compost to public collection areas.

Students living in apartments/mods are responsible for providing their own cleaning materials and equipment. Residents in all areas may borrow vacuum cleaners from their area offices. Housing operations staff conduct full health and safety inspections of each student's room and common areas at least one time during each semester. Violations are cited and students are required to correct them in a timely way. Failure to do so could result in [sanctions](#) ^[214], up to and including housing relocation and removal from campus housing.

Room Contracts and Common Area Condition Reports

Room contracts and common area condition reports detail the condition and content of those spaces at the beginning and end of a student's occupancy of the space. These contracts provide mutual protection for residents and the College.

When vacating a space it is strongly suggested the student and a residence life and housing staff member together compare the final condition of the room with the information on the original contract. The staff member will give the student an opportunity to address any inconsistencies in order to avoid a cleaning or damage charge.

When a space is vacated, the room contracts and common area condition reports are used to assess the condition of the facilities and to determine whether or not students are responsible for any damage beyond normal wear and tear. Any appropriate charges, including charges for necessary extra cleaning and/or missing furniture, are assessed. Damages will be billed according to a [rate schedule](#) ^[261], available from the [Housing Operations Office](#) ^[262].

Common areas are assessed and billed for damage and cleanliness at the end of both fall and spring semesters. Any student who does not complete their room contract and/or review their common area condition report when moving into their room forfeits the opportunity to challenge the final assessment of the space and is liable for any damages that are charged.

Social Events Hosted in the Residences

A social event on the Hampshire College campus is considered to be any gathering at which more than 15 people are in attendance. For any social event in the residences, whether or not alcoholic beverages will be served, an authorized event registration form must be obtained at least 24 hours prior to the event from the area coordinator of the residence. Prior to obtaining the registration form, those hosting the event must meet with the area coordinator to understand their responsibilities as event hosts. The meeting also ensures that students understand all policies that are in place.

An area coordinator may deny a hall or apartment/mod the privilege of hosting an event if any member of that living space has a pending [sanction](#) [114]. Students hosting parties without registration or after being denied registration will be referred to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) [9].

Event registration forms require the signatures of two residents of the hall or mod where the event is taking place. These individuals must be willing to take responsibility for the event by taking part in the discussion with the area coordinator prior to the signing of the event registration form and by ensuring that all [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) [176] and laws are adhered to during the event. If alcoholic beverages are being served during the event, both signers of the registration form must be 21 years of age or older. Those serving alcohol are required to check identification. Events will not be authorized if excessive alcohol is being served or if there is a lack of adequate nonalcoholic beverage and food. For more information about hosting events with alcohol, please see the [Alcohol Policy](#) [263].

Event registration forms will be authorized only for a single hall or mod to host an event. Attendance at events within living areas is limited due to [fire safety](#) [215] concerns. Larger events should take place outside the residences. Entertainment must not be so loud as to disturb neighboring residents. Only one event registration form will be authorized in each residence area on a single night. Social events in the residences will not be authorized to take place during or around the time of large-scale campus events or during the time of College [quiet hours](#) [264]. Therefore, events in the residences ordinarily will be authorized only for Friday and Saturday nights. They will not be authorized to take place during the College's exam period or the exam periods of any of the other Five Colleges, during break periods (October break, Thanksgiving break, or spring break), during any time of the Halloween weekend, during Spring Jam, or during the weekend of graduation. Area coordinators may refuse to authorize events during other large-scale campus events.

Sports & Recreation in the Residences

For the safety of other students and the integrity of our facilities, residents may not engage in any sporting and recreation activities within the residence hall and mod rooms, lobbies, lounges, hallways or other common areas. Sporting and recreation related activities include but are not limited to the following: rollerblading, frisbee, hockey, golf, bowling, as well as the use of skateboards, scooters, bicycles, hover boards and other motorized vehicles of any kind.

Storage

Hampshire College provides very limited space for students to store some items over the summer. However, the College assumes no liability for those items and students use the storage spaces at their own risk for theft, water or fire damage, or any other type of loss. Students are limited to storing three boxes each (a mini-fridge may take the place of one box) and all items (with the exception of mini-fridges) must be in boxes. No furniture, computers or other electronic devices, or bicycles will be allowed in storage areas. Storage is available on a first-come, first-served basis and on campus storage options will end if/when the storage spaces are full.

Students who are moving into Dakin, Merrill, or Prescott for the coming academic year may store items in their new housing area over the summer. Greenwich and Enfield residents must store their items in the basement of either Merrill or Dakin and are prohibited from storing any items within their apartments/mods. Because there is no storage within Greenwich or Enfield, one box per mod for kitchen items in those areas will be allowed into Dakin storage. This box needs to be clearly labeled with the apartment/mod number and the date it is being deposited. All unclaimed boxes will be considered abandoned and will be discarded or donated in keeping with the [Abandoned Property Policy](#) [258].

Storage closets within Greenwich and Enfield Areas are NOT secure and any items left at the end of the academic year will be discarded and students will be assessed charges for extra cleaning costs. Students who go on [leave](#) [49] or [field study](#) [42] may NOT leave items in storage during their absence. There is no access to storage over the summer. Students must remove items from storage within the first few weeks of September (dates will be posted in the fall). Items left beyond that time will be considered abandoned and will be discarded or donated in keeping with the [Abandoned Property Policy](#) [258].

Students who do not use their three-box allotment of storage space may give their allotment to another student. They must accompany the student to the storage space and cosign the storage tag.

Bicycles may not be stored on campus during the summer vacation period. See [Bicycle Policy](#) [265] for additional information.

Student Room Use and Access

Use of Student Rooms

Only registered Hampshire College students may live on campus. Housing is contingent upon a student's maintaining an active student enrollment status. The only persons who may reside in a room are those assigned by the College. Residents may not invite or permit any other person to reside in their assigned room or in any other area of a residence hall.

Student rooms are to be utilized as bedrooms and/or study space. The use of bedrooms for other purposes is prohibited.

Subletting

Subletting of a student room to any other person not officially assigned to that room is prohibited. Students violating this policy will be referred to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) [9].

Right of Entry

Students' right to privacy in their bedrooms is respected by the College to the extent practical. In most instances, the College is able to give students advance notice of a need to enter student rooms. A submitted work order acts as permission for facilities and grounds personnel to enter a student's room for the purpose of making the requested repair(s). By requesting maintenance service within a student's assigned room or anywhere in their apartment/mod, a student implicitly authorizes a facilities and grounds worker to enter their room, bedroom or apartment/mod to perform the service that you have requested.

Other appropriate College employees may enter student rooms under the following conditions:

- In an emergency or situations that involve possible harm to persons or property, danger, or criminal activity.
- To conduct fire safety/health inspections.
- At the start of the winter vacation when staff carry out shutdown procedures in the residence halls.
- When a student cannot be found on campus to resolve situations taking place in their room that affect other students, such as when another student is scheduled to move into that room or when loud music or a ringing alarm is left unattended.

Access to a student room cannot be given to another student without the explicit permission of the occupant of the room. Students will be granted access to another's room for a finite period of time in order to accomplish a specific task. Permission may be granted in writing via an email from the occupant's Hampshire College email account sent to housing@hampshire.edu [266]. Permission may also be given via phone to a member of the housing operations staff.

Key-Card Access Policy for the Residences

All exterior doors to buildings equipped with card readers will be locked at all times. All students living in a building equipped with card access will have 24-hour key-card access to the building in which they live. All Hampshire College students have access to all residences with key-card access during non-quiet hours ^[264] (Sunday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–11 p.m. and Friday–Saturday, 7:30 a.m.–2 a.m.). Tampering with the operations of doors, windows or card readers may result in referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9] that could result in sanctions including but not limited to restitution of damages and removal from campus housing.

The College, at the discretion of the Dean of Students Office, has the right to make changes, or to restrict an individual student's access settings on their card. For more information, about your student ID card, visit the [OneCard office website](#) ^[200] or contact the OneCard office at onecard@hampshire.edu ^[267].

Keys and Lockouts

Any duplication of College keys is strictly prohibited. Replacements for lost keys must be obtained from the [Housing Operations Office](#) ^[262] during working hours. If a key to a student room is lost, the lock on the door is automatically changed and two new keys are made. In the apartments/mods, if an entry key is lost, the lock is changed and replacement keys issued to all residents of that apartment/mod. When a lounge key is lost, a new key to the lounge is issued to the resident.

Students are charged \$5 for each key replaced, \$60 for each bedroom re-core, and \$100 for each apartment/mod entry recore, (this includes key replacements for all apartment/mod residents. Replacements for lost key cards (in applicable residence areas) must be obtained from the [OneCard office](#) ^[200], located in the basement of the library. Lost cards will be immediately deactivated and a new card issued to the student for a fee.

If a room key is not returned within 48 hours after occupancy is concluded, the lock must be changed. Students will be charged for replacement lock core and keys, as above.

Key cards (in applicable residence areas) will be automatically deactivated immediately after occupancy is concluded, and will be reactivated if and when new occupancy begins.

In the case in which keys and/or a key card are lost, access to a student's room can be obtained by calling [campus police](#) ^[105] (x5424 from an on campus phone or 413.559.5424).

Vacating Rooms and Residence Opening and Closing

Vacating Student Rooms

It is strongly advised that a student vacating a residence hall or apartment/mod for any reason—including but not limited to withdrawal from the College, moving to a different residence hall or apartment/mod, or vacating their room at the end of a semester—have the room formally checked by a member of the residence life and housing staff. Keys must be returned by the date a student officially changes their enrollment status or becomes less than fully enrolled (NOTE: some deadlines result in specific refunds) or within 48 hours of receiving keys to a new room.

Students who go on [medical leave](#) ^[73] must vacate their on campus rooms within 48 hours after the date on which the leave is granted, as approved by [health and counseling services](#) ^[71] or [student life](#) ^[268] personnel. All residential keys must be returned to the [Housing Operations Office](#) ^[262] upon a student's departure. Failure to comply with this policy may result in additional charges commensurate with the amount of time a student has taken to vacate their room or to make arrangements with the housing operations office to have articles moved to storage.

Opening and Closing of Residences

- A student may not be admitted to or leave luggage in a residence before the official opening date in the fall without obtaining prior approval from the [housing operations office](#) ^[262]. Approval for early arrival will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The usual exception is 24 hours with a maximum of 48 hours. Students approved for early arrival will be billed \$100 per day they are on campus prior to their official start date.
- All residence areas are closed during the winter break and occupancy is prohibited. Facilities and grounds and residence life staff will enter each room during this period to turn down heat, monitor [fire safety](#) ^[215] compliance, and secure all areas.
- All students must vacate their rooms by the end of Hampshire's examination period at the end of fall semester and by 10 a.m. on the day after commencement in the spring semester.
- Arriving before the designated arrival time and failing to leave by the designated departure time may result in referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9] and a resulting sanction including but not limited to a significant fine, commensurate with the amount of time a student has been on campus when they should not have been.
- Those students who have exams scheduled at one of the other Five Colleges after Hampshire College's closing date must seek permission from the housing operations staff, by the posted deadline, to remain in Hampshire's College's residences. In those cases in which permission is granted, students must leave on the day their exam is scheduled. In cases of self-scheduled and take-home exams at other institutions, Hampshire students may be required to vacate their rooms before the deadline given by Five College faculty. For exact deadlines, students should consult notices distributed by the [Housing Operations Office](#) ^[262] as the end of the term approaches.

Retaliation

Retaliation means any adverse action taken against an individual for making a good faith report of a violation of policy or participating in any investigation or proceeding as a part of the student conduct process. Retaliation includes threatening, intimidating, harassing or any other conduct that would discourage a reasonable person from engaging in activity protected by the Hampshire College Student Handbook. Retaliation may be present even where there is a finding of "no responsibility" on a reported violation of policy. Retaliation does not include good faith actions lawfully pursued in a legal process outside of the formal student conduct process.

Student Group Activities

Student group policies, activities, and events are overseen by [campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233]. Through event registration and the formal recognition of student groups, Hampshire College encourages students to design and implement programs that enrich and are consistent with the educational mission of the College. The name "Hampshire College" and all abbreviations are the property of the Trustees of Hampshire College and may not be used to imply, either directly or indirectly, the College's endorsement, support, favor, association with, or opposition to an organization, product, or service without permission of the College. The assistant dean of students for [campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233], as well as the [dean of students office](#) ^[237] or designee, may deny recognition, or cancel events or activities that violate any of these criteria.

Hosting/Registering an Event or Program

All events have an impact on the image and reputation of Hampshire College. Therefore, event organizers have the responsibility to ensure that their events reflect the core values of the institution: responsibility, community, and well-being. The event registration process is designed to provide

assistance to event organizers and student group representatives in navigating the various steps necessary to host an event on campus. This includes providing support with reserving facilities, complying with applicable campus policies and procedures, and ensuring adequate program planning. The policy covers the following events hosted on campus:

- Events funded by student activities fee (funded or sponsored by the [Hampshire Student Union](#) ^[269] or student groups)
- Events in public spaces
- Conferences (see more guidelines below) and workshops
- Events with an anticipated audience of 15 or more
- Events held outdoors
- Events involving alcohol

Looking for information about how to host events in the residences? Visit the [residence life social events section](#) ^[108] for more information.

Large Events, Conferences, and Multiday Events

Large Events

Events with an expected attendance of more than 200 individuals require consideration beyond the two-week event-registration requirement. Campus leadership and activities will work in conjunction with student organizers in an attempt to accommodate large events. However, because each event may require unique considerations, each must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Hosting Conferences or Multiday Events

Students who want to hold a conference or multiday event on campus must do so in conjunction with campus leadership and activities. Planning must begin at least four months in advance. Conference planning requires a large amount of preparation and logistics. Considerations need to include: expected attendance of on- and off-campus individuals, parking and traffic, time of year, security, food, lodging, cost, location, setup, technical needs, conflicts, advertising, and guest registration.

[Campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233] has guidelines that student organizers need to follow when planning a conference or multiday event. Due to availability of campus resources, students and student groups are allowed to host only one conference or multiday event a year. For information about additional requirements and planning procedures, please visit [campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233].

For general event planning guidelines visit [leadership.hampshire.edu](#) ^[270].

Additional Event Planning Regulations

- Alcoholic beverages are allowed only by special permit (see the [Alcohol Policy](#) ^[263]).
- [Quiet hours](#) ^[264] begin 11 p.m. (Sunday–Thursday) and 2 a.m. (Friday–Saturday).
- All trash and recycling must be collected and placed in the appropriate barrels.
- At no time may doors, fire exits, elevators, hallways, or foot traffic be blocked. All events must observe fire and accessibility codes.
- Advertising for events is permitted only once the event has been approved by [campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233]. This includes internet advertising in social media as well as postering, tabling, chalking, and mailbox stuffing.
- Posters are permitted only on bulletin boards not designated for specific departments or centers. Students are encouraged to use the bulletin boards under the walkway along the west wall of Franklin Patterson Hall and the north wall of the Johnson Library, underneath the bridge. Posters placed anywhere but upon designated bulletin boards will be removed with no regard to content.
- Chalking is permitted on any outside ground surface that is exposed to the elements (can be rained or snowed upon) so removal does not require the attention of facilities and grounds staff. Chalking is prohibited inside campus buildings and outside on non-ground surfaces including, but not limited to, walls and windows of campus buildings, signs, trees, poles, and other structures.
- Events cannot take place prior to the first day of classes (orientation period) or beyond one week after classes end (graduation period). Only events sponsored or approved by the Hype Committee can be scheduled during Hampshire Halloween and Spring Jam weekends. [Campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233] in conjunction with [campus police](#) ^[105] and [event services](#) ^[271] may limit at any time the number of registered student events per day or weekend. Events hosted within the residence areas is up to the discretion of the associate dean of students for residence life.
- Student groups are required to obtain authorization from the assistant dean of students for [campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233] for any event where money is exchanged (including fundraising activities). [Campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233] and [activities](#) ^[233], working with the [controllers office](#) ^[272], must have reviewed and approved the student groups cash handling procedures prior to the event.
- Any performer at an event sponsored by a student group must complete and sign a Hampshire College contract. All contracts must be authorized by [campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233]. Students are prohibited from signing any contracts or making verbal and/or written commitments to outside agencies, as it makes them personally liable for fulfilling the terms of the contract should a problem arise.

Reserving Space

The dining commons, Red Barn, main, west, and east lecture halls in Franklin Patterson Hall, and most academic and other campus spaces may be reserved through the [Event Services and Summer Programs Office](#) ^[271]. The library gallery may be reserved through the gallery coordinator, 413.559.5622; the Merrill and Dakin living rooms may be reserved through the Dakin/Merrill Area office, 413.559.5564.

Any reservations of space for student events made with [event services and summer programs](#) ^[271] will be considered tentative until the event registration form (ERF) is approved by [campus leadership and activities](#) ^[233]. If an ERF has not been approved, tentative bookings will be canceled two-weeks prior to an event without notice. Food and beverages are allowed only in certain spaces; when making reservations, refreshments must be noted. Sensitivity to neighboring classes, offices, meetings, and functions should be exercised. All campus events have a 10 p.m. curfew Sunday through Thursday and a 1:00 a.m. curfew on Friday and Saturday.

Student Group Accountability

Hampshire College emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility and accountability in the lives of its students. Additionally, the rights and duties of recognized student groups also carry with them an obligation on the part of their members, collectively, to uphold the policies and community standards set forth in our Norms for Community Living and Policies. This statement of group accountability acknowledges that unacceptable behaviors by individuals functioning as members or signers of a student group may have consequences for those individuals as well as for the group.

Also, the privilege of being a signer of a student group carries with it particular responsibility for the reasonable anticipation and prevention of foreseeable violations of College policies, resulting from either deliberate or negligent behavior of the group's members or guests.

In general, a recognized student group may be held accountable for the behavior of its members and guests on its premises, at events sponsored or co-sponsored by the group, or when a group including significant numbers of members or guests violate Norms for Community Living and Policies. Student groups that violate the Norms for Community Living and Policies may be subject to sanctioning. It is the responsibility of group signers or those in charge of an event to identify foreseeable problems that may arise and to take timely corrective action.

Campus Leadership and Activities will address student groups reported as violating the Norms for Community Living and Policies, and when appropriate sanctions will be imposed. At the discretion of campus leadership and activities, typically for significantly egregious violations, student

groups may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities (OSCRR) for resolution through the [Formal Conduct Process](#) [9].

Student Group Recognition Process

All groups, newly proposed and established, are required to submit an online recognition application. [Campus leadership and activities](#) [233] evaluates all applications to determine if additional information is necessary, and if approved, the group is recognized for the next academic year. Consideration will be given to the type of activity, similarity to existing groups, their detailed mission statement, proposed community engagement, risk, and safety concerns, as well as the viability of the group determined by potential conflict with [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) [176]. Groups may be asked to have a faculty or staff advisor, and/or submit a self-risk activity assessment. Once recognized all participating members of the group must complete a student activities risk waiver. The student group recognition process is held each spring for the following academic year.

For additional information on becoming a recognized group visit [leadership.hampshire.edu](#) [233].

Student Identification

A Hampshire College ID is necessary for use of the library facilities at Hampshire and the other colleges in the Five College consortium, and for entrance to some buildings, eating in the [dining commons](#) [273], and admission to the Robert Crown Center. [Campus police](#) [105] officers or other college employees may ask you to produce identification to verify that you are indeed a student at Hampshire College. Students must comply with such a request. Failure to do so may result in referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) [9]. If you need to replace your student ID (OneCard), replacement ID fee is \$25.

Student Insurance

Insurance

The following information is provided to let students know about the insurance coverage that the College may purchase and how the coverage may apply to students, as well as to advise students of insurance that they may wish to purchase. The descriptions of coverage are not intended to, nor do they supplement, amend or modify any insurance policy terms and conditions. The College reserves the right at all times to modify its insurance coverage, terms, conditions, and limits without notice to any person or entity, including students, faculty, and staff. Students may want to make adjustments in their own coverage if they feel that it would be appropriate to their interests.

Medical

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all students carry health insurance or sickness and accident insurance. The College provides Student Accident and Sickness Insurance that meets or exceeds the state requirements. The program is a "hard waiver" program, which means that students are automatically enrolled and billed for the insurance unless they waive the coverage in accordance with the plan requirements. For details of Hampshire College's program, visit the [student health insurance website](#) [274].

Sickness and Accident Insurance is now comparable to most employer type health insurance programs. Nevertheless, the policy conditions, including co-pays and deductibles may result in a student incurring charges for some medical care. The College is not responsible for any deductibles, co-payments, medical, dental, or surgical expenses not covered by the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Program of the College or the student's own insurer, or any uninsured or excluded medical, dental, or surgical expenses.

Claims are handled by the program administrator. The staff at [Health and Counseling Services](#) [71] may provide assistance with claims problems. The program is a managed care program, so in the event of an injury or sickness, the insured student should, if at school, immediately report to [Health and Counseling Services](#) [71]. If you are away from school, consult your doctor and follow their instructions. Report all claims to the program administrator (see the plan brochure for information) and follow their instructions. Intercollegiate and club sports athletes have additional benefits available under certain policies that are purchased for their behalf by the College. Coverage applies to athletes who are injured while in organized competition or practice, which is constructively supervised, or traveling to or from one of these events. The Sports Accident Policy provides up to \$25,000 for intercollegiate and club sport injuries, and has a \$500 deductible. If you do not carry the Student Medical Insurance you are responsible for meeting the deductible either with your own insurance or out of pocket. (The Student Medical Insurance provides \$500 for intercollegiate sports injuries or covers club sports as "any condition" subject to policy limits, terms, and conditions, which meets the deductible.) Because Hampshire is not an NCAA member, the College also carries a Club Sports Catastrophic Policy on all of its athletic teams with a policy limit of \$5,000,000, for medical expenses only, in excess of all other collectible insurance and a \$25,000 deductible. The benefits of all of these policies are over and above benefits available through any other valid and collectible insurance available to the injured person. The [Controller's Office](#) [272] administers these insurance policies. These policies do not extend to participants in intramural or any other recreational sports. They cover intercollegiate and College-recognized club sports only.

The College accepts no responsibility for any losses, costs, or expenses not covered by the insurance policies listed above, whether by coverage terms or exclusions or the injured student's failure to comply with policy-required claims procedures.

For a complete description of the club catastrophic coverage provided for athletes, contact [OPRA](#) [275].

Travel Accident

The College provides limited travel accident insurance, including medical evacuation and repatriation to students traveling on College or academic business, worldwide. Worldwide travel assistance services are also available. Contact the Global Education Office for details or review [travel accident and assistance coverage](#) [276].

Auto

Hampshire College purchases [auto liability insurance](#) [277] that protects both the College and the driver from third-party liability claims and third-party property damage claims arising from the use of College-owned, -hired/rented and non-owned vehicles when driven on College business.

A. For College-owned vehicles, the student driver must be credentialed as a [Defensive Driver](#) [278]. Procedures for claims can be found [here](#) [279]. Other rules for use of College-owned vehicles may be found [here](#) [236].

B. To rent a vehicle or to drive a rented vehicle for College business, the student must have advance written authorization from an authorized person (faculty member, dean, coach or department head), be a College-certified [Defensive Driver](#) [278] and a scheduled driver with the rental company. Most car rental agencies prohibit persons under the age of 25 from driving rented vehicles. The College policy is to waive coverage for liability and collision coverage on domestic rentals; however, students should follow departmental guidelines with respect to waiving the rental company insurance. If the College insurance is used, a [certificate of insurance](#) [280] should be obtained as proof of insurance. Students must make the request through the Office of Risk Management.

C. If a student drives their own vehicle on College business, such use must be specifically authorized in writing, before the use occurs, by an authorized person (see B, above). The College policy is in excess of the student's own policy with respect to liability coverage. No coverage is

provided for any physical damage to the student's vehicle, nor will any deductible amount be paid by the College, whether the vehicle is used for College business or not and regardless of any liability of the driver or other parties. The College assumes no obligation to provide transportation to any College program, and it is the general policy that student use of personal transportation is for the personal pleasure and convenience of the student. [Massachusetts](#) ^[281] requires insurance on all vehicles registered in the state.

The College auto insurance policy may not respond to cover unauthorized drivers. Unauthorized drivers may be personally liable for claims brought against them. The College may also have a right to claim against unauthorized drivers.

Departments are responsible for credentialing drivers. Students must complete the online credentialing application, indicating their experience and agreement to college rules. Driving College vehicles is a privilege, not a right, and the college has the right to withdraw the privilege or make a referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9] for failure to follow the rules or for any at-fault accident.

Personal Vehicles on Campus

The College is not responsible for, nor will it pay any claims for, damages to student-owned vehicles resulting from falling ice, snow, tree limbs or any other natural occurrence or event on its property or elsewhere, whether the possibility of such an event is warned against or not. The College is not responsible for nor will it pay any losses, claims or damages to student-owned vehicles resulting from vandalism, collision or other acts by any person, other than damage caused directly by its employees.

Property

The College does not have property insurance for student possessions, and it accepts no responsibility for any personal possessions or property of students. Any possessions in student rooms or left in storage areas are left at the owner's own risk. Students are responsible for insuring their own property against loss, and may be able to do so using family policies or by obtaining a tenant's policy through a local insurance agent. It is recommended that students keep their doors locked at all times and not leave valuable items in storage areas. See the [Five Colleges website](#) ^[282] for more information.

Liability

The College is not liable for the actions of its students, nor is it possible for the College to obtain liability insurance on behalf of its students. Student athletes especially should be aware that if they are sued for injuries or damages caused to others in the course of an athletic event, Hampshire's insurance does not provide coverage. The liability section of your family's homeowner's policy or renter's policy may provide for the defense of the student and damages awarded, if any, in a suit alleging negligence. Students are responsible for avoiding intentional acts or negligent behavior that could harm others or give rise to adverse legal action. Although the College will not provide liability protection, it may, at its discretion, assist in obtaining a defense if it is not provided for by family insurance coverage.

If a student is sued for an act or omission and believes that they were acting in the capacity of an employee or agent of the College at the time of such act or omission, the student should contact the [Dean of Students Office](#) ^[237] immediately for instructions.

Workers' Compensation

Students who are employed by the College, and who are injured in the course of their work for the College, are eligible for Workers' Compensation. If a student is injured on the job, the student should contact their supervisor immediately to report the injury and complete an accident investigation form. Questions should be directed to the student's supervisor and the [Human Resources Office](#) ^[283].

Student-Run Businesses

Hampshire College supports and encourages student entrepreneurship that meets legal and ethical expectations of the [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[96]. Fundamental expectations of this policy are:

1. Student entrepreneurial initiatives must not jeopardize the College's tax-exempt status.
 - (a) Hampshire College receives tax exemptions as an educational institution, which can be jeopardized when individuals in the campus community operate a business enterprise on College premises. Campus-based activity, which can result in the distribution of profits to individuals, is inconsistent with the College's tax-exempt status.
2. Entrepreneurs shall not use their student status to compete unfairly with local merchants or campus services.
3. Students are not to harass others, including their fellow students, in their commercial endeavors.
 - (a) Advertising within the residence halls and mods is not permitted unless approved by the area coordinator for the area.

The Entrepreneurship Program through the School for Interdisciplinary Arts was established to provide a structure for student-run businesses invested in through the Seed Fund. Those who wish to start or participate in a commercial venture through the Entrepreneurship Program either through the Seed Fund or an entrepreneurship course should consult with the program coordinator. Students establishing a campus-based venture not associated with the Entrepreneurship Program must consult with [Five College Risk Management](#) ^[284] before implementation of a business. All campus-based businesses must comply with the following provisions:

- (a) Students who act as Commercial Agents, sell merchandise, or distribute goods or advertising on campus are prohibited from using College facilities or services, including residence hall rooms, campus telephone numbers, computing and/or network services or College postal facilities, for the purpose of commercial activities.
- (b) Use of the Hampshire College name or insignia must be cleared in advance of such use in all instances by the chief creative officer (communications office).
- (c) Use of the Hampshire College name, insignia and trademarks on products and merchandise requires prior approval and vendor licensing by the College. Information regarding Hampshire College product licensing and Hampshire's code of conduct for licensees is available through the chief creative officer (communications office).
- (d) Students providing on-campus services may be required to enter into a contract with the College before commencing services.

Theft

Theft of College or personal property of others, defined as taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another is considered unacceptable behavior. This includes the moving or removal of furniture and other College property from their appropriate location in public places including student lounge spaces.

For additional information about how these policies apply in the residence halls, see the [Residence Life & Housing Policies](#) ^[285] section of this handbook.

Threatening & Intimidating Behavior

Threatening and intimidating behaviors are words, actions, or implied threats that menace or cause reasonable fear in another person.

These actions include but are not limited to:

- threats of physical assaults
- possession of fireworks or weapons (see [Weapons, Firearms, & Explosives policy](#) ^[249]) on campus
- the intention to sell or sale of illegal drugs (see [Drug policy](#) ^[250])
- threats to do violence
- psychological intimidation
- harassment of any person

[Campus police](#) ^[105] should be contacted regarding any threatening and/or intimidating behavior.

Threatening and intimidating behavior may result in immediate suspension and other sanctions up to and including removal from the College.

Vandalism and Damage to Property

Maintaining and preserving the private property of individuals as well as the resources of the College (including its grounds, academic buildings, residences, furnishings, dining facilities, associated structures and infrastructure) are the responsibility of all members of the College community. College resources are provided to benefit the entire community, and must be maintained so that no one is denied their right to the proper resources. This right is possessed not only by those who are students now, but also by those who will be students in the future.

Damage, destruction, or defacement of College or personal property of others (due either to malice or to extreme carelessness) is unacceptable behavior. Some of this behavior may also be consider vandalism, defined as willfully or maliciously destroying, disfiguring, and/or defacing any public or private property, without the consent of the owner or College.

Students will be assessed the cost of any vandalism or damage, and that cost will be charged to the student's College account.

Formal Conduct Process

Students referred to the formal conduct process will always begin with a conversation with an administrator as outlined in this [flow chart](#) ^[115]. For reported violations of the [Ethics of Scholarship](#) ^[10] where students are referred to the formal conduct process, violations will typically be reviewed by the Community Review Board (CRB). Reported violations of the [Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy](#) ^[124] policy will follow a process as outlined in that policy and a flow chart of that process is also available (click here for the [flow chart for student violations](#) ^[137] and click here for the [flow chart for employee violations](#) ^[136]). Minor violations of policy and failure to comply with completion of sanctions may receive an outcome letter without a meeting with an administrator, however the student will have the opportunity to discuss the outcome with the administrator.

In addition to violations reports by administrators and residence life staff, the formal conduct process allows community members to take agency over their own experiences when they may have been hurt or harmed. The process is not intended to be adversarial, rather it is intended to be educational and restorative, focusing on the values of the Code of Conduct and the Norms for Community Living as guiding principles for review of all reported policy violations. Depending on the severity and/or frequency of violation, educational and restorative outcomes may not be the most appropriate response. An information report (IR) must be submitted via an [online form](#) ^[286] in order for action to be taken. This form is not for reporting an emergency or hazardous situation, instead call 413.559.5424 for immediate assistance.

While the College does have the authority to take action on all reports of violations of policy, and you can anonymously report behavior, please note that without the participation of the reporting party, the process may be limited. Any community member may [submit an IR](#) ^[286] and you will be contacted during business hours to follow up on your report. At minimum, IRs must meet the following criteria in order to move forward in the formal process:

- **Must be timely:** Reports must be submitted within 14 weeks of the alleged event, unless there are other compelling circumstances for a delayed filing as determined appropriate by the Dean of Students Office or Office of Student Conduct, Rights, & Responsibilities. The following periods are not applicable to the 14 week timeline - between the last day of classes in the spring semester and the first day of classes in the fall semester, between the last day of classes in the fall semester and the first day of classes in the spring semester, and other break periods and holidays observed by the College.
- **Cannot be harassing:** Complaints filed as a means to harass or retaliate against a student are violation of Norms for Community Living and Policies and may be grounds for referral to the formal conduct process against the person filing a report as a means to harass or retaliate against a student.
- **Must be specific:** The person reporting the violation must submit enough information in writing to suggest that a violation may have occurred and include as much information and evidence available at the time the report is submitted. If there is not enough information to suggest a violation may have occurred other options for resolution will be recommended.

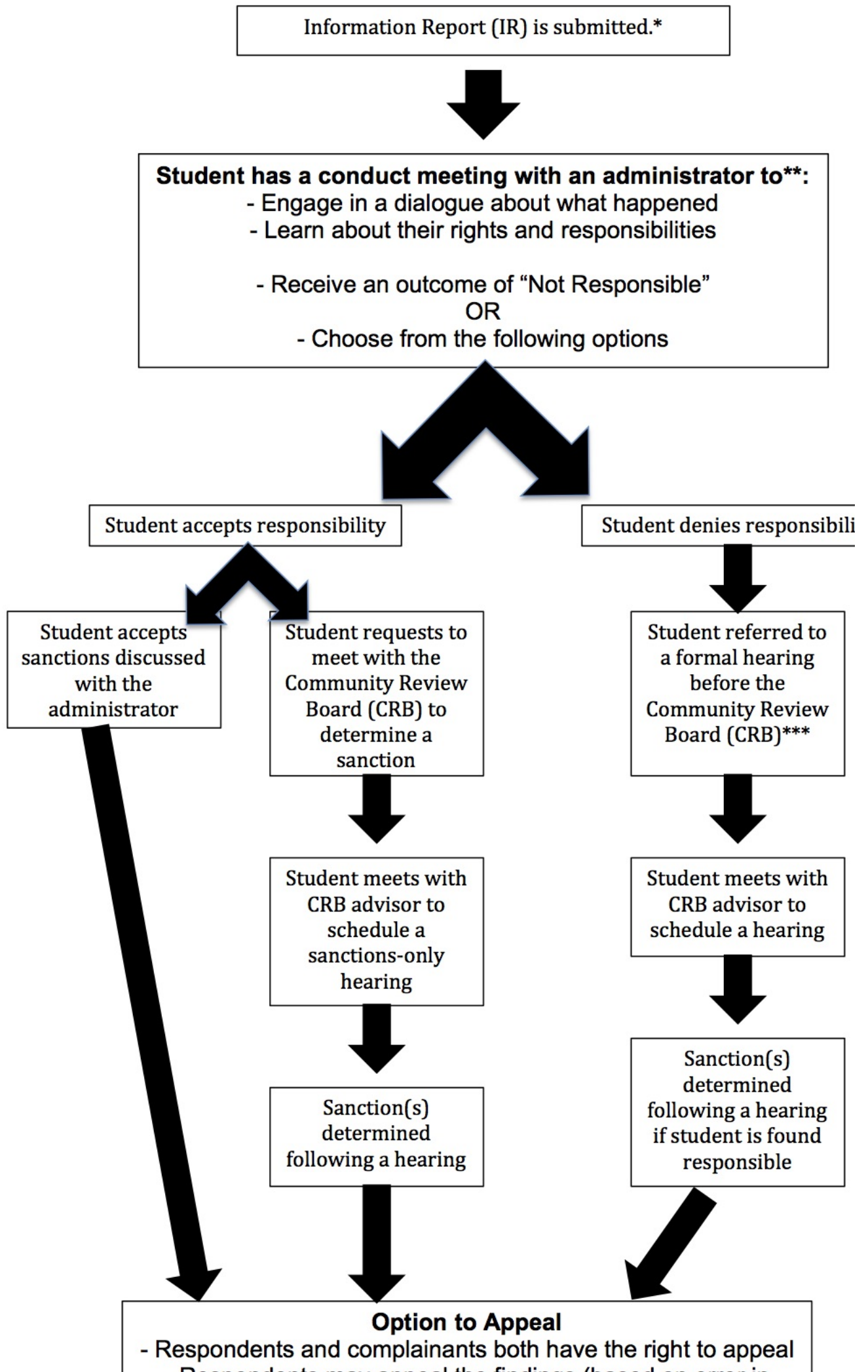
Conduct Meeting & Hearing Options

The flow chart below shows the typical process a conduct violation will follow and the choices the respondent and administrator have in the process. In circumstances when an Information Report is submitted and there is reasonable cause to modify the process, including but not limited to prior to commencement when a student is a candidate for graduation, the Dean of Students Office and Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities will use their discretion to determine the appropriate process for resolution while maintaining the [rights](#) ^[287] afforded to all students in the conduct process.

If a Respondent leaves the College for any reason while the Formal Conduct Process is underway, the Dean of Students Office and Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities have the authority to determine whether or not the process should continue or be held should the student return or be readmitted to the College.

Below the flow chart you will find links that further detail the various conduct meeting and hearing types. Please note that while similar, the process for violations of the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy as it applies to student respondents can be found [here](#) ^[137].

Student Conduct Process Flow Chart



- Respondents may appeal the findings (based on error in process) and sanctions
- Complainants may appeal based on error in process
- Appeals go to the Dean of Students Office in writing and the appeal decision is final

* Submission of an IR does not automatically mean a student must attend a conduct meeting; this flowchart is information for those cases that do go to a Conduct Meeting. If a community member submits an IR, the complainant collaboratively with an administrator to determine the best course of action for the case. Additionally, complainant sexual misconduct will follow processes as outlined in the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy.

** If a student fails to attend a scheduled conduct meeting, the administrator will determine an outcome in their absence.

*** In circumstances where there is a conflict of interest with all board members available for a hearing and/or a conflict of interest with board members reviewing student information a student may be eligible for a Dean's Hearing of a CRB Hearing. Dean's hearings may also be utilized when the CRB is not in session.

Conduct Meeting

The dean of students staff and residence life staff meet with students to discuss reported violations of policy. Conduct meetings are informal meetings with a formal outcome.

Students who come into conflict with the [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176] will receive advance notice of the policies they are being charged with violating, the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the administrator facilitating the meeting, and will be given a minimum of 24 hours notice to meet. The outcome of this meeting may result in the student being found not responsible, responsible, or if multiple charges have been applied, the student may be found partially responsible (responsible for some violations and not responsible for others). For students found responsible or partially responsible, [sanctions](#) ^[114] will be applied. The student may also be referred to the [Community Review Board](#) ^[123] if responsibility or appropriate sanctions cannot be determined.

Students have the right to appeal decisions determined during a conduct meeting as described in the [Appeals Policy](#) ^[288].

Any complaints or appeals relating to a violation of the [Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy](#) ^[124], and other violations of [Norms of Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176] that are alleged to have occurred as part of the same circumstances as the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy complaint, shall proceed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy.

Community Review Board (CRB) Hearings

The Community Review Board (the "board" or the "CRB") hears complaints involving Hampshire College students and makes determinations regarding matters of fact surrounding specific complaints and makes findings of whether a respondent violated the [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176], and if finding a violation, determines sanctions. This determination of sanctions takes into account, as appropriate, any mitigating, extenuating, and/or aggravating circumstances discovered in the course of the board's review.

The board is active during the academic year, until 7 days before residence halls and apartments/mods close each semester. The board is not in session during College breaks and holidays. Complaints referred to the CRB when the board is not in session, or filed within a timeframe that does not allow them to be heard while the board is in session, may be referred to the Dean of Students Office for adjudication by a [Dean's Hearing](#) ^[289] or, at the discretion of the Dean of Students Office, postponed to the next session of the board.

For reports of violation of the [Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy](#) ^[124] and other violations of [Norms of Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176] that are alleged to have occurred as part of the same circumstances as the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy complaint, a separate investigation process, which may lead to a hearing before a panel made up of members of the CRB may be convened. For details on investigation and hearing processes through the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy, please see the policy.

Membership

The board minimally consists of one student, one faculty, and one staff member. Members are invited to serve one-year terms and at the conclusion of the term may have the option, at the discretion of the CRB advisor, to return for service on the board. A quorum of the board for a hearing to proceed consists of three members, with at least one member of each group, with the exception of cases reviewed under the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy in which any combination of three faculty and staff members are required for quorum. The CRB is convened and advised by the director of student conduct, rights, and responsibilities or other member of the student life staff as designated by the dean of students.

Board members receive an in-depth training at the beginning of each calendar year as well as meet for regular in-service training throughout the academic year. Members joining at times outside of the calendar year will also receive an in-depth training.

For further information about the CRB and membership, visit the [CRB website](#) ^[290].

During a CRB Hearing

When a hearing is held by the board, all parties will abide by procedures set by the board and by this document. For a Dean's Hearing all references to "the board" or "board members hearing a case" shall be replaced with "dean," "designee of the dean," or "panel designated to hear

the case." Some procedures may vary slightly for cases heard under the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy; see the [Hearing section](#) ^[167] under the policy for additional information.

1. The hearing facilitator will manage hearing proceedings, recognizing persons who may speak and ensuring fair and orderly presentation of facts. Only those members who hear the entire case may participate in making final decisions and determine sanctions.
2. All CRB hearing proceedings are audio recorded for use by the Dean of Students Office (if needed) during an appeal.
3. The board members hearing a case, in consultation with the advisor to the board, will decide what information is admissible. (For information submitted prior to the hearing, the advisor to the board in consultation with the Dean of Students Office, will decide what information is admissible.)
4. Persons appearing before the board may be accompanied by a supporter (a current faculty, staff, or student member of the Hampshire College community), but may not be represented by another person or by an attorney. Please see the [Supporter Expectations](#) ^[166] section for more information.
5. Witnesses may be sequestered during the hearing at the discretion of the board, in consultation with the advisor to the board. In no case will the respondent(s) or the complainant(s) be required to leave while information is being given. However, the board may go into executive session at any time, excluding all persons other than the board and its advisor(s) from its deliberations.
6. The board members hearing a case may seek additional guidance on the case at the discretion of the hearing facilitator, including, but not limited to, College legal counsel or a dean from the Dean of Students Office.
7. Every effort will be made to conclude the proceedings at one sitting. The board may choose to extend the hearing to more than one session, especially in complicated cases.
8. Board members must recuse themselves if they are unable to hear a case with objectivity.
9. The hearing will be over when the board has determined, through careful examination of all information presented, that it has sufficient information to determine an outcome or that there is insufficient information available to make a determination.

The failure of the respondent or the complainant to appear at a hearing does not prohibit the board from hearing a case. The board will review all available information and will then make a determination if sufficient facts exist to hear the case. In the case that the board feels sufficient information is available, it will proceed with the hearing as usual. As with all cases, the board may come to a finding of "not responsible" if they cannot determine that it is more likely than not that the [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176] were violated by the respondent.

The findings and any sanction(s) from the board will be decided upon in an executive session of the board following a hearing. A majority agreement of board members present for a hearing is required in the board's determination of findings and sanctions based on a [preponderance of the evidence](#) ^[291]. The findings and sanction(s), if applicable, are to be communicated in writing by the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities on behalf of the board members to the respondent within five business days after the conclusion of the hearing. In rare circumstances, as deemed appropriate by the CRB advisor, the hearing board may make a request to the CRB advisor and the Dean of Students Office for additional time to finalize their decision.

Complainant Rights & Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Complainant

A complainant is not required to attend a hearing, however the board may dismiss a case if they feel there is insufficient information to determine an outcome without the complainant appearing. The complainant must be truthful. The complainant is subject to referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9] if they knowingly lie to the board.

Rights of the Complainant

In addition to the [rights and responsibilities in conduct meetings and hearings](#) ^[287] listed for complainants in the formal conduct process section, complainants in CRB cases have the following rights:

- The complainant shall be provided with a copy of any statement submitted to the Community Review Board by the respondent.
- The complainant has the right to know the date of the hearing at least five business days before the hearing.
- The complainant has the right to request a postponement, which may be granted for reasonable cause by the CRB advisor or Dean of Students Office, providing they notify the CRB advisor at least 36 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing. The request for postponement must be put in writing to the CRB advisor.
- Before the hearing begins, the complainant shall have the right to request a [Dean's Hearing](#) ^[289] in place of the CRB hearing. The decision to accept to the request shall be made by the CRB advisor who may consult with the dean of students office. The [Dean of Students Office](#) ^[237] also has the right to determine a case be heard as a dean's hearing in place of a CRB hearing without a request being made by the complainant. A Dean's Hearing held in place of a CRB hearing will follow the CRB timelines and procedures.
- The complainant may provide compelling reasons to challenge the participation of any board member; the decision shall be made by the board hearing the case in consultation with the CRB advisor.
- The complainant may choose not to answer questions posed by the respondent or members of the Community Review Board.
- The complainant has the right to ask questions of the board, respondent, and witnesses (both their witnesses and the complainant's witnesses). All questions must be directed through the board.
- The complainant shall be allowed to present witnesses, including one character reference, on their own behalf and to be accompanied by a supporter of their own choice. The supporter shall be a current faculty, staff, or student member of the Hampshire College community.
- The complainant in any conduct hearing/meeting shall have the right to appeal, as explained in the [appeals section](#) ^[288].

The board shall not permit the consideration of statements by witnesses not available for questioning, but this may be waived for good cause if the board hearing the case, by majority vote, determines that admission of such a statement enables of a thorough review of the matter, allows the case to be adjudicated in a fair and equitable manner, and will not cause undue prejudice to either party.

Respondent Rights & Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Respondent

A respondent is not required to attend a hearing, however a decision will still be made regardless of whether or not the respondent is present. The respondent must be truthful. The respondent is subject to referral to the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9] if they knowingly lie to the board.

Rights of the Respondent

- The respondent shall be provided with a copy of the written report of violation(s) of policy prior to the hearing.
- The respondent has the right to know the date of the hearing at least five business days before the hearing.
- The respondent has the right to request a postponement, which may be granted for reasonable cause by the CRB advisor or Dean of Students Office, providing they notify the CRB advisor at least 36 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing. The request for postponement must be put in writing to the CRB advisor.
- Before the hearing begins, the respondent shall have the right to request a [Dean's Hearing](#) ^[289] in place of the CRB hearing. The decision to accept to the request shall be made by the CRB advisor who may consult with the dean of students office. The [Dean of Students Office](#)

^[237] also has the right to determine a case be heard as a Dean's Hearing in place of a CRB hearing without a request being made by the complainant. A Dean's Hearing held in place of a CRB hearing will follow the CRB timelines and procedures.

- The respondent may provide compelling reasons to challenge the participation of any board member; the decision shall be made by the board hearing the case in consultation with the CRB advisor.
- The respondent may remain silent during a hearing, but, by doing so, is not immune from a determination of responsibility and sanctions if applicable.
- The respondent has the right to ask questions of the board, complainant, and witnesses (both their witnesses and the complainant's witnesses). All questions must be directed through the board.
- The respondent shall be allowed to present witnesses, including one character reference, on their own behalf and to be accompanied by a supporter of their own choice. The supporter shall be a current faculty, staff, or student member of the Hampshire College community.
- The respondent shall be provided a copy of the outcome letter, which may also include sanctions if the respondent is found responsible for violating the [Norms of Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176].
- The respondent shall have the right to appeal, as explained in the [appeals](#) ^[288] section.

The board shall not permit the consideration of statements by witnesses not available for questioning, but this may be waived for good cause if the board hearing the case, by majority vote, determines that admission of such a statement enables of a thorough review of the matter, allows the case to be adjudicated in a fair and equitable manner, and will not cause undue prejudice to either party.

Dean's Hearing

The Dean of Students Office has the discretion to consider and decide outcomes for reports of violations of [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176] by means of a Dean's Hearing. A Dean's Hearing follows the same procedures as a [Community Review Board \(CRB\)](#) ^[123] hearing, but is heard by the dean of students, a designee of the Dean of Students Office, or a panel designated by the Dean of Students Office.

A complainant or respondent may request in writing to the Dean of Students Office and [CRB](#) ^[123] advisor that a reported violation of policy be considered at a Dean's Hearing. The decision to determine findings and sanctions by means of a Dean's Hearing, whether it is initiated by a student or by the Dean of Students Office or other member of the College community will be made at the sole discretion of the Dean of Students Office. A Dean's Hearing held in place of a [CRB](#) ^[123] Hearing will follow all of the [CRB](#) ^[123] timelines and procedures. A request for a Dean's Hearing by a complainant or respondent must meet at least one the following minimum criteria to be considered:

- There is a conflict of interest with multiple board members and there are not enough members to meet quorum who can hear the case from an unbiased perspective (ex. the respondent has close personal relationships with all student board members).
- The content of the case may not be appropriate to be heard by a particular group (faculty, staff, or student representatives) and quorum cannot be met for the case (ex. the case is academic in nature and all faculty members have significant knowledge of the student's work).
- There is a compelling reason why a case should be heard while the CRB is not in session (ex. the complainant is graduating and would not be able to bring the case forward at a later time).

Sanctions-only Hearings

Sanctions-only hearings are available for respondents who during a [Conduct Meeting](#) ^[198], take responsibility for a violation or violations, and cannot agree upon a sanction with the administrator or who prefer to have their sanction(s) determined by a board. While similar to [Community Review Board \(CRB\) hearings](#) ^[123], Sanctions-only Hearings do not include witnesses or a complainant. The respondent has the right to not appear before the board, however it is strongly recommended that they do appear. The respondent may bring a supporter with them to a Sanctions-only Hearing. Like CRB hearings, a decision regarding the sanction(s) will be made within five business days following a hearing, and the respondent will have an opportunity to appeal in accordance with the [Appeals Policy](#) ^[288].

Rights and Responsibilities in Conduct Meetings & Hearings

Respondents in all types of conduct meetings and hearings have the right to:

- Be provided with an opportunity to review any documents submitted to the conduct administrator/board that will be used to determine a finding
- Appear before a conduct administrator/board and have an opportunity to discuss the charges brought forward
- Receive timely notification of when a Conduct Meeting or Hearing will occur
- Have a support person with them for a Conduct Meeting/all pre/post hearing meetings and during the Hearing
- Receive timely notification of the outcome of their Conduct Meeting/Hearing
- Appeal on appropriate grounds as explained in the [Appeals Policy](#) ^[288]

Complainant Rights

Complainants have the right to request to be active participants in cases in which their rights may have been violated through conversation with the administrator reviewing a case and through the [Community Review Board \(CRB\)](#) ^[123], should a respondent choose that option. Rights for complainants specific to CRB hearings are listed in that section. Conduct Meetings do not involve active participation by complainants during the meeting, however a conduct administrator may choose to contact a complainant for further information in determining their findings. In all cases, a complainant has a right to a timely resolution and the right to appeal on appropriate grounds as explained in the [Appeals Policy](#) ^[288].

Additional Rights and Responsibilities

Depending on the charges and process for which a case is being administered, complainants and respondents may have additional rights. Please review each of the processes - [Conduct Meeting](#) ^[198], [CRB Hearing](#) ^[123], [Sexual Misconduct](#), [Relationship Violence](#) and [Stalking Policy Hearing section](#) ^[167] (for cases in which the respondent is also a student, procedures for employee respondent can be found [here](#) ^[292]) - for a full understanding of rights and responsibilities.

Supporter Expectations

Complainants and respondents may be accompanied to Conduct Meetings and hearings by one support person who is a current faculty, staff, or student member of the Hampshire community. For cases involving the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy supporters do not need to be members of the Hampshire College community (see the [supporter information](#) ^[293] in the Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy for more information).

Multiple support persons may attend any pre- and post-hearing meetings at the discretion of the conduct administrator facilitating the meeting. Support persons who are not members of the community may participate in all pre- and post-hearing meetings. Additional support persons can be available outside of the hearing room for consultation during a hearing.

Supporters are expected to respect the rights to privacy of the student they are supporting as well as any others involved. If a supporter is a responsible reporter they must still report as required.

During a Conduct Meeting

The supporter's role during a conduct meeting is to support the student and to play a passive role in the discussion. The supporter may not speak on behalf of a student, nor be disruptive to the meeting. The primary discussion in a Conduct Meeting is with the student, however there may be space for the supporter to ask questions at the discretion of the Conduct Meeting administrator.

During a Hearing

The supporter's role is to support the student and may not question the other party or any witnesses. The supporter may not speak on behalf of a student, nor be disruptive to the hearing. Supporters are not permitted to talk at a hearing, except to the student they are supporting and to state their name and role for an audio record. The student can request a break if additional time to talk privately with their supporter is needed. A supporter may be required to leave the proceedings if that supporter fails to follow the procedures of the board.

For more information on how to prepare to be a support person visit the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, & Responsibilities.

Outcomes and Sanctions

Determining Outcomes

Outcomes are what are determined as a result of a Conduct Meeting or Hearing. Outcomes may also include sanctions when a finding of responsibility is determined.

The standard used to determine whether or not a student is responsible for a policy violation is 'preponderance of evidence'. This means that according to the conduct administrator or board the reported actions more likely occurred than not. Determining responsibility is also called determining a finding, and a conduct administrator or board will either come to a finding of "responsible" or "not responsible."

This is different than criminal proceedings where the standard is beyond a reasonable doubt. The student conduct process is not a criminal proceeding, and the terms "guilty" or "innocent" are not used. Students are not considered "responsible" until a Conduct Meeting or Hearing has occurred^[1], however temporary measures such as no contact directives, housing relocation, interim suspension, or other interim measures may be put in place at the discretion of the Dean of Students Office or Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities until a Conduct Meeting or Hearing occurs.

Assigning Sanctions

Sanctions are actions taken against a student who is found responsible for violation of policy. Some sanctions require students to complete a specific assignment. Sanction definitions can be found in the [Sanctions](#) ^[114] section.

Some violations have sanctioning guidelines defined within the policy. For policies that do not have specified guidelines, conduct administrators or boards will consider the outcomes in similar cases as well as any previous disciplinary history the student may have. In determining whether or not a student's behavior meets the expectations defined in the Student Handbook, a "reasonable person" standard may be applied. The term "reasonable person" takes on a different meaning, often depending upon the situation at hand. The reasonable person standard compares an individual's behavior in a situation with the behavior of a hypothetical reasonable person in the same set of events. This is not the standard used for determining responsibility in a situation, however the reasonable person standard may be considered in determining appropriate sanctions when a student is found responsible for violation of policy.

Fulfilling Sanctions

Failure to complete a sanction in the allotted time assigned is considered a violation of policy, [Failure to Comply](#) ^[294]. Further action may be taken in this case.

If a student leaves the College for any reason before completing a sanction, the Dean of Students Office and Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities have the authority to determine next steps; typically the student will be required to complete a sanction upon return to the College.

If a graduating student has not fulfilled the sanctions determined by a board or administrator, the student's degree will be withheld and official transcripts will not be released. The student will be issued an unofficial transcript, which will be stamped "Issued to Student" and "outstanding obligation." Transcripts will not be issued to third parties.

[1] Except in cases of minor violations of policy and failure to comply with completion of sanctions where students may receive an outcome letter without a meeting with an administrator. Opportunity for conversation with an administrator is still available.

Sanctions

The following are the categories from which students who go through the conduct process will be assigned sanctions. This list is not exhaustive and other sanctions may be imposed. Sanctions can be imposed alone or combined with other sanctions. Click on each of the sanction types below for more detailed descriptions of specific sanctions.

General Sanctions ^[112]

Typically students will receive one or a combination of the following sanctions for violation of policies (see Alcohol & Other Drug Sanctions section for educational and restorative sanctions specific to AOD violations). Depending on the severity of a violation or if multiple violations occurred, additional sanctions may also be applied from any of the sanction sections.

Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Sanctions ^[102]

Typically students will receive one or a combination of the following sanctions for violation of the Alcohol and Other Drug policies. Depending on the severity of a violation or if other types of violations occurred in addition to an alcohol and other drug violation, additional sanctions may also be applied from any of the sanction sections.

Housing Sanctions ^[113]

Housing sanctions apply only to students who live on campus and may be combined with additional sanctions from any of the sanction sections as appropriate for the violation.

Deferred Status Sanctions ^[111]

Deferred status sanctions give students an opportunity to change their behavior, while under close observation, before a higher level status is imposed. Depending on the severity of a violation or if multiple violations occurred, additional sanctions may also be applied from the other sanction sections. It is not a requirement of the student conduct process that a student receive a deferred status sanction prior to a disciplinary status sanction.

Disciplinary Status Sanctions ^[63]

Disciplinary status sanctions are the only types of sanctions that result in a student not being in good disciplinary standing with the College. Depending on the severity of a violation or if multiple violations occurred, additional sanctions may also be applied from the other sanction sections. It is not a requirement of the student conduct process that a student receive a deferred status sanction prior to a disciplinary status sanction.

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Behavioral Goal Setting

Students required to engage in behavioral goal setting will meet with an administrator (typically a dean or other staff member designated by the dean of students) to develop clear expectations for behavior in the Hampshire community. This will also provide an opportunity to identify sources of support and resources.

Community Service

Students assigned community service will complete a project as specified by an administrator or board. A specific number of hours that must be completed may also be specified.

Discussion Circle

Discussion Circles are used to provide an opportunity for students to engage with peers who may have violated similar policies to have a discussion with a trained facilitator about how their decisions related to the violation that occurred or other similar experiences impact them and their communities.

Educational Project

Students assigned an educational project will complete a project as specified by an administrator or board.

Fines and Restitution

Fines may be issued at the discretion of an administrator or hearing board and are typically assigned to cover the cost of an article unlawfully removed from the College or moved to another location at the College, or they may require restitution to cover the repair or replacement of any property (belonging either to the College or to an individual) that has been damaged or stolen. The cost of labor in moving, repairing, or replacing an item may be included. Fines will be applied to a student's account.

Fire Safety Review

Students violating minor fire safety policies will be required to review fire safety information including, but not limited to tips, policy, and educational videos.

Impact Interview

Students assigned an impact interview will be required to interview others and write a reflection based on their personal reflection of a topic and the reflection of others. An administrator or board will specify length and other parameters of the assignment.

Loss of Privileges

Loss for a specific period of time, of privileges such as but not limited to participation in recreational activities or athletics, participation in student groups, holding a signer position in a recognized student group, being able to register a party, being able to register an emotional support animal, being able to register a vehicle to park on campus, participation in social events on campus, etc.

Meeting with Administrator

Students may be assigned to meet with a particular administrator so that they may have the opportunity to reflect on their behavior and experiences around a particular violation or topic.

No Contact Directive

A No Contact Directive (NCD) is an order directing a student to refrain from contacting another student for an extended period of time. This applies to communications in-person, online, through phone calls, text messages, third party, and other forms of contact, both on-and off-campus while a student with an active NCD against them is enrolled at the College.

NCDs are issued by the Dean of Student's Office, Office of Student Conduct, Rights, & Responsibilities, or under the direction of the Title IX Coordinator. NCDs may be interim or permanent at the discretion of the issuing administrator. Interim NCDs will be reviewed regularly by the College to assess continued need.

If the directive may have been violated, a report should be made to the dean of student's office. The report will be reviewed by the Dean of Student's Office and/or Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities and if there is enough information to suggest a violation may have occurred the respondent will be required to attend a conduct meeting. NCDs do not become part of a student's conduct record unless a student is found responsible for failure to comply with the terms of the directive or as an outcome of a conduct meeting or hearing. If found responsible for failure to comply with a directive a student may face a deferred status sanction or disciplinary status sanction including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from the College.

NCDs are not court imposed restraining orders/orders of protection and do not guarantee that designated parties will avoid sightings or passing interactions on the campus, on the PVT bus system, or in the local community. In some circumstances, a NCD may restrict a student from parts of the campus. The College will ensure all students have access to the academic program in compliance with the NCD. It is a student's right to seek court orders and other legal protective measures that are enforced by the courts through civil or criminal penalties. The College can provide information for students seeking legal protection.

Research/Reflection Paper

Students assigned a research and/or reflection paper will be asked to write about their behaviors and impact on the community. An administrator or board will specify length and other parameters of the assignment.

Ride-a-Long with Campus Police

Students assigned a ride-a-long will have an opportunity to see how Campus Police operations work. Students will work directly with Campus Police to arrange a ride-a-long.

Trespass Order

A permanent order issued by Campus Police stating that the person issued the order is no longer permitted on the Hampshire College campus. Violation of this order will result in criminal prosecution up to and including arrest.

Alcohol and Other Drug Sanctions

Typically students will receive one or a combination of the following sanctions for violation of the Alcohol and Other Drug policies. Depending on the severity of a violation or if other types of violations occurred in addition to an alcohol and other drug violation, additional sanctions may also be applied from any of the sanction sections.

AOD Discussion Circle

AOD Discussion Circles are used to provide an opportunity for students to engage with peers who may have also violated the AOD policy and to have a discussion with a trained facilitator about how their decisions related to alcohol or other drug use or other similar experiences impact them and their communities.

BASICS

BASICS is a non-judgmental, non-moralistic harm reduction approach to understanding the role of alcohol and drugs in one's life. It is composed of two individual sessions and is a great way for students to learn more about their relationship with substances. When assigned as a requirement to earn Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty ^[101], BASICS is not a part of the student's conduct record.

Brief Intervention

A Brief Intervention is a conversation with a trained student life staff member to discuss alcohol and other drug use and its impact on the individual. When required to earn Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty ^[101], a Brief Intervention is not a part of the student's conduct record.

AOD Impact Interview

Students assigned an AOD impact interview will be required to interview others and write a reflection based on their personal reflection related to alcohol or other drug use and the reflection of others. An administrator or board will specify length and other parameters of the assignment.

Under the Influence & Marijuana 101

Online courses that are individually tailored modules that provide students the opportunity to examine a variety of key issues such as effects on health, drinking and driving, state-specific laws, alcohol/prescription interactions, marijuana dependence, effects of marijuana, mental health issues, synthetic marijuana, local laws and legalization issues, and legal penalties associated with use.

Housing Sanctions

Housing sanctions apply only to students who live on campus and may be combined with additional sanctions from any of the sanction sections as appropriate for the violation.

Housing Lottery Restriction

A student is not allowed to take part in the housing lottery. The Housing Operations Office will oversee the housing of the student in an available room after the lottery has ended.

Housing Relocation/Administrative Move

A student will be required to move from their housing assignment. The administrator or board assigning the sanction will determine whether the student will then be administratively reassigned or whether the student will be able to submit housing preferences.

Removal from Campus Housing

When removed from campus housing, a student may remain an actively enrolled student but is allowed to use only the academic resources of the College. The student is required to live off campus and to use only the buildings and resources necessary to complete academic work. This sanction includes a complete forfeiture of all paid housing fees and may also include forfeiture of any paid dining service fees or meal plan fees; exclusion from the dining hall will be determined at the discretion of the board or administrator assigning the sanction.

Deferred Status Sanctions

Deferred status sanctions give students an opportunity to change their behavior, while under close observation, before a higher level status is imposed. Depending on the severity of a violation or if multiple violations occurred, additional sanctions may also be applied from the other sanction sections. It is not a requirement of the student conduct process that a student receive a deferred status sanction prior to a disciplinary status sanction.

Deferred Loss of Housing, Suspension, or Expulsion

When a student is assigned the Deferred Loss of Housing, Suspension, or Expulsion status it means there is a specific behavior or behaviors that must be corrected or immediate loss of housing, suspension, or expulsion may result.

Deferred Loss of Privileges

When a student is assigned the Deferred Loss of Privileges status it means there is a specific behavior or behaviors that must be corrected or a privilege will be lost.

Deferred Probation

When a student is assigned the Deferred Probation status it means there is a specific behavior or behaviors that must be corrected or a Probation status will result.

Disciplinary Status Sanctions

Disciplinary status sanctions are the only types of sanctions that result in a student not being in good disciplinary standing with the College. Depending on the severity of a violation or if multiple violations occurred, additional sanctions may also be applied from the other sanction sections. It is not a requirement of the student conduct process that a student receive a deferred status sanction prior to a disciplinary status sanction.

Probation

Probation is given for a specified amount of time as determined by a board or administrator hearing a particular case and serves as a formal notification that a particular behavior or behaviors are unacceptable under the policies set forth in the Student Handbook. A student is considered to not be in good disciplinary standing during the probationary period. A probation status may also be paired with other sanctions depending on the severity of the violation(s) and impact on the community. Students not meeting the expectations of probation may face housing lottery restriction,

removal from campus housing, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions depending on the severity of the subsequent violation(s) and other circumstances. The College need not impose probation before imposing more severe disciplinary status sanctions, up to and including suspension or expulsion. Depending on the circumstances, the College may impose further restrictions including but not limited to the following:

- Restriction from serving as an resident advisor (RA) or orientation leader (OL)/coordinator (OC).
 - Students may apply for an OC/OL position while on probation; however their probationary status must end prior to the start date of the position.
 - Students are prohibited from applying to the RA position while on probation; however they may apply to the RA position once the probation period has ended.
- Restriction from work-study positions while on probation.
- Exclusion from participation in Exchange, Field-Study, Short-term Field Study, and any other courses offered through the Global Education Office. Typically, students may apply for these educational opportunities while on probation; however their probationary status must end prior to the start date of the course.
- Restriction from holding elected office in the Hampshire Student Union, as Student Trustees, and in other campus-wide committees.

Suspension

A suspension is a disciplinary status sanction issued for severe violations or after multiple violations of policy. Suspension lasts a specified length of time, as determined by the board or administrator hearing a particular case. A student is considered to not be in good disciplinary standing during the suspension period. Suspension becomes a permanent part of a student's conduct record and is recorded on as student's transcript as a withdrawal from the College. Suspension will result in notification to parents/legal guardian and College officials in compliance with FERPA regulations.

While a suspension is in effect, the student is prohibited from visiting the College or using any of its resources, attending classes, having contact with an advisor or with faculty, and using community facilities (including the residences). While on suspension, a student is withdrawn from the College and must apply for readmission; refer to the [Readmission Policy](#) ^[218] for additional details. The College may specify additional conditions for readmission after a suspension. Please be aware that if a suspended student completes course work in another program, the time spent in those courses cannot count as a semester of enrollment upon return to Hampshire College.

In those cases where the Dean of Students Office determines that a student's conduct or potential conduct presents a danger to themselves or others, that student may be summarily denied access to the entire campus or specified portions of campus (i.e. residences) pending the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9]. Suspension may be imposed on an interim basis (for a period not to exceed 14 days) by action of the Dean of Student's Office.

Expulsion

An expulsion is a disciplinary status sanction issued for the most severe violations or after multiple violations of policy. The College severs its association with the individual permanently. The individual is not eligible for readmission. The individual will be permanently trespassed from the campus. Expulsion becomes a permanent part of a student's conduct record and is recorded on a student's transcript as a withdrawal from the College. Expulsion will result in notification to parents/legal guardian and College officials in compliance with FERPA regulations.

Disclosure of Outcomes and Sanctions

The results of conduct meetings and hearings are subject to the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) ^[295] and can be disclosed only in accordance with the Act. Under [FERPA](#) ^[295], a school may not ordinarily disclose a student's conduct records to any third party unless the student has provided written consent. If a student chooses to provide written consent for disclosure of information they may do so by submitting a [conduct records release form](#) ^[296] to the office of student conduct, rights, and responsibilities. [FERPA](#) ^[295] does permit disclosure of the final results of a conduct meeting and/or hearing to the victim or to the reported victim's next of kin, when appropriate, of any crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense regardless of whether the institution concluded a violation was committed. An institution may also disclose to anyone—not just the victim—the final results of a conduct hearing if it determines that a student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense, and with respect to the allegation made against them, the student has committed a violation of the institution's rules or policies. Under the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, the College is required to disclose the results of a conduct or hearing to the victim, when the proceedings involve a sex offense.

Members of the [Community Review Board](#) ^[123] are not to discuss cases outside of the conduct hearing process. Information submitted in [Community Review Board](#) ^[123] Hearings or Conduct Meetings will be maintained in private files (as part of a student's education records) by the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities under the direction of the Dean of Students Office for a period of seven years and then destroyed or no longer reported with the exception of suspensions and expulsions, which remain a permanent part of a student's educational record.

Appeals

The Complainant or Respondent may appeal the determination by submitting a written appeal within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the Outcome Letter. The Outcome Letter will notify the parties to whom they may submit a written appeal. Respondents have the right to appeal both findings (decision of responsible/not responsible) and sanctions, however findings may only be appealed on the basis of procedural error. Complainants have the right to appeal based on procedural error. As complainants are not permitted under FERPA to receive the outcome of a case except in relation to violence and incidents related to Title IX violations ([Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking](#) ^[124]), complainants will only be able to appeal findings (on the basis of procedural error) and sanctions in those instances. The College will share findings and sanctions with the complainant in accordance with FERPA requirements. For appeals of academic integrity violations heard by the CRB, complainants and respondents should follow the processes outlined in the [Ethics of Scholarship](#) ^[297] section.

1. Appeals of procedure and/or appeals of sanctions by the complainant and/or the respondent must be submitted in writing within seven (7) days after written notification of the outcome and must meet the criteria below to be accepted.[1] A late appeal will not be accepted.
 - Appeals based on procedural grounds must outline a material procedural error that substantially impacted the outcome.
 - Appeals of sanctions must outline why the sanction is substantially disproportionate to the violation. An appeal of sanctions should also detail any alternate sanctions the appellant would suggest as more appropriate.
2. Appeals of Removal from Housing, Suspension, or Expulsion
 - (a) Students removed from housing, suspended, or expelled must vacate housing within the time frame specified in the outcome letter (typically within 48 hours, however this may vary at the discretion of the Dean of Students Office).
 - (b) If a student intends to appeal a removal from housing, suspension or expulsion, a written intent to appeal must be submitted within 48 hours of the decision. The intent to appeal must include a summary of the grounds for the appeal.
 - (c) If an intent to appeal is submitted in the specified timeframe, the student may be permitted to remain in housing, at the discretion of the Dean of Students Office, for the duration of the appeals period until an appeal decision is made. A late intent to appeal does not exclude an appellant from the appeals process, but does mean they will not be permitted to remain in housing during the appeal period. If an appeal is denied, the original sanctions will be effective immediately unless otherwise specified by the dean of students' office.
 - (d) If a student submits an intent to appeal and a full appeal is not submitted by the appeal deadline, additional sanctions may be applied and may include suspension, expulsion, transcript holds, and permanent trespass from the College.

- (e) Additional details regarding how to submit an appeal, intent to appeal, and submission deadlines for the appeal process will be included in the outcome letter.
3. Appeals may be heard by an administrator in the Dean of Students Office with appropriate training and experience to serve as an impartial decision-maker, including the dean of students, or a hearing panel as designated by the Dean of Students Office. Whether heard by an administrator or panel, appeals are only reviewed in writing and the appellant does not appear in person. The appellant may be asked to meet in person to review the outcome of the appeal.
 4. After an appeal is submitted, the complainant and/or respondent will be informed who will review their appeal.
 5. If a complainant/respondent does not plan to appeal, they still have the right to submit a letter to have their perspective included in the event that the other party appeals. Deadlines for submitting a letter will be included in the outcome letter and will likely follow the same timeline as the deadline for appeal.
 6. In all cases of an appeal, the dean of students' office shall review the appeal and pertinent facts relative to the appeal, determine if further investigation is warranted, and render a decision. The administrator or panel will make a determination based on the written record. Appeals are not intended to be a *de novo* review, i.e., they are not intended to be a review from the beginning. The Dean of Students Office's responsibility in reviewing an appeal includes:
 - (a) affirming the findings;
 - (b) altering the findings only where there is clear error based on the stated appeal grounds; or
 - (c) altering the sanctions only where there is clear evidence that the sanctions were substantially disproportionate to the violation.
 7. If a case is remanded for further investigation an additional appeal option may apply after a new decision is rendered.
 8. The original sanction will be in effect throughout the duration of the appeals process unless otherwise specified in the outcome letter. The sanction will be altered only if and when the respondent is informed by the Dean of Students Office that such a decision has been made.
 9. In the rare event that the dean of students serves directly as the conduct meeting administrator, the appeal will go directly to the President of the College or other designee of the President.

The Dean of Students Office will make a final decision within ten (10) business days of receiving the appeal. This timeframe may be extended for good cause as necessary to ensure the integrity and completeness of the review. Any extension of the timeframe, and the reason for the extension, will be shared with the parties in writing. The Dean of Students Office's decision is final.

Restorative Conferences

While restorative conferences ^[97] are facilitated through the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities (OSCRR) ^[5], a restorative conference ^[97] is not considered a formal conduct process. Rather, restorative conferences ^[97] are an agreement between involved parties in which OSCRR serves as the office that facilitates the agreement. In agreeing to participate in a restorative conference ^[97], involved parties waive their right to appeal an outcome, however all involved parties, including the conference facilitator, have the right excuse themselves from the conference and request that the formal conduct process be utilized in its place.

[1] Appeals may be submitted after the seven (7) day deadline if previously unavailable relevant evidence that could affect the outcome becomes available.

External Proceedings

Community Review Board (CRB) Hearings, Conduct Meetings, nor the investigation and determination by a review panel for a Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy complaint are a substitute for civil or criminal courts; students pursuing complaints through any of the afore mentioned pathways do not waive their right to pursue external remedies. External proceedings, including both civil and/or criminal actions may not delay internal processes.

Violations of Policy by Five College Students

The Five College consortium provides an enhanced learning environment with access to an almost unlimited variety of academic, social, and cultural resources. We are all well aware of the importance of maintaining good relationships among the Five Colleges. For that reason, the Five College deans of students have adopted the following resolution for maintaining standards of conduct at each of their institutions:

If a breach of discipline or good conduct is committed by a student from one of the colleges while visiting another of the Five College campuses, that violation will be treated as though it occurred on the student's home campus. The student will then be subjected to their own institution's applicable and appropriate conduct procedures.

Accommodations for Students within the Conduct Process

Hampshire College is committed to providing appropriate accommodations to students with disabilities so that all students have meaningful access to all College programs and services, including the student conduct process. This includes accommodations provided under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation.

All students with disabilities who are involved in the student conduct process, including complainants, respondents, supporters, and witnesses may seek accommodations for any stage of the student conduct process, including CRB Hearings, Conduct Meetings, investigations, and any pre- or post-hearing meetings. Any student requesting an accommodation ^[87] must do so far enough in advance to allow the request to be reviewed and an appropriate accommodation identified and implemented. Although there is no firm deadline beyond which an accommodation cannot be requested, the student will be held accountable for making any request in a timely fashion, and the College may not be able to provide an accommodation which is not requested with reasonable advanced notice before the accommodation is needed to allow time for review and implementation. Accordingly, each student seeking an accommodation is strongly encouraged to do so as early as possible in the student conduct process.

A request for accommodation ^[82] must be made to the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS). OARS may consult with the director of the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities (OSCRR) or designated conduct administrator to determine, based on appropriate legal standards and College policy, what accommodation, if any, is appropriate. The student will be required to provide appropriate documentation from qualified health care professionals to support the request. OARS will make their determination in light of the student's particular disabilities and the nature of the conduct process, as informed by any consultations, relevant documentation, and relevant previous accommodations provided to the student. Accommodations cannot be applied retroactively; students must arrange for accommodations. The student will be given an explanation of the determination.

Informal Conduct Process

Hampshire College recognizes that conflict may occur that does not violate policy and/or can be resolved through informal methods. Some informal methods may include an established process, but do not prompt a conduct record. Methods utilized include meeting with an administrator, an administrator or Resident Advisor (RA) checking in with a student, and Restorative Conferencing. Details on Restorative Conferencing can be found via the link below.

Why Engage in an Informal Process?

There are many reasons a student may choose to engage in an informal process, and while an administrator can help determine when an informal process may be appropriate, it is the individual's right to explore a formal process at any time. Often, students choose an informal process for managing roommate conflicts, exchange of property, conflicts in a friend group or student group, preference to attempt resolution informally before seeking a formal resolution, and much more.

Restorative Conferences

Restorative conferences are an informal part of the College conduct process that engages students who caused harm with the person(s) impacted by the wrongdoing in facilitated conversation. This process provides a safe space for free exchange of emotion, a chance to be heard, and a way to move forward toward restoring relationships within the community.

Restorative conferences are available through the [Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities](#) ^[5] for many types of conflict between responsible students and any impacted Hampshire College community member. A conference facilitator will work with the involved parties to determine whether a restorative conference is the best option for resolution. If it is determined that a restorative conference is not the best option, the [Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities](#) ^[5] will recommend alternative options and processes.

As an informal part of the conduct process, no formal conduct record of the conference will be noted in a student's file, however it is the right of responsible parties, impacted parties, and facilitators overseeing processes to request or recommend the use of the [Formal Conduct Process](#) ^[9].

Who's involved in a restorative conference?

- **Facilitators**—one or two trained members of the College community
- **Responsible parties**—the individuals whose actions have harmed others and/or the community
- **Impacted parties**—those who were directly harmed by the responsible parties' actions
- **Supporting parties**—supporters of either the responsible or the impacted parties (generally one or two supporters for each responsible and impacted party)
- **Affected parties**—others who consider themselves or their community to have been harmed by the actions of the responsible parties indirectly (not all conferences include affected parties, and some supporting parties may also view themselves as affected parties)

What happens during a restorative conference?

Prior to a restorative conference the facilitator(s) will meet with the responsible parties, impacted parties, and their supporters separately to prepare them for what to expect during the conference. The facilitators, during the conference, do not have a substantive part of the discussion, rather they are there to guide the conversation through to finalizing an agreement. Conferences ask parties to share the following:

- Each person introduces themselves and their relationship within the conference.
- **Responsible parties** share what happened before, during, and after the incident, and how they feel about what happened, and how they feel their actions impacted others.
- **Impacted parties** share what happened before, during, and after the incident, and how they feel about what happened.
- **Supporting parties** are invited to share any thoughts or feelings about what they've heard.
- If **affected parties** are involved, they also share thoughts or feelings about what they've heard and how they feel about the incident.
- **Facilitators** ask specific questions to help guide the process through to finalizing an agreement made by the responsible and impacted parties to conclude the conference.

Policy Updates

Campus policies are reviewed annually and some policies may be changed or updated. Changes or updates generally occur in August prior to the start of the academic year, however some changes or updates may occur throughout the year. Each change is dated for your reference, with new policies effective as of the date listed. This section serves as a summary of changes that may impact students and a link to where to find the new or updated policy. Policy changes will remain on their pages for one year from the date listed.

Updates are divided between "Norms for Community Living & Policies Updates," which include all the policies listed under [Norms for Community Living and Policies](#) ^[176], and "Academic Policy Updates," which include all the policies listed under [Academic Policies](#) ^[98].

The Dean of Students and Dean of Faculty's offices reserve the right to change policy without notice, however it is our practice and goal to inform the community of changes as they occur.

Academic Policy Updates - Last update 8/19/16

[Division II Procedures](#) ^[298] - updated 8/19/16

The Division II committee request process used to assign only a Chair, and it now assigns both Chair and Member.

[Division III](#) ^[8] - updated 8/19/16

Procedures have been clarified, including definitions of Advanced Educational Activities (AEAs). The minimum grade for AEAs is a C. Added information on Division III committee request process.

[Evaluation of Courses and other Educational Activities](#) ^[57] - updated 8/19/16

Previously called "Evaluation of Educational Activities," this section and its associated page has been reorganized into one page instead of two. The only policy change was regarding amendment of records.

[FERPA](#) ^[299] - updated 8/19/16

Minor updates for policy compliance, including the addition of "financial matters" to privacy questions and pronouns as directory information.

Field Study ^[42] - updated 8/19/16

Added link to Hampshire webpage with information on how to document successful completion of the semester for satisfactory academic progress.

Five College Courses ^[300] - updated 8/19/16

Additional information has been added regarding the Five College grading policy.

Guidelines for Academic Progress ^[26] - updated 8/19/16

The section on students with accommodations on academic contract has been updated.

Leave of Absence ^[49] - updated 8/19/16

Clarified language in the "Medical Leave and Academic Work" section regarding how student work is transcribed when taking medical leave.

Norms for Community Living & Policies Updates - Last Update 1/18/17

Drug Policy ^[250] - updated 1/18/17

The policy on possession of drugs and paraphernalia has not changed; language has been modified to clarify the state and legal laws. As of December 15, 2016 marijuana was legalized for those over the age of 21 in Massachusetts, however possession and use of marijuana and paraphernalia is still illegal, because the College is subject to federal laws, including the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act, that require recipients of federal funds to prohibit the use, possession and cultivation of marijuana at educational institutions, regardless of state law.

Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy ^[301] - updated 1/18/17

The policy has not changed. Contact information for the Title IX team has been updated to reflect new positions, titles, and office locations.

Off Campus Housing ^[302] - updated 11/8/16

Effective for new students enrolling for the spring 2017 semester, students must be 17 years of age by February 1 (September 1 for fall entrants) to live on campus. This only applies to new entrants, any students currently enrolled who may be under 17 by 2/1/17 may live in campus housing.

Smoking ^[303] - updated 9/6/16

In Spring 2015, President Jonathan Lash informed the community that Hampshire College would restrict smoking. The need for policy change became apparent during the 2013-2014 strategic planning process and restricting smoking to designated smoking areas was approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2016. Smoking is restricted designated smoking areas (DSAs) beginning September 1, 2016 and a written list as well as a map of the location of the DSAs has been added.

Abandoned Property ^[258] - added 8/19/16

This is a Residence Life & Housing policy which specifies what is considered abandoned property and how the College handles removal of such property.

Appeals ^[288] - updated 8/19/16

The appeals process has been updated to include additional information to help an appellant understand the grounds for which they may appeal. Additionally, the timeline in which an appeal decision will be made has been changed from up to 21 days short of extenuating circumstances to 10 days short of extenuating circumstances.

Code of Conduct, Norms, & Policies ^[96] - updated 8/19/16

The Norms for Community Living and Policies has been a part of the Hampshire College Student Handbook since 1973, with the only change being that it has been brought closer to the forefront of the Handbook to emphasize the importance of this social contract. Combined with the Code of Conduct, this provides the basis for community expectations and accountability.

Dining & Meal Plans ^[304] - updated 8/19/16

Additional information on the process for requesting a meal plan waiver has been added.

Disclosure of Outcomes and Sanctions ^[305] - 8/19/16

The policy has not changed, however a link to the conduct records release form has been added.

Formal Conduct Process ^[9] - updated 8/19/16

The formal conduct process has not changed. Language has been updated to provide further clarity, including information regarding how to file a report regarding incidents and concerns using an online form and the minimum criteria for moving a report through the conduct process.

During a CRB Hearing ^[306] - updated 8/19/16

Boards/panels now have five business days to render a decision; previously it was three business days.

Outcomes & Sanctions ^[214] - updated 8/19/16

A number of pages were combined that discussed different elements of the outcome and sanction processes. Clarification was added to indicate that for minor violations of policy students may receive an outcome letter absent a conduct meeting. Information about what happens when a student leaves the College with incomplete sanctions has been added.

Sanctions ^[114] - updated 8/19/16

A complete revision of sanctions has been completed. Sanctions are now divided into five categories:

- **General Sanctions** ^[112] - Includes a variety of common sanctions. The most substantial change is to No Contact Directives (NCDs), previously called No Contact Orders (NCOs). While the purpose has not changed, language has been further detailed.
- **Alcohol & Other Drug Sanctions** ^[102] - Capture the sanctions typically given that are specific to alcohol and other drug violations (sanctions from other categories may apply depending on the circumstances)
- **Housing Sanctions** ^[113] - Sanctions specific to students who live in housing. (Students in housing can also receive sanctions from other categories.)
- **Deferred Status Sanctions** ^[111] - The most substantial change in sanctioning, "Level 1 probation" has been eliminated and divided out into more specific deferred statuses, meaning if a student is found responsible for violating policy during a deferred status period, they will then be likely to receive the disciplinary status they are deferred from.
- **Disciplinary Status Sanctions** ^[63] - The only sanctions that mean a student is not in good disciplinary standing with the College. Level 2 probation is now known as Probation. Overall these sanctions have stayed the same with some updates to language to provide clarity

Pets, Service, & Support Animals on Campus ^[94] - updated 8/19/16

Previously named "Pets and Service/Support Animals," the policy was condensed to minimize redundancy and allow for easier navigation. While the policy may look substantially different, the expectations are comparable.

Political & Civic Rights ^[307] - updated 8/19/16

Previously called "Jury Duty & Voting," this policy now also incorporates the "Political and Campaign Activities Policy," which applies to all community members. While the Political and Campaign Activities Policy is new, the expectations set forth are not - as a tax exempt organization the College has long been required to not directly or indirectly participate or intervene in any political campaign.

Sports & Recreation in the Residences ^[308] - added 8/19/16

This is a Residence Life & Housing policy which has been added for the safety of other students and the integrity of our facilities. While this is new, students were previously held accountable for such violations under other policies that did not make clear the impact indoor sports and recreation could have.

Student Group Activities ^[309] - updated 8/19/16

Clarification to when events cannot be scheduled was added to the "Additional Event Planning Regulations" section. Clarification of the time events must end by was added to the "Reserving Space" section.

Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy ^[124] - updated 8/1/2016

Previously called the Sexual Misconduct and Gender Discrimination Policy, this policy have undergone a complete revision. Overall the policies and procedures have not changed substantially, however the way some violations are categorized has changed. Most substantially, the policy now applies to all community members, not just students. It is extremely important that all community members review and are familiar with the expectations of this policy. While other policies for the 16-17 Student Handbook are effective once students are notified on 8/19/16, this policy is effective for the entire campus community on 8/1/16.

Handbook Archives

Below you will find older PDF versions of the Hampshire College Student Handbook. Students are responsible for following [academic program guidelines](#) ^[21] from their year of entrance.

Note: Students seeking readmission who have been away from the College for four or more years will follow policies and deadlines in effect at the time of readmission.

[2015 - 2016](#) ^[310] Academic Policies + Norms for Community Living & Policies

[2014 - 2015](#) ^[311] Academic Policies + Norms for Community Living & Policies

[2013 - 2014](#) ^[312] Academic Policies + Norms for Community Living & Policies

[2013 Medical Amnesty](#) ^[313] (effective through October 22, 2013)

[2012 - 2013 Calendars and Resources](#)

^[314][2012 - 2013 Academic Policies and Governance](#)

^[315][2012 - 2013 Community Standards](#) ^[316] (with March 2013 sexual offenses policy)

[Fall 2012](#) ^[317] (sexual offenses policy only)

[2011 - 2012 Calendars, Resources, and Academic Policies](#)

^[318][2011 - 2012 Community Standards, Governance, Resources & Contacts](#) ^[319]

[2010 - 2011](#) ^[320]

[2009 - 2010 Calendars and Resources](#)

^[321][2009 - 2010 Academic Policies and Governance](#) ^[322]

[2009 - 2010 Community Standards](#) ^[323]

[2008 - 2009](#) ^[324]

[2007 - 2008](#) ^[325]

[2006 - 2007](#) ^[326]

[2005 - 2006](#) ^[327]

[2004 - 2005](#) ^[328]

Non Satis Non Scire

Prior to the 2014-2015 academic year the title of the Hampshire College Student Handbook was "Non Satis Non Scire," the Latin phrase for not to know is not enough, a witty pun on our College motto (Non Satis Scire, to know is not enough). With the evolution of the Student Handbook from an annually published hard copy book to a comprehensive website, community members began to increasingly express confusion on just what exactly Non Satis Non Scire was, and the simple answer was, the Hampshire College Student Handbook. To relieve confusion, the student handbook will no longer be referred to as Non Satis Non Scire (NSNS), however archived versions through the 2013-2014 academic year will reflect this title. Non Satis Non Scire continues to be used as the tag line for the Hampshire College Student Handbook.

Questions or comments? Contact the Director of the Office of Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities, [Jessica Fontaine](#).

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Links:

- [1] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/19>
- [2] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/4>
- [3] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/?q=node/39>
- [4] <https://www.hampshire.edu/campus-police/crime-statistics-daily-log>
- [5] <http://www.hampshire.edu/studentlife/osccr.htm>
- [6] <mailto:OSCCR@hampshire.edu>
- [7] https://intranet.hampshire.edu/calendar/thyme/custom_hampshire/academic_calendar.php
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- [11] http://www.hampshire.edu/academics/index_casa.htm
- [12] <http://libguides.hampshire.edu/content.php?pid=117821&sid=1015821>
- [13] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/35>
- [14] http://www.hampshire.edu/library/index_library.htm

[15] <https://www.hampshire.edu/library/carrel-request-process>

[16] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/?q=node/34>

[17] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/?q=node/35>

[18] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/?q=node/36>

[19] <https://www.hampshire.edu/casa/distribution-requirements>

[20] <https://www.hampshire.edu/academics/cel-1-requirement>

[21] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/23>

[22] <https://thehub.hampshire.edu/TheHub/TheHub?TYPE=M&PID=CORE-WBMAIN&TOKENIDX=3669651413>

[23] <https://www.hampshire.edu/academic-calendar>

[24] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/122>

[25] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/24>

[26] <https://handbook.hampshire.edu/node/26>

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