

# Academic Citizenship: Rules in the Classroom & Laboratory

Effective Fall Semester 2013

## **Section I. General Student Policy**

In the governance of an NSHE institution, the President and the faculty rely chiefly upon the individual and collective self-control, a sense of honor and duty of the students. Students are expected to register promptly, to pursue their studies with diligence, to attend classes regularly and to show, both within and outside of the System, such respect for order, morality, personal honor, and the rights, both of person and property, of others as is reasonably expected of good citizens. [Board of Regents Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 20, Section 1].

Students are reminded to focus on their own academic and personal needs above all others' and recognize that there may be students attending courses who are registered with WNC's Disability Support Services office who receive alternate academic provisions/conditions. This is mandated by federal law, as are all students' right to privacy. Faculty are prohibited by law from discussing these students' needs as well as the academic records of any and all students (including minor students enrolled in college classes). Rumor-mongering (horizontal violence, be it per face time or per social media) is discouraged inasmuch as there is no way to properly confirm or reject in an accountability-based manner (i.e., responsible manner) student-generated rumors without violating each student's legislated right to privacy.

College/university students 18 years of age or older are, by law, adults. Students younger than 18 years of age attending college classes will adhere to the same code of conduct as those who are no longer minors. College/university courses in which students are enrolled (that are 100-level or higher and lack the "B" disclaimer) are college/university transfer courses. College/university transfer courses are adult courses – expect adult responsibilities, accountability, course content, language and workload, particularly those of you going into health care.

Academic integrity (<http://www.wnc.edu/policymanual/3-4-5.php>) is taken seriously at WNC and all NSHE institutions: If a student is caught cheating, Dr. Carman will have the student removed from the class with a grade of "F". There will be NO negotiations on this either between Dr. Carman and the student OR between Dr. Carman and any counselor or administrator.