THE MISSION OF DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE

We are inspired by the humanistic ideals of our founder who, in 1896, emphasized respect for all people and ideas, who honored knowledge with practice, progress and the common good. Our historical commitment to experiential learning integrates theory and practice and prepares undergraduate and graduate students to meet the challenges of a complex global environment and to engage in lifelong learning. We provide students with the requisite skills and a spirit of inquiry that enrich and inform their lives, prepare them to pursue meaningful careers, and fulfill societal, community and family responsibilities.

DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE CORE VALUES

As an Educational Community We:

♣ Respect All People

Our community serves all our stakeholders with care and dignity. We are intensely focused on both the welfare and growth of each of our students, and we support their development as global citizens who achieve meaningful success in their careers and in their lives.

♣ Value the World of Ideas and Differences

Our community recognizes the necessity of cultivating curiosity and honoring diversity. We engage with ideas that challenge us and with people different from ourselves, showing deep respect for diverse points of view and backgrounds.

♣ Pursue Excellence

As an institution dedicated to teaching and learning, we are committed to seeking excellence in all we do in academics, student life, and all support services, which leads to life-changing educational experiences. We live in a learning environment that nurtures scholarship, imagination and creativity and embraces innovation and change, allowing each one of us and our whole community to thrive in a challenging world.

♣ Live Each Day with Integrity

As stewards of our institution’s greater good, we are individually accountable for each of our commitments, taking the right path over the expedient one. We stand up for what is right, for ourselves, for others, and for the natural world.

♣ Teach, Learn and Serve with Passion and Commitment

Our community creates an environment in which educating our students and serving our constituencies are responsibilities we embrace with passion and commitment.

♣ Act As One Learning Community with One Purpose

We practice higher education as a team—we are all invested in one another’s success and intend to make a difference in the world!

MISSION FOR THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs professionals work within the College Mission to facilitate the development of the total person and affirm that campus life is an essential part of the educational process. By offering educationally purposeful activities, Student Affairs professionals foster citizenship, community and leadership development and the acceptance of differences in a climate of support and challenge.

CORE VALUES BY WHICH WE CONDUCT ALL STU-
DENT AFFAIRS BUSINESS:

We believe the core values of integrity, caring and truth are best achieved through demonstrating respect, maintaining fairness and treating all members of the college community with dignity.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The ultimate test of our effectiveness is the positive difference we make in the life of an individual student.

Office of Student Affairs, 2nd floor Student Center, x2215
VP for Student Affairs, Mr. John D. Brown
Director of Residence Life, Mr. Derek Smith
Associate Dean of First Year Experience, Dr. Mena Birett
Director of Student Involvement, Mr. Matthew Kaminski
Director of Student Health Services, Ms. Judy LeVien, RN
Director of Student Support Services, Ms Karen Kay
Administrative Assistant, Ms. Alexis Islinger

Policies and procedures

The information in the Handbook is current as of press time and supersedes other previously printed material. All policies and rules stated herein are subject to change. These policies do not constitute all of the College’s policies and procedures. The College Catalog contains the official academic policies of the College. If there is any difference between a policy in the Catalog and the Handbook, the policy in the Catalog prevails. It is your responsibility to keep current with policy changes. All policy changes are communicated through Student Government minutes, posted announcements, or campus e-mail.

Consistent with Title VI, Delaware Valley College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national or ethnic origin, or handicap in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic programs, employment, or other school-administered programs.

The College recognizes racial epithets and threats against specific racial groups as racial harassment. The College’s definition of harassment and the ethnic intimidation policy can be found in this Student Handbook along with the disciplinary actions the College will take against those that commit any harassing actions. Any person who has any information concerning the identity of individuals committing vandalism in the form of graffiti which contains racial epithets and threats should contact campus security immediately.

Emergencies

Members of the Public Safety and Security Office can be reached 24 hours a day 7 days a week, at extension 2315 or from an off campus phone at (215) 489-2315. In case of emergencies, dial 89 from any campus phone. Dialing 911 will register your location both in the Bucks County Police Radio Room and the Delaware Valley College Security Office.

Resource Directory
Please feel free to contact any Delaware Valley College staff person or office if you have any questions at any time. All phone numbers presented are campus extensions that may be reached directly by dialing (215) 489- and the extension

**Athletic Department**
Mr. Frank Wolfgang
Gymnasium, x2240

**Bookstore**
Mr. Rob Hirsch
Student Center; x2259

**Bursar’s Office**
Ms. Sarah Tomlinson
Lasker Hall, x2376

**Career & Life Education**
Ms. Tracy DePedro
Segal Hall, x2312

**CHOICES Program**
Barbara Grimes
Segal Hall, x2938

**Continuing Education**
Mr. Robert McNeil
Lasker Hall, x2375

**Counseling Services**
Ms. Karen Kay
Segal Hall, x2309

**Dean of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences**
Mr. Russell Redding
Lasker Hall, x4951

**Dean of Business, Education, Arts & Sciences**
Dr. Benjamin Rusiloski
Lasker Hall, x4951

**Financial Aid**
Ms. Joan Hock
Lasker Hall, x2272

**First Year Experience**
Dr. Mena Birett,
Student Center, x2388

**Health Services**
Ms. Judy Wood-LeVien
Elson Hall, x2252

**Learning Resource Center**
Mr. Jim Yard
Segal Hall, x2452

**Learning Support**
Ms. Sharon Malka  
Segal Hall, x2490  
**Library**  
Mr. Peter Kupersmith  
Krauskopf Memorial Library,  
x2255  
**Physical Plant Operations**  
Mr. Ted Staniewicz  
Physical Plant Bldg. X2228  
**President of the College**  
Dr. Joseph S. Brosnan  
Lasker Hall, x2203  
**Public Safety**  
Mr. Steve Johnson  
Security Building, x2315  
**Registrar**  
Mr. Adam Wichryk  
Lasker Hall, x2378  
**Residence Life**  
Mr. Derek Smith  
Student Center, x2476  
**Student Involvement**  
Mr. Matt Kaminski  
Student Center, x4129  
**Technology and Library Services**  
Mr. Bill Brichta, CIO  
Elson, x4357  
**Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty**  
Dr. Bashar W. Hanna  
Lasker Hall x2910  
**Vice President for Student Affairs**  
Mr. John Brown  
Student Center, x2413  
**VP for Finance & Administration**  
Mr. Arthur Glass  
Lasker Hall, x2456

### academic calendar

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**ACADEMIC Regulations**

**Academic Honors**
At graduation, academic honors are acknowledged as follows:
Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors) 3.90-4.00 GPA
Magna Cum Laude (with high honors) 3.70-3.89 GPA
Cum Laude (with honors) 3.50-3.69 GPA

**Academic Progress**

The Academic Administration reviews student records for academic progress. A student must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to earn his or her degree. The student’s progress toward that goal is monitored each semester. To remain in good academic standing the student must reach the following cumulative GPA levels corresponding to the number of credits attempted as follows:

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The GPA requirements listed above are cumulative for the student’s entire record and not for a single semester. The cumulative GPA standards listed are minimum standards required for a student to continue in good standing.

A student not achieving the documented standard listed may be placed on academic probation, non-degree status or may be dismissed from the college, depending on the record under review.

Students on academic probation are placed on a limited course schedule (not to exceed four principal courses or 14 credits per semester) and are limited in terms of their eligibility to serve as officers of student organizations and participate in intercollegiate competition. Students on academic probation may be an officer in one student organization or participate in one intercollegiate sport per academic year. Students are also provided access to additional support services (counseling, structured study halls, skills development assistance, student tutors) to help them achieve satisfactory academic standing.

Students on non-degree status are removed from degree candidacy, are limited to 12 credits per semester, are not eligible for financial aid and cannot participate in intercollegiate sports or hold office in any student organization.

Students dismissed from the College must demonstrate academic success at another institution before applying for readmission. In some cases academic dismissal is final and readmittance is not permitted.

**Appeal Process:** A student who has been placed on academic probation, non-degree status, or academically dismissed, who believes there are extenuating circumstances to be considered may request an appeal the decision to the Academic Affairs Com-
committee consisting of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, student’s Area Dean, and the Registrar.

**Academic Integrity**

Any substantiated dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, in examinations, reports, themes, class or laboratory work will result in the following actions:

**First Offense:** The faculty member will either (1) fail (zero) the student in the assignment/exam or (2) fail the student for the course. The decision is at the discretion of the faculty member based on the policy stated in the faculty member’s syllabus.

**Second Offense:** Automatic failure in the course and subject to suspension upon recommendation by the faculty member or Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Third Offense:** Automatic suspension for one or more years as determined by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs’ office will monitor each incident to determine if incidents of academic dishonesty have occurred with the student in other classes.

**Add\Drop for full time students**

(Contact: Registrar, x2973)

1. After the student’s initial registration, they may add/drop through WEBADVISOR without an advisor’s signature or in person at the Registrar’s Office with the appropriate form that requires an advisor’s signature through the end of the published period. Courses dropped during this period are not recorded on the student’s transcript and courses may not be added to the student’s schedule beyond this period.

2. After the add/drop period, students withdrawing from a course without completing the appropriate withdrawal outlined below can receive a grade of “FA” (failure due to excessive absence). The “FA” grade affects the grade point average and remains on the student’s transcript. If the course is repeated and a passing grade is received, the new grade is used for calculation of the GPA.

3. From the end of the add/drop period through the tenth week of classes in a semester, students who want to withdraw from a course should obtain the academic advisor’s signature on a “Drop Form” and go to the Registrar’s Office to officially complete the procedure. After the tenth week of classes, students will receive a letter grade for the course.

**Address Change**

(Contact: Registrar, x4887)

It is important that a student keep the College informed about address changes. Notify the Registrar’s Office either in writing or by filling out the appropriate form. These forms are available in the Registrar’s Office.

**Attendance Policy**

(Contact: Registrar, x4887)

1. Students are expected to regularly attend scheduled classes and laboratories. The College’s attendance policy is that a student shall not be permitted to miss more than the equivalent of two weeks of classes in a course during a semester. For example, if a course is three credits with a laboratory (that is, two lecture hours and a three hour laboratory scheduled per week), the student may not miss more than six class meetings, to include no more than two laboratory periods. Absence in excess of these criteria may result in the grade of “FA” (failure due to absence) for the course. Additionally, the individual professor has
discretion with regard to how he or she will utilize the College’s attendance policy. The instructor’s attendance policy will be stated clearly from the beginning of the semester in the syllabus.

2. The Office of the Registrar may be petitioned for an official excuse in cases of prolonged absence (lasting more than three consecutive days but no more than two weeks) for bona fide medical or personal problems. A student must submit a completed Excused Absence Request Form to the Registrar with official documentation as to the reason for the absence (e.g., doctor’s excuse). The request will be reviewed by the Registrar in consultation with the student’s Area Dean; the Registrar will communicate the decision directly to the student. A student must provide documentation in order to return to the College.

3. Absences for personal reasons (e.g., brief illness, lack of transportation) are not considered excused absences. Students may receive an excused absence for up to three days for a death in their immediate family. Immediate family is defined as a parent (or legal guardian), grandparent, brother, sister, child or spouse. Documentation must be submitted immediately (within one calendar week upon returning to class and prior to the start of final exams) to the Office of the Registrar in order to obtain an official excused absence. Students should notify their instructors of the courses they will miss prior to the absences, if possible. The Office of the Registrar does not notify faculty except when the Registrar has granted an official excuse.

4. Excused absences will not be granted for any other reason than those specifically outlined above. All other absences from class must be discussed with the faculty members. Students are responsible for all work missed during any absence from class at the direction of the faculty member.

**Change of Major/Declaring a Major**

(Contact: Registrar, x4887)

1. A student who desires to change majors must complete a change of major form obtained from the Registrar’s Office and have it signed by the designated parties, and return it to the Registrar’s Office. The requirements for the new major are determined by the program in effect on that date.

2. Students must declare a major in the second semester of the sophomore year prior to registration. Students must fill out a major declaration form obtained from the Registrar’s Office and meet with the department chairperson of their intended major to obtain the signature of approval on the form. The program determines the requirements for the major in effect on that date.

**Credits Completed - Class Rank**

You are ranked according to the following schedule of successfully completed credits:

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**College Catalog**

1. The Catalog contains complete information on all academic requirements, major and program requirements and descriptions, course descriptions, and academic policies. Detailed information on Financial Aid and expenses for the academic year is also contained in the Catalog.

2. You should become familiar with the requirements for your major and all academic procedures and policies. If you do not have a copy, you can obtain one.
from the Office of Admissions. The policies in the Catalog are the official policies of the College, but may be changed at any time. Catalog online at www.delval.edu/registrar.

Dean’s List
(Contact: VP for Academic Affairs, x2910)
1. Day students that have excellent academic records will be included in the Dean’s List upon meeting the following criteria:
   A. Completion of 12 or more credits in the respective semester
   B. A semester academic average of 3.3 for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors or 3.5 for Seniors
   C. Satisfactory behavior and attendance records.
2. The Vice President for Academic Affairs is pleased to acknowledge those who have earned a place on the Dean’s List at the close of each semester. The Public Information Office releases appropriate press coverage as well.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR
Disruptive behavior in the classroom is defined as any behavior that interferes with the process of teaching and learning. The disruptive behavior in the classroom policy is not limited to time spent in a traditional classroom, but extends to all academically related activities. Disruptive behavior, which may inhibit or interfere with normal classroom operation, includes but is not limited to:

- Refusal to comply with faculty direction
- Vulgar or offensive behavior
- Inappropriate, disrespectful, or uncivil responses to the comments or opinions of others immediately before, after, and during class
- Threats/challenges to do physical harm
- Excessive chattering
- Arriving late/leaving early without a reasonable excuse
- Use of personal electronic devices, such as pagers and cell phones, without permission
- Harassment, ridicule, or intimidation of other members of the class and/or the instructor

If the immediate situation warrants, the faculty member may require the student to leave the classroom or instructional site for the remainder of the class and, if necessary, summon Security to remove the student. If the situation requires the student to leave the classroom, the instructor must notify the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Student Affairs as soon as possible and in advance of the next class meeting.

If at any time, the instructor believes the student poses a physical threat to him/her or to other students, Security should be contacted immediately.

A student, whose classroom behavior is judged by the instructor to be disruptive, shall be informed by the instructor of his/her actions, and the following progressive disciplinary actions will be taken:

1. First occurrence: Oral reprimand, which will be documented on the appropriate form, with copies sent to the Department Chair, both Academic Deans, Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Student Affairs.
2. Second occurrence: Written reprimand, which will be documented on a form, with
  copies sent to the Department Chair, both Academic Deans, Vice President for
  Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Counseling. The
  student must respond with a written commitment to all of the above, including
  the Professor, to conform to classroom policy before returning to class.

3. Third occurrence: The matter will be referred to the Vice President for Academic
  Affairs and the Vice President for Student Affairs for further action.

Written reprimands will be tracked by the Office of the Vice President for Academic
Affairs. If written reprimands are issued in two separate courses, the matter will be
referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs. If a student is permanently
removed from the course, a grade of “W” will appear on the transcript.

A student may file an appeal per Student Conduct guidelines.

Evening/Weekend Classes
1. Full-time day students can register for those evening classes whose section numbers
   are 251 or 161. All other evening and weekend classes are scheduled for Continuing
   Education students. Graduating seniors who have course schedule problems may
   apply to take an evening course by completing the Continuing Education Cross
   Registration request form available on the college’s website. Consideration for such
   requests will only be given to graduating seniors.

2. Please be sure to have the form complete with the necessary signatures before
   submitting to the Continuing Education Office. You will receive a determination
   on your request within two weeks prior to the start of evening classes for the fall
   and spring semesters.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)
1. Delaware Valley College complies with the provisions of the Family Educational
   Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). This act protects the privacy of
   educational records, establishes the right of students to inspect and review their
   educational records, makes provision for the student’s rights to petition to
   prohibit distribution of information concerning his/her record and provides
   guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal
   and formal hearings. Students have the right to file complaints concerning
   alleged failures by the institution to comply with the act.

2. Copies of the policy established by the College in compliance with the act are
   available in the Office of the Registrar. (Contact: Office of the Registrar, x2973)

Changes to FERPA:
1. On October 1, 1998, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, also known as
   the Warner Amendment, were signed into law. These amendments deal with
   changes to FERPA. Specifically, Section 952 addresses Alcohol or Drug Posses-
   sion Disclosure.

2. Nothing in this act or the Higher Education Act of 1965 shall be construed to
   prohibit an institution of higher education from disclosing, to a parent or legal
   guardian of a student, information regarding any violation of any Federal, State,
   or local law, or of any rule or policy of the institution, governing the use or
   possession of alcohol or a controlled substance, regardless of whether that
   information is contained in the student’s educational records, if (A) the student
is under the age of 21; and (B) the institution determines that the student has committed a disciplinary violation with respect to such use or possession.

3. What this means is that if you are found to be responsible for behavior involving drugs or alcohol we will inform your parents or legal guardian by letter. (Contact: Vice President for Student Affairs, x2413)

**Final Exams**
The College’s policy is to schedule a final exam for every credit course at the end of each semester in both day and evening classes. The final exam period is utilized to bring closure to courses by evaluating, documenting and/or summarizing the learning experience. Some courses do not lend themselves to a traditional final exam (e.g. speech, techniques, design, and seminar). In these courses the final exam period will be utilized to bring an end to the educational experience using student presentations, individual student conferences or other appropriate educational activities. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by both the Department Chair and area Dean. Final exam periods are 2 hours in length, and can be on Monday through Saturday during final exam week.

**Final Grades**
(Contact: Office of the Registrar, x4887)
The faculty enters grades on the WEB each semester. Official grades can be obtained via WebAdvisor. The Registrar’s Office does not report grades to students before they are mailed, nor can grades be given over the telephone. Students must contact instructors with questions about course grades. Also, students must complete all grade challenges within one year from the time the final grade is issued.

**Financial Clearance**
(Contact: Bursar’s Office, x2376)
If your tuition account is up to date, you have Financial Clearance to register. If there is an outstanding balance on your account, check with the Financial Aid Office, and then proceed to the Bursar’s Office (second floor, Lasker Hall) for clearance to register.

**Full-Time undergraduate Student Definition**
1. You are considered to be a full-time student if you carry 12 or more credits per semester. Full-time students are ordinarily limited to a nineteen-credit schedule each semester, although students in good academic standing may petition the Vice President for Academic Affairs for permission to carry additional credits. Students must have a GPA of 2.8 or above to qualify for consideration of 21 or more credits per semester. First see your Advisor and/or Department Chairperson, and then have them request approval from the Dean in writing. You then visit the Dean for his co-signature on your request. Additional per credit tuition fee applies to credits in excess of 19 per semester.

2. Only full-time students may hold office in student organizations or represent the College in intercollegiate competition.

3. For most financial aid, you can maintain your eligibility only by satisfactorily completing (that is, passing in good academic standing) a minimum of 24 credits of coursework per year.

**Graduation**
(Contact: Office of the Registrar, x2935)
1. All students who plan to graduate must file an application for graduation. Failure to do so will preclude graduation and participation in commencement.

2. The Registrar’s Office must be notified of any changes in graduation plans and
students must re-file the application if they fail to meet the requirements for that semester. One time graduation fee of $90.00 is due at time of application.

**GRADUATION HONORS**

Graduation honors are awarded to undergraduate students who have the appropriate grade point average as follows:

- Cumulative Academic Average
- Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors) 3.9-4.00
- Magna Cum Laude (with high honors) 3.7-3.89
- Cum Laude (with honors) 3.5-3.69

Students recognized for this academic achievement are awarded an honor cord to be worn in addition to their academic regalia at Commencement. Students achieving Summa Cum Laude wear maize and forest green cords; students achieving Magna Cum Laude wear maize and white cords; students achieving Cum Laude wear forest green and white cords. Students must complete all academic program requirements prior to Commencement to be recognized for this achievement.

**Commencement: Walking with Outstanding Requirements**

Students who are missing no more than eight credits of required courses and/or electives may be permitted to walk at Commencement without receiving a diploma. Students requesting this privilege must have:

- No more than 8 outstanding credits of required courses and/or electives
- At least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average
- Completed the Employment Program
- Completed Skills for College Success LA1020
- Completed Student Teaching (if applicable)
- Fulfilled all other obligations (financial, etc.) to the institution
- Submit this request at least 10 calendar days prior to Commencement.

Students granted this privilege will walk across the stage and have their names read with the rest of the graduating class, and their names will have an asterisk (*) in the Commencement program noting that the degree will be awarded on the next publicized degree conferral date when all outstanding requirements are completed.

**Grading System**

The letter grading system to which the college adheres is as follows:

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Grievance Procedure for Academic Issues
(Contact: VP for Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty, x2910)

Students have the right to present a grievance free from interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal. The following steps must be followed in the event of an academic grievance:

1. Student confers with instructor in an effort to resolve the disputed issue.
2. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, the matter may be brought to the attention of the Department Chairperson/Program Director of the department in which the issue is being raised. If the instructor involved is the Chairperson/ Director, the matter may be directed to the appropriate Dean of Academic Administration. The grievance or dispute must be thoroughly documented in writing when being brought to the instructor’s supervisor.
3. If the Chairperson/Director or Dean is unable to resolve the matter, a written complaint may be presented to the Academic Standards Committee. The chairperson of the Academic Standards Committee will appoint a panel of three Committee members to investigate the grievance and make a recommendation within thirty days.
4. The recommendation will be reviewed by the Academic Standards Committee as a whole and then forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Vice President for Academic Affairs may accept the Academic Standards Committee recommendation or pursue the matter further with the parties involved. The decision of the Vice President for Academic Affairs is final.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Hiatus)

Students may request an official leave of absence by providing a written, signed and dated request for a leave of absence to the Registrar. The request must include the reason for and dates of the absence and the expected date of return. Approval for the leave of absence will take into consideration the reason for the absence and that there is a reasonable expectation that the student will return to Delaware Valley College. The total number of days of the student’s combined approved leave of absence cannot exceed 180 days in a 12-month period. If a student fails to return from an approved leave of absence, the student will be withdrawn from the institution. The last date of attendance will be the date of withdrawal.

Nontraditional Credits

Students may earn credits toward their degree via a variety of nontraditional strategies. Credit may be earned for successful completion of Advanced Placement Examinations (score of 3 or better) administered to high school students by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students who have acquired proficiency in a subject may elect to gain credit for that proficiency by satisfactorily completing either the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or the DANTES program, both of which are administered by the Educational Testing Service. Credits earned through these programs are treated as transfer credits. Delaware Valley College’s Department of Continuing Education is an approved site at which CLEP tests may be taken. Contact the Department of Continuing Education for information.

Course Challenge

Students in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or higher) who believe they have at least an average (“C” or better) competence in a course’s subject matter may petition the Registrar’s Office to challenge the course. Not all courses may be challenged. All
prerequisites must be satisfied prior to challenging a course. The student may not have been previously registered for the course. Unsuccessful challengers are not permitted to challenge the same course again. The fee for a course challenge is not included in regular tuition charges. The student will consult with the Chairperson of the course’s department to request an appropriate faculty member to administer the challenge. The faculty member will determine the basis upon which the challenge will be assessed and will confer with the student in preparing a portfolio of evidence in support of the student’s contention of competency. A successful course challenge is graded with a grade of “CC” which does not affect the GPA. Students may petition to challenge a course at any time during the semester, but the challenge must be completed within the semester in which it was approved.

INDEPENDENT STUDY
Matriculated students who have completed 92 or more credits in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or higher) may request to complete up to two courses by directed independent study. This alternative approach is a faculty supervised, self-paced student learning experience. Students should regard an independent study course as being at least as demanding as a regularly scheduled course and allocate the necessary resources of time and energy. Not all courses are available in an independent study format. Students must first make application to the Office of the Registrar within five business days of the start of a semester. A course syllabus, from the instructor of record, must be submitted to the Registrar before final approval is granted to begin the independent study. A copy of the syllabus will be forwarded to the appropriate department chairperson. The independent study must be completed and graded within the semester in which it is registered. In cases where a student is seeking an independent study to complete a graduation requirement, a student must pursue all other options in conjunction with the academic advisor to complete the requirement to obtain approval. Alternative options include, but are not limited to, DVC evening courses, course substitution, transferring an approved course from another institution, and deferring a course to a future semester. Independent study fees are not included in regular full-time tuition charges. Independent studies are charged by the credit and will be processed by the Bursar’s Office once all necessary approvals are obtained by the student.

Readmission
(Contact: Office of the Registrar, x4887)
Students who have withdrawn from the College may apply for Readmission through the Office of the Registrar. Application for Readmission to the College must be received by the Registrar’s Office no later than 30 days prior to the semester start date. Students who have had two years of inactivity (four consecutive semesters) may be required to satisfy the program requirements in effect at the time of Readmission. The department Chairperson in consultation with the Registrar will evaluate the completed courses and determine the requirements that must be satisfied for graduation.

Refunds
1. Students who are attending an institution of higher education and who withdraw prior to the end of the 9th week of classes in the current semester will receive a pro-rata refund of tuition, room and board less a $350 withdrawal fee. No refunds are processed for withdrawal once 60% of the term has been completed.
2. The term “pro-rata refund” is defined as a refund to the student of not less than that portion of tuition, room and board assessed the student by the school equal to the portion of enrollment period for which the student has been charged that
remains on the last recorded day of attendance by the student.

3. When a student has federal Title IV financial aid and is entitled to a refund, the student’s financial aid monies will be repaid to the programs in the following order:
   A. Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
   B. Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
   C. Federal Perkins Loan
   D. Direct Federal Plus Loans
   E. Federal Pell Grant
   F. Federal SEOG
   G. Federal TEACH Grant
   Refer to college catalogue for details on return of Title IV funds.

5. Students who intend to live on campus are required to sign a Housing Contract that stipulates that they will reside on campus for the full academic year, consisting of the fall and spring semesters, and excluding recesses and scheduled vacations. A nonrefundable $200 deposit is required prior to housing registration.

6. An exception to these rules may be granted in the case of a student who is involuntarily called to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; such students will receive a proportionate refund of tuition or room charges for the period after the date of withdrawal.

7. Any student suspended or expelled from the College for disciplinary reasons will not be granted a room refund. A $600 Housing Contract Cancellation fee will be charged if a student moves off campus during the school year.

8. **Board Refunds:** Board Refunds will be prorated on a daily basis through the 9th week of classes. If a student moves off campus or officially withdraws from the College, the refund will be based on the date the meal plan is voided. Any student who is suspended or expelled from the College for disciplinary or academic reasons WILL be granted a refund of board charges. The refund will be based on the date the student’s meal plan is voided.

**Registration**

(Contact: Office of the Registrar, x2973)

1. Registration for Spring Semester is held in November; registration for Fall Semester is held in March/April.

2. The Master Schedule of course offerings is available three weeks before registration begins. A Copy is posted outside the Registrar’s Office, and on their web page. All information regarding registration will be emailed to the student through their Del Val email address, and registration for the upcoming semester will be done using Web Advisor (or by stopping in the Registrar’s Office from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Plan to meet with your academic advisor to prepare for next semester. Course selection and class sequence can be determined in advance of registration.

3. You must meet with your advisor prior to registration in order to release your advisor hold. You will not be permitted to register until you meet with your advisor. Whether you register via WebAdvisor or in-person at the Registrar’s Office you must submit a registration form to the Registrar’s Office that includes your advisor’s signature. Be certain you do not have any other holds on your account (e.g. Bursar and Health) that may block your registration.
Repeating Courses
1. Courses may be repeated an unlimited number of times. Although the course will appear with a grade each time it is taken, only the highest grade is calculated in the grade point average and credit is received only one time.
2. Courses may be repeated at another institution. As with all transfer credits the following will apply:
   A. Prior approval from Registrar is required,
   B. A grade of “C” or better is needed, and
   C. Only the credits, not the grades, are counted toward the required credits for graduation.

Schedule Changes
Occasionally, the day class schedule will follow a different day of the week allowing lab classes to make up time missed due to academic holidays. These scheduled switches are planned in advance to accommodate easy adjustments. These changes in schedule are listed in the official Academic Calendar.

Transcripts
1. Students may request transcripts of their academic record at Delaware Valley College. Official transcripts bear the College seal and the Registrar’s signature on the transcript and are place in a sealed envelope with the signature of the Registrar. Unofficial transcripts, without seal and signature, may be requested for a student’s personal use. The College will withhold any transcript if financial obligations have not been met.
2. A transcript request must include the student’s signature, student ID number, name, and dates of attendance at DVC. Forms are available in the Registrar’s Office, and on the Registrar’s link on the DVC website, www.delval.edu. Transcripts are mailed within a three to five day business period. The fee for each official transcript is $10.00.

Transferring Courses
(Contact: Office of the Registrar x4887)
You must receive prior written approval to transfer credits from other regionally accredited institutions. The Off-Campus Request Form is available at the Registrar’s Office. You must obtain approval from your academic advisor and the appropriate department chair. The completed Off-Campus Request Form must be returned to the Registrar’s Office with all necessary signatures. You must receive a grade of “C” or better for the course to be accepted as transfer credit. Refer to the College Catalog for further information on transfer credit policy.

You must receive prior written approval in order to transfer a course you complete at another institution back to DVC. The “Transfer Credit Form” is available at the Registrar’s Office. You must obtain written approval from your academic advisor. The Form must be returned to the Registrar for final approval. You must receive a grade of “C” or better for the course to be transferred.

Withdrawal from the College
1. The college defines “official withdrawal” as a systematic process whereby the student notifies the Office of the Registrar of his or her intent to withdrawal from all classes at the College.
2. A withdrawal fee of $350.00 will be charged to the student’s tuition account when official withdrawal papers are submitted to the Registrar’s Office.
3. It is important to note that non-attendance of classes is not an official withdrawal from the College. If a student intends to withdraw from the College, it is the
student’s responsibility to contact the Office of the Registrar either in person (preferred) or by telephone or email and complete the official withdrawal and exit interview forms. Withdrawal from the College is not officially completed until withdrawal and exit interview forms are received in the Office of the Registrar. If a student simply stops attending classes but has not notified the Office of the Registrar of his or her intention to withdraw from the College, that student will receive the grade of “FA” for all classes.

4. Federal law requires that students on financial aid must have an exit interview with the Financial Aid Office upon withdrawal from the College. Failure to comply with this federal regulation may adversely affect future financial aid. The college reserves the right to withhold an official transcript if the exit requirement is not met.

5. If a student withdraws from the College during the semester, the authorized date of withdrawal will be recorded in the student’s permanent file and reported to the National Student Loan Clearinghouse. If the student withdraws from the College by the last day of classes, the student will receive the grade of “W” for every course. The grade of “W” carries neither credit nor penalty. If the student withdraws from the College after the last day of classes, the student will receive the grade that was earned for every class.

**COLLEGE SERVICES**

**Banking**
An ATM machine is located in the Student Center Lobby for withdrawals only. Univest customers have free use of the ATM machine, all others pay per transaction. If you wish to open an account with Univest the nearest branch is on 191 W. State St., Doylestown.; phone 215-348-7966

**BOOKSTORE**
(Contact: Rob Hirsch, x6365)
Located in the lower level Student Center, the College Bookstore strives to meet all of your academic and collegiate needs. We offer one stop shopping for textbooks (new, used, and rental), school supplies, dorm supplies, toiletries, insignia gifts and clothing, greeting cards, snacks, helium-filled balloons, and so much more. Visit the bookstore website [http://bookstore.delval.edu](http://bookstore.delval.edu).

**Bookstore Hours**
Monday - Thursday 8:00am–6:00pm (extended hours during “rush” and “buyback”)
Friday 8:00am–4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday Times vary please call 215-489-6365

**Fax Machine**
A fax machine is available in the Book Store for Student use. To receive or send a fax the charge is $1 per page. The Bookstore fax number is 215-230-2961.

**Graduation Center**
Diploma frames, rings, cap and gown, announcements.

**Shipping**
The Bookstore provides Fed-Ex Ground Shipping at prevailing rates.

**Payment Methods**
The Bookstore accepts the following for Bookstore purchases: Cash, Check (for exact amount of purchase only), Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Financial Aid Vouchers. If checks are returned for insufficient funds a $50 fee will be
charged to your tuition account.

**Return Policy**

Textbooks: maybe returned for a full refund during the first week of class of each semester. If a student drops a course, he/she will have until the end of the drop/add period to make a return. All transactions must be accompanied by a sales receipt. A comprehensive copy of the textbook returns policy will be issued to each student at the beginning of each semester.

General Merchandise: All returns/exchanges must be made within 30 days of purchase. All transactions must be accompanied by a sales receipt. Clearance merchandise is non returnable.

**Book Buy Back**

Students have the opportunity to sell their textbooks back to the Bookstore for CASH. Buy Backs are held twice a year during finals week (May and December). Students who wish to sell back textbooks at all other times may consult our website for instructions.

**Campus employment**

*Contact: Regina Ball, Student Employment Coordinator, x4187*

1. The Campus Employment Office is located on the 2nd floor of Lasker Hall, in the Financial Aid Department.
2. It is your resource for information for on campus job opportunities and Federal College Work Study.
3. Job applications and copies of the Student Employment Guidelines are available here.

**Career & Life Education**

*Contact: x2448; www.careers@delval.edu*

**Employment Program**

The Employment Program is a 500 hour experiential education graduation requirement which you will receive four academic credits (hours and credits may be reduced for transfer students). The program is administered by the Office of Career & Life Education (Segal Hall) in conjunction with the Department Chairs.

**Internships and Employment**

The Office maintains an online list of current full and part-time job openings as well as a list of internships and summer positions. You may search this list and/or post your resume for potential employers to view by going to www.delval.edu/career and clicking on the Students icon.

**Career Guidance and Counseling**

The Career Resource Center (Segal Hall) is open for your use Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Numerous career related resources are available, as is individualized career guidance and counseling on issues such as: career interest self-assessment; job search strategies; resume and cover letter writing; and graduate/professional school information. Plan to visit here regularly - the staff will point you in the right direction and help you define and achieve your career goals.

**Special Programs and Events**

The Office offers several special programs/events throughout the year including annual Career Fairs each fall and spring. Corporate Connections and the Agriculture and Science Career Fairs are held during the fall semester and Career Day is held in the spring semester. At these events, students have the opportunity to discuss job and internship possibilities with prospective employers and obtain valuable career information from company representatives.

**Continuing Education**
1. Full-time students attending may register for classes held in the evening (6:20 PM) providing the section number is designated as a “251” for a lecture, a “161” or “162” for a lab, or “276” for online.

2. Sections designated with a “241” are intended for Evening College students only. Seniors with scheduling conflicts may be permitted to enroll in these sections, only after their advisor and department head verify the conflict and sign-off on the appropriate form.

Copy Machines
Copy machines are located in the stairwell of the Student Center, the Bookstore, and the lower level of Library. The cost is 10¢ per page.

Copyright Issues
1. The use of images, recorded sounds, copyrighted materials, trade secrets and trademarks is subject to legal restriction.
2. No one may use photographs, video clips, sound clips, or material which may be subject to copyright, trademark or trade secret restrictions without written permission of all parties involved.
3. No student, faculty, or staff of the College may use the College seal, pictures, or any other copyrighted materials without permission of the College.
4. Anyone violating copyright laws may be punished in accordance with federal, state and local laws.

Dining Services
(Contact Tony Williams, Director, x2940)
1. All resident students must purchase a meal plan.
2. A variety of plans are available to you and are controlled by your Student ID card.
3. Your ID card is your ticket into the Dining Hall and Food Court. No service will be provided without this card. If you lose your card, please stop at Security immediately to get a new one.
4. Dining Services, procedures, times and costs have not been officially formulated in time to be printed in this handbook. Please be sure to check on the college portal, at Levin Dining Hall, or in the Food Court (located in the Student Center), or in the Office of Student Affairs to learn more about the details about dining and catering services at DVC.

Financial Aid
(Joan Hock, Director of Financial Aid, x2272)
1. The Financial Aid Office is located in Lasker Hall, 2nd floor. You can contact Financial Aid at finaid@delval.edu or at www.delval.edu/finaid
2. It is your resource for complete information (qualifications, regulations, forms and deadlines) on available forms of assistance.
3. The regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Awards of financial aid are based upon your financial need, academic qualifications, and ability to contribute to the life of the College.
4. Requirements for all forms of financial aid are available from our financial aid office. Programs include:
   b. In order to maintain eligibility for federal and institutional financial aid a
student must make satisfactory academic progress. Details on Satisfactory
Academic Progress for continued financial aid can be found on the Delaware
Valley College financial aid website or at the Financial Aid Office. The
college’s academic progress criteria can also be found in the college cata-
logue. Questions regarding this policy as it relates to financial aid eligibility
should be addressed to the Financial Aid Office.
c. Alternative Loan Programs, Contact: Ms. Joan Hock, x2975; joan.hock@delval.edu; or Ms. Lynn Gans, x2494; lynn.gans@delval.edu.
d. Payment Plan is available. Arrangements can be made through the Bursar’s
office x2376.

Health Insurance
1. It is a College requirement that all full-time students and all athletes whether full
time or part time have health insurance coverage (either a personal plan or by
purchasing the College group plan). All full time students will receive informa-
tion from Delaware Valley College on how to verify insurance coverage. If you
have proof of comparable insurance and wish to waive the College’s group
coverage, the deadline to provide such proof was July 30, 2011.

2. All students (taking 12 or more credits) attending Delaware Valley College must
enroll in or waive out of the health insurance coverage offered through the College
each year. All students providing verifiable proof of comparable health coverage,
may waive the purchase of the sponsored plan. If you fail to provide proof of
insurance, you will be enrolled, billed and responsible for payment of the
College’s group plan. Dental coverage is available at an additional cost.

3. The policy for the current year becomes effective on 8/01/2011 at 12:01 a.m. and
expires on July 31, 2012 at 12:01 a.m. Coverage remains in effect during holidays
and vacation periods. Should an insured person graduate or withdraw from the
institution, the insurance shall remain in effect until the end of the period for
which premium has been paid.

4. All International Students must also provide proof of personal health
insurance coverage here in the United States by the beginning of each academ-
ic year. If you are late with this information or have no health insurance here
in the United States, you will be enrolled, billed and responsible for payment
for the College group plan for the current school year.

Laundry Facilities
The College provides laundry facilities in Centennial, Samuel, Work, South, Segal,
and Berkowitz Halls. All the machines are free to all resident students. Please report
any problems with machines to a Resident Assistant or Area Coordinator.

Library
(Contact: Circulation Desk x2953)

Located at the center of campus, the Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library is
also central to the academic mission of Delaware Valley College. Learning how
to find and use information resources is an important part of your success as
a student, and you are encouraged to make use of the library from your
earliest days at DelVal.

The Library is fully automated and its catalog and other electronic resources
can be accessed from the library’s web page, www.delval.edu/library, which is
also linked on the DelVal web page. Reference assistance is available for your
research. If you can’t come in person, you can call, text, or e-mail the
reference desk.
To call: x2394
To text: Type infoplz and your question - send your text to 66746
To e-mail: Library@delval.edu

The library has 33 desktop PCs, 6 MACs, and 15 laptops for student use. You will need your student ID card in order to check out a laptop from the circulation desk. There is also wireless connection to the internet if you have a personal laptop or handheld device. Printing charges from library computers are 3 cents a page for regular copies and 50 cents per page for color copies. The library has 2 photocopy machines. Photocopies are 10 cents per page. Scanners are also available as well as a fax machine.

Quiet study is available in the Shapiro Wing and in the lower level of the library. Students wishing to work on projects together should use the Cooke Wing. The Shapiro Wing is sometimes reserved for campus events and, at those times, is not available for student study.

During the fall and spring semesters, the Library is open the following hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 8:00 am – 5:30 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:30 PM
- Sunday: 1:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Hours vary during summer, holidays, and exam periods; check the library’s web page for changes.

**Mail Center**
(Contact: Richard Craven, x2225 or Ace Hutchinson, x2493)
1. The College Mail Center is located on the first floor of the Student Center and is open 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The official zip code for student mail is 18901-2697. A mailbox is provided for each full-time student living on campus. It is each student’s responsibility to obtain his/her mail daily. All personal mail and official college notices will be distributed there. Money Orders are available 8:30 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Mail Center.
2. Students moving off campus during the year forfeit the use of their on-campus mailbox. Their mail will be forwarded to their home address. Students must also notify the Registrar’s Office of new address.

**Public Safety and Security Office**
(Steve Johnson, Director, x2315)

**Vehicle Registration**
You must register your vehicle with the Public Safety and Security Department. There is an annual fee of $80 for having a vehicle on campus. You can register your vehicle during the first week of the school year. Unregistered vehicles will be ticketed, booted or towed.

**Escort Service**
Public Safety personnel will escort you to the Dairy, Equine Center, and NBC classrooms during the hours of darkness or during inclement weather. Traffic Policy Regulations are listed in the Rules and Regulations section of this handbook.

**Emergency Blue Light Phones** have been strategically placed throughout Delaware Valley College’s 571-acre campus in an effort to further provide assistance, and
protective and safety services to the DVC campus community. When used, the telephones are immediately connected directly to an on-duty DVC Public Safety officer. The phones, which are attached to elevated and highly visible poles, are equipped with speakerphones and strobe lights.

**Freshmen Parking**

Resident freshmen are not authorized to have a vehicle. Freshmen who require a vehicle on campus must complete and have approved by the Director of Public Safety and Security the Freshmen Exception Parking Request Form. These forms can be obtained from the Public Safety and Security Department. Freshmen who are authorized to have a vehicle on campus **MUST PARK IN PARKING LOT D**. The annual parking fee is $80.

**Recycling Program**

**Recycling Program** (contact Environmental Health & Safety x2400)

The Environmental Health & Safety Office invites everyone in the campus community to participate to make the program a success. Delaware Valley College recycles glass, plastic, aluminum, paper and cardboard products.

1. Recycling bins are located in academic and administrative buildings, in common areas of Residence Halls, and outside many of the academic and administrative buildings. In the bins labeled "Paper," please place office paper, magazines/catalogs, junk mail and newspapers. In the bins labeled "Cans, Plastic, Glass," please place aluminum cans, #1 & #2 plastic (soda bottles, milk jugs, some shampoo bottles...check the bottom of the bottle for a number), and any color glass. These recycling bins are intended for single items – **please utilize the large recycling cans in the residence hall trash enclosures for larger amounts of recyclables**.

2. Gray recycling cans are located in the residence hall trash enclosures. These cans are for commingled glass, plastic (#1 & #2), and aluminum. Please place these types of recyclable material from your dorm room into these cans.

3. Recycling centers are located near A-lot and Centennial lot. These recycling centers are to be utilized for small amounts of recyclables; **please place large amounts of recyclables into the gray cans in the trash enclosures**.

4. Delaware Valley College participates in the Abitibi Paper Retriever program. A paper recycling dumpster is located in the parking lot behind Lasker Hall. Please utilize this dumpster for your paper recycling needs. Items to be placed in this dumpster are limited to office paper, magazines/catalogs, junk mail and newspapers. **Please do not place cardboard into this dumpster**.

5. Cardboard should be “broken down” so that it lays flat. Cardboard can be stacked next to the gray recycling can in your residence hall trash enclosure.

6. The Environmental Health & Safety Office is always looking for suggestions & ways to make the program more effective.

7. Thank you for your assistance with the Recycling Program! Following the steps above will allow the program to run smoothly.

**STOP THE HATE**

The Stop the Hate Training Group consists of 22 students, faculty, staff and administrators from the college community who participated in a nationally recognized program to help implement bias incident and hate crime prevention training for Delaware Valley College. This project is supported by the Race, Culture and Diversity Committee and is an integral component of the Strategic Plan. During the spring of 2011 and the 2011-2012 academic year, training
exercises and presentations are scheduled throughout the Delaware Valley College campus. These interactive workshops will ultimately benefit our College community by helping to create a bias-free and inclusive campus.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Audrey Ervin (faculty member, Counseling Psychology), x2290; Donald Feldscher (Special Assistant to the President), x4978; or John Brown (Vice President of Student Affairs) x2413.

Student Health Center
1. The Student Health Center (Elson Hall), 215-489-2252 is open from 8:30AM to 4:30PM. Mon.–Fri.
2. Doctor’s hours are 11:30-12:30, Mon.-Fri. Students must come in prior to doctor hours for evaluation by a nurse.
3. Medical care will be provided in a private environment. Your records are kept in the strictest confidential manner.
4. Phones will be answered during hours of operation. You will be seen on a walk-in basis - no appointment necessary.
5. The Health Center is also a source of reference material for health and wellness topics.
6. Bucks County Department of Health provides free, confidential HIV and STD testing.

Emergency Care
1. Any illness or injuries that occur at home or on campus need to be reported to the Health Center, no matter how slight.
2. If you are too ill to report to the Health Center, notify the nurse on duty (ext. 2252) to make arrangements for proper medical care. Notify the nurse or the Office of Public Safety and Security who can assist you before going to Doylestown Hospital Emergency Dept.
3. Reporting to the Emergency Dept. on your own could result in unnecessary additional cost to you or your parents. You are responsible for submitting all bills to your insurance company. If you need assistance with paperwork or understanding policy for school’s insurance, contact the Office of Student Health Services ext. 2252.

Allergy Injection Protocol
Students who receive allergy injections have two options to consider: the Student Health Center keeps the names of local allergists students can contact to continue their injections; or students can visit the Student Health Center. Appointments for injections at the Student Health Center are available Tuesday through Friday at 11:30 am. Students must stay at the Student Health Center for twenty minutes after their injection.

Prescription Medications
Some prescription medications are available through the Student Health Center when ordered by the physicians. There will be a nominal fee for this service, which will be billed through the Bursar’s Office.

Medical Forms
You must provide Health Services with a completed physical and immunization record when entering DVC, and an Insurance Verification must be renewed online yearly. These forms serve as a basis for providing medical care. If you are a transfer student, your former school may be able to provide you with this information.

Student Support Services
The College provides a number of services and programs for students including: Counseling, Tutoring, Learning Support, CHOICES, and Act 101.

**Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center offers a variety of free and confidential services to assist students with personal and academic issues throughout their college experience. Our educational model of counseling services focuses on providing support services to help students attain their academic goals. We provide students with occasional, intermittent, or ongoing support depending upon individual needs. It is important to note that we provide supportive counseling, not therapy. For students who require more comprehensive therapeutic support, we are able to provide referral services and community resources. Counselors are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on a walk-in or appointment basis on the top floor of Segal Hall. Contact: Sharon Donnelly, ext. 2317; or Tiffany Thomas, ext. 4964.

**Tutoring**

The Learning Center, located on the 2nd floor of Segal Hall, provides individual and group tutoring free of charge to all DVC students. To request tutoring in a specific course, students are asked to complete a Tutoring Request Form which is available in the Learning Center or on the Campus Portal. For additional information about tutoring, contact James Yard, at ext. 2452 or via email at james.yard@delval.edu

**Learning Support Services (Disability Resources)**

Students with disabilities may be eligible to receive academic accommodations. The College requires appropriate documentation of the disability in order for a student to receive services. Accommodations may include extended time on tests, note taking assistance, interpreters or other adjustments, as needed. **Learning Support Services students are responsible for taking an active role throughout their college career in initiating and seeking appropriate accommodations.** (Contact: Sharon Malka, x2490)

**Technology Services**

**TLS – Technology and Library Services**

The TLS Department is comprised of three major divisions –

- **Client Services:** James R. Linden, Director, x2446
- **Technology Services:** x4357 (HELP)
- **Library Services:** Peter Kupersmith, Director, x2254

**Client Services**

Client Services is responsible for client support of technology which develops and maintains an integrated client help desk system, end-user documentation, desktop computing support, classroom computing support, classroom audio-visual support, computing and software training, and computing hardware and software purchasing.

Client Services is responsible for Blackboard course management support, training, and content development for online and hybrid courses. The department works closely with faculty to develop skills in online teaching, use of computers and classroom technology, and online course creation. The department also works in collaboration with other departments on campus to assure distance education courses and programs meet quality design and accreditation standards. Instructional technology also manages Blackboard, the DVC portal, and iTunes U.

**Inside DelVal Campus Portal**

In April 2009, the *Inside DelVal* campus portal was launched. By the fall semester, the portal will become the students’ main source of information; complete with important announcements, campus events, items for sale, forms and other resources. In addition, clubs and committees will have pages to provide information and
message boards for their members. This site will also provide single sign-on access to WebAdvisor and Blackboard, so students no longer need to remember different passwords for all three applications.

**Media Services** – Pat Kelly, Media Services Coordinator, x4357 (HELP)
Media Services is located in Eisner Hall, behind the Dining Hall. The Media Services staff is eager to help you design, create, and produce your project. Some of the services the Media Services Department provides are:
- Photographic services - (digital photography assistance and photo editing)
- Video services - (video consultation, editing, duplication, and digital transfer)
- Graphics - (CD ROM graphics available)
- Laminations
- Overhead Transparencies
- Flatbed scanner for scanning photos or graphics
- Optical Character Recognition Software (OCR)
- Copying services:
  - Color copies up to 11x17
  - Scan to .PDF (Portable Document Format) service
- Faxing services
- Equipment is available for students to borrow for school related projects.
- Media Services has convenient hours:
  - Monday –Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm.
- While most services are free, there is a fee charged for some of the services provided by the Media Services Department.

**Technology Services** (contact x4357)
1. There are over 150 computers available on campus for student use, all connected to the college network.
2. There are three computer labs on campus – Feldman 101, Feldman 103 and Allman 204. Computer labs are open for general use Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 6:20pm whenever there are no classes scheduled for the rooms. A room schedule is posted near the door of each room.
3. In addition to the computer labs, there are computer rooms that are open 24 hours/day, 7 days/week in Miller Hall and the Commuter Lounge in the Student Center. There are also computers and laptops in the Library and computers in many residence hall lounges. Networked printers are located in each area. Color printers and scanners are located in the computer labs and 24 hour computer rooms. There is also a dedicated MAC Lab on the lower level of the Library.
4. A wireless network is available in the library, the lobby of Feldman, the first floor of Mandell, the Commuter Lounge, Pub, and Moungis in the Student Center, and all residence halls. If you are not using wireless, you will have to fill out a Network Jack Connection Form. The form is located on the Portal (Department Student – Help Desk) or you can obtain one at the Help Desk (Feldman Room 1). As additional wireless areas are added, students will be notified by email.

**E-Mail**
1. All full time students will receive a Delval e-mail account. Student e-mail accounts can be accessed from any computer connected to the College network or from computers off campus by going to the College’s Inside DelVal portal and clicking on the Email icon.
2. Many students have other e-mail accounts through various providers. However, all students should check their College e-mail account, as offices and faculty contact students via these accounts. Notices of scheduled network and server maintenance
are also announced via email. E-mail accounts are not backed up, and the College is not responsible for any lost e-mail. Students can forward their DelVal email to another email address.

**Internet Access**
Internet access is available on all computers connected to the College network.

**WebAdvisor**
WebAdvisor is a system that permits you to access your academic information from your computer. Some of the options available are:
- Print your class schedule
- Print unofficial transcripts of your grades
- Review the master schedule of classes,
- Print program evaluations,
- Review financial aid information
- Register for classes.
- View and pay bills online.

WebAdvisor is accessed from the College’s *Inside DelVal* portal using the user name and password that are given to you. Please keep your user name and password confidential, as anyone with this information will have access to your academic records.

**Residence Hall Networking**
Delaware Valley College has network connections in rooms in all residence halls on the main campus. If you are bringing your personal computer to campus, you have the option of connecting to the College’s network. Connecting your computer to the network will give you the same access to the Internet that you have in the computer labs, but without leaving your room. There is also a wireless network available in all residence halls. Information on system requirements and how to get connected to the network can be found on the Technology Services web page (www.delval.edu, Technology).

**Technology Fee**
1. This fee charged to resident and commuter students includes basic cable television, and use of computers in classroom buildings, residence hall lounges, and the 24-hour computer laboratories.
2. In addition, the fee includes telephone service, data jacks for each bed in a residence hall room, wireless network access in many areas of the campus, access to the Inside DelVal campus portal from on or off campus, Internet access, access to electronic library resources.
3. Technology used by students in classrooms and the Media Services Department is partially supported by the fee. Commuter students pay a lower fee than resident students.
4. Other services available:
   - Basic Cable Television: Basic cable television service is ready for use in each residence hall room. If you experience problems with your cable TV reception, Email support@delval.edu or call x4357 (HELP). Include details of the problem along with your building and room number.

**Telephone Service** *(Contact: phones@delval.edu or x4357)*
1. The College provides telephone service in each residence hall room and in various hall locations. This service includes free local calls (campus and Doylestown exchanges), and the telephone itself.
2. Additional information about telephone service may be obtained from the
Technology Services webpage (www.delval.edu, Technology). Information is also available from the Helpdesk at phones@delval.edu or x4357.

3. Billing calls or services to your residence hall room telephone extension is strictly prohibited. This includes accepting collect calls, wake up calls or any special services that are not available on campus. A student’s tuition account will be charged if the College is billed for services of this type.

4. Located across campus are 10 Emergency Phones (Identified by their Blue Light). The locations are:
   - NBC Classrooms
   - D-Lot - along walkway
   - Lake Archer
   - Mandell Bldg - rear near parking lot
   - Alumni Lane - between South and Goldman halls
   - Berkowitz - A-lot side
   - South - rear near Campus loop rd.
   - Centennial - near parking lot
   - Admissions Parking lot - near walkway
   - Equestrian Center - near parking lot

   **Emergency dial 911**
   Dialing 911 will register your location in the Bucks County Police Radio Room and the Delaware Valley College Security Office. **Dialing 911 as a prank will result in a $500.00 fine.**

**Transportation Services**
(Contact Noel D’Arrigo, x 2408)

1. Please email Noel D’Arrigo with any vehicle requests.
2. These vehicles are available for academic field trips, athletic trips and administrative events.
3. Student clubs/organizations requesting transportation should contact Student Involvement at 215-489-4129. Transportation Services does not schedule trips for student clubs or organizations.
4. Transportation Services coordinates rental reservations of vans and buses. Departments requesting rental vehicles are responsible for the cost of the rental.
5. Students are not permitted to drive rental vehicles.

**Reservations**

1. Request forms are available at the Office of Transportation Services, Public Safety and Security, Student Affairs, Lasker Hall receptionist desk and Departmental Secretaries.
2. All student clubs and organizations who want to reserve transportation for an event must complete an Event Request Form and submit it to the Office of Student Involvement at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
3. IF, buses (such as Motor Coach and School) or the college’s Omni Bus are required for events, three weeks (minimum) notification.

**Student Drivers**

1. Only students who are currently employed by the college (Resident Advisors, Presidential Diplomats, Tutors and other college departments) and have a current valid driver’s license are eligible to become approved college vehicle drivers.
2. Interested students are to come to the Office of Transportation Services, located in the Farm Machinery Building (beside D-Lot) to make an appointment for a driver’s test.
3. All students who successfully complete the driver’s test will be authorized to operate a College vehicle for one semester at a time.
4. Students are not permitted to operate any College vans, with passengers, off Campus.
5. Students must be in possession of a valid State Issued driver’s license for a minimum of 3 years and be at least 21 years of age to drive Off Campus.
6. Students must be in possession of a valid State Issued driver’s license for a minimum of 2 years and be at least 18 years of age to drive On Campus.

Policy and Procedures
1. College Administration, Faculty or Professional Staff member must accompany students on all trips.
2. College vehicles are tobacco and alcohol free environments. All tobacco (smoking, chewing / dipping, etc. and alcohol (beer, wine, liquor, etc.) and illegal drug products are prohibited. Severe penalties will be imposed for the violation of this alcohol and drug policy.
3. Drivers of college vehicles are accountable for their actions while behind the wheel. Any speeding, traffic or parking violations are the responsibility of the “driver” and will not be paid by the college.
4. Removal of excess trash (drink containers, food and wrappers, etc.) is the responsibility of everyone riding in the vehicle.
5. The Director of Transportation Services reserves the right to forfeit driving privileges by the group, department or person that was issued the vehicle if any of the above policy and procedures is violated.

Weather Emergencies
1. If it becomes necessary to close or delay opening of the College due to weather emergencies, the announcement will be made via the radio, television, phone voice mail, and through the RA network. KYW radio and their web site use a number code, and DVC’s number is 770. The other stations will use the College’s name.
   A. KYW (1060 AM radio or www.kyw1060.com), school #770
   B. KYW-3 television
   C. WCAU Philadelphia – (NBC 10 TV or www.NBC10.com)
2. You can also find out about closing and delays through the College’s voicemail system. If you are on campus, dial ext. 4855 then the (*) key. Off campus, dial 215-345-1500. The main greeting will tell you if the College is closed or classes are delayed.
3. During the Fall and Spring Semesters and January Term: (Monday through Friday classes). For students and faculty, if the College opens one hour late, the first period is CANCELED (8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.). A two hour late opening means the first and second periods are CANCELED (8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.). Depending on the radio announcement, staff would be expected to arrive one or two hours late. If the College is closed, day classes are CANCELED.
4. PLEASE NOTE: Laboratory instructors (with labs covering periods I and II) must have a policy as to whether their class is expected to appear for period II if the College opens one hour late. Faculty should review this policy with their class. It is recommended that the lab should meet for period II. Faculty should explain this policy in their first class meeting and in their syllabi.
5. A separate announcement will be made for the cancellation of Evening and Weekend College classes. The radio and television stations will be notified by 3:30 p.m. for Evening College class cancellations Monday through Friday.
The Weekend College class cancellation announcement will be made by 6:30 a.m. for morning classes and 10:30 a.m. for afternoon classes. **ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE CALL THE COLLEGE’S VOICE MAIL SYSTEM OR TUNE INTO ONE OF THE STATIONS LISTED ABOVE!**

**Student Activities and involvement**

**Events and activities**

Each semester the Student Involvement Office offers a number of social, intellectual, and cultural programs for the enrichment of student life. These activities include, but are not limited to: dances, talent shows, weekend trips, karaoke, lectures, comedians, musicians, and much more. Events are generally free and open to all DelVal students. A calendar of events is given to students at the beginning of each semester.

**Community Service**

The Delaware Valley College Community Service Program encourages students to learn and grow through community service opportunities. Serving as a primary contact to outside organizations, the program offers information on both local and regional service activities to both individual students and student groups. These unique experiences help foster a connection to the community while providing an opportunity to learn from outside the classroom situations and through hands on experience. The Community Service Program also supports Delaware Valley College’s Annual Pride & Polish event and New Student Weekend of Welcome (WOW).

**Clubs and Organizations**

Clubs and organizations offer a great opportunity to meet new people, learn leadership and teamwork skills, and enhance your resume. Groups and clubs also sponsor a number of campus events and activities each semester. Pick a club and get involved! You can also start a new group or club if there are none that meet your interest. For more information on how to join a group or club or start a new one, contact the Student Involvement Office at 215.489.4129

**Student Government**

**Student Government Board**– The Student Government Board is the liaison between the students and the administration, and acts as a coordinating unit for all campus groups. Activities include weekly meetings, elections, Winter Semi-Formal, Recognition Ceremony, and/or other activities that are deemed to be appropriate. Membership on the board includes positions elected by the Student Body: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Class Senate Representatives and representatives of various clubs and organizations. There are also liaisons appointed to the Student Government Board by it’s President.

The following Organizations have representatives sit on the Student Government Board:

**A-Day Committee**– Each spring, an agricultural and scientific exposition is held on campus sponsored by students! Join this committee and help organize all campus activities held over three days. All clubs are welcome to participate in this extravaganza.

**Commuter Student Association (CSA)**– This council plans and provides a number of activities and events specifically for commuter students. This organization also addresses the needs and issues of commuter students to the Student Government Board and the Student Affairs Office. The CSA and its activities are open to all commuter students.
Halloween Haunting~ This organization of students creates a haunted house and hayride. Proceeds go to our scholarship fund. All students are encouraged to join the fun and help with set-up and clean-up as well as to participate in the event.

Inter-Club Council (ICC)~ This council provides information and promotes communication between clubs and organizations. The council monitors club activities and coordinates participation amongst each other. Each year this organization runs the Club and Organization Expos, Pride & Polish, and Homecoming. The council consists of one representative from each recognized club/organization.

Inter-Greek Council (IGC)~ This council governs, provides information, and promotes communication between all Greek Organizations. The council also monitors and coordinates fraternity and sorority activities. The council plans recruitment activities, Greek Week, and provides leadership, professional, multicultural, and member development opportunities. The council consists of an executive board, two representatives from each organization, and a representative from Order of Omega.

Minority Relations Council (MRC)~ The purpose of this council is to govern, monitor and support minority clubs and organizations on campus and to open a line of communication with the Student Government Board about these groups’ issues, concerns, and events and activities they sponsor.

Resident Student Association (RSA) ~ This organization serves as a venue for residential students to make a positive impact in the residence hall community through programming, involvement, and communicating with the Office of Residence Life, Office of Student Affairs, and the Student Government Board.

Student Activities Council (SAC)~ This organization is responsible for generating groups activities designed to educate and entertain the campus community. Committees include Center Stage, Daytime Programs, Live Entertainment, Marketing, and Special Events. If you like planning and producing events, this is the group for you.

Campus Media
Cornucopia (Yearbook)~ Cornucopia is responsible for the creation of the college’s annual yearbook. From theme identification to a Senior Ads campaign there are many exciting jobs for yearbook staff. Staff members work on photography of campus events, story writing, layout creation, proofs, and cover design. Cornucopia is open to all students who have an interest in photography and design.

Gleaner (Literary Publication)~ The Gleaner is an annual literary and artistic journal. It features poetry, short stories, creative nonfiction, drawings, paintings, and photos submitted by our students, faculty, and staff. Students may take “The Gleaner” for credit. If so they become part of the staff, responsible for the selection and layout of the material for the journal.

RamPages (Online Newspaper)~ The RamPages is the Delaware Valley College newspaper and is published online. RamPages is run by students that are studying or are interested in mass media. It’s an outstanding medium for students who want to write about campus news, sports, culture, or science

Interest Related
Animal Lifeline Rescue University~ Animal Lifeline is a support organization for rescues, shelters, and municipal groups who advocate for homeless animals everyday. Activities include socializing and caring for dogs at rescues, Spring Break trips to help build, fix and organize shelters, animal training, and much more.

Apiary Society~ The study of the science and art of beekeeping! Maintain the Honey House, harvest honey; participate in candle making and educational programs. Open to all!

College Republican Club~ The mission of the College Republican Club is to inform
the students of Delaware Valley College about the ideals of fiscal conservatism and small government and the role these play in society/world today and in the future. The club will sponsor field trips to local, state and national government offices, volunteer campaigns, discussion forums and other events to raise awareness of conservative views within government.

**Drama Club**~ The DVC Players exist to allow students an avenue for expression. Whether your talents exist on stage or behind the scenes, the DVC Players welcome all members of the college community including students, faculty and staff to help us make our college community a more diverse and entertaining place. Annual events include: Comedy Night, Rocky Horror Picture Show, and the Spring Show. There is also an Improv Troupe within the club open to both DVC and local communities. More information can be found at [www.delvaldrama.com](http://www.delvaldrama.com).

**Equine Club**~ Helps you to expand your knowledge of horses and horsemanship. Club trips and speakers. Open to all!

**FFA**~ Promotes leadership and citizenship, and encourages better understanding of agricultural careers. We also promote trips, guest speakers, and films. Open to all interested students!

**Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever (GLOW) Club**~ This group is comprised of gay and straight students and promotes awareness and education of Gay/Lesbian/Bi-sexual/Transgendered/Questioning issues. Events and activities are planned around National Coming Out Day and the Day of Silence as well as many other events. This group is open to all students.

**Hillel**~ A social and cultural group for Jewish students, faculty, and staff. Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish undergraduate and graduate students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. Hillel is open to all people to help experience Jewish culture.

**Impact**~ Promotes and strengthens the spiritual life of its members. We are non-denominational and meet on campus throughout the year. Open to all students.

**Students for Diversity**~ Dedicated to the acceptance, understanding, and recognition of diversity. Promotes diversity of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender etc. through educational programs, cultural events, volunteer work, trips, and multicultural forums/lectures. Students for Diversity works to create an inclusive DeiVal community and maintain respect and understanding of diversity. Open to all students.

**Clubs~ Major/Career Related**

**Agronomy**~ Promotes interest in the fields of Agronomy, Environmental Science, and Turf. We sponsor a Soil Judging team, have fun on A-Day, and have club trips and lectures. Open to all!

**Animal Science Society**~ Explores various fields of veterinary science and helps you acquire greater understanding of animals and their environments. Field trips, speakers! Open to all majors!

**Biology Club**~ Acquaints its members with the latest frontiers of biological science and career opportunities. Go on field trips! Open to all students!

**Block and Bridle**~ Promotes interest in the field of livestock and allied industries. Open to all!

**Chemistry Club**~ Promotes interaction with students who share an interest in chemistry and to provide members with the opportunity to become acquainted with chemists in various professional occupations.

**Criminal Justice Club**~ The purpose of the Criminal Justice Club shall be to bring people together who have a shared interest in the Criminal Justice system. The club will plan, attend, and sponsor educational symposia, guest speakers, job fairs, and
the like on various criminal justice issues.

Dairy Society~ Promotes interest and participation in Dairy Science. Speakers present various aspects and interests of the dairy industry. Open to all!

Education Club~ Promotes peaceful learning in our school. The club sponsors workshops for students and performs work in the schools in the community. Open to all Education Majors!

Engaging Designers for a Greener Environment (E.D.G.E.)~ E.D.G.E will enhance the learning of environmental design to students and the community. The club reaches far beyond aesthetics to give attention to the issues, which will positively affect tomorrow and help shape a healthier, more beautiful and livable world. The club’s activities will concentrate on preparing members for their ecological futures in Landscape Architecture/ Design

Floral Society~ Expands your knowledge of the floral industry through speakers, field trips, and professional meetings. Open to all!

Food Industry Club~ Promotes interest in the food industry by acquainting members about new methods and career opportunities through participation in field trips, club activities, and professional meetings. Open to all!

Fraud Club~ Our mission is to promote fraud awareness on campus by providing anti-fraud knowledge and networking opportunities through educational events for students, faculty, and staff. We will endorse ethics training for students to enable them to develop education, research, leadership, and networking skills in the field of fraud examination.

Horticulture Society~ Expand your mind! Increase your knowledge of horticulture through club projects, field trips, discussions, and guest speakers. This club serves the College and the surrounding community and all members become participants in the American Society for Horticultural Science Association of the Collegiate Branches. Open to all!

Intercollegiate Judging Team~ This group sponsors dairy, livestock, equine, soil, and fruit judging teams which compete in intercollegiate judging contests. Open to all - check it out!

Landscape Nursery Club~ Develop your landscaping awareness - help beautify the world using the correct techniques! Seminars, trade shows, guest speakers, field trips, competitions, fund raisers, A-Day, volunteer work with local communities, and participation in the beautification of campus. Open to all!

Positive Awareness of Wildlife and Zoos (PAWZ)~ PAWZ is dedicated to improving the welfare of animals in the wild and in captivity through enrichment, volunteer work, and public education. We also provide our members with more opportunities in Zoological and Wildlife work atmospheres by networking with different places, such as the Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, and Elmwood Park zoos

Project EARTH~ Project E.A.R.T.H.’s mission is to increase environmental awareness at Delaware Valley College and the surrounding community as well as to decrease the college’s environmental impact. This is to be done through members volunteering time and effort to helping in issues such as recycling and composting on campus. E.A.R.T.H. will also bring forth issues of concern to faculty and staff meetings to influence maintenance and overall college sustainability issues.

Psychology Club~ This club is for those who are interested in the field of psychology. Guest speakers, trips, and on campus events are arranged to further the field of psychology.

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)~ Supplements the students’ knowledge of business administration and free enterprise. Go on field trips; participate in club projects with the community! SIFE promotes members’ understanding of and networking in the business world. Open to all.
Turf Club—Promotes interest in the turf environment, such as golf courses, athletic fields, and other recreational turf facilities. We sponsor various speakers, numerous trips, and many college events. Open to all students.

Wildlife Society—As a student chapter of The Wildlife Society, DVC TWS members actively strive to meet the goals set by The Wildlife Society national organization including; fostering campus and community awareness of wildlife issues, augmenting the educational opportunities for students in natural resources at DVC, preparing members for careers in wildlife biology, conservation, and management, encouraging professionalism and high standards of scholarship, and coordinating with the national organization and other local chapters. The DVC TWS holds chapter meetings on a regular basis, participates in activities and conferences sponsored by other chapters, provides field experience opportunities, and conducts educational programs for the DVC campus and surrounding community.

Sports-related/Recreation Clubs

Dance Team—The dance team performs at several on/off campus events (such as halftime at the DVC Basketball games) to promote school spirit and to display good sportsmanship and teamwork.

Dressage Team—The Dressage Team is part of the Intercollegiate Dressage Association. The Dressage team is dedicated to inspiring and improving riders of all levels to become better dressage riders. The Dressage team is open to all full time students of Delaware Valley College. The Dressage Team practices on Wednesday nights. We have several shows every semester. We also participate in A-Day every year.

Intercollegiate Equestrian Team—The Hunt Seat and Stock Seat Equestrian Teams compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association at all levels. We also participate in club activities such as A-Day, Halloween Haunting, and team fundraisers. We promote teamwork, support, and healthy competition in all of our forms.

Men’s Lacrosse—Promotes interest in and knowledge of the sport - and stimulates competition on campus! Games against other college teams are scheduled. Open to all!

Women’s Lacrosse—Promotes interest in and knowledge of the sport - and stimulates competition on campus! Games against other college teams are scheduled. Open to all!

Rock Climbing—This promotes the recreational sport of rock climbing and offers a place to practice and hone rock climbing technique. Several off campus trips to indoor facilities and outdoor parks are scheduled throughout the semester. This club is open to students of all skill levels.

Skiing & Outdoor Club—The Ski & Outdoor Club promotes and maintains outdoor activities for the Delaware Valley College community in a fun and active environment. Students will have the opportunity to go to mountain trips for skiing and snowboarding in the Winter as well as weekend hiking, whitewater rafting, and skydiving trips in the Fall and Spring.

Sports Management—The Sports Management Club provides students with hands on experience in the community, on campus, and in the sports industry while allowing members to gain field knowledge and networking opportunities.

Ultimate Club—The purpose of the Ultimate Club is to develop a strong community of friends as well as promote an active lifestyle within the confines of Ultimate (also know as Ultimate Frisbee). Pick up games are held outside on the quad during nice weather. This club and the games are open to all no matter your skill level.

Vaulting Team—The DVC Vaulting team is an organization that focuses on basic gymnastics performed on horse-back. It is a club team so we like to include anyone interested in joining. No prior experience with gymnastics or horses is required. We have two teams, one which performs on the practice barrel and one which performs on
the horse. Placement try-outs are usually held within the first month of the fall semester.

Professional Organizations
Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)~ To advocate and promote better understanding of information processing, the related technology and the essential business role of information processing.
National Agricultural Marketing Association (NAMA)~ Educates you in the field of agricultural marketing, product research, finance sales, communication, and public relations. Club meetings, guest speakers, trips. Open to all!

Honor Societies
Delta Tau Alpha - ΔΤΑ~ A national agriculture honor society open to those who meet the G.P.A. and leadership requirements.

Service Based Organizations
FeelGood~ DVC FeelGood is the College chapter of the national non-profit FeelGood, the student run, non-profit deli in the U.S. FeelGood raises money and awareness for the end of world hunger by selling gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches across campus. We will be educating our future leaders while at the same time raising substantial awareness for the end of world hunger. Any student is welcome to join!
Habitat for Humanity~ Promotes an understanding of poverty and low-income housing. Participate in weekend build with local H4H affiliates (groups). Fundraising throughout both fall and spring semesters for the Alternative Spring Break trip to an out of state H4H affiliate for a week of building houses. Fundraising includes apple picking, restaurant nights, John-a-thon, dorm storms, and the solicitation of donations.
Lions Club~ Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 200 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. Known for working to end preventable blindness, Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities. These projects range from cleaning up local parks to providing supplies to victims of natural disasters.

Greek Life
Joining a fraternity or sorority is an excellent way to enhance your learning experience here at DVC. Added to the many social functions that Greeks participate in, fraternities and sororities offer leadership experience, plenty of opportunities to give back to the community through service projects, and provide a life long bond of brotherhood or sisterhood. Students must have completed at least one semester of college to join a fraternity or sorority.

Greek Chapters
Alpha Gamma Rho ~ AΓΡ ~ A national agricultural fraternity that focuses on the professional development of their brothers. The purpose of this organization is to make better men, and through them a broader and better agriculture by surrounding each member with influences that encourage individual endeavor, resourcefulness and aggressive effort along lines making for the development of the better being. Not only is AGR a professional organization, but social, with a strong group of core members.
Alpha Phi Omega ~ ΑΦΩ ~ This national, coed, service fraternity promotes leadership development, friendship, and service to humanity. APO devotes much of their time to several ongoing community service/development projects.
Delta Epsilon Beta ~ ΔΕΒ ~ Founded in 1996, we are a social sorority. We not only try to establish a strong sisterhood, but encourage lifelong friendships, a shoulder to lean on through the trials and tribulations of school and life. We strive to promote
academic excellence and cultural appreciation while bettering the community through many acts of service. We participate in many on campus activities and try to do as much community service as possible. We participate in Homecoming, Halloween Haunting, Pride and Polish, and A-Day. We also have a strong sisterhood bond with our alumni.

Omega Chi ~ ΩΧ ~ Established in 1989 as Zeta Chi’s little sisters, this organization was officially made the first sorority at Delaware Valley College. This organization participates in all campus activities, community service, and social activities at DVC. Although helping others is important to these women, nothing runs as deep as their commitment to sisterhood.

Rho Epsilon Kappa ~ ΡΕΚ ~ This fraternity is a brotherhood organization that is based on friendship, loyalty, and camaraderie. This brotherhood is for those who enjoy interacting and working together as one to better improve ourselves and the environment around us. Their slogan is “We’re Always Open.”

Sigma Alpha ~ ΣΑ ~ A national professional sorority organized to further the study of agriculture among women by promoting scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. Their objective is to promote its members in all facets of agriculture and to strengthen the bonds of friendship among them.

Zeta Chi ~ ΖΧ ~ The purpose of this social fraternity serves to encourage and instill the cardinal principles of fellowship and loyalty. Members are selected through a new member process.

Order of Omega ~ This National Greek Leadership Honor Society honors students involved with Fraternity and Sorority Life that have shown outstanding leadership abilities both on and off campus while maintaining an outstanding academic record. Members are invited to join each semester and are considered through an application and interview process. Activities include academic recognition events for non-member students and fundraising for an academic scholarship given to local high school students for demonstrating outstanding leadership and academic achievement.

Important Policies for Clubs & Organizations

Recognition Policy ~ All Clubs and Organizations must have an advisor who is currently a full-time faculty or staff member. In order to be recognized, all groups must return their completed Officer Registration Cards and Membership Roster to the Office of Student Involvement. Groups that fail to do so will not be allowed to reserve facilities or vehicles, register programs, or access their budgets. All registration forms are available from the Office of Student Involvement. All forms must include students’ proper names and an advisor’s signature.

Registering an Event or Activity ~

• All clubs and organization events and activities should be registered using an Event Registration Form found in the clubs/organizations office or on the Student Involvement section of the Portal. Event Registration allows clubs and organizations to reserve rooms, request equipment such as tables, chairs, A/V equipment, and obtain transportation.

• All events should be registered at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Limited exceptions will be made to allow events/activities after the 2 week limit by the Director of Student Involvement on a case by case basis.

• Alcohol at certain events/activities is only permitted under the guidelines set forth on the Social Event Registration Packet that is available from the Student Involvement Office and is outlined under the sections Policies and Guidelines for Registered Social Events and the Policy and Guidelines for Off Campus Registered Social Events found on pages 54-56 in this handbook.
Merchandise Procedure for the Clubs & Organizations –
The College’s policy in regard to printed materials is that nothing may be printed (or alluded to) which contradicts policies contained in the Student Handbook. All merchandise (t-shirts, glassware, etc.) designs must be approved by the Director of Student Involvement.

Procedure –
• Obtain an Event Registration form from the Office of Student Involvement
• Return the form with all appropriate signatures, art work and wording.
• The art work and wording will be reviewed by the appropriate individuals (Office of Student Involvement)
• Art work and wording will be approved or disapproved.
• Art work or wording that may be considered offensive to any group/individual is subject to disapproval.
• Once the art work and wording has been approved an organization or club may print their merchandise.

Posting Policy –
• Advertisements and other items must be approved prior to posting by the Office of Student Involvement.
• Approved items may be posted for 60 days.
• Advertising placed on top of other bona fide notices will be removed, as well as publicity employing the wallpaper technique.
• Postings are not permitted on doors, windows, ceilings, painted and glass surfaces, etc.
• Advertising should only be placed on designated bulletin boards in all of the academic buildings and Student Center. A list of approved posting areas can be found in the Office of Student Involvement.
• All postings must be taken down no later than two (2) days after the event is over.
• Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the removal of posted items and/or disciplinary action for your organization.

Transportation –
The Office of Student Involvement encourages groups and clubs to take off campus trips. Please fill out an Event Registration Form and a list of all students attending the trip. Each student attending must also fill out a trip release form. If transportation is needed, please contact the Office of Student Involvement at 215.489.4129

All other policies of the Office of Student Involvement can be found in the Clubs and Organizations Manual, which is a working policy document. This published policy document contains all other policies of the Office of Student Involvement not listed herein. All student groups must adhere to these additional policies. Copies of the Clubs and Organizations Manual are distributed to each registered club and organization at the beginning of the academic year and can be found on the Campus Portal. Any changes made to the Clubs and Organizations Manual throughout the academic year will be relayed at the Inter Club and Inter Greek Council meetings.

ATHLETICS

Intercollegiate Athletics
Our mission is to provide student-athletes with an opportunity to reach their highest potential through intercollegiate competition. We provide quality programs and services to facilitate this overall development. Our focus is to foster life-long learning and leadership; to direct the student-athlete toward self-reliance, self-discipline and responsibility.

The College is a member of the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation (MAC). DVC participates in the Freedom Conference of the MAC and also holds membership with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, (NCAA) Division III. The College is also a member of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC).

**Men’s Varsity Sports:** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Track & Field (indoor and outdoor), Wrestling

**Women’s Varsity Sports:** Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, Track & Field (indoor and outdoor).

The College competes in all Middle Atlantic Conference and NCAA Championship events with individuals or teams that meet the qualifying standards. Participation in NCAA events is limited to conference championships and special at-large nominations. Participation in ECAC Championships is by invitation.

Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse are a club sports and come under the direction of the Inter-Club Council. The department sponsors the Cheerleading Squad.

**Intramural Program**
(Contact: Mr. Matt Levy, x2937)

The intramural program is a series of competitive intra-collegiate competitions among the students of DVC. The Intramural program consists of sports such as flag football, basketball, volleyball and softball. It also goes beyond these traditional sports and includes one day tournaments and even a 100 mile run club to help promote fitness. Additional activities will take place on the first Sunday evening of each month and bring back games you played as a youth such as horseshoes, dodgeball and wiffleball.

The Intramural Program is always looking for reliable students who would like to be trained to be officials or scorekeepers. Call the Athletic Office, x2240, if you are interested in working for the Intramural Program in this capacity.

**Recreational Activities**
Free recreational time is an excellent way to meet friends. The gyms are open from 8:30 a.m.–10 p.m. All our students, staff and faculty are welcome to use the facilities. Guests must be registered with security and you take responsibility for your guest’s behavior.

The fitness/weight room is open during the normal gym hours listed above. For safety reasons, at least two people must be in the fitness/weight room at all times in order to use the facility. Monitors are scheduled at various times.

Outdoor facilities include many fields and terrific running and biking paths, a sand volleyball court, a track and lighted basketball courts. The recreational and athletic facilities at Delaware Valley College are for the use of our students, staff, and faculty only. Guests must sign in at the Public Safety Office; receive a guest pass (one guest per student). Guests are the responsibility of the student, staff, or faculty member, and they must be present with the guest while participating in any recreational activity.

All injuries occurring in or on the athletic facilities or fields must be reported, within 24 hours, to the Athletic Department, x2240; the Public Safety Office, and
STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD

The Student Government Board is the liaison between the Students and the administration, and acts as a coordinating unit for all campus groups. Activities include weekly meetings, elections, Winter Semi-Formal, Recognition Ceremony, and/or other activities that are deemed to be appropriate. Membership on the Board includes positions elected by the Student Body: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Four Class Senate Representatives and Representatives of various clubs and organizations. There are also liaisons appointed to the Student Government Board by the SGB President.

Student Government Board Constitution Preamble

We, the students of Delaware Valley College, hereby establish this Student Government Board as the collective voice of the student body to the other constituent members of the college community.

Article I- Name

This organization shall be called Delaware Valley College Student Government Board.

Article II- Purpose

The Student Government Board, henceforth referred to as the SGB, shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the College. This governing board shall serve as the executive organization for the student body of the college and shall act as the overseeing body for all other campus organizations. SGB shall serve as the executive instrument which oversees the student activity fee and provides a democratic student government in all phases of student life. All petitions or recommendations from students that affect or pertain to the student body or student groups must be forwarded to the SGB for action by the representatives to the SGB. The SGB shall also have unlimited rights of recommendation in all matters pertaining to the student body.

Article III – Membership

Section 1- Voting Body Requirements

No members of SGB may be on probation of any form. All members must have at least a 2.20 cumulative GPA and be planning on attending Delaware Valley College for the full tenure of office.

Section 2- Voting Body

SGB shall be comprised of the following:

*1 President elected by the student body
1 Vice-President elected by the student body
1 Secretary elected by the student body
1 Treasurer elected by the student body
4 Class Senate Representatives; one from each class respectively
1 A-Day representative elected by the A-Day Committee
1 College Media Representative appointed by the College Media organizations
1 Halloween Haunting Representative elected by Halloween Haunting
1 Inter-Club Council Representative elected by Inter-Club Council
1 Inter-Greek Council Representative elected by Inter-Greek Council
1 Student Activities Council Representative elected by the Student Activities Council
1 Commuter Student Association Representative elected by the Commuter Student Association
1 Resident Student Association Representative elected by the Resident Student
Section 3- Advisors
The SGB will also have two official advisors that will be present at all meetings for the purpose of advisement on any topic. One advisor shall be the Vice President for Student Affairs; one shall be a duly selected DVC administrator or faculty member. At no time do these Advisors have a vote on the issues before the SGB.

Article IV - Officers and Duties of Officers
Section 1- SGB Officers and Duties
The Officers of SGB shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Member at Large.
A. SGB President- The President shall have general supervisory powers in all matters concerning the SGB. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees and organizations. The President shall make appointments as needed and as provided for in the Constitution and shall appoint committees as he/she and the SGB feel necessary, consisting either of SGB members, student body members-at-large, and/or both. The President shall perform all duties delegated thereto by the members of the SGB and shall preside over all SGB and Executive Board meetings. The President shall also meet weekly with the College President.
B. SGB Vice-President- The Vice-President shall assist the President in conducting meetings of the SGB and the Executive Board. The Vice-President shall coordinate all official SGB activities including the Winter Semi-Formal, the SGB/R.A. Banquet, the Founder’s Day Award Selection, and the coordination of all Student Body elections. The Vice-President shall serve as the SGB representative to the Faculty at their meetings when requested. The Vice-President shall serve the role of President in the event that he/she is not present.
C. SGB Secretary- The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all proceedings, record the attendance for all SGB meetings, and maintain a file of all correspondence with SGB. The secretary shall also send appropriate tokens to members of this institution who are ill or who have experienced a tragedy in their family.
D. SGB Treasurer- The Treasurer is responsible for the management of all monies, property, and securities of SGB and shall Chair the Allocations Committee. The Treasurer shall submit a budget to SGB for approval two weeks prior to the end of a semester. The cash flow of the SGB shall be reported at each meeting.
E. SGB Member at Large- The Member at Large is elected from the voting body to represent the interests of the board on the Executive Team.

Section 2- Class Officers and Duties
The Officers for each of the four classes shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Class Senate Representative.
A. Class President- the Class President shall have general supervisory powers in all matters concerning his/her respective class. The Class President shall perform all duties delegated to the President by the members of the class, and if those duties so require the attention of the SGB, he/she shall bring them forward. The Class President shall hold at least one open class business meeting per semester.
B. Class Vice-President- The Class Vice-President shall assist the President in all matters concerning the respective class. The Vice-President shall serve the role of President in the event that he/she is not present.
C. Class Secretary- The Class Secretary shall keep accurate records, minutes, atten-
dance, and record all correspondence. He/she will coordinate the distribution of open class minutes to the Class Officers, Class Advisor/s, members of the Class, the SGB President, the SGB Secretary, and the President of the College.

D. Class Treasurer- The Class Treasurer shall take charge of the budgeting requests and the disbursement of class monies, properties, and securities allocated to the class via the SGB.

E. Class Senate Representative- The Class Senate Representative to SGB shall bring forth to the SGB any duties so delegated by the respective class. The Class Senate Representative is responsible for attending all SGB meetings and reporting back to the class officers.

Section 3- Executive Board and Duties
The following positions may be appointed by the President of the SGB, according to qualifications, experience and subject to approval by the SGB in the event that the positions are not able to be filled via the election process. The duty of the Executive Board is to make emergency administrative recommendations concerning the welfare of the Student Body.

The Executive Board of SGB shall consist of the following individuals:
A. SGB President
B. SGB Vice-President
C. SGB Secretary
D. SGB Treasurer
E. Member at Large serves as a general member from the Board
F. SGB Advisor; at least one advisor from the SGB must be present at all meetings.

Members of the Executive Board shall not be permitted to hold additional executive positions on any of the voting bodies of SGB.

Article V Meetings, Quorum, and Attendance
Section 1- Meetings
The SGB shall meet once a week, except when school vacation, final examinations, or other government business interferes. Additional meetings of SGB may be called at any time with advance and sufficient notice by the SGB President when deemed necessary. A meeting of the student body may be called at any time with advance and sufficient notice as well. All meetings shall be run according to Robert's Rules of Order. The SGB Secretary must provide a written agenda for all SGB members to review prior to the scheduled meeting. All representatives must have a report prepared for all meetings.

Section 2- Quorum
At all SGB meetings, a quorum must be present, which is 2/3 of the voting members of the SGB.

Section 3- Attendance
Attendance is mandatory for all voting members. No more than three regular meetings per semester may be missed. In the case of a conflict, a voting member may inform the Secretary in advance of the scheduled meeting of the coming absence and name a substitute representative. This substitute has no voting rights. Failure to comply with this attendance policy may warrant disciplinary action by the Executive Board of SGB, which could include removal from office. If the Executive Board removes the individual from his/her voting position, the affected organization shall immediately select a new representative.

Article VI - Organizations of Student Government
The Constitutions and Bylaws of all of the following Student Organizations must be in accordance with this Constitution. The functions and operations of each of the following organizations fall under the jurisdiction of the SGB, except for monies allocated directly by the College.
Section 1 - A-Day
A. The A-Day Committee shall direct all finances and activities associated with the A-Day Weekend.
B. The A-Day Committee and the A-Day weekend shall utilize and spotlight the College’s resources.
C. The representative of the A-Day Committee shall attend weekly SGB meetings.

Section 2 - College Media
A. The College Media committee shall act as a coordinating unit for Cornucopia, Gleaner, WDVC, and RamPages.
B. The committee shall appoint one person to sit on SGB at weekly meetings.

Section 3 - Halloween Haunting
A. Halloween Haunting shall direct all finances and activities associated with the Halloween Haunting Weekend.
B. Halloween Haunting raises money for DVC student scholarships, utilizes and spotlights the College’s resources, and provides a community outreach.
C. The representative of Halloween Haunting shall attend weekly SGB meetings.

Section 4 - Inter-Club Council (ICC)
A. The ICC shall act as the coordinating unit for all campus clubs and organizations not otherwise governed or addressed by the SGB through two representatives from each organization; one of whom must attend every meeting and one whom will act as an alternate. All affairs of these organizations fall under the jurisdiction of ICC.
B. ICC shall be responsible for coordinating club meetings and activities in conjunction with the Office of Student Involvement.
C. ICC shall coordinate all events with the Office of Student Involvement.
D. All judicial matters concerning member organizations of ICC, shall be advised by the Office of Student Involvement and/or other college officials when deemed necessary by those respective individuals.
E. ICC will elect a representative who will attend weekly SGB meetings.

Section 5 - Inter-Greek Council (IGC)
A. The IGC shall act as the coordinating unit for all campus Greek organizations not otherwise governed or addressed by SGB or ICC through at least two representatives from each Greek Organization governed by IGC. All affairs of these organizations fall under the jurisdiction of IGC, except those affairs where responsibility falls under college officials or SGB as deemed necessary by those respective offices.
B. IGC shall work closely with the Office of Student Involvement.
C. IGC shall coordinate all events with the Office of Student Involvement, ICC or S.A.C. when deemed necessary by the Office of Student Involvement.
D. All judicial matters concerning member organizations of IGC, shall be advised by the Office of Student Involvement and/or other college officials when deemed necessary by those respective individuals.
E. IGC will elect a representative who will attend weekly SGB meetings.

Section 6 - Student Activities Council (S.A.C.)
A. S.A.C. shall be responsible for the coordination and scheduling of campus programming.
B. S.A.C. shall be divided into an executive board, committee directors, and general members.
C. S.A.C. shall work closely with the Office of Student Involvement.
D. S.A.C. will elect a representative who will attend weekly SGB meetings.

Section 7 – Commuter Student Association (CSA)
A. CSA shall act as a liaison between commuter students and SGB.
B. CSA shall have jurisdiction over all affairs concerning commuter students.
C. CSA shall be responsible for coordinating meetings and activities for commuter students in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs.
D. CSA will elect a representative who will attend weekly SGB meetings.

Section 8 – Resident Student Association (RSA)
A. RSA shall act as a liaison between residential students and SGB.
B. RSA shall have jurisdiction over all affairs concerning residential students.
C. RSA shall be responsible for coordinating meetings and activities for residential students in conjunction with the Office of Residence Life.
D. RSA will elect a representative who will attend weekly SGB meetings

Section 9 – Minority Relations Council (MRC)
A. The MRC shall act as a liaison between any college minority relations committees and SGB.
B. The MRC shall act as the coordinating unit for all campus Minority organizations not otherwise governed or addressed by SGB or ICC through at least two representatives from each Minority Organization governed by MRC. All affairs of these organizations fall under the jurisdiction of MRC, except those affairs where responsibility falls under college officials or SGB as deemed necessary by those respective offices.
C. MRC shall work closely with the Office of Student Involvement.
D. MRC shall coordinate all events with the Office of Student Involvement, ICC or S.A.C. when deemed necessary by the Office of Student Involvement.
E. All judicial matters concerning member organizations of MRC, shall be advised by the Office of Student Involvement and/or other college officials when deemed necessary by those respective individuals.
F. MRC will elect a representative who will attend weekly SGB meetings

Article VII Liaisons to SGB
SGB members shall volunteer or be appointed each semester to sit on various specific committees and act as a liaison to the SGB. The President of SGB shall be responsible for the appointment and review of committee members and chairs. These Committee members shall report to the SGB on all important matters pertaining to each Committee.

Section 1- Appointed Liaisons
A. Alumni Relations- Shall act as a liaison responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Alumni Relations Office with the existing student body.
B. Campus Improvements (CI) - Shall act as a liaison between Physical Plant and the SGB. The CI liaison is responsible to bring forth issues concerning maintenance and housekeeping. He/She will also work with housekeeping and other organizations to improve the appearance and beautification of our campus. This person also sits on the Pride & Polish Planning Committee
C. Campus Safety and Security –Shall act as a liaison between SGB and the Office of Public Safety and Security. He/She shall serve as the Security Review Chairperson, which shall oversee the Traffic Court committee as a forum for appealing the receipt of traffic violations.
D. Food- This person shall work with Dining Services to hold monthly meetings to determine food needs and wants on campus.

Section 2 - College Committee Liaisons
The following standing committees exist to fulfill their purposes as stated below. Additional Committees may be appointed as needed by the College President and/or Vice President for Academic Affairs. Members of SGB serve as liaisons to each committee.
A. Academic Standards- Shall discuss and advise the Vice President for Academic Affairs regarding academic standards and integrity. Issues concerning this committee may be brought forth by faculty, students, administration, or staff. Many issues before this Committee are dealt within an atmosphere of confidentiality. This committee shall also be responsible to assist the Vice President for Academic Affairs in maintaining high collegiate academic standards and to encourage academic achievement.
B. Curriculum Committee- This Committee shall discuss and recommend to the Vice President for Academic Affairs additions, deletions, and changes to the course
structures and curriculum at the College.
C. Library and Instructional Resources- This Committee shall discuss and advise on matters concerning the Library and Instructional Resource structure at DVC.
D. Information Systems Planning- The Information Systems Planning committee shall oversee all student technology concerns and serve as the student representative on the Information Systems Planning College committee.
E. Safety- The safety committee shall investigate accidents, review and distribute safety information, make recommendations and suggestions for accident preventions, and enhance a safe and healthy environment for the college community.

**Article VIII SGB Committees**
The following Committees exist to fulfill their purposes as stated below. These are permanent committees unless otherwise noted, and shall not carry a vote. All committees must have a minimum of at least three members. Any bylaws of the following committees shall be in accordance with this constitution.

A. Allocations- This committee shall be chaired by the SGB Treasurer. It is comprised of the SGB President and Treasurer, the Member at Large, the IGC President, the ICC President, the Senior Class President, the S.A.C. President, and the Vice President for Student Affairs; who shall act as the nonvoting advisor. This committee shall review all financial requests submitted to the SGB and determine the appropriate actions according to the SGB Allocations Manual. No member of this committee may be a budget manager or Treasurer for any organizations funded by SGB. The SGB Treasurer shall serve as Committee Chair.

B. Constitutional- This committee shall be chaired by the SGB secretary. It shall be responsible to coordinate the efforts of organizations in the process of revising or amending their constitutions. This committee shall have general authority of recommendation on all constitutional matters.

C. Elections- Shall be responsible for all facets of elections for the SGB Officers and Class Officers. The Elections Committee Chair shall be the SGB Vice-President or a designated representative in the case that the SGB Vice President is up for election.

D. Traffic Court- The Chair of this committee is the Campus Safety and Security Liaison. Appeal forms shall be available in the Office of Public Safety

1. The Judge - Shall schedule and preside over all sessions of the Traffic Court. The Judge must be of at least Sophomore status and be the Security Review Board Chairperson, The judge is responsible to maintain order in court and administer the verdict of the jury.

2. Procedure - The dates of Traffic Court shall be determined by the Judge. A four person impartial jury shall be selected by the Judge from among the Student Body, subject to approval by the SGB President. The Director of Public Safety shall serve as nonvoting advisor to the Traffic Court.

   a. Jurors shall disqualify themselves from cases in which they might be prejudiced.
   b. The jury must return a verdict of responsible or not responsible on each appeal. The judge may vote only in case of a tie.
   c. Following a verdict of responsible, the respective party shall pay any fines as deemed appropriate to the Bursar’s Office within two weeks of the Court date.
   d. All students wishing to be heard, following receipt of the appeal form by the court will be notified of and heard at the first available session. If the respective party is not present, he/she will be judged guilty by default of his/her violation.
   e. Students in a hearing may seek the aid of any other student as an advocate. Should a student enter a plea of not responsible, normal hearing procedure shall follow. Witnesses shall be limited to those that have direct bearing on the case at hand; character witnesses are not admissible.

E. Presidential Council – The SGB president shall be the chair of this committee. This committee shall consist of all the class presidents who will meet with the SGB president once a month.
Article IX – Elections
Elections of SGB Officers and Upperclass Officers shall occur during the Spring Semester prior to the Fall Semester when the office is assumed. The Freshman Class shall elect officers within five weeks of the beginning of the academic year. All prospective SGB Officer Candidates shall be upcoming juniors or seniors with at least one full year demonstrated campus leadership. All class officers must be a member of their designated class. All prospective candidates must be in good academic standing (GPA 2.20 minimum) and can not be on any form of probation, and planning on attending DVC for the full tenure of office. A student may not simultaneously run for election as an SGB Officer and/or class officer. For the procedures of General Elections, Freshman Elections, Recall Elections and further qualifications, guidelines, and responsibilities of a candidate, please refer to the Elections Manual. The Elections Committee Chair and his/her committee has jurisdiction over all affairs relating to elections.

Article X - Vacancies
In the event that any SGB member vacates his/her position, their respective club or organization shall appoint a replacement. In event that this does not occur the SGB President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term of office. Should the SGB President vacate his/her position, the Vice-President shall then assume the Presidency.

Article XI - Removal from Office
Any member of the SGB may be impeached and removed from office for unbecoming conduct or failure to fulfill his/her responsibilities as set forth in this document.

Section 1- Impeachment and Removal
Charges for Impeachment may be brought forth by any member of the SGB. A special Investigation Committee shall be formed, which should consist of five impartial students, one from each class plus one member at large appointed by the SGB and its Advisors. The Committee shall meet with the party in question in order to seek clarification and/or a resolution. If a resolution cannot be reached between the Committee and the person identified, the Committee shall bring the matter forth to the SGB for a vote of confidence. A ¾ vote of the entire SGB is necessary to warrant removal from office.

Article XI - Funding and Allocations
The SGB shall receive a Student Government Fee of $100 per student per semester, $15 of which is transferred to the respective classes. All organizational budget requests shall be submitted for approval to the Allocations Committee. The Allocations Committee shall disperse the above funding in order to provide for student activities programming and other expenses. SGB money cannot be appropriated to any student or college organization unless said money will benefit the student body. The SGB Allocations Committee reserves the option to receive treasurer’s reports from any and all organizations at any time. In the event of severe emergency, the Executive Board shall have the authority to make emergency financial decisions for immediate use. All checks must be co-signed by the SGB Treasurer or the SGB President, and either the Vice President for Student Affairs, or Director of Student Involvement. Check requests by individual groups must be signed by the group’s treasurer & advisor. Anything over $1,000.00 must be signed by the Vice President for Student Affairs. The SGB fee and Class dues portion may be changed by a 2/3 vote of the entire SGB, pending approval of the College President.

Article XI - Awards
Section 1–SGB Founders’ Day Service Awards
These three awards shall be presented by the SGB President annually at the Founders’ Day Ceremony to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the SGB and the Student Body. One award each goes to a member of the administration, faculty, and staff; as determined by the College payroll listing. The SGB shall make nominations and vote upon these nominations after a one week delay.

Section 2–Student Activities Award
This award shall be presented annually at the SGB Recognition Ceremony to a member of S.A.C. who has shown outstanding involvement and leadership abilities in Student Activities for the past year.

Section 3–Student Government Awards
These awards shall be presented annually at the SGB Recognition Ceremony, one to a member who has shown outstanding involvement and leadership abilities in Student Government for their first year of service. The other award shall be presented annually at the SGB Recognition Ceremony to a member who has shown outstanding involvement and leadership abilities in Student Government for their service of two or more years. These awards shall be voted upon by the members of Student Government.

Section 4–Ms. Pamela Blodget Outstanding Senior Service Award
This award will be presented annually at the SGB Recognition Ceremony to a senior board member serving at least two years on the board. This award will be given to the member who has shown outstanding service and dedication towards the betterment of Delaware Valley College. The recipient should be looked upon as being a role model by their peers and should exemplify goodwill in human relations. This award shall be voted upon by the members of the SGB.

Section 5–Outstanding Dedication Award
This award shall be presented annually at the SGB Recognition Ceremony to a member of the faculty, staff, or administration who has worked above and beyond the call of duty for the betterment of students.

Section 6–Dr. William H. Allison Service Award
This award shall be presented annually at the SGB Recognition Ceremony to a faculty member who has shown outstanding and unending dedication to the DVC student body throughout the past year. The recipient of this award shall be selected by the SGB President and Vice-President.

Section 7–Mr. Paul R. Schatschneider Service Award
This award shall be presented annually at the SGB Recognition Ceremony to a staff or administration member who has shown outstanding and unending dedication to the DVC student body throughout the past year. The recipient of this award shall be selected by the SGB President and Vice-President.

Section 8–Student Government Hall of Fame
This award shall be the single most prestigious honor bestowed upon a member of the DVC Community. It shall not necessarily be an annual award, for Hall of Fame members may come but once in a while. Hall of Fame members shall be inducted based upon: their love and dedication to their fellow human beings, loyalty to our Alma Mater, and vision for the SGB and Student Body. All of their labors shall be viewed as a benchmark for success, to be shared with all current and future DVC Community members.

A. Induction Requirements and Process
1. It shall be the responsibility of the SGB President to inform SGB each year of the nomination procedures. Evidence for nomination consideration must be presented for consideration at the next meeting and must stand for examination for at least one full week. After this time the nominees may be voted upon.
2. The candidate or the candidate’s family shall decide whether to accept a nomination. Any candidate declining nomination shall not be nominated again.
3. Induction of a nominee shall be accomplished by a 2/3 ballot vote of the entire SGB.
4. Only one vote shall be permitted per year.
5. Only one candidate may be inducted per year.
6. The ballots shall be counted by the Vice-President and Advisors, and the meeting of the vote may not be adjourned until the results are given.
7. The awards shall be consistent in size and design to others already hanging, and shall be unveiled and presented at the SGB banquet or an equivalent event.
8. A biography of each respective Hall of Fame member shall be attached to the front of the plaques to ensure that future DVC members remember why each member was inducted.
9. Each plaque shall be placed in the Rosenfeld Room.

**B. SGB Hall of Fame Members**
The names of the SGB Hall of Fame members shall forever be listed in the SGB Constitution. With each new Hall of Fame inductee, the constitution should be considered automatically amended.
The Current SGB Hall of Fame Members are:
Dr. William Allison, inducted April 4, 1994
Mr. Paul Schatschneider, inducted April 4, 1994
Mr. Joseph Fulcoly, inducted May 5, 1995
Dr. Craig Hill, inducted May 5, 1995
Dr. Joshua Feldstein, inducted March 17, 1998
Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, inducted March 29, 2002
Dr. James Work, inducted March 29, 2002
Mrs. Dottie Chizek inducted April 1, 2003

**Article XIV - Amendments**
This Constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire SGB. Direct approval by the President of the College shall be necessary for any amendments to be officially accepted.

**RESIDENCE LIFE**
The Office of Residence Life cultivates a living-learning environment where students can flourish within the structure and support of our college community. It is our intent to challenge our students and provide opportunities through consistent and collaborative efforts so that they may reach their fullest potential. We embrace the unique and diverse qualities and cultures each student brings to our community. To this end, we strive to guide and mentor our students to become successful, contributing, and interdependent citizens of society.

**Residence Life Staff**
**Area Coordinator (AC)** - Professional staff members living in the residence halls. They supervise Resident Assistants, manage the residence halls, and are generally responsible for creating and sustaining a living/learning community.

**Resident Assistant (RA)** - Upper-class students, chosen by the college through an interview process. They live in the residence halls and oversee a floor of their peers. The RA’s serve as mentors and resources, assist with personal, social, and academic issues, enforce college policies, and sustain an environment that encourages interaction and learning.

**Residence Hall Policies**
All residence hall policy violations are subject to sanctions as described in the Delaware Valley College Student Code of Conduct. General sanctions may include disciplinary warnings, fines, community service hours, disciplinary probation and/or dismissal from residence halls.
I. Housing Assignment Policies and Procedures

A. Housing Agreements

i. Prior to residing in College housing, each student must sign a Housing Agreement. This document serves as a binding agreement between the student and the College pertaining to the conditions of residing on campus. Housing Agreements are effective from the moment they are signed until the completion of the applicable academic year.

ii. Should a student break the signed agreement by withdrawing from campus housing prior to the completion of the academic year, a Housing Agreement Cancellation Fee will be applied using the following fee schedule:

- Between signing of the agreement and June 1: $300 fee
- After June 1 until the end of the applicable academic year: $600 fee

B. Loss of Housing Privilege

Any student who demonstrates that his/her presence in the residence hall is detrimental to him/herself, other students, or to the college community through actions or violations of policies and/or procedures will be subject to disciplinary action and loss of residence hall privileges. Students removed from housing will not receive any portion or refund of housing fees or forgiveness of housing fees yet due.

C. Room Assignments

i. Room and board charges cover a period of thirty (30) weeks during each college year. When a student requests a room, the reservation is considered to be for a complete academic year, and the student will be billed accordingly.

ii. Students cannot deny someone the right to live on campus. Students who are uncooperative in the placement of a new roommate will be subject to disciplinary actions. Any student who fails to comply with accepting a new roommate or who makes the process difficult will receive an automatic single room designation as well as the accompanying $1,000 charge for the remainder of the semester.

iii. No student may claim “ownership” of a specific housing assignment. All students assigned to a room are considered as having equal rights to that room as shared space, regardless of when each roommate moved in. Furthermore, all roommates retain equal rights to the room regardless of whose housing lottery number was used to secure the room during housing selection.

iv. If space permits, students without roommates may request to live in a single room. Single rooms will be charged an additional $1,000 per semester over the cost of a regular room. Requests must be made to the Residence Life Office in writing. The College reserves the right to consolidate students who do not request to keep their room as a single.

v. Students must maintain full-time status each semester as defined by the Registrar’s Office to live in campus housing. Any exceptions to this policy are at the discretion of the Residence Life Office.

vi. Failure to complete an online Room Condition Report within two weeks of moving into a room will result in that student’s forfeiture of his/her right to appeal any room damages that are assessed after the student moves out. Online Room Condition Report can be found on the
Students are expected to use the room to which they are assigned as their primary residence and sleeping quarters on campus. Students who sleep or stay in other students’ rooms on campus excessively will be considered making an unauthorized room change.

D. Housing Accommodations for Medical and Mental Disabilities
i. Any student in need of special housing accommodations based on a specific medical or mental health condition must submit a formal request to the Director of Residence Life. All requests must be submitted using the official request form, which can be found on the Residence Life page of the Campus Portal. All request forms must be completed by a treating medical professional. The documentation will be reviewed and the student will be notified of approval status. Students approved for single rooms will be charged the applicable single room fee of $1,000 per semester in addition to the regular room rate.

ii. Window air conditioners not owned by the College are not allowed in the residence halls. Students in need of air conditioning due to a medical need will be provided a widow air conditioner if approved. Students must submit an official request form in addition to an asthma and allergy verification form, both to be completed by a treating medical professional. Air conditioners will only be provided if it is required due to a disability. Under the law, a disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person’s major life activities. The treating physician must describe the disability in the request forms. If the student is approved for an air conditioner, the Physical Plant will provide and install the air conditioner at no charge.

E. Room Changes
i. If roommates are having difficulties living together, the process begins with a mediation meeting between the roommates and their RA. The RA will work with the residents to resolve the issues. No room changes due to roommate conflict will be approved unless efforts are first made to resolve the problem through mediation.

ii. In cases of mutual room switches, residents must first submit a Room Change Request form. No students are permitted to change rooms until this form is approved by the Residence Life Office. Changing rooms without approval will result in a fine of $100.00 and/or disciplinary sanctions.

iii. No room changes are permitted during the first two weeks of each semester, and requests will only be approved if housing space is available.

iv. In suite style housing, students are assigned to a specific bedroom, and may not switch rooms within the suite without approval from the Residence Life Office.

F. Request to Move Off Campus
Residents may move off campus prior to the end of their Housing Agreement by submitting a Request to Move Off Campus form. If approved, this
request would be considered a breach of the Housing Agreement and a Housing Cancellation fee will be applied to the student’s account. This fee does not apply if the student is graduating, transferring, withdrawing from the college, taking a leave of absence, student teaching, or working at an internship approved by the appropriate department and related to their academic program.

G. Administrative Relocation
The College reserves the right to change a student’s housing assignment. This may be enacted when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the college community, for housing space and consolidation purposes, or when there are irreconcilable differences between roommates.

H. Room Keys
i. Students are issued a numbered residence hall key for their assigned room. If a key is lost or stolen, it must be reported to the Residence Life Office. In the case of stolen keys, a report should be filed with the Public Safety and Security Office.

ii. If a student loses his/her issued key or fails to return their key upon checking out of a room, the college locksmith will replace the lock and issue new keys. The charge will be billed to the responsible resident’s student account. The charge is $150.00 for 4- or 6-person suites, and $100.00 for all other rooms.

iii. Students locked out of their rooms may contact an RA, AC, or the Public Safety and Security Office. A student who is locked out will only be given access to his/her own room as assigned and must show valid ID.

iv. Room keys may not be duplicated or loaned to another student or individual. Unauthorized possession and/or use of any key will result in disciplinary action.

v. Original keys must be returned to a member of the Residence Life staff at the time of checkout. The Residence Life Office will not accept keys that are mailed or otherwise returned after the student leaves on-campus housing.

I. Check-In/Check-Out
i. Each student is responsible for completing an RCR (Room Condition Report) and returning the RCR to his/her RA within 2 weeks of move-in. All damages, defects, or missing furniture that exist in the room upon check-in should be recorded on the RCR and reported to the RA. Any damages, defects, or missing property not recorded on the RCR will be the responsibility of the student at the time of check-out. If the Residence Life Office has no RCR on file for a student, the student will be assigned responsibility for all damages.

ii. It is expected that all residence hall rooms remain in the same condition as when the student moved in. Rooms must be cleaned and cleared of personal items before vacating the residence hall room. The College cannot accommodate large trash items such as sofas, chairs, carpets, or entertainment units, and these items must be taken home upon check-out.

iii. When leaving on-campus housing, room keys must be returned at
the time of check-out.  \[see\ \textit{Room Keys}\]

iv.  Upon withdrawing from College housing, all personal property must be removed from the premises at that time. Personal property not removed shall be considered abandoned and may be disposed of by the College at its discretion.

v.  The following are commonly avoidable fines that are assessed when a student moves out.  This list is not complete.

1.  Students failing to check out will be assessed for Improper Check Out - $100.00
2.  Students failing to clean and/or remove discarded items will be assessed for Improper Housekeeping – hourly rate for housekeeping staff
3.  Students failing to return room keys will be assessed for Failure to Return Key – \[see\ \textit{Room Keys}\]
4.  Students failing to clean their Microfridge will be assessed for Microfridge Cleaning - $25.00
5.  Abandoning personal furniture or belongings:  minimum of $100.00

J.  Damage Assessment

i.  Assigned Rooms

1.  All residents are responsible for the care and cleanliness of their assigned rooms, including common rooms within suites. Costs of damage to individual rooms will be assessed against the occupants or responsible party.
2.  Before vacating a residence hall room, an RA will evaluate the condition of the room.  The student will be required to sign the RCR upon check-out.  Once the room has been vacated, an Area Coordinator and a member of the Maintenance Department will complete the final evaluation of the room. This final evaluation is what will determine appropriate assessments for damage, where applicable.
3.  Damage charges and/or fines will be added to the student’s bill.  Appeals of damage charges must be made in writing and submitted to the Area Coordinator that supervises the building that the damage was charged to. Appeals must be received no later than July 1 following the end of the academic year the charge was applied.

ii.  Common and Public Spaces

1.  All residents are also responsible for the cleanliness and care of the lounges, study rooms, hallways, laundry rooms, computer labs, and other common areas. Students will be fined for excessive trash and/or damage in these areas.
2.  Excessive cleaning charges or damage to the residence halls due to malicious mischief or vandalism or will be assessed to the student or students responsible, in addition to a fine and disciplinary action.

K.  Room Maintenance

The Maintenance Department handles all problems dealing with residence hall room and furniture repairs. Room maintenance problems should be reported to an RA, the Residence Life Office, or directly to the Maintenance
Department (x2228). For facility emergencies (water leaks/floods, smoke, fire, sparks, etc.), contact the Public Safety and Security Office at x2315.

L. Semester Break Housing
   i. Residence halls are closed to students during vacation periods such as Thanksgiving break, winter break, and spring break.
   ii. Students who need to stay on campus over the breaks for college-related reasons must request to stay on campus and receive approval from the Residence Life Office. Requests must be submitted through the official online Request to Stay On Campus form, found on the Residence Life Page of the Campus Portal. Unapproved students found in the Residence Halls during breaks are subject to disciplinary action and a $100 fine. Students who miss the request deadline may register as a guest of an approved student, and must follow all applicable policies for guests.
   iii. Detailed information on hall closings and breaks is distributed through campus email as well as the Campus Portal prior to each break.
   iv. If a student who is approved to stay in the residence halls while they are closed is involved in a violation of College Policy, that student may immediately lose approval to stay during break and be required to vacate the residence halls immediately. Any student who loses approval will not be allowed to return until the halls reopen for normal occupancy.

M. Summer Housing
   On-campus housing is limited during the summer months. Students who wish to reside on campus during the summer must complete a Summer Housing Application and be approved by the Residence Life Office. Students will only be approved to live on campus for the summer if they are working on campus, taking summer courses on campus, or working an off-campus position approved for Employment Program Hours by the Office of Career and Life Education. Additionally, students may only reside on campus for the summer if they are registered for housing for the following fall semester. Detailed application, eligibility, and cost information is distributed by the Residence Life Office prior to each summer.

II. Personal Belonging and Furniture Policies
   A. Personal Property/Liability
      i. Delaware Valley College is not responsible for the loss or damage of any person’s property for any reason, and does not insure any personal belongings against any type of damage or theft. Students are responsible for insuring their own belongings, either through their parents homeowner’s insurance policy or a separate tenant’s insurance policy.
      ii. Residents are strongly encouraged to lock the door to their room and/or suite at all times to secure their belongings and safety. The vast majority of thefts on campus occur due to unlocked room doors. It is also recommended that students put their name on personal valuables (engraved, permanent marker, etc.) before bringing them to campus.
      iii. If a student is a victim of theft, the incident may be reported to the Public Safety and Security Office for documentation purposes.
B. Prohibited Items
Due to the high risk of fire and the close proximity of residence hall living, the following items are NOT permitted in residence halls under any circumstances:

i. Any cooking or heating appliance with a hot plate or exposed coil.

ii. Microwave ovens, refrigerators, or air conditioners not supplied by the college.

iii. Grills and associated items, including charcoal, lighter fluid, propane gas or other flammable substances.

iv. Weapons, firearms, ammunition, or any other dangerous projectiles (including BB & pellet guns)

v. Water beds

vi. Power strips and extension cords other than “Fire Shield” brand products.

vii. Any flammable or incendiary material including candles, incense, fireworks, or explosives.

viii. Halogen or heating lamps

C. Pets

i. Fish are the only animals permitted in the residence halls at any time. Students are permitted one aquarium (up to 10 gallon capacity) per room for fresh water or tropical fish.

ii. All other pets are prohibited at all times for any reason. At no time are pets permitted to enter or visit inside the residence halls. An animal found in a residence hall or a student’s room will be considered a violation of the policy regardless of the duration of time. The presence of pet supplies (pet food, cages, animal transporters, cat litter, etc.) may be considered as a violation of this policy.

iii. Violation of the pet policy will result in up to a $100 fine for each resident responsible, with an additional fine of $50 for every day the pet remains after the violation is addressed. Disregarding this policy may result in dismissal from the residence hall.

D. Room Modification

i. Personal couches and armchairs are permitted but limited in number for fire safety reasons. Students may have on 3-cushion couch or the equivalent in seating capacity.

   a. Room furniture must be arranged in a way that does not block access or view of the room from the door. Furniture may not obstruct the opening of the room door in any way.

   b. Centennial Hall 6-person suites and student apartments may have two 3-person couches or equivalent seating capacity in the common/living room.

ii. Residents are encouraged to decorate their rooms to suit their tastes within reason. Use of double sided tape, nails, screws, etc. to hang items may result in damage to the room for which residents will be held responsible. [see Damage Assessment]
iii. Window screens may not be removed from windows for any reason. Additionally, students may not use windows as entry points to their rooms or residence halls.

iv. College furniture is not to be removed from lounges, computer rooms, or student rooms for any reason.

v. Dismantling of college furniture is not allowed. Residents are responsible for returning room furniture in its original condition. Damage to furniture will be charged to the students responsible. [see Damage Assessment]

vi. Each bedroom is an individual assignment and must retain the occupants and originally assigned sets of furniture. In suite style housing, students may not reorganize the suite by turning one of the bedrooms into a “living room” or by turning the common room into a bedroom.

vii. Lofts are expressly prohibited in the residence halls.

E. Storage

i. Storage is not available for college furniture that a student desires to have removed from the room. Additionally, students are not allowed to remove college furniture from the room for storage elsewhere. All college furniture must remain in a student’s room at all times.

ii. The College does not provide storage for students’ belongings for any reason. Students may leave personal belongings in their rooms during Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. When vacating a housing assignment, students are responsible to store their own property at home or in an off-campus storage facility.

III. Safety and Emergency Policies and Procedures

A. Entry of Room by College Personnel

i. Delaware Valley College is dedicated to preserving students’ rights to study, to reflect, to have quiet, and to rest in their rooms. However, the College reserves the right to enter and inspect any student’s room at any time.

ii. Staff members of the Student Affairs Office and the Public Safety and Security Department are authorized to enter a student’s room for reasons including, but not limited to, potential emergency situations, investigation or enforcement of college policy, determining occupancy, inspecting for health and safety reasons, and for routine and random inspections. The Maintenance Department is authorized to enter a student’s room to provide for maintenance, make repairs, or for facility emergency situations.

iii. Every effort is made to ensure that the personal belongings of students are not disturbed unless deemed necessary by the staff members involved in the situation.

iv. College staff members are authorized to enter rooms with law enforcement officials to determine whether a violation of the federal, state, or local law has occurred. The evidence gathered from this entry may be used in college disciplinary proceedings in addition to a court of law.

B. Health and Safety Inspections
i. Residence Life staff members perform Health and Safety Inspections of every occupied residence hall room twice during the academic year. Additionally, the Residence Life Office reserves the right to perform unannounced Health and Safety Inspections at any time during the course of the year.

ii. Staff members will inspect rooms in groups of two or more.

iii. Staff will first check for completion of the Break Checklist that is posted to each room door. Additionally, staff members will check for unsafe appliances, electrical hazards, damaged facilities, and unsanitary conditions. A copy of the completed Health and Safety Inspection Form is left in every room once the inspection is completed.

iv. Any policy violations that are discovered will be documented and addressed appropriately.

C. ID Cards

Students are expected to carry a college-issued ID card at all times, and must present ID upon request of a college official. Students may obtain a replacement for a lost or damaged ID card from the Public Safety and Security Office, and the student will be responsible for any fee associated with the replacement.

D. Fire Safety

i. Each residence hall room is equipped with a smoke detector. Students are not permitted to remove the batteries from the smoke detector. If the smoke detector in a student’s room signals a need for new batteries, it must be reported to an RA to request replacements.

ii. Tampering with fire detection equipment, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, or setting off a false fire alarm may result in a minimum $1,000.00 fine, loss of on-campus housing, and disciplinary probation for the remainder of the student’s academic career at the college. If the responsible person cannot be determined, the fine will be divided amongst all students living on that particular floor or residence hall, regardless of their whereabouts at the time that the incident occurred. This fine cannot be appealed unless the responsible person or party can be determined.

iii. Unauthorized fire in or around the residence halls is prohibited at all times and is considered endangering the safety of other students. This includes, but is not limited to, bonfires, campfires, candles, incense, and any item that creates an open flame. The sole exception to this policy is lighting cigarettes outside of the residence halls. [see Smoking]

E. Fire Drills

The college’s Environmental Health & Safety Specialist (or his designee) is the only person that can authorize a fire drill. If any other person requests a fire drill to be conducted, approval from the Environmental Health & Safety Specialist must be obtained prior to conducting the fire drill.

Fire drills must be conducted for all residence halls at least once per semester. Fire drills for academic and administrative buildings must be conducted at least once per calendar year.
F. Fire Drill Procedures

i. When a fire alarm sounds, all occupants of the building will proceed in an orderly fashion to the nearest accessible exit and leave the building as quickly as possible. An attempt should be made to close all windows.

ii. To ensure safety and to account for each resident, it is required that once outside the building, residents of each residence hall regroup in these areas:

- **Barness Hall** .................................. Meet in the Student Center courtyard
- **Berkowitz Hall** .............................. Meet in “A”-lot near the railroad crossing
- **Centennial Hall** .............................. Meet in the Student Center courtyard
- **Cooke Hall** .................................... Meet in the Student Center courtyard
- **Goldman Hall** ................................ Meet in the Student Center courtyard
- **Samuel Hall** ................................... Meet in “A”-lot near basketball courts
- **South Hall** ................................. Meet on the Segal Hall Parking Lot
- **Ulman Hall** .................................... Meet on the quad field
- **Work Hall** ...................................... Meet on the quad field

iii. Students may only return to the building when a college official gives an “All Clear” notice. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

iv. During inclement weather, it is recommended that students wait inside another building (such as the gym or the Student Center) until such time that the “All Clear” notice is given.

v. Failure to leave a building during a fire drill will result in a minimum $100.00 fine.

IV. Community Behavior Standards

A. Courtesy Hours

i. Students must be courteous to other residents and aware of the impact their behavior has on the residence hall environment at all times. As such, courtesy hours are enforced 24 hours a day. Violations of courtesy hours will result in disciplinary action.

ii. Examples of courtesy hour violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Playing radios, televisions, and stereos at a high enough volume to significantly disturb other residents.
   a. Under no circumstances shall stereo speakers be placed in open windows in order to be heard outside the residence halls.
   b. Students with stereo equipment deemed excessive by the Residence Life staff will be required to remove the equipment from the residence halls. Bass speakers or subwoofers are highly discouraged and their use can be considered as a violation of Courtesy Hours.

2. Roughhousing, yelling, skateboarding, or otherwise creating a disturbance in a residence hall that interferes with other residents’ ability to rest or study.

3. Water fights, water balloons, snowball fights, or other water related activities in the residence halls. All water activities must
take place outside of the residence halls at all times. Students must take care to engage only willing participants in such activities.

4. Pranks or practical jokes that cause disturbance, create damage, or leave excessive mess or public safety hazards. Students must take care to engage only willing participants in such activities, and not disturb other residents or cause public safety hazards while doing so.

iii. Courtesy hours are in effect 365 days a year, including during all semester breaks and summer residency.

B. Quiet Hours

i. During quiet hours, all student activity must be kept quiet enough for other students to sleep or study without disturbance.

ii. Quiet hours will be enforced during the following times:

   - Sunday night – Thursday night: 10 pm – 8am
   - Friday night – Saturday night: 12 midnight – 8am

iii. Quiet hours are in effect for all areas inside and outside of the residence halls, including resident’s rooms, hallways, lounges, and courtyards.

iv. During finals week, 24 Hour Quiet Hours are in effect beginning at 8:00am the day before finals begin and ending at 9:00pm on the last day of finals.

v. Quiet hours are in effect 365 days a year, including during all semester breaks and summer residency.

C. Visitation

i. Students may host other students and guests in their rooms at any time, according to the wishes of the residents of the room (for non-student policies, see Guests)

ii. The desire for privacy by one roommate takes precedence over the desire for room visitors by the other roommate.

1. If one roommate is not comfortable with a person who is visiting his/her room, that resident has the right to privacy, and the visitor may be asked to leave the room immediately.

2. Roommates are expected to work out problems created by room visitation to their mutual agreement. Roommates with disagreements on room visitors should contact their RA for assistance in mediating a mutual agreement.

3. If a resident would like to have a visitor at a time that is not convenient for his/her roommate, lounges and TV rooms are open 24 hours a day.

iii. Residents who are hosting visitors in their room should be careful to monitor the amount of noise being made by the group, as a larger group of people can easily disturb other residents. Visitors may be asked to leave if the group cannot control the noise level in the room.

iv. If alcohol is being consumed in a residence hall room, the maximum number of people allowed in the room is limited to twice the resident capacity. For example, in a double room, the maximum occu-
v. Residence halls are not equipped or approved as living accommodations for anyone who is not assigned to a room by the Residence Life Office. Any student who is deemed to be providing living quarters for another student or guest who is not assigned to that room may be removed from campus housing.

vi. Non-resident students who are visiting a residence hall and are found violating College policy may be required to leave campus at the time of the violation for a specified period of time.

D. Guests
i. Guests are defined as visitors to the residence halls who are non-students. Students are permitted to host guests in their residence hall rooms within the guidelines of this policy. All guests must have a valid form of photo ID while on campus.

ii. Students are legally and financially responsible for the actions of their guest(s) on the campus or property of the college at all times. The visitation policy applies to all guests. [see Visitation]

iii. Any guest who is involved with a policy violation on campus will be asked to leave campus immediately. In the case of a drug or alcohol violation, the college may notify local authorities to ensure guests leave the campus safely.

iv. Students may host a maximum of two (2) guests at any one time.

v. Guests who visit the residence halls any night between 10 pm and 8 am must register at the Public Safety and Security Office.

1. Registered guests must be at least 17 years of age (16 if they are a prospective student) unless the guest is related to the student. All guests must have a valid form of photo ID accompanied by an official college guest pass while on campus.

2. Guests who are under 17 years of age and are family relations to a student may register as an overnight guest only if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times. The parent/guardian must also be registered as an overnight guest.

3. The college reserves the right to limit a resident’s allowed number and frequency of guests, as well as address situations in which a guest is inappropriately using this privilege.

E. Drinking Games
Drinking games are any organized activities that encourage consumption of alcohol. These games are usually designed to intoxicate participants beyond legal limits, and are considered dangerous misuse and abuse of alcoholic beverages. As such, drinking games are prohibited in the residence halls at all times, including, but not limited to, beer pong, flip cup, kings, quarters, etc.

F. Upperclass Substance Free Housing
i. In any area designated as substance free housing, all alcohol products and other controlled substances not prescribed by a doctor are prohibited, regardless of a resident’s age.

ii. The Residence Life staff reserves the right to designate any portion of the residence halls as substance free at any time. This desig-
nation will usually be in response to repeated or excessive problems resulting from alcohol or drug abuse.

iii. Any resident found in violation of a substance free designation by possessing, consuming, or being in the presence of any prohibited substance in this area will be subject to the following sanctions in addition to standard sanctions:

1. First offense
   a. The resident will be issued a “last chance” warning, stating that upon further violation of the substance free housing policy, the resident will be removed from substance free housing.
   b. The resident’s assigned room will be subject to random room inspections for a specified amount of time. Inspections will be unannounced, and will be conducted in the presence of at least one of the room’s residents by Security Officers with the assistance of a Residence Life professional staff member.

2. Second offense
   a. The resident will be removed from substance free housing. The resident will be offered another housing assignment in non-substance free housing, if space is available. If there are no additional rooms available, the resident may lose on-campus housing privileges.
   b. The resident will not be allowed to select a housing assignment in a substance free building for the following academic year. If there are no other spaces available at the time of selection, the resident will be assigned to a housing waitlist until space becomes available.

iv. South Hall is designated as substance free housing.

G. Freshman Substance Free Housing

i. In ALL freshman designated floors, all alcohol products and other controlled substances not prescribed by a doctor are prohibited, regardless of a resident’s age.

ii. Any resident found in violation of the alcohol or drug policy by possessing, consuming, or being in the presence of any prohibited substance in a freshman designated floor will be subject to the following sanctions in addition to standard sanctions:

   a. First offense – The resident’s assigned room will be subject to random room inspections for a specified amount of time. Inspections will be unannounced, and will be conducted in the presence of at least one of the room’s residents, by Security Officers with the assistance of a Residence Life professional staff member.
   b. Second offense – The resident will not be allowed to select a housing assignment in a substance free building for the following academic year. If there are no other spaces available at the time of selection, the resident will be assigned to a housing waitlist until space becomes available.

H. Vandalism

i. Destruction or damage of college or other students’ property is unacceptable behavior. Any student found vandalizing property will be required to repay the cost to repair or replace the damaged property and will be subject to additional disciplinary sanctions.
Examples of vandalism include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Inciting to action or participating in unauthorized activities resulting in destruction of property.
2. Tampering with telephones, vending machines, laundry facilities, or any other machinery or appliances.
3. Damaging or destroying property in resident rooms, lounges and other common spaces, or other college facilities.
4. Creating excessive or unnecessary mess in any facility, including restrooms, lounges, and hallways.
5. Removing, damaging, or destroying posters, advertisements, or signs on campus.

I. Propping and Forcible Opening of Doors

i. Propping and forcible opening (“popping”) of residence hall doors is prohibited at all times. Doing so compromises the safety of the residents who live in the building. Any resident found in violation of this policy will be responsible to repay the cost to repair any damage done to the door and will be subject to additional disciplinary sanctions.

ii. Any resident who is locked out of a residence hall due to ID card or room key loss or malfunction may contact the Public Safety and Security Office to gain entry until the ID card or key is repaired or replaced.

J. Public Display of Potentially Offensive Symbols or Images

i. Residents may not display symbols, flags, images, or pictures that may be considered offensive by members of the campus community in a manner that makes them visible outside of that resident’s assigned room. Additionally, these materials may be displayed within a resident’s room only with the consent of all roommates.

ii. Examples of potentially offensive symbols or images include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Swastikas
2. Confederate flags (known as “Stars and bars”)
3. Pornographic or sexually related images or pictures
4. Words or images that are offensive and based on race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or any other discriminatory word or image
5. Foul or vulgar language or pictures

K. Smoking

i. Smoking is not permitted in any residence hall at any time, including students’ rooms, lounges, bathrooms or other common areas.

ii. Smoking outside of a residence hall is prohibited within 15 feet of any door or window. It is expected that smoking be conducted in a courteous fashion that respects the living space of other students. Smokers will be asked to move or extinguish their cigarette if their smoke enters into any window or door, even if abiding by the 15 foot restriction.
iii. All smoking waste (butts, ashes, matches, packaging) must be disposed of in the appropriate containers provided.

L. **Smokeless Tobacco**
   i. Students may use smokeless tobacco products in their rooms only with the consent of all roommates.
   ii. Students may not use smokeless tobacco products in the common areas of the residence halls including, but not limited to, hallways, lounges, computer labs, fitness rooms, and game rooms.
   iii. Makeshift spittoons (dip/spit cups) must be disposed of properly in sealed containers.

V. **STUDENT APARTMENT POLICIES**
   Delaware Valley College offers apartment-style living on a very limited basis to upperclass students. These policies supplement regular Residence Life policies. Where these policies contradict regular policy, this section will take precedence.

A. **Maximum Apartment Occupancy**
   a. Three-person apartment: The apartment may not contain any more than 9 people at one time, including the assigned residents of the apartment.
   b. Four-person apartment: The apartment may not contain any more than 12 people at one time, including the assigned residents of the apartment.

B. **Alcohol Limits**
   a. Three person, one-bedroom apartment: The total amount of alcohol in the apartment may not exceed one and one-half cases of beer or three bottles of wine (not both). If any occupants of the apartment are under 21 years of age, alcohol is not permitted in the apartment.
   b. Four-person, two-bedroom apartment: The total amount of alcohol in the apartment may not exceed two cases of beer or four bottles of wine (not both). If residents of one bedroom within the apartment are of age but other apartment-mates are not, the of-age residents may have alcoholic beverages in their bedroom only. When alcohol is being consumed in the bedroom, the bedroom door must remain completely closed. Additionally, alcoholic beverages must remain in this bedroom and may not be carried into or consumed in the common area of the apartment under any circumstances nor may anyone who is underage enter the said bedroom for any reason.

C. **Expectations of Behavior**
   a. Apartment residents are selected through an application process, and are asked to demonstrate maturity and role-modeling through out their stay in the apartment. Apartment residents are expected to abide by all policies as stated in this handbook.
b. Apartments are considered privileged housing. Apartment residents who are involved in policy violations in the apartment may lose the privilege of living in the apartment. Should a student be removed from the apartment due to policy violations, the apartment residents are responsible for finding a replacement.

D. Additional Regulations
a. Apartment residents are expected to follow the residence hall pet policy. Each bedroom may have a 10 gallon aquarium with fish. No other pets are allowed.

b. Apartment residents may not possess grills or barbecues, regardless of the presence of an outside porch on the apartment.

c. Apartments are provided with multiple points of entry, both to the interior and exterior of the residence hall. These entrances are to remain un-blocked and open to egress at all times.

d. The entry doors to the apartment are secured by College provided locks. No other locks may be installed on any door. Additionally, the interior doors are not equipped with a lock by design, and no locks may be installed on these doors.

e. Apartments are provided with bedroom and living room furniture. Apartment residents may have a total of two 3-cushion couches or the equivalent in seating capacity in the common/living room, including College-provided furniture.

E. Kitchen Appliances
a. Each kitchen unit is equipped with a fire extinguisher. Residents are responsible for appropriate care and use of the extinguisher.

b. A full-size refrigerator and stove are provided in each apartment kitchen. No other refrigerators, mini-fridges, or other major appliances are permitted in the apartment.

c. Apartment residents may add up to three additional small kitchen appliances to the kitchen. These include, but are not limited to, toasters, microwaves, coffee pots, Foreman grills, or crock pots. Residents must inform their Area Coordinator which appliances they intend to bring prior to installation.

Commuter life

Commuters are an integral part of the Delaware Valley College community and in fact make up about a third of the full-time student population.

Commuters have official representation on the Student Government Board. One Commuter Student Association Representative is elected to serve on the SGB by the Commuter Student Association. All commuters are considered members of the Commuter Student Association. The Commuter Student Association meets on a regular basis to plan commuter-oriented events and to discuss and solve commuter-oriented issues and concerns.

Commuters have the right to use all college facilities except entrance into the residence halls where they can only go if they are invited guests or if they are open for campus-wide events.
The Commuter Lounge is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center and is open to and available for use by all commuter students. The lounge is open 24 hours a day. Work tables and a number of computers and printers are available there for commuters’ use. It also contains lounge furniture, vending machines, and a big screen TV. There are also a limited number of lockers available adjacent to the Commuter Lounge. Only College issued locks are to be used on these lockers and they can be signed out at the Office of Student Affairs.

Any questions, issues or concerns that commuters may have should be brought to the attention of Matt Kaminski, Director of Student Involvement, who is located in the Office of Student Affairs on the 2nd floor of the Student Center – down the hall from the Commuter Lounge.

First Year Experience

First Year Experience
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The Office of the First Year Experience is located on the second floor of the Student Center. The First Year Experience office responsibilities include specific orientation programs for new and transfer students as well as parents. In addition, it is responsible for a comprehensive creative approach to developing new initiatives that support the First Year Experience of Delaware Valley College students. The First Year Experience office serves as a conduit for suggestions and questions that affect the overall student experience.

The First Year Experience Program also has two Freshman Advisors teaching pilot Skills for College Success classes in the fall. In addition, the Freshman Advisor will intrusively assist a group of first year freshmen with their transition to college life by supplementing academic advising, assisting with information about the College Employment Program as well as knowledge about different areas in the college that maybe tapped by the student for their success.

The Orientation Leaders/Peer Mentors are a group of about two dozen students selected to help with Orientation, Weekend of Welcome and with periodic meetings with first year students during the Fall Semester. Again their work is designed to help first year freshman with their transition to college life.

CAMPUS REGULATIONS & POLICIES

Alcohol Policy

In compliance with current Pennsylvania Law, the College does not approve of the consumption of alcohol by students or their guests who are under the age of twenty-one, on or off campus.

Pennsylvania State law prohibits the purchase, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of twenty-one. The law also prohibits the selling or giving of alcoholic beverages of any kind to persons under the age of twenty-one by any agency or person. The College is not responsible for enforcing the laws of Pennsylvania but intends to cooperate fully and openly with local, state, and federal authorities in enforcement of these laws and regulations. All students are responsible for abiding by the laws of the Commonwealth.

Key points in Pennsylvania Law:
Any person convicted of misrepresenting his/her age to obtain alcohol: of purchasing, consuming, possessing or transporting alcoholic beverages: or of carrying a false identification card designed to misrepresent a minor’s age as being over 21 will, in addition to any
In addition to the suspension provisions, the law also revised penalties for a variety of alcohol-related offenses. These not only apply to minors, but also to adults who obtain or provide alcoholic beverages for minors or who provide false identification for minors.

The maximum fine is $500 for possession, transportation, purchasing or consumption of alcoholic beverages by a minor for second and subsequent offenses (the penalties are a maximum $300 fine and/or 90 days in prison for a first offense);

Carrying or using a false identification card to represent one’s age as 21 or older is a criminal offense subject to fines of up to $500 and/or 90 days imprisonment for a first offense and one year in prison for subsequent offenses.

A mandatory minimum fine of $300 is imposed for anyone who represents a minor to purchase alcohol or who hires, asks, or induces a minor to purchase or offers to purchase alcohol (existing maximum fine of $2500 and/or one year’s imprisonment would remain in effect).

Manufacturing or selling a false identification card is a criminal offense, punishable by minimum fines of $1000 for a first offense and $2500 for subsequent offenses ($500 and $1000 respectively for a juvenile) and maximum penalties of $5000 in fines and/or two years in prison.

Mandatory minimum fines of $1000 for a first offense and $2500 for subsequent offenses are imposed for selling or furnishing alcohol to minors and maximum penalties are $2500 in fines and/or one year’s imprisonment.

The law also precludes the authority of the courts to suspend any of these sentences, although courts is permitted to require a violator to enter a pre-adjudicative alternative program (counseling, public service work, job training, education, etc.) for a first offense. The courts can also require offenders to undergo alcohol abuse evaluation programs for a first offense or for subsequent offenses.

In addition to the Pennsylvania State Law, students should also be aware of the following College policies governing the use of alcoholic beverages:

1. Students (21 or older) may consume limited amounts of beer and wine in their rooms with the door completely closed or at registered social events. Of age students shall be considered in violation of the Alcohol Policy if underage students are present in a room and alcohol is present. In suites where alcohol is allowed (Centennial Hall), if residents of one bedroom within the suite are of age but other suitemates are not, the of-age residents may have alcoholic beverages in their bedroom only. When alcohol is being consumed in the bedroom, the bedroom door must remain completely closed. Additionally, alcoholic beverages must remain in this bedroom and may not be carried into or consumed in the common area of the suite under any circumstances nor may anyone who is underage enter the said bedroom for any reason.

2. Distilled spirits are not permitted on the Delaware Valley College campus, nor at any off-campus functions sponsored and organized by groups representing Delaware Valley College, with the exception of permanent residences on the campus. Empty bottles of distilled spirits are not permitted in any student’s room for any reason. This includes empty bottles filled with highlighter fluid or coins. The presence of such bottles will be construed as a violation of the Alcohol Policy.

3. Any Student who uses alcoholic beverages is expected to do so in a way that does not discredit himself/herself or the College, nor interferes with the rights
and freedoms of others. Inappropriate behavior related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages, e.g. behavior that disturbs others, causes embarrassment, personal injury, or property damage, driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and any effort to induce a student to drink against an expressed desire shall be considered serious offenses.

4. If any individual, following consumption of alcohol, destroys property, violates noise guidelines in College housing, or is involved in other acts which inhibit the goals of the College, the sponsor or sponsors who served him or her alcohol and the individual(s) involved, shall both be considered responsible for the infraction.

5. Students are responsible for the conduct of their guests and for making them aware of the provision of the Pennsylvania law and the regulations of the College. **The student shall be held financially responsible if their guest(s) causes damage to college property.**

6. If a residence hall room contains an excess of two (2) times the number of persons assigned to reside in room and alcoholic beverages are present or consumed in said room, the College shall regard this as an unregistered, unauthorized social event.

7. Open containers with alcohol are not permitted in the hallways and common areas of residence halls or in public areas of the campus. Any containers of beer or wine that are being transported must be sealed and covered while on College premises.

8. Kegs of beer, beer balls or excessive amounts of alcohol in the residence halls or on campus are considered a flagrant violation of the College alcohol policy and violators will be subject to serious disciplinary action. **More than one case (as in a case of beer or 2 bottles of wine) of alcoholic beverages per room (one case /double, two cases/quad) is considered “excessive”**. Empty containers may be considered as evidence of excessive amounts of alcohol. Students should not collect empty containers in residence hall room for any reason.

9. In addition to individual violations, the sponsor(s) and all individual(s) involved shall be considered responsible for any group infractions. (Example: unregistered party, keg of beer, beer balls, excessive amounts of alcohol, noise violations, destruction of property, etc.) Any student found responsible for the above group infractions may be fined $200 per individual per violation. Group penalties may vary according to mitigating or aggravating factors.

10. College officials and public safety reserve the right to inspect and search any items such as book bags, coolers, etc. College officials also reserve the right to confiscate any beverages or equipment used for the dispensing of these beverages if used contrary to College regulations. Such confiscated material will not be returned to the student(s).

11. College policies place the responsibility for satisfactory behavior on the students. When there are repeated alcohol violations by any person, in any room, corridor, floor or residence hall, the above may be declared alcohol-free for a period determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs or Student Conduct Board.

12. Students under the age of 21 who are found in a room where alcohol is present will be considered in violation of the alcohol policy. Empty containers will be considered evidence of violations of this policy. This includes bottles, cans, boxes, or any other container in which alcoholic beverages are sold.

**Alcohol Violations Sanctions**

This is not complete or guaranteed. These and other sanctions may be assigned at the discretion of the hearing officer.

1. Students found responsible for alcohol infractions may be required to complete...
an alcohol screening at the Counseling Center and attend an alcohol education program.

2. All fines must be paid by a designated date as set by the Bursar.

3. Students found responsible for three alcohol violations may be removed from campus housing. Students found responsible for four alcohol violations may be suspended from the College.

Policies and Guidelines for Registered Social Events
(Students 21 or older only)

1. Students from campus organizations, or individual students, who are of legal age (21 or older) are allowed to utilize certain areas of the campus for what is referred to as a “registered social event”. At such affairs, a moderate amount of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only), as determined in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Office of Student Affairs, may be available. The presence of any distilled spirits, even one bottle, shall be cause for cancellation of the event by College authorities.

2. The responsibility for organizing registered social events, for overseeing adherence to state and local laws and College regulations, assuring appropriate subject conduct, including the conduct of guests, rests with the student organizers and other students involved. The Office of Student Affairs monitors the number and scope of registered social events and reserves the right to limit these events as necessary.

3. The consumption of alcoholic beverages should not be the major focus of an event.

4. In order to have a registered social event, organizers (who must be 21 years old or older) must obtain a Registration form and submit it to the Office of Student Involvement no later than three weeks prior to the scheduled event. Organizers must also have an advisor (a member of faculty, staff, or administration) who is willing to assist with the event’s planning and be present during the entire event. All registered social events must receive final approval for the use of the facilities from the Office of Student Involvement.

5. Registered social events held on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays are limited to a maximum of two hours. Events held on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday may be limited to 4 hours. All events shall cease no later than 1 a.m. The scheduled time and length for all events must receive approval from the Office of Student Involvement.

6. Students attending a registered social event more than two hours in length will cease the service and consumption of beer and wine one hour prior to the ending time of the event.

7. The number of people attending a registered social event will be limited according to the space available. Attendance is restricted to Delaware Valley College students and their guests. All persons (College students and guests) attending a registered social event must sign up in advance. Delaware Valley College Students may invite one non-College guest to a registered social event. Students are limited to one guest per event.

8. The printed (or alluded) advertising message for registered social events may not promote the consumption, the presence of any quantity, the frequency of consumption, or the price of beer or wine.

9. Non-alcoholic beverages must be supplied at all registered social events. Food or snacks (in ample supply) must also be provided. Students in charge of registered social events are responsible for hiring two certified bartenders who are not college employees. The advisor for the event may not serve as a bartender. They will also be required to hire at least two trained college security persons.
with proper credentials, who will check all IDs at the entrance of the event as well as remain to monitor the entire event. The organizers may provide a prearranged supply of beer or wine. Individuals may not bring their own alcoholic beverages to a registered social event. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be taken from a registered event for consumption in other areas of the College.

10. The Office of Student Affairs shall have total control over the amount of beer and/or wine present. Any objection to the quantity determination shall be cause for disapproval and cancellation of the event. **Total supply will be limited to the equivalent of one drink/hour/person. All alcohol consumption will stop 1 hour before the ending of the event.**

11. Donations (from DVC students only) may be collected by organizing groups, ahead of time in order to defray the cost of entertainment, food, and refreshments. However, 48 hours prior to a registered social event is the “cut-off” time for acceptance of any donations. For example, if an event is scheduled for Saturday evening, organizers may not accept donations after 4:30 pm on Thursday afternoon. At that time, they should know exactly how many people would be in attendance. Under no circumstances will donations be accepted at the door the evening of the event. **Money collected to provide for entertainment and/or food/refreshments can not be used to purchase alcohol. Alcohol may not be sold in any format for on-campus student events and activities.**

12. Only with prior approval and proper event registration may any college funds, including fees collected by the College or College club funds be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

13. Organizers of a registered social event are responsible for any damage or cleaning expenses that result from the event. The Office of Student Affairs will assess any charges through the Bursar’s Office.

14. All persons will be required to show proper photo ID and sign-in to enter the event.

15. The legal age for the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is 21 years of age. Thus, only those 21 years of age or older with proper photo ID will be permitted to consume alcohol at the event. Organizers are responsible for providing a wrist bracelet or some other appropriate non-transferable proof of age for those in attendance.

16. College officials may set a maximum number of drinks per individuals attending the event.

17. College officials and public safety reserve the right to inspect and search any items such as book bags, coolers etc. at any time during events. Failure to comply with event officials will result in the denial of admission to the event without a refund or a request to leave the event. College administration and public safety, in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs, will also reserve the right to cancel any event (and will do so) where there is even a prior indication of irresponsible drinking or where any attempted underage drinking by even one person or student is suspected.

18. Organizers of a registered social event will accept full responsibility by sponsoring such an event. They are required to refrain from consuming alcohol during the event. It should be clearly understood that College officials are not organizing or sponsoring registered social events, and that is the responsibility of the organizer(s) to maintain order and provide necessary security to uphold all College policies.

19. Failure to adhere to the guidelines for registered social events will result in the organizer(s) being summoned before the Vice President for Student Affairs/ or Student Conduct Board with a recommendation for disciplinary action.

20. Individuals or sponsoring groups who have had a history of irresponsible...
behavior and damages to College facilities will not be permitted to sponsor registered social events.

21. Those groups wishing to organize a registered social event may obtain a Social Event Registration Packet from the Office of Student Involvement.

Policies and Guidelines for Off Campus Registered Social Events
(STUDENTS 21 OR OLDER ONLY)
1. Monies from the organization and or college may not be used for the purchase of alcohol.
2. Organizations wishing to provide alcohol at an off campus registered event may do so by means of a cash bar only.
3. Only beer, wine and wine cooler type beverages may be available for purchase (no hard alcohol).

Policy and Guidelines for Tailgating
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED AS PART OF TAILGATING. Food and picnicking are permitted in lot A as part of home game celebrations. Anyone who does not follow the rules and regulations of the College is subject to arrest by local law enforcement agencies. Any DelVal student club or organization that will be tailgating must register using the Event Registration Form 3 weeks prior to a game and must abide by the tailgating /BBQ/grilling guidelines available from the Office of Student Involvement and/or Security Office.

Drug Policy
Statement of Policy
Delaware Valley College will not tolerate any form of Drug Abuse or Illegal Drug Distribution. Students involved and found to be conducting themselves improperly or illegally are deemed not to be pursuing their college education seriously and, after due process hearing and lacking motivation to correct their conduct, will be separated from the College. Depending on the circumstances, expulsion may occur on the first offense.

Definition of Terms
Drug/Mood-Altering Substance shall include any drug listed in Act 64 (1972) as a controlled substance, chemical, abused substance or medication for which a prescription is required under the law and/or substance which is intended to alter mood.

Examples of the above include, but are not limited to marijuana, cocaine, crack, ecstasy, hashish, chemical solvents, glue, look-alike substances, and any capsules or pill not registered with the nurse, annotated within the student’s health record and given in accordance with the administration of medication to students on campus.

1. Distributing
   Deliver, sell, pass, share, or give any drug or mood altering substance, as defined by this policy, from one person to another or to aid therein.

2. Possession
   Possess or hold without any attempt to distribute any drug or mood altering substance, determined to be illegal or as defined in this policy.

3. Drug Paraphernalia mood altering substance.
   Examples include any and all types of drug paraphernalia including but not limited to bongs, hookahs, water pipes, roach clips, pipes and bowls, or any items modified or adapted so that they can be used to consume drugs. These items are not allowed on College property and will be confiscated when found. The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act of 1972 provides, in part: The following acts and the causing thereof within this Commonwealth are hereby prohibited:
A. Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled or counterfeit substance by a person not registered under this act... unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to a valid prescription order of a practitioner, or except as otherwise authorized by this act.

B. Except as authorized by this act, manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled substance by a person not registered under this act, or practitioner not registered or licensed by the appropriate state board, or knowingly creating, delivering, or possessing with intent to deliver, a counterfeit controlled substance.

**Drug Violation Sanctions**

Violation and conviction of any portion of the above act will subject the violator to severe penalties approved by law. The administration and the faculty of the College will do all within its power to see that in the event the provisions are violated, the student or students found by the administration or Student Conduct Board to be involved may receive any of the following sanctions or combination of sanctions:

This list is not complete or guaranteed. These and other sanctions may be assigned at the discretion of the hearing officer.

1. Students found responsible for drug infractions may be required to complete a drug screening at the Counseling Center and attend a drug education program.
2. All fines must be paid by a designated date as a set by the Bursar.
3. Students found responsible for two drug violations may be removed from campus housing. Students found responsible for three drug violations may be suspended from the College.”

**Drug & Alcohol Counseling**

The Counseling Center located in Segal Hall is available to all students Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30 and evening hours by appointment. A drug & alcohol screening is available on a walk in basis free of charge. Additional testing and a complete evaluation can be arranged through the counseling center from a local outside agency for a nominal fee. All appointments and outside evaluations will be kept confidential. Help is also available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 221-6333.

**U-Choose Committee**

U-Choose Committee’s mission is to engage students in peer-to-peer messaging to educate students to promote responsible choices within the DeVal Community. U-Choose also strives to provide fun activities as well as education of effects of drinking and drug use. Members include representatives from Counseling, Student Life, Events, Health Services, Security and DVC Students. Students who are interested in joining this committee that promotes healthy life choices should contact: sharon.donnelly@delval.edu.

**OTHER IMPORTANT POLICIES**

**Animal Use Policy (Academic)**

As a student at Delaware Valley College, you may be required to use living or deceased animals in class. Procedures which involve the use of animals have been reviewed and approved according to state and federal regulations and by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), where applicable. Procedures that involve the use of animals are designed to allow students to acquire skills they will need in their chosen career fields after graduation.

A list of activities will be given to students as part of each course syllabus. Any
student who has a moral or ethical objection to performing a procedure should carefully consider whether this course of study is right for them. If a student objects to performing a specific procedure, the instructor may designate a required alternative to the procedure. If the instructor does not provide an alternative, it is the responsibility of the student to find and provide an acceptable alternative. All alternative procedures must be reviewed and approved by the instructor of the course and the department chair at least one week prior to performing the original procedure. If no alternative is found or an alternative is not approved by the instructor and department chair, the student is responsible for performing the originally scheduled procedure. Refusal to perform required procedures will result in a failing grade for that class assignment and all future assignments requiring that procedure.

ANIMAL VISITATION POLICY

Policy Statement: Delaware Valley College prohibits animals from college-controlled buildings, except for those animals that are specifically approved as per this policy. In addition, while on college-controlled property, animals must be attended and restrained at all times, and may be on campus for short recreational periods only.

Reason for Policy: The College wishes to uphold federal, state, and local laws and regulations; ensure the health and safety of its community, including its legitimately resident animals; preserve the integrity of its grounds, buildings, and other property; and support a healthful educational environment that respects the rights of individuals.

Policy:

The College prohibits individuals from bringing dogs or other animals inside any college-controlled buildings, except for those animals that are approved as exempt from this policy (see complete policy for definitions of approved animals). In addition, while on college-controlled property, animals must be attended and restrained at all times and waste removal shall be enforced. Animals shall not be permitted in areas where prohibited by official signs or notice. Animals may not be kept on campus for extended periods of time, and may only be on campus for short recreational or visiting purposes.

Animals, both running free and brought to campus, pose a significant liability risk to the college and its community members. This policy standardizes the college’s position on the management of animals.

Animals can pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community, as well as to a healthful educational environment (through allergy, excessive noise, animal bites, and disease transmission via fleas, ticks, parasites, viruses, bacteria, etc.). Individuals with disabilities are at particular risk. For instance, dogs running freely pose a particular hazard to individuals using service animals.

Animals on campus can be very destructive, causing damage to grounds, buildings, and property.

This policy applies to all college-controlled grounds and spaces. This includes, but is not limited to, residence halls, living units, academic buildings, administrative offices, outdoor spaces on campus, and off-campus locations controlled by the college.

Note: Individual entities may have more restrictive policies which apply only to their areas and/or for special events.

This policy applies to all animals, unless specifically approved herein (see the "Approved Animals" segment of this document, below).
Definitions:

Attended and Restrained – In the immediate vicinity of an owner, and either on a leash of six feet or shorter, in a cage, or, in the case of a certified Service Animal, voice-controlled. To be considered attended, an animal may not be left fastened to a stationary object.

Research and Teaching Animals – Animals that are officially part of Delaware Valley College’s teaching, research, and/or clinical programs.

Service Animal – A guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

College Controlled Property – Property that is owned, operated, or maintained by the College.

Approved Pets and Other Animals: The following animals are permitted on college-controlled property:

- service animals while performing their duties (owners must properly dispose of their service animals’ waste);
- research, clinical, and teaching animals (used directly in support of the college's missions of research and teaching);
- animals-in-training participating in Delaware Valley College approved programs;
- Pets in residence hall in accordance with the Delaware Valley College Student handbook.
- On-duty police dogs;
- Animals which reside with employees of the college living in Delaware Valley College owned properties.

In addition, exemptions may be granted for events involving animals. To be granted such an exemption, an individual must make a specific request through the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at least 3 weeks prior to the activity —see final section of the Policy for procedure of notification.

Failure to Comply
Violation of these regulations may result in administrative and/or disciplinary action to the owner.

Unattended or Unrestrained Animals

When a member of the college community observes or becomes aware of an unrestrained or unattended animal, a reasonable attempt will be made to locate the animal's owner. If the owner is located, compliance with college policy shall be requested. When appropriate, other measures, including disciplinary or administrative action may be invoked. If attempts to find the animal's owner are unsuccessful, the Department of Public Safety and Security will contact the Bucks County SPCA at 215-794-7425 to remove the animal from College property.
Procedures
For Immediate Assistance,
Where there is clear and immediate danger to person or property, contact the Department of Public Safety at Security at 489-2315 (or 2315 from a campus telephone).

To Report a Violation
To report an animal that is loose or unattended or to report an animal bite, contact the Department of Public Safety and Security at 489-2315.

Persons bringing non-approved animals inside a college controlled building or into a posted prohibited area should be asked to remove the animal from that location. If they refuse to do so, contact the Department of Public Safety and Security at 489-2315.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
Notification of animal activity for a class or other activity to the DVC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) shall be made at least 3 weeks prior to the activity. This notification should be to the chair (Dr. Kathryn Ponnock), secretary (Ms. Rebecca Hughes) or attending veterinarian (Dr. Pamela Reed) of the committee. The person receiving notification will notify the other two upon receipt of this notification. A brief description of the animal use, the sponsoring faculty/staff member, the sponsoring class/group and the dates of the use should be included in the notification.

The chair of the IACUC will decide and/or consult with other IACUC members (if necessary) to decide if the use constitutes need for a protocol and full review by the IACUC. They will then inform the person notifying the IACUC about the animal use as to this decision and advise them about procedures for submitting protocols for review by the IACUC if necessary. This shall take place within 2 business days of the original notification so that the faculty member/group sponsoring the activity has sufficient time before the event for approval (IACUC review and approval takes a minimum of 2 weeks). The IACUC is responsible for monitoring animal use on this campus to make sure we are compliant with the laws because our small animal lab is a USDA licensed facility. Therefore the IACUC needs to be notified about all animal use on this campus, including use of legitimately resident animals.

The attending veterinarian of the small animal facility may address concerns to the sponsoring faculty member or group regarding health of visiting animals and impact on animals legitimately residing on campus. These concerns will need to be addressed before the activity can be approved.

The IACUC sends out biannual surveys to faculty about animal use in classes and research. If the use is ongoing and either has 1) active protocols approved by the IACUC or 2) been deemed exempt from reviewed protocols and the faculty member has responded to these surveys, notification about each separate incident of animal use is not necessary.

Campus Computers and Network – Acceptable Use
The following policy contains the governing philosophy for regulating the use of Delaware Valley College’s computing network facilities and resources. Access to the computing network facilities and resources are a privilege granted to Delaware Valley College faculty, staff, and registered students by the College. All users of the computing network facilities must act responsibly and maintain the integrity of
these resources. The College reserves the rights to limit, restrict, remove or extend computing network privileges and access to its resources.

Technology Services should be notified about violations of laws and policies governing information use, intellectual property rights, or copyrights, as well as about potential loopholes in the security of its computer systems and networks.

The user community is expected to cooperate with Technology Services in its operation of computer systems and information networks as well as in the investigation of misuse or abuse. All network connections and traffic may be monitored for administrative purposes. Should the security of a computer system or information network be threatened, suspected user files may be examined under the direction of the College President. In addition, the College will comply with all governmental and law enforcement subpoenas, warrants, or orders requiring the examination of user files.

The primary use of computing network facilities is for academic activities. Other non-restricted use such as entertainment is secondary and must yield to academic and administrative use. Entertainment and other secondary uses may be restricted when they are interfering with academic use. Those who do not abide by the policies listed below are subject to suspension of computer privileges and possible disciplinary action.

**College Inspection of Personal Electronic Information** -- Electronic information on College networks or equipment, including, but not limited to, electronic mail and personal information, is subject to examination by the College where:
1. It is necessary to maintain or improve the functioning of College computing resources;
2. There is a suspicion of misconduct under College policies, or suspicion of violation of Federal or State laws; or
3. It is necessary to comply with or verify compliance with Federal or State law.

**Responsibilities/Prohibited Uses**

1. Responsibilities of Users of College Computer Resources

   1. Compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and University policies.
   2. Adhere to data access policies of the College or those established by law.
   3. Respect for the rights and property of others, including intellectual property rights
   4. Protect user ID, password, and system from unauthorized use
   5. Adhere to the terms of software licenses and other contracts. Persons loading software on any College computer must adhere to all licensing requirements for the software. Except where allowed by College site licenses, copying software licensed for College use for personal use is a violation of this policy.
   6. Truthfulness and honesty in personal and computer identification
   7. Use College computer resources in a manner that is compliant with
College policies and State and Federal law.

2. Prohibited Uses of College Computer Resources

1. Unauthorized or excessive personal use. Use may be excessive if it overburdens a network, results in substantial use of system capacity, or otherwise subjects the institution to increased costs or risks (employees additionally may be subject to discipline for unauthorized or excessive personal use of computer resources.)

2. Uses that interfere with the proper functioning of the College’s information technology resources.

3. Uses that unreasonably interfere with the ability of others to make use of College computer resources.

4. Attempting to gain or gaining unauthorized access to the computer system, or files of another.

5. Use of College resources to violate copyright laws and infringe on the intellectual property rights of others.

6. Use of College computing equipment to view inappropriate materials. This includes pornography and other materials that would be deemed inappropriate in an office or public setting. Using personal computing equipment in public areas to view inappropriate materials is also prohibited.

7. Use of College computer resources for personal profit.

3. Email Specific Responsibilities of Users

1. Users should maintain their email boxes in a responsible manner. This includes deleting unwanted messages and keeping stored messages to a minimum.

2. Be professional and careful about what you say regarding other persons.

3. Use discretion when forwarding mail to group addresses or distribution lists.

4. Prohibited Uses of College Email

1. Knowingly sending or forwarding of chain letters or emails that contain viruses or other malicious content is strictly prohibited.

2. Sending harassing or other inappropriate emails.

Enforcement and Penalties for Violation: Any person who violates any provision of this policy, of other relevant College policies, or of applicable City, State, or Federal laws or regulations may face sanctions up to and including termination, expulsion. Depending on the nature and severity of the offense, violations can be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Disciplinary System or disciplinary procedures applicable to faculty and staff. Offenders may also be subject to criminal prosecution under federal or state law, and should expect the College to
pursue such action.

It may at times be necessary for authorized systems administrators to suspend someone's access to College computing resources immediately for violations of this policy, pending interim resolution of the situation (for example by securing a possibly compromised account and/or making the owner of an account aware in person that an activity constitutes a violation). In the case of egregious and continuing violations suspension of access may be extended until final resolution by the appropriate disciplinary body.

Residence Hall Network Policies

When you connect to a network, you affect not just your own computer, but other computers and people on campus and off campus. Therefore, it is important that everyone on the network act responsibly and adhere to a few rules. Anyone connecting a personal computer to the College’s network agrees to abide by the following policies. Violation of these policies may be grounds for disconnection of your computer from the network. All network connections and traffic may be monitored for administrative purposes.

1. Delaware Valley College’s network is for the use of students, faculty and staff, and is to be used for the academic, educational and research purposes of the College.

2. Certain connections to the College network may require authentication. This may include installation of an agent that will ensure that the necessary safeguards (anti-virus software and Windows updates) are in place to protect the College’s network.

3. You may not use College resources for outside employment; use the network to advertise a commercial business, or to support a business.

4. You are responsible for activities originating from your network connection. Do not permit visitors or friends to violate College policies from your connection.

5. Do not tamper with any network cabling or hardware. If there is a problem, please report it to Technology Services at ext. 4357. Do not try to extend the network from your wall jack to another room.

6. Technology Services is solely responsible for assigning IP addresses to individuals. These addresses are for use by that individual only. IP addresses should not be shared, as any violation of policies will be traced by IP address.

7. Only computers that have been registered through Technology Services may be connected to the network, and only one computer may be attached to each jack. No hubs, switches, wireless access points, or signal-splitting devices may be connected to the network.

8. Technology Services reserves the right to disconnect any computer that is sending disruptive signals to the network, whether because of a defective cable, Ethernet card, virus, malware, or other hardware or software problem. It will be the student’s responsibility to correct the problem before the computer can be reconnected to the network.

9. You may not engage in activities which have the potential of interfering with the response time of other users. For example, chain letters, mass mailings, or repeated transfer of large files are prohibited. Downloading audio and video files generates a great deal of traffic and interferes with other students’ ability to use the Internet. Anyone repeatedly downloading excessive amounts of material will be contacted and may be disconnected from the network.

10. You may not possess or use any software or hardware designed to disrupt the security of the network and any devices attached to the network, or spy on the network traffic of other users.

11. If you connect a computer to the network that is used as a server, you must
register the server with Technology Services. As the server administrator, you must choose a server name that is not misleading; you may not represent your system as an official, College-provided server; and you are responsible for any use of the server that is in violation of the policies.

12. Servers that manage network addresses, including but not limited to DNS, DHCP, BOOTP, and WINS, may not be connected to the network.

13. You may not use the network to engage in software piracy or copyright infringements. You may not “share” software or other files over the network without a license to “share”. A single-copy license is not a license to “share” software.

14. You may not use the network to violate federal, state or local laws or statutes.

15. Technology Services is not responsible for fixing your computer if you load software or change settings which interfere with the operation of the computer on the network.

16. Some Internet chat rooms, games and web dependent software may not be accessible through the College network.

17. Virus protection software must be used on any computer connected to the College network. If a computer is found to be transmitting viruses on the network, it will be disconnected until virus protection software is installed and the computer is cleared of viruses.

18. You should check your computer regularly using AdAware, Spybot, or a similar product, and remove all spyware.

Policy Involving Disabilities and Students with Special Needs

These policies and procedures have been designed to ensure that students with disabilities at Delaware Valley College (DVC) receive appropriate academic accommodations, as mandated by Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. According to legislation, faculty and other members of the college community are required to provide reasonable accommodations for students who have documented disabilities. "Reasonable accommodation" is defined by the college as adjustments that can be implemented without undue burden on the institution and which do not reduce academic expectations of a course or degree program. Faculty participate in the decision of what is deemed reasonable and they are responsible for making adjustments in the classroom.

Reasonable accommodations are intended to ensure access to education and do not guarantee student success. Students to whom this policy applies have met the college's admissions criteria and, as with all DVC students, are expected to maintain good academic standing. Learning Support Services students are responsible for taking an active role throughout their college career in initiating and seeking appropriate accommodations. The following sections outline the college's policy regarding such accommodations and offer procedures to be used for implementing adjustments and appealing disputes.

I. DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE ACADEMIC MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of Delaware Valley College is to provide students with an opportunity to reach their highest potential and to acquire, in an intellectually stimulating environment, a quality education in high-science agriculture, in the biological and physical sciences, in the liberal arts, and in business. The college prepares students for meaningful personal and professional lives and leadership roles in service to the community, the state, the nation, and the
world by emphasizing scholarship with applied experience, good citizenship, an appreciation of our cultural heritage and the importance and necessity of lifelong learning. Students are selected without regard to race, color, creed, ethnic origin, sex, age, physical handicap, or economic status.”

II. ACCOMMODATIONS AND PROCEDURES AT DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE

Students who have provided specific, current, and complete documentation of their disability (e.g., a psychological report, an educational evaluation, and/or medical report) can be considered for eligibility. Any expense incurred when obtaining documentation is the financial responsibility of the student. At the beginning of each semester, students meet with the Learning Support Specialist and the faculty who will designate specific accommodations to match the needs of the students’ disability with their courses. Eligible students who request services at other points during a semester receive services as of the date of their request. Once a plan for accommodations is in place, any changes during the semester must be done in consultation with faculty and Learning Support Services.

III. COURSE SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURE

The college expects that students matriculated into a degree program will complete all course requirements. However, when a student with a disability experiences extensive difficulty with a specific course, due to the disability, the following procedure is to be used to consider course substitutions.

1) Students who experience difficulty in a course should contact the Learning Support Office for strategies. The students must then demonstrate that despite these adjustments their disability is still interfering with access to the course. "Demonstrates" may be in the form of repeated failed attempts to take the course or documentation that confirms a student's inability to pass a course is due to a disability.

2) Through consultation, the student, the Chair of the Department, and the Learning Support Specialist plan an alternative method of completing course requirements while maintaining the integrity of the course content and objectives.

3) When all other supports and accommodations do not remove disability barriers and interfere with the student completing a course, a student may petition for course substitution through the Learning Support Office. In a request for a substitution, the following criteria must be met:

   a. The original course is not essential to the completion of the student’s degree program. This decision is to be noted in writing by the chairperson in the department of the student’s major.
b. The department chairperson in the student's major will note in writing whether or not a substitute course is appropriate, available.

c. The extent of the disability and previous efforts to succeed in the original course have been documented and verified in writing by the Learning Support Specialist.

d. The student has maintained good academic standing in other courses pertaining to his or her required program.

IV. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

“Students have the right to present a grievance free from interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.” Please refer to Delaware Valley’s College Catalog under Grievance Procedure for instructions.

V. ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY BOARD

An Academic Accommodations Policy Board shall be formed at DVC for the purpose of addressing academic accommodation appeals. Members of this board will include the Learning Support Specialist, the Director of Student Support Services, the Department Chair of the student’s major, and Department Chair of the course (if different). This Board shall convene on a case-by-case basis. In executing its function, the Board may contact other appropriate personnel and/or request additional documentation. Following input solicited from the student, the Policy Board will make a decision on the issue within thirty (30) days of the request or appeal.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY

Specific requirements of confidentiality are dictated by federal and state law. Information regarding a student’s disability must be treated as confidential. While the process of administering accommodations may draw attention from other students and faculty, every effort must be made to preserve the privacy of the student with a disability. Individuals who need accommodations must be treated with the same dignity and courtesy as is extended to all students in the classroom.

BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT/INTERVENTION TEAM

Behavioral Assessment/Intervention Team (BAIT) is a committee of professional staff members of the college that meet on a regular basis to discuss student behavioral concerns. This committee assesses this shared information so that the college can devise an appropriate response and intervention, when needed, with a strategy that supports the safety of the student and the safety of the college community.

If you believe a student is in need of medical treatment or poses an immediate threat to him/her self or to others in this community please contact one of the following administrators:

- John Brown, Vice President of Student Affairs (215-489-2413)
- Steve Johnson, Director of Security and Public Safety (215-489-2315)
- Karen Kay, Director of Student Support Services (215-489-2309)
Dress Code
Students should be dressed presentably when attending College functions, classes
and meals.

Emergency Response
Delaware Valley College is committed to providing members of its community with
a safe and secure environment. Delaware Valley College now has a state-of-the-art
College wide notification system. This system is capable of sending notifications
instantly and simultaneously to all registered mobile telephones, blackberry’s,
wireless PDS’s, pagers, Smart or Satellite phones, everyone’s email address as well as
posting notifications on our College web site. These notifications will also “pop up”
to anyone using Google Yahoo, or AOL as your home page. e2Campus is a secure
network and all telephone numbers and emails are protected.

PLEASE REGISTER - it only takes a minute. This will be the surest way for you to
receive notifications critical to your safety and well being as well as other campus
information you can opt to receive. Simple click on the lick below (go to our sign
up page and put the link in the browser window - below this paragraph), which will
take you directly to the sign up form. Have your cell phone on and with you during
this simple process. You may check off any of the groups from which you would
like to “opt in” to receive notifications (the list will increase over time, and will
always be updated in your personal e2Campus account) http://www.e2campus.com/
my/delawarevalley/signup.htm

Once you completed the validation part of registering your mobile phone, the next
page will say “Congratulations, you have successfully signed up” You will see a
“log on” button for your new account. To complete your registration, you must open
your account click on Services and then enter your email address, then click on ADD
EMAIL button. You will instantly be emailed a verification email, just open it and
click on the validation link - you’re done! Click on the link below to see what the
page where your personal access is located. You may register two email addresses
and two digital devices.

http://www.e2campus.com/my/delawarevalley/signup.htm

Emergency Blue Light Phones have been strategically placed throughout Delaware
Valley College’s 571-acre campus in an effort to further provide assistance, and
protective and safety services to the DVC campus community. When used, the
telephones are immediately connected directly to an on-duty DVC Public Safety
officer. The phones, which are attached to elevated and highly visible poles, are
equipped with speakerphones and strobe lights.

Financial Responsibility
No student may enroll in any courses, receive housing or have transcripts issued
until arrangements for all financial commitments to the College have been satisfied.
Student accounts in default will be required to pay interest and collection costs.

Firearms/Weapons
Firearms are not permitted on the property of the College. Knives over 3” blades,
switch blades, ice picks, or any instrument used to threaten or harm another person
including any device used to propel a projectile, e.g., BB guns, paintball guns, and
slingshots are not permitted on College property.

Fire Regulations
It is a violation of both State and Federal law under any circumstances to fail to
vacate a building when a fire alarm is sounded or to tamper with any fire-fighting equipment or fire alarm systems.

Any violation of rules covering fire control and fire protection practices and the violation of the most basic safety precautions for the protection of students will be considered a serious offense. Any student found responsible for any of the following violations will be subject to a minimum of $1,000 fine and disciplinary action, which may include suspension, dismissal from the residence halls, or dismissal from the College.

1. Sounding a false fire alarm or causing a false alarm to be sounded. (All costs entailed by the College or the local fire departments in responding to the alarm shall be charged to the student or students involved.)

2. Tampering - Includes any utensil or item, or in any way performing any act, which may affect the proper functioning of any fire control or fire prevention instrument or device of the College. Includes discharge of a fire extinguisher for purposes other than putting out a fire.

3. Playing with lighted matches, setting fires in wastebaskets, or in any manner concerning oneself with devices or instruments that may cause a fire on or in any property of the College. (This includes fires of any nature anywhere on College property.) Grills or any open flame will be construed as violations unless it is registered via the Office of Student Affairs. Professional live-in staff are permitted to have grills with approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

**Fireworks**
Possession or discharge of fireworks is illegal in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is prohibited on campus or on any College property. Any student found responsible of possessing or using smoke bombs, cherry bombs, sparklers, roman candles, or fireworks of any description will be subject to disciplinary action which may include a minimum fine of $100, suspension, dismissal from the residence halls, or dismissal from the College.

**Gambling**
Pennsylvania law makes it illegal to play a game for money or other valuable things. Gambling is thus prohibited on campus or other College property.

**Hazing**
Historically, hazing has been associated with Greek letter organizations. In fact hazing can happen in any group or team. Hazing compromises group unity and negatively affects self-worth. Hazing violates DVC policy and PA State Law. All groups and teams must adhere to these rules.

1. Respect for the dignity and rights of all students, is the basic tenet of the academic and social communities of Delaware Valley College. Hazing will not be tolerated to any extent on or off campus.

2. No chapter, local or national, student, or alumnus shall conduct or condone hazing activities of any sort.

3. Hazing activities are actions taken or a situation created, involving or resulting in abusive physical contact or mental harassment to a new member, whether on or off campus even a place where organizations meet, with the intent to produce excessive mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment or harassment.

4. Hazing activities may include but are not limited to the following:
   A. use of alcohol
   B. paddling or beating in any form
   C. creation of excessive fatigue or sleep deprivation
   D. Starvation diets, or altered eating which may cause illness or allergic reaction
E. physical or psychological shock
F. confinement to a specific area such as a residence hall room or member’s house
G. quests, treasure hunts, road trips, scavenger hunts or such activities carried on inside or outside which may result in reckless or dangerous behavior
H. engaging in public stunts or buffoonery, specifically public line-ups
I. the wearing of public attire which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste including denying individuals’ right to launder clothing
J. morally degrading or humiliating games and activities
K. kidnapping, transportation with the intent of stranding
L. nudity or lewd behavior
M. insufficient study/tutor hours
N. any behavior which is sexist or racist or demeans the beliefs of others
O. any other activity inconsistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual or policy
P. activities inconsistent with state and federal law

5. Any activity, as defined above, which is indirectly or directly a condition of admission into, affiliation with or continued membership in a Greek or recognized Organization which will be presumed to be “forced”- willingness of the individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

Hunting
Hunting is not permitted on any College property.

ID Cards
Current DVC ID card must be carried at all times. On request by any college authority, campus security guards, Area Coordinators, or Resident Assistants, you are required to show these cards. You may obtain an ID at the Public Safety and Security Office. There is a replacement fee for lost, damaged or stolen ID cards.

INTERNET SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY
1. Definitions
A. For the purposes of this policy, Social Networking Sites (SNS) will include any site used to transmit information via the web that is of a personal nature. This includes, but is not limited to, social interaction and profile sites (Facebook.com, MySpace.com, etc.); journaling or ‘blog’ sites; and media sharing sites (YouTube.com, etc.).
B. Delaware Valley College views any content transmitted via SNS’s as public information, not as a private journal.

2. Student Content
A. This policy may apply to all content accessible via SNS’s.
B. Delaware Valley College does not actively monitor student content posted on SNS’s. Agents of the College may view student content when prompted to do so by information brought to the attention of that Agent. This information may include, but is not limited to, evidence of violations of College Policy, or indications of a health and safety concern.
C. The College retains the right to access any student content posted on SNS’s at any time. The College will attempt to limit this access to matters of official College business, including, but not limited to, investigation of possible College Policy violations or health and safety concerns.
D. College staff may use SNS’s for personal use without restriction. However, the College advises all staff members to maintain appropriate boundaries and exercise extreme caution and discretion when transmitting personal
information over the internet.

E. The College will treat any information gathered via SNS’s as it would any other information provided to or discovered by the College. Furthermore, the College may use that information as admissible evidence in campus judicial proceedings where necessary and appropriate, as determined by the chief judicial officer, or his/her designee.

3. Official Use of SNS’s
   A. The College reserves the right to post information via SNS’s at any time for any reason. These reasons include, but are not limited to, advertising, campus community development, information sharing, or media dissemination.

4. Duties Assumed by This Policy
   A. The College is not responsible for any content contained on SNS’s that is not posted by the College for official College business. The College is not liable for any information posted by students.
   B. Use of SNS’s by the College will not be construed as assumed knowledge of content posted online.
   C. The College is not responsible or liable for any activities or incidents resulting from SNS content that is not posted by the College.
   D. Students retain sole responsibility for any content they choose to include on any SNS, and may be held responsible for this content by the College as well as law enforcement officials.

Additional things to think about: Facebook/Myspace

• Be careful about how much personal identifying information you post - there have been cases of identity theft and/or cases of individuals being stalked as a direct result of what they posted.

• Be aware that future employers could access your profile - do you really want them seeing a picture of you from last Thursday night’s misadventure?

• If you post incriminating evidence of a college policy violation and that information is brought to the attention of college officials, it could be used in a judicial hearing. We will not go looking for problems, but when they come to us we are obligated to respond. Behavior online is still behavior.

• Know what you are agreeing to when you click on "I agree". Did you read the fine print? Most people don't. You have agreed to significant limits of liability if negative things are posted about you. You have also agreed to allow facebook or myspace to share your information with a third party.

• Your "private journal" is not really private. All anyone needs is to know someone who has access to an .edu email address (for facebook) and anyone can access you with myspace.

• The bottom line is that whatever you choose to include should pass the three "P" test. Would you mind if it was viewed by Parents, Police or a Pedophile?

MISSING PERSON

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for Delaware Valley College’s response to reports of missing students, as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. This policy applies to students who reside in on-campus housing and are deemed missing or absent from the College for a period of more than 24 hours without any known reason or which may be contrary to usual patterns of behavior. Such circumstances could include, but are not limited to, a report or suspicion that the missing person may be the victim of foul play, has expressed suicidal thoughts, drug use, is in a life threatening situation, or has been with persons who may endanger the student’s welfare.
I. Procedures for Designation of Emergency Contact Information
   a. Residential Students age 18 and above (includes emancipated minors):
      Students will be given the opportunity during each semester’s registration
      process to designate an individual or individuals to be contacted by the college no
      more than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing in
      accordance with the procedures set forth below. A designation will remain in effect
      until changed or revoked by the student.

   b. Residential Students under the age of 18:
      In the event a student is determined to be missing or absent as defined above, the
      College is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian no more than 24 hours
      after the student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedures set
      forth below.

II. Notification Procedures for Missing Residential Students
   a. Any individual who has information that a residential student may be a missing
      person must notify the Office of Public Safety and Security (215-489-2315) as soon
      as possible.

   b. The Office of Public Safety and Security will gather all essential information
      about the residential student from the reporting person and from the student’s
      acquaintances. Such essential information will include, but not be limited, to the
      following: description of the student, clothes last worn, where student might be,
      who student might be with, cell phone number, vehicle description, class schedule,
      and status of student’s physical and mental well being.

   c. Notification, contact, and follow up with the Vice President for Student Affairs or
      designee.

   d. If the above actions are unsuccessful in locating the student or it is apparent
      immediately that the student is a missing person (e.g., witnessed abduction), the
      Office of Public Safety and Security will contact the appropriate local law enforce-
      ment agency to report the student as a missing person and the local law enforcement
      agency will take charge of the investigation.

   e. No later than 24 hours after determining that a residential student is missing, the
      Student Affairs Office will notify the emergency contact (for students 18 and over or
      emancipated minors) or the parent/legal guardian (for students under the age of 18)
      that the student is believed to be missing.

   f. Appropriate University Administrators will be notified by the Vice President of
      Student Affairs or designee in accordance with this policy.

III. College Communications about missing students
    Law enforcement personnel are best situated to provide information to the media
    that is designed to gain public assistance in the search for a missing person. As
    such, all communications regarding missing students will be handled by the
    appropriate local law enforcement agency, who may consult with the College’s Office
    of Public Relations. All inquiries to the College regarding missing students, or
    information provided to any individual at the College about a missing student, shall
    be referred to the Office of Public Safety and Security, who shall refer such inquiries
    and information to the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

    Prior to providing the Delaware Valley College community with any information
    about a missing student, the Office of Public Relations shall consult with the Office
of Public Safety and Security and with the appropriate local law enforcement agency to ensure that communications do not hinder the investigation.

**Printed Materials**
All printed materials (fliers, publications, T-shirts, etc.) utilizing the College’s name, the name of a College organization, or the name of a College event are to be approved by the appropriate campus office prior to printing. Students, clubs, and organizations also must receive approval from the Office of Student Involvement. All such material must contain items, printed or alluded to, which are in compliance with school policy and the Student Handbook.

**Recreational Sports**
All sports, i.e. baseball, football, soccer, are to be played in designated open areas away from all college buildings and car parking areas to ensure safety. The hitting of golf balls from varsity athletic fields is prohibited.

**Religious Organizations**
Organizations sponsored by religious groups are permitted on campus, providing their membership and meetings are open to all students. The College is, and has been since its founding in 1896, nondenominational.

**Safety Policy**
Delaware Valley College strives to create and maintain a safe, secure, and healthy campus environment. Students should use reasonable care and exercise prudent, appropriate behavior concerning the safety and health of all users of College facilities.

While the Safety Committee is responsible for implementation, coordination, updating and review of the Delaware Valley College Safety Program, safety is the responsibility of everyone. Please report any safety concerns to the Office of Public Safety and Security.

**Secret Organizations**
The College prohibits secret organizations. The Student Government and the College Administration must approve all student organizations on the campus.

**Sexual Harassment Policy**
1. Delaware Valley College is dedicated to the establishment and maintenance of an experience in which the dignity and value of all individuals within the college community are respected. It is the responsibility of each person on campus to respect the dignity and worth of others and to demonstrate a basic collegiality that precludes expressions of bigotry and discrimination.

2. Delaware Valley College prohibits and will not tolerate sexual harassment in any context. Those inflicting such behaviors on others are subject to the full range of College disciplinary actions, but also to any civil or criminal charges, which may accompany such acts.

3. The College is dedicated to the ideal of an academic community in which students, faculty, and staff rely on relationships of mutual trust and confidence.

4. A romantic or consensual sexual relationship between a faculty member and a student currently enrolled in his/her class is not permitted. If such a relationship does develop, it is a conflict of interest; therefore, alternative student/teacher arrangements must be made.

5. Sexual harassment is defined as any unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:
   a. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment or educational
advancement, or evaluation, or
b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment or educational advancement, or evaluation decisions affecting that individual, or
c. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with an individual’s work performance or educational experience; creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work/educational environment.
d. Sexual harassment takes different forms. It may range from unwelcome comments to unwanted physical contact. Both women and men can be victims. Sexual harassment is prohibited by campus policy and is illegal under federal and state laws.

6. Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to promptly file a report with the local law enforcement agency.

7. If you think you have been sexually harassed, tell the harasser that you don’t like his or her behavior, and you want it to stop. Also, keep a record of events. Talking about the incident with friends may also be helpful.

8. The College regards such behavior as a violation of our code of conduct. Accordingly, those inflicting such behavior on others are subject to the full range of internal institutional disciplinary actions, including separation.

9. Complaints by students of sexual harassment should be reported to the Office of Public Safety and Security and/or the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Vice President for Student Affairs, together with the College’s EEO Officer, will pursue and resolve the matter.

10. If the results of an investigation indicate that sanctions are warranted against a faculty member, the Vice President for Student Affairs and the EEO Officer will consult with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and counsel to develop an appropriate course of action. If the results of the investigation indicate that sanctions are warranted against a staff member, the EEO officer will consult with appropriate management and counsel to recommend a course of action. If the issue is between students, the student judicial process as outlined in the Student Handbook would apply.

11. No community member will be subject to retaliation for making a complaint as described above regarding harassment or inappropriate conduct, cooperating in the investigation of alleged harassment or inappropriate conduct or otherwise opposing unlawful harassment or other inappropriate conduct. Anyone engaging in retaliation is subject to the full range of disciplinary actions, up to and including separation.

12. Delaware Valley College will not tolerate sexual intimidation. The College will deal severely with such conduct and may refer the incident to civil authorities for further investigation and/or prosecution.

**Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in any building on campus, including the residence halls. Smoking is permitted outside only and the smoker must be at least 15 feet away from any residence hall door or window. It is expected that smoking be conducted in a courteous manner that respects the living space of other students. All smoking waste (butts, ashes, matches, packaging) must be disposed of in the appropriate containers.

**Soliciting**

Salespersons are not permitted to solicit business in the residence halls. Anyone, including non-students, desiring to sell any commodity or service to the student body must obtain authorization from the Office of Events.
Traffic Control Regulations

As the campus roads are used for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, it is necessary that all vehicles be operated at or below the posted speed limit of 15 mph at all times. With limited spaces on campus, all vehicles must be registered with the Public Safety Office and display a valid DVC parking permit. A permit does not guarantee a parking space; it only allows you access to a designated parking area. Parking permits will not be issued to persons with delinquent fines unless payment for all charges accompanies the permit application.

College parking lots are not to be used for the storage of automobiles, trucks, trailers, or other vehicles or devices. Pedestrians will be given the right of way at all crosswalks at all times.

Any vehicle except when specifically authorized by the Public Safety Office will not enter a campus area that has been closed off by a barricade or other traffic control devices, including signs. You must obey all traffic control devices on campus.

The responsibility for finding a legal parking space rests with the student. Inability to locate a legal parking space is not an acceptable excuse for violation of these regulations. Legal spaces are outlined by white or yellow lines and vehicles must be parked within these lines. Any area of roadway including that area within a parking lot that is not specifically marked for parking, loading, or as a fire lane is defined as a driveway. An access way is an area, path, or walkway, which permits entry to or exit from a building. Parking in driveways or access ways is prohibited. Weather conditions do not alter parking regulations unless extreme conditions result in emergency conditions being declared.

All vehicles operated on campus must be operated in a safe manner. All state laws governing movement, operation, and parking of vehicles shall apply on college property. Parking in fire lanes or access to a building is a violation of local ordinance as well as college regulations. Vehicles so parked will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Appropriate signs marked for college personnel or handicapped indicate reserved parking areas. Permanent or temporary handicapped identification must be obtained at the Public Safety Office in order to park in a stall reserved for handicapped. (State handicapped license plates are acceptable identification).

College identification and the owner’s card for the vehicle must be presented to any Public Safety Officer upon request.

You are responsible for notifying the Public Safety Office of any change in the status (commuter moving on campus, staff resigning, etc.) or of vehicle ownership or license plate within 5 working days. Should the change affect your permit eligibility, you will be notified of the required modification.

Delaware Valley College reserves the rights to tow away, impound, or immobilize any vehicle parked in violation of College rules and to impose such fines and/or other penalties as may be specified by the Public Safety Office.

The College reserves the right to change any traffic control regulation. Normally, changes in the regulations will be announced through the campus newspapers and other appropriate media.

If you must temporarily drive an unregistered vehicle, obtain a temporary permit to park in a designated lot. Visitors are welcome and must obtain a temporary permit from the Public Safety Office that should be displayed on the rear view mirror. Possession of a permit or temporary permit implies awareness of the College Motor Vehicle Regulations and the responsibility to adhere to them. It is your responsibility to ensure that your visitors park in the student lots. If a ticket is issued to a visitor’s vehicle for inappropriate parking, payment for said ticket is the responsibility of the host student.
Student Parking Lots:

1. Main Lot – Adjacent to the Public Safety and Security Building; beyond the first three rows.
2. Student Center Lot – Behind the Student Center
3. Lot D – Adjacent to New Britain Classrooms
4. Admissions Lot – off New Britain Rd.

Liability: Delaware Valley College assumes no responsibility for the care and/or protection of any vehicle or its contents at any time. The College parking lots are generally unsecured but are equipped with cameras. As a condition of registration, the registrant agrees to not make a claim against the College for any loss or damage to property or personal injury that may occur while the vehicle is on College property.

Bicycle Regulations: Free bicycle registration is available at the Public Safety Office to assist in identification if a bicycle is stolen or removed. Bicycles are not permitted in buildings except for owners who keep them inside their residence hall rooms or locked in racks. The Public Safety Office will remove bicycles parked in unauthorized places (such as hallways, sidewalks, and building entrances). In order to reclaim their bicycles, owners must appear at the Public Safety Office and establish ownership and payment of a $10 removal fee.

All bicyclists are urged to use a substantial locking device on their bicycles, to report persons tampering with, or otherwise engaging in suspicious activity around bicycles, and to promptly report any theft.

Rules & Regulations

1. Driving and parking - You are held responsible for any violation involving the registered vehicle when you are operating the vehicle or when the vehicle is being used by another individual.
2. Display of Parking Permit- The student permit will be placed on the rear view mirror with the number facing out.
3. Accidents and Disabled Vehicles - All accidents involving vehicles that occur on College property must be reported to the Public Safety Office immediately. This report does not relieve the vehicle owner of the responsibility of reporting to police as described in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. All disabled vehicles must be reported to the Public Safety Office immediately. The operator shall stand by the vehicle until a Public Safety Office arrives to determine if the vehicle will create a hazard. If it is considered a hazard, the operator shall arrange to have it removed immediately. Flashing lights or notes left on the vehicle is not sufficient notice to the Public Safety Office.

4. Fraudulent Registration

A person who obtains a college vehicle registration parking permit/hangtag in violation of these regulations, or who uses or displays it, shall be fined for fraudulent registration, which includes but is not limited to:

A. Obtaining a permit in another person’s name.
B. Multiple vehicle registration for the same period, except as authorized within these regulations.
C. Registering a vehicle that is used by/for an unauthorized person.
D. Display or use of a College registration hangtag/permit on a vehicle other than the vehicle registered.
E. Use of a visitor’s permit by faculty, staff, or students except as authorized by the Public Safety Office
F. Any alteration of a visitor’s permit.
5. Snow Removal - During winter months when snow removal is required in the campus parking lots, students will be required to move their vehicles from lots that are being plowed to a designated parking lot. Failure to do so may result in towing. The weekend following a snow fall students parked in the Main Parking Lot, Parking Lot “A” are required to move their vehicles to Parking Lot “D” located by the Soccer Field. Vehicles must be moved by noon on Saturday and may not be returned before 2:00 PM on Sunday. Vehicles not moved will be towed so that the Main Parking Lot can be plowed. The parking spaces along the fence in Lot A are designated as No Parking spaces when snow is predicted or if the lot is not plowed. Vehicles that remain in these spaces when snow is predicted or if the lot is not plowed will be towed.

Fines and Penalties
The schedule of fines for violations:
1. Parked in no parking space/area $20.00
2. Parked in a reserve or designated space $20.00
3. Blocking driveway or access $20.00
4. Misrepresentation/fraud – permit/hangtag $100.00
5. Reckless Driving
   A. 1st Offense $30.00
   B. 2nd Offense: 10 hours of Contributory Service+ $50.00
   C. 3rd Offense: 25 hours of Contributory Service, Disciplinary Probation for one semester+ $100.00
   D. 4th Offense: Loss of driving privileges for one (1) semester.
6. Fines are payable in the Public Safety and Security Office within 30 days. Students who fail to remit fines will have their grades and transcript withheld. Failure to remit fines may also result in the loss of parking privileges, and in immobilization of vehicle.

Enforcement of the rules and regulations will be the responsibility of the Public Safety Office. Operators who fail to obey the direction of a traffic sign may receive a traffic citation for a minor offense. Only one citation for a parking violation will be issued for the same offense in any 24-hour period. Students who have accumulated three or more minor violations are subject to disciplinary action by the College under the Student Code of Conduct. Students who violate major regulations may also be subject to such action by the college for one or more violations. This action is in addition to any fines or other traffic penalties imposed.

Towing and Impounding: The College reserves the right to remove and impound abandoned vehicles or any vehicle found on campus: without a license plate, parked in a driveway, fire lane, access to buildings, reserved, or service vehicle space, blocking a loading dock or trash dumpster, or illegally parked in such a way as to constitute a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic or to the movement and operation of emergency equipment. The owner will be responsible for all costs involved in towing, impounding, and storing such a vehicle.

The Public Safety Office shall remove from the campus at the owner’s expense any vehicle that is determined by them to be a health or safety hazard or major inconvenience to the College community.

The Public Safety Office, to assist in the enforcement of these regulations, is authorized to use the “immobilizer”, a device that prevents the movement of the vehicle when placed on the front wheel. This sanction was developed to provide alternatives to towing vehicles. These sanctions apply to all members of the College community.
Appeals: The Traffic Court Judge will meet with the Director of Public Safety and Security to schedule and review the procedures of the Traffic Court Hearing. At least one Traffic Court Hearing will be convened each semester. You may appeal a parking ticket by obtaining a traffic ticket appeal form in the Public Safety and Security Office. Procedures for filing an appeal are as follows:

1. The form must be completed and left at the Public Safety Office within 7 days of the date a ticket was issued.
2. You will be subpoenaed by the Traffic Court to plead your case.
3. You will be advised at Traffic Court as to whether you have been found guilty or not guilty.

Non-appealable offenses: Towed vehicles, immobilized vehicles, if you have committed fraud to obtain a permit/hangtag.

DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

PREAMBLE:
The Delaware Valley College community – composed of faculty, staff, and students – treats all of its members, as well as those who visit our community, with conscientious respect, fairness, and dignity. We will respect the property of other members of the community, treating all such property with care equal to or greater than that accorded our own property. Further realizing that the property of the College, its buildings and grounds and all encompassed within, serves to benefit all members of the community, we agree to preserve this property for others to use after us. We strive to act in a manner that promotes the pursuit of knowledge in an atmosphere of integrity, caring, and truth. Actions and attitudes that undermine this respect and concern are detrimental to our community.

We recognize that the privilege of being a student at Delaware Valley College carries with it certain responsibilities of scholarship, character and mature judgment. Students, as adults, are obligated to obey the law, and bear ultimate responsibility for their actions. As such, we agree to uphold the following standards:

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

1. The term College means Delaware Valley College.
2. The term “student” includes all persons taking courses at the College, either full-time or part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies. Persons who withdraw after allegedly violating the Student Code, who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the College or who have been notified of their acceptance for admission are considered “students”. This Student Code does apply at all locations of the College, including the Roth Farm and Gemmill Campus.
3. The term “faculty member” means any person hired by the College to conduct classroom or teaching activities or who is otherwise considered by the College to be a member of its faculty.
4. The term “College official” includes any person employed by the College, performing assigned administrative, paraprofessional or professional responsibilities.

5. The term “member of the College community” includes any person who is a student, faculty member, College official or any other person employed by the College. A person’s status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

6. The term “College premises” includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by the College including adjacent streets and sidewalks.

7. The term “organization” means any number of persons who have complied with the formal requirements for College recognition.

8. The Vice President of Student Affairs is that person designated by the College President to be responsible for the oversight of the administration of the Student Code of Conduct.

9. The term “Chief Conduct Officer” means the College official authorized by the Vice President of Student Affairs to administer the Student Code of Conduct.

10. The term “Hearing Officer” means a College official authorized on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Conduct Officer to hear the charges and to impose sanctions, where appropriate, upon students found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

11. The term “Student Conduct Board” means the group of persons appointed by the President and the Vice President of Student Affairs to (1) hear the charges and recommend sanctions that may be imposed when a serious rules violation has been committed, and (2) hear appeals of decisions made by the Chief Conduct Officer.

12. The term “policy” is defined as the written regulations of the College as found in, but not limited to, the Student Handbook, Housing Agreement, College website, and College Catalogs.

13. The term “Complainant” means any person who submits a charge alleging that a student violated this Student Code. When a student believes that s/he has been a victim of another student’s misconduct, the student who believes s/he has been a victim will have the same rights under this Student Code as are provided to the Complainant, even if another member of the College community submitted the charge itself.

14. The term “Accused Student” means any student accused of violating this Student Code.

ARTICLE II: STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AUTHORITY

1. The Vice President of Student Affairs shall determine the composition of the Student Conduct Board’s student members, and the President of the College shall determine the composition of the Student Conduct Board’s staff and faculty members. The Vice President of Student Affairs will determine whether charges will be
2. The Chief Conduct Officer shall develop policies for the administration of the student conduct system and procedural rules for the conduct of Student Conduct Hearings that are not inconsistent with provisions of the Student Code.

3. Decisions made according to this Student Code of Conduct shall be final, pending the normal appeal process.

ARTICLE III: PROSCRIBED CONDUCT

A. Jurisdiction of the College Student Code of Conduct

The College Student Code shall apply to conduct that occurs on College premises, at College sponsored activities, and to off-campus conduct that adversely affects the College Community and/or the pursuit of its objectives. Each student shall be responsible for his/her conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of a degree, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end, as well as during the academic year and during periods between terms of actual enrollment (and even if their conduct is not discovered until after a degree is awarded). The Student Code shall apply to a student’s conduct even if the student withdraws from school while a disciplinary matter is pending. The Chief Conduct Officer shall decide whether the Student Code shall be applied to conduct occurring off campus, on a case by case basis, in his/her sole discretion.

B. Good Samaritan Policy

Delaware Valley College expects students to help each other by reporting dangerous situations to College or local authorities. In the event that a student is found violating the Student Code of Conduct as a result of his/her report of a dangerous situation, the reporting student may be granted a reprieve from disciplinary sanctions. To report a dangerous situation, any College community member should contact the Office of Public Safety and Security at 215-489-2315, or x2315 on campus.

C. Conduct-Rules and Regulations

The Rules and Regulations outlined below represent a broad overview of possible infractions. Specific policies and procedures are detailed in the text of this handbook. Violations of the law as well as specific college policies are considered violations of the code of conduct and are subject to this Student Code. Any student found to have committed any of the following misconduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions as outlined in Article IV.

Expectation of Conduct

Students are required to engage in responsible social conduct that reflects credit upon the College community and to model good citizenship in any community.
Type One Behaviors: The following behavior is considered of the utmost gravity by the College, and may result in sanctions up to expulsion from the College.

1. Threat or cause of physical or psychological harm
   Physical abuse, fighting, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and/or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.

2. Sexual abuse
   Sexual abuse is any sexual act or physical contact that is committed in the absence of consent. For the purpose of this policy, consent must be freely and actively given through mutually understandable terms or actions. A person is deemed incapable of giving consent when that person is a minor, is mentally disabled, mentally incapacitated, physically helpless, under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the point of being unable to make a rational decision, unconscious or asleep. A person always retains the right to revoke consent at any time during a sexual act.

3. Bias motivated abuse
   Bias motivated abuse is any act of malicious intention directed at an individual or group based on age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status. Bias motivated abuse will be considered as an aggravating factor in any College disciplinary matter.

4. Domestic abuse
   Domestic abuse occurs when a person in a personal or romantic relationship uses physical force or verbal/non-verbal harassment to injure, abuse, intimidate, harass, retaliate, or threaten another person in that relationship.

5. Hazing
   Hazing is an act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with or as a condition of continued membership in a group or organization. The express or implied consent of the victim will not be a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts; they are violations of this rule. The full Hazing Policy can be found in the “Other Important Policies” section of the Student Handbook.

6. Harassment
   Harassment is any persistent behavior which causes or is likely to cause physical or mental harm or which tends to injure or actually injures, intimidates, stigmatizes, frightens, demeans, degrades, or disgraces any person or group. Any of these behaviors that are committed more than one time will be con-
7. **Acts of dishonesty**
   An act of dishonesty is any act that intends to deceive, including but not limited to:
   a. Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty.
   b. Forger, alteration, or misuse of any College document, record, or instrument of identification.
   c. Furnishing false information to any College official, faculty member, or office.

8. **Repeated violations or violations of probation**
   Repeated violations are multiple incidents of violations of this Code of Conduct. Violations of probation are violations of this Code of Conduct that occur during a student’s term of disciplinary probation.

9. **Possession of dangerous devices or substances**
   Dangerous devices or substances include, but are not limited to, the possession or storage of firearms, explosives, unauthorized knives, or other weapons or dangerous substances on College premises. Folding or fixed blade knives with blades 3 inches or less from hilt to tip are automatically authorized. Switch blades, brass knuckles, and any device used to propel a projectile (BB guns, paintball guns, and slingshots, etc.) are not permitted on College premises.

10. **Manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances**
    Controlled substances include marijuana, narcotics, heroin, any other illegal drug, or prescription medication used inconsistently with its label, or any substance posed as the above.

11. **Forcible entry**
    Forcible entry is any unauthorized entering or attempted entering any secured College premises or other secured property while on College premises.

12. **Unauthorized use of College keys**
    Unauthorized use of College keys is the unauthorized duplication, attempted duplication, use, loan, or possession of any key to any College premises.

13. **Failure to comply with College officials or law enforcement officers**
    Violation of this policy is failure to comply with directions, written or verbal, of College officials or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties, and failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so. Behavior toward any professional or para-professional staff member that is perceived as hostile, uncivil, disrespectful, or rude is considered a violation of this policy.

14. **Disruption or obstruction of College functions or activities**
Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, other College activities, including its public service functions on or off campus, or of other authorized non-College activities when the conduct occurs on College premises.

15. Abuse of the student conduct system
Abuse of the student conduct system includes, but is not limited to:

a. Failure to obey the summons of a conduct board or College official.
b. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a College official.
c. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a student conduct proceeding.
d. Institution of conduct code proceeding in bad faith.
e. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a College official during the course of a student conduct proceeding.
f. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under this Code.
g. Attempting to discourage an individual’s proper participating in, or use of, the student conduct system

16. Violation of College policy
This policy covers any policy, rule, or regulation published in hard copy or available electronically on the College website that is not otherwise covered by this Code of Conduct.

17. Violation of law
This policy covers violation of any federal, state, or local law.

Type Two Behaviors: The following behavior is considered to be serious and may result in sanctions up to suspension from the College.

1. Compromising public safety
Compromising public safety is any behavior that creates an unsafe environment but is not intended to harm another person. This includes propping or popping doors, tampering with fire extinguishers, breaking emergency lighting, exit signs or hall telephones, setting off firecrackers or any other behavior that may put others safety at risk.

2. Sexual misconduct
Sexual misconduct is any unwanted act that is sexual in nature, but does not amount to a sexual act or physical contact. This includes flashing, streaking, indecent exposure, and other inappropriate acts of a sexual nature.

3. Aiding a violation of College policy
Aiding a violation of College policy is conspiring with or knowingly helping or encouraging another person to engage in violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

4. **Unauthorized presence on College premises**
   Unauthorized presence is entering or attempted entering of restricted College premises without the use of force to gain entry.

5. **Unauthorized possession of property**
   Unauthorized possession includes possessing, receiving, or storing property on or about College premises known to have been wrongfully taken from the College or any person or group.

6. **Damage or theft of property**
   Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to property of the College or property of a member of the College community or other personal or public property, on or off campus.

7. **Computer abuse**
   Computer abuse includes, but is not limited to:
   a. Unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read, or change the contents or for any other purpose.
   b. Unauthorized transfer of a file.
   c. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification and password.
   d. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member or College official.
   e. Use of computing facilities to send obscene or abusive messages.
   f. Use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of the College computing system.

8. **Unauthorized possession or use of controlled substances**
   Controlled substances include marijuana, narcotics, heroin, any other illegal drug, or prescription medication used inconsistently with its label, or any substance posed as the above. Related paraphernalia, odor, empty containers with residue, and related evidence of drug possession or use will be considered a violation.

9. **Violations of the alcohol policy**
   a. **Possession of hard alcohol**: Students are prohibited from possessing hard alcohol on or about the college premises. Empty containers will be considered as a violation.
   b. **Purchase or distribution of alcohol to minors**: Students are prohibited from purchasing or distributing alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
   c. **Excessive amounts of alcohol**: Students 21 and older are permitted limited amounts of alcohol according to the
Alcohol Policy if all occupants are over 21. Kegs, beer balls or other excessive amounts of alcohol are not permitted. Empty containers may be considered evidence of a violation.

d. **Open containers in public areas:** Open containers of alcohol are not permitted in the hallways, bathrooms or any other common area of residence halls or in public areas on campus. Empty containers may be considered evidence of a violation.

e. **Underage possession and/or consumption:** No student or guest under the age of 21 is permitted to possess or consume alcohol on campus. Empty containers may be considered evidence of a violation.

f. **Constructive Possession:** Students under the age of 21 who are found knowingly in the presence of alcohol will be considered in violation of the alcohol policy. Any student 21 and older found in the presence of both minors and alcohol is also in violation.

g. **Other violations of the alcohol policy:** Students are expected to abide by the full alcohol policy as published in this Student Handbook.

**Type Three Behaviors:** The following inappropriate behavior may result in sanctions up to probation and/or expulsion from the Residence Halls.

1. **Disorderly conduct**
   Conduct that is disorderly, lewd, or indecent, or constitutes a breach of peace on College premises or at functions sponsored by, or participated in by, the College or members of the academic community.

2. **Causing health and safety hazards**
   A health and safety hazard is any possession, behavior, or environment that poses a hazard to others health or well-being. This covers behavior that does not rise to compromising public safety including, but not limited to, causing unsanitary conditions, possession of bodily waste, and littering or improper disposal of trash.

3. **Violations of residence hall policies**
   This policy covers violations of all of the policies and procedures as listed in this Student Handbook.

**D. Violation of Law and College Discipline**

1. College disciplinary proceedings may be instituted against a student charged with conduct that potentially violates both the criminal law and this Student Code (that is, if both possible violations result from the same factual situation) without regard to the pendency of civil or criminal litigation in court or criminal arrest and prosecution. Proceedings under this Student Code
may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following
civil or criminal proceedings off campus at the discretion of the
Chief Conduct Officer. Determinations made or sanctions
imposed under this Student Code shall not be subject to
change because criminal charges arising out of the same
facts giving rise to violation of University rules were dismissed,
reduced, or resolved in favor of or against the criminal law
defendant.

2. When a student is charged by federal, state, or local authorities with a
violation of law, the College will not request or agree to special
consideration for that individual because of his or her status as a
student. If the alleged offense is also being processed under the Student
Code, the College may advise off-campus authorities of the existence
of the Student Code and of how such matters are typically handled
within the College community. The College will attempt to cooperate
with law enforcement and other agencies in the enforcement of criminal
law on campus and in the conditions imposed by criminal courts for
the rehabilitation of student violators (provided that the conditions do
not conflict with campus rules or sanctions). Individual students and
other members of the College community, acting in their personal
capacities, remain free to interact with governmental representatives as
they deem appropriate.

E. Bias Incident or Threats and the College Policies and Response Procedure:

Delaware Valley College is committed to creating an educational
community free from intolerance directed toward individuals or groups
and to maintain an environment that foster respect for others. We are
strongly committed to addressing incidents of bias and prejudice
against members of our community. By taking strong, consistent and
clear stands on bias motivated incidents and acts of intolerance we
aim to help create an environment of inclusion, a respect for diversity
and an understanding of different cultures.

A “bias motivated incident” is any incident which may fall within one or
more of the following definitions:

Discrimination is conduct of any nature that denies equal privileges or
treatment of a particular individual because of the individual’s age,
ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious
creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status.

Harassment is a form of discrimination consisting of physical or verbal
conduct that (1) is directed at an individual because of the individual’s age,
ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, political
belief, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or
veteran status, (2) sufficiently severe or pervasive so as to substantial-
ly interfere with the individual’s employment, education or access to
DVC programs, activities and opportunities.
Harassment may include, but is not limited to verbal or physical attacks, threats, slurs, graffiti or other written word, or derogatory comments that meet the definition set forth above. Whether the alleged conduct constitutes prohibited harassment depends on the totality of the particular circumstances, including the nature, frequency and duration of the conduct in question, the location and context in which it occurs and the status of the individuals involved.

An act of intolerance refers to conduct that is in violation of a college policy, rule or regulation and is motivated by discriminatory bias against or hatred toward other individuals or groups based on characteristics such as age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, political belief, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status.

Protocol for Bias Motivated Incidents
This protocol exists to ensure an efficient, effective and appropriate response to incidents that may be characterized as bias motivated incidents involving DVC students. The protocol should be implemented whenever a bias motivated incident is believed or perceived to have occurred. This protocol is specific to addressing bias motivated incidents targeting DVC students. It does not cover faculty or staff. Faculty or staff who have been the targets of bias motivated incidents should contact the Human Resources Office for assistance; x2478.

Procedures for Reporting Bias Motivated Incidents
Students who experience a possible bias motivated incident, as well as students, faculty or staff who are witnesses of the same, are urged to report the incident immediately by doing one of the following:

- Report to the Resident Assistant in their respective Residence Hall
- Report to their respective Area Coordinator
- Report to the Security Office (x2315)
- Report to the Vice President of Student Affairs (x2413) or the Director of Resident Life (x2476) in the Office of Student Affairs

The individual or department receiving the incident report must inform as promptly as reasonably possible the Vice President of Student Affairs who will with the appointed Bias Incident Response Team made up of administrators, faculty, staff and students:

1. investigate the reported incident
2. support those people who have been targeted
3. communicate to the college as a whole the reported incident and the committee’s findings
4. recommend to the Vice President of Student Affairs on whether the incident warrants being sent to the Student Conduct Board for a judicial hearing.

F. Involuntary Leave of Absence:
1. An Involuntary Leave of Absence may be invoked under particular extraordinary circumstances and/or crisis situations in which a student’s behavior makes his/her presence detrimental to the student and/or to others. The following guidelines address instances in which the college may require a student to temporarily be separated from the institution until such time as the causes of the behavior in question have been adequately addressed.

2. The Vice President of Student Affairs or Chief Conduct Officer may place a student on an Involuntary Leave of Absence when the student exhibits behavior that:
   a. Harms or threatens to harm the health and/or safety of the student or others;
   b. Causes or threatens to cause property damage;
   c. Interferes with the rights of others in the community to carry on their educational pursuits.
   d. Disrupts the educational and other activities of the college community.
   e. Is being investigated by the police or is being prosecuted by the authorities.
   f. Results in a student being charged with a Felony.
   In making the decision to require a student to take an Involuntary Leave, the Vice President, or his/her designee, acts out of concern for the student and his or her rights, concern for other students, and concern for the college as a whole. While on leave, a student may not return to campus until officially reinstated by the Vice President of Student Affairs or Chief Conduct Officer.

3. If a student wishes to appeal the Involuntary Leave of Absence to the Student Conduct Board, s/he may do so, in writing, within three (3) business days of receipt of the notification of Involuntary Leave. Until a final decision is reached by the Student Conduct Board, the Involuntary Leave of Absence shall remain in effect.
   a. The appeal must meet one or more criteria (as outlined under the Appeals Section of this Code) and be delivered to the Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee.
   b. The Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee shall forward the appeal to the Student Conduct Board for their review.
   c. The Student Conduct Board will hear the matter, make a decision, and forward said decision to the Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee. The decision of the Student Conduct Board is final.

4. When placing a student on involuntary leave the college reserves the right to take all appropriate and immediate action,
a. Contacting the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) when involuntary leave is imminent or after it has been invoked.

b. Temporarily removing the student from housing and/or the College on conditions set by the College, which can be reviewed by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

c. Removing the student from the residence halls, the campus and/or all college activities pending partial or full adjudication of any criminal charges.

The Vice President of Student Affairs and or his/her designee will review each student’s case in consultation with the appropriate college personnel and will ultimately decide on the duration of the involuntary leave and any conditions he/she deems appropriate.

5. A student wishing to return following an involuntary leave must initiate a request for reinstatement by writing a letter to the Vice President of Student Affairs detailing what has been accomplished during the absence along with supporting documentation attesting to the student’s readiness to resume active student status.

The decision to reinstate a student from an involuntary leave of absence is a provisional measure which may be reversed if the student fails to be a responsible member of the Delaware Valley College community. Depending on the circumstances, the college may permit a student to return under special conditions or requirements.

The Vice President of Student Affairs will ultimately determine the appropriate course of action, which may include the following:

a. The student may be again enrolled and allowed to return to the college and/or residence halls without further qualifications;

b. The student may again be enrolled and allowed to return to the college and/or residence halls subject to conditions as outlined by the Vice President of Student Affairs;

c. The student may be reenrolled as a commuter;

d. The student may be required to continue on an involuntary leave of absence until all conditions set forth by the Vice President of Student Affairs have been satisfied as determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

6. In the event that a student is placed on an involuntary leave, and if that leave extends for a period of two (2) weeks or longer, a meeting of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be convened at a reasonable time thereafter to ascertain the likelihood that the student will return to the College. If, at that time, it is determined that the student is unlikely to return, the Registrar will be instructed to
ARTICLE IV: STUDENT CONDUCT CODE PROCEDURES

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY ARE PRESUMED TO HAVE NOTICE OF AND READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.

A. Charges

1. Any member of the College community may file charges against a student or organization for violations of the Student Code. Charges shall be prepared in writing and directed to the Chief Conduct Officer. Written statements of charges are accepted at the Public Safety and Security Office on behalf of the Chief Conduct Officer. Any charge should be submitted as soon as possible after the event takes place, preferably within 7 days.

2. The College will not consider anonymous statements of charges as evidence for student conduct proceedings. If a Complainant wishes to remain unknown by the Accused Student(s), the Complainant may file a Confidential report for investigation. If investigation of the report leads to evidence that substantiates charges independently of the Complainant’s identity, the Chief Conduct Officer will proceed with assigning the case to be heard by an individual without knowledge of the Confidential statement and excluding the Confidential statement from the hearing. If investigation of the report cannot provide any evidence that does not rely on the identity of the Complainant for validity, the Complainant may resubmit the statement as non-confidential, or the Chief Conduct Officer will drop the case.

3. The Chief Conduct Officer receives all statements of charges and reviews the charges to determine if they have merit as a violation of this Code. Each report of alleged violations determined to have merit is assigned by the Chief Conduct Officer to a hearing officer or the Student Conduct Board for disposition. The Chief Conduct Officer may also serve as a hearing officer. Reports of a very serious nature are referred to the Student Conduct Board, at the discretion of the Chief Conduct Officer and the Vice President of Student Affairs. The Chief Conduct Officer and the Vice President of Student Affairs shall consider the severity of the charges as well as the severity of the possible sanctions. Once a report is assigned to the Student Conduct Board for disposition, the Board will disregard items 4-8 in this section and follow the procedures listed in Section C.

4. Each report is investigated by the assigned hearing officer. If the investigation concludes that charges are not warranted, no further action will be taken. If the investigation concludes that
charges are warranted, the hearing officer will proceed with assigning applicable charges. In instances where reports offer clear evidence of violations, the hearing officer may proceed to a hearing with no further investigation. Charges are assigned to each Accused Student or Organization individually. An Organization’s President shall serve as the representative for his/her Organization throughout the Student Conduct Proceedings. Accused Students and Organizations are herein collectively referred to as “the Accused”.

5. All charges shall be presented to the Accused in written form. Primary communication of charges will be sent to the Accused’s College email account; should the Accused fail to open the message within three (3) business days, the charges may be sent via paper letter, hand-delivered by Residence Life or Public Safety and Security staff.

6. Emails and paper letters will be tracked using receipts to determine when the Accused received the communication. The Accused are required to contact the hearing officer within two (2) business days of receiving notification of charges to arrange a hearing date and time.

7. If the Accused, with notice, does not contact the assigned Hearing Officer within two (2) business days of receipt of the notification of charges, the information in support of the charges shall be considered and the hearing officer will dispose of the charges and assign sanctions, if warranted, even if the Accused is not present.

B. Hearings – cases assigned to hearing officers

1. On the agreed upon hearing date and time, the Accused will meet with the Hearing Officer to review the assigned charges.

2. Hearings shall be held in private.

3. Formal rules of process, procedure, and/or technical rules of evidence, such as are applied in criminal or civil court, are not used in Student Code proceedings.

4. The Accused will have the opportunity to provide personal testimony as defense to the charges. Additionally, the Accused may bring any evidence (records, written statements, etc.) s/he may have to dispute the charges. The Accused will also have the opportunity to take responsibility for the charges.

5. If the Accused wishes to present a witness, the Accused must inform the Hearing Officer within 24 hours of the scheduled hearing. The Hearing Officer may choose to meet with the witness at the time of the hearing or arrange a separate interview with the witness. If the Accused shares the name(s) of a witness during the hearing, the Hearing Officer will arrange separate interviews with those named witnesses at a later time.

6. The Accused has the right to be assisted by an advisor they choose, at their own expense. The advisor must be a member of the College Community and may not be an attorney. The
Accused is responsible for presenting his or her own information, and therefore, advisors are not permitted to speak or to participate directly in any Student Conduct proceedings. The Accused should select as an advisor a person whose schedule allows attendance at the scheduled date and time for the hearing because delays will not normally be allowed due to the scheduling conflicts of an advisor.

7. Based on a preponderance of the available evidence, the Hearing Officer will determine if it is more likely than not that a violation has occurred, and will determine appropriate sanction if the Accused is found in violation. This decision may occur at the conclusion of the hearing, or at a later date if a decision cannot be reached due to the investigation of further evidence.

8. Once a decision has been made, the decision and any assigned sanctions shall be presented to the Accused in written form. Primary communication of the decision and sanctions will be sent to the Accused’s College email account; should the Accused fail to open the message within three (3) business days, the charges may be sent via paper letter, hand-delivered by Residence Life or Public Safety and Security staff.

C. Hearings – cases assigned to the Student Conduct Board

1. Once a report is assigned to the Student Conduct Board, the Chief Conduct Officer shall conduct a complete investigation of the alleged violations. The Chief Conduct Officer will make a written summary of all interviews held to investigate the charges.

2. Upon completion of the investigation, the Chief Conduct Officer will assign charges to the Accused and schedule a Student Conduct Board Hearing. All charges shall be presented to the Accused in written form along with the scheduled Student Conduct Board Hearing date, time, and location. Primary communication will be sent to the Accused’s College email account; should the Accused fail to open the message within three (3) business days, the charges may be sent via paper letter, hand-delivered by Residence Life or Public Safety and Security staff.

3. Student Conduct Board Hearings normally shall be conducted in private.

4. The Chair of the Student Conduct Board shall be responsible for presiding over the proceedings and maintaining order during the entirety of the Student Conduct Board Hearing. All procedural questions are subject to the final decision of the Student Conduct Board Chair. Formal rules of process, procedure, and/or technical rules of evidence, such as are applied in criminal or civil court, are not used in Student Conduct Board proceedings.

4. The Complainant, Accused, and their advisors, if any, shall be allowed to attend the entire portion of the Student Conduct Board Hearing at which information is received (excluding deliberations). Admission of any other person to the Student Conduct Board Hearing shall be at the discretion of the Student
Conduct Board Chair.

5. The Accused may challenge any member of the Student Conduct Board for impartiality prior to the start of the hearing. The challenged member may recuse herself at her own discretion. If the member does not recuse herself, the remaining members of the Student Conduct Board shall vote on whether the challenged member shall serve on the Student Conduct Board. A simple majority of the disinterested Student Conduct Board members shall be necessary to exclude the challenged member.

6. The Complainant and the Accused have the right to be assisted by an advisor they choose, at their own expense. The advisor must be a member of the College community and may not be an attorney. The Complainant and/or the Accused Student is responsible for presenting his or her own information, and therefore, advisors are not permitted to speak or to participate directly in any Student Conduct Board Hearing before the Student Conduct Board. A student should select as an advisor a person whose schedule allows attendance at the scheduled date and time for the Student Conduct Board Hearing because delays will not normally be allowed due to the scheduling conflicts of an advisor.

7. The Complainant and the Accused may arrange for witnesses to present pertinent information to the Student Conduct Board. The Complainant and the Accused shall be permitted to present evidence to the Student Conduct Board. The College will try to arrange the attendance of possible witnesses who are members of the College community, if reasonably possible, and who are identified by the Complainant and/or Accused. Witnesses will provide information to and answer questions from the Student Conduct Board. Questions may be suggested by the Accused and/or Complainant to be answered by each other or by other witnesses. This will be conducted by the Student Conduct Board with such questions directed to the chairperson, rather than to the witness directly. This method is used to preserve the educational tone of the hearing and to avoid creation of an adversarial environment. Questions of whether potential information will be received shall be resolved in the discretion of the Student Conduct Board Chair.

8. Prospective witnesses, other than the complainant and Accused, may be excluded from the hearing during the testimony of other witnesses. The Complainant, Accused, and witnesses may speak on their own behalf; however, they will not be forced to testify against themselves and their silence shall not be used to their detriment.

9. The Student Conduct Board may accommodate concerns for the personal safety, well-being, and/or fears of confrontation of the Complainant, Accused, and/or other witness during the hearing by providing separate facilities, by using a visual screen, and/or by permitting participation by telephone, videophone,
closed circuit television, video conferencing, videotape, audio tape, written statement, or other means, where and as deter-
mained in the judgment of the Vice President of Student Affairs and/or the Student Conduct Board Chair to be appropriate.

10. Pertinent evidence (records, exhibits, and written statements) may be accepted as information for consideration by a Student Conduct Board at the discretion of the Student Conduct Board Chair.

11. Pertinent evidence, witness lists, and the name and contact information of the Complainant’s and Accused’s advisor shall be submitted to the Chief Conduct Officer no less than three (3) business days prior to the hearing. The Chief Conduct Officer will provide access to any submitted materials in addition to the investigation records to the members of the Student Conduct Board and to the Accused three (3) business days prior to the hearing.

12. After the portion of the Student Conduct Board Hearing concludes in which all pertinent information has been received, the Student Conduct Board Chair shall dismiss all hearing attendees. In private, the Student Conduct Board will determine by majority vote (the Chair serves as tiebreaker) whether the Accused has violated each section of the Student Code which the Accused is charged with violating. The Student Conduct Board’s determination shall be made on the basis of whether it is more likely than not that the Accused violated the Student Code. Once the Student Conduct Board has made a determination of violation, the Board will also decide upon appropriate sanctions. The Accused’s prior disciplinary record may be considered only in order to recommend an appropriate sanction. All decisions on responsibility and sanctions are submitted as recommendations to the Chief Conduct Officer.

13. If the Accused, with notice, does not appear before a Student Conduct Board Hearing, the information in support of the charges shall be presented and considered even if the Accused is not present.

14. The Student Conduct Board’s recommendation on responsibility and sanctions will be forwarded to the Chief Conduct Officer. The Chief Conduct Officer will advise the Accused of his/her decision in writing within seven (7) business days of the hearing. Primary communication of the decision and sanctions will be sent to the Accused’s College email account; should the Accused fail to open the message within three (3) business days, the charges may be sent via paper letter, hand-delivered by Residence Life or Public Safety and Security staff.

15. A decision rendered by the Chief Conduct Officer following a Student Conduct Board Hearing and subsequent recommendation may be appealed to the Vice President of Student Affairs.

16. There shall be a single verbatim record, such as a tape recording, of all Student Conduct Board Hearings before a
Student Conduct Board (not including deliberations). Deliberations shall not be recorded. The record shall be the property of the College.

D. Sanction(s)

Disciplinary sanctions, conditions and/or restrictions may begin immediately or at a later date at the discretion of the Hearing Officer or Vice President of Student Affairs. Sanctions may be postponed if a case is appealed until the appeal process is exhausted. The Vice President of Student Affairs and the Chief Conduct Officer may impose sanctions during the appeal process when, in his/her discretion, s/he determines that the physical or emotional well-being of the student, the organization, other students, or other members of the College community might be endangered. In such cases, the Vice President of Student Affairs or Chief Conduct Officer may impose interim sanctions.

Possible Sanctions:

1. The following sanctions may be imposed upon any student found to have violated the Student Code:
   a. **Warning** - A notice in writing to the student that the student is violating or has violated institutional regulations.
   b. **Probation** - A written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. Probation is for a designated period of time and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions if the student is found to violate any institutional regulation(s) during the probationary period.
   c. **Restrictive Probation** – A written reprimand for violation of specific regulations for secondary or serious infractions. Students on restrictive probation may not hold office in any club or organization, may not participate and/or attend college activities (i.e. intramurals, dances, etc.) and may choose housing for the next year only after everyone else has selected. A student may lose his/her privileges or be subject to more severe disciplinary sanctions and/or suspension if the student is found in violation of any regulations during their restrictive probationary period, no matter how minor.
   d. **Loss of Privileges** - Denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time.
   e. **Fines** - Fines may be imposed at the discretion of the Hearing Officer within the previously established guidelines.
      1. Alcohol Fines – First offense, $100; Second offense, $200; Third offense, $300
      2. Drug Fines – First offence, $250; second offense, $500
   f. **Mandatory Referral for counseling or assessment** - Students may be asked to submit proof of compliance.
   g. **Restitution** - Compensation for loss, damage or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.
h. **Community Service** - Work assignments, contributory service to the College, or other related discretionary assignments.

i. **Residence Hall Suspension** - Separation of the student from the residence halls for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified.

j. **Residence Hall Expulsion** - Permanent separation of the student from the residence halls.

k. **College Suspension** - Separation of the student from the College for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified.

l. **College Expulsion** - Permanent separation of the student from the College.

m. **No Contact Order** – Notice sent to students stating that they are not to have contact with one another via the following means: verbal, telephonic, electronic, written, or through third parties. This can be imposed by the College or a student(s) can request it, based on the circumstances of an incident.

n. **Other** – Other educational sanctions, judicial educator modules, restrictions or conditions may be employed where appropriate to the specific case.

2. More than one of the sanctions listed above may be imposed for any single violation.

3. The following sanctions may be imposed upon groups or organizations:
   a. Those sanctions listed above.
   b. Loss of selected rights and privileges for a specified period of time.
   b. Deactivation - Loss of all privileges including College recognition for a specified period of time.

**E. Appeals**

1. **First Level Appeal**:
   a. **Cases decided by Hearing Officers**: A decision reached or sanction assigned by a Hearing Officer may be appealed by the Accused to the Chief Conduct Officer. If the Chief Conduct Officer served as the Hearing Officer for the case, the decision or sanctions may be appealed by the Accused to the Vice President of Student Affairs. A decision on an appeal reached by the Vice President of Student Affairs is final and may not be appealed.
   b. **Cases referred to the Student Conduct Board**: Following a Student Conduct Board Hearing, the Student Conduct Board will make recommendations on responsibility and sanctions to the Chief Conduct Officer. The Chief Conduct Officer will then make a decision on responsibility and sanc-
tions. This decision may be appealed to the Vice President of Student Affairs. A decision on an appeal reached by the Vice President of Student Affairs is final and may not be appealed.

2. Second Level Appeal: A decision on an appeal reached by the Chief Conduct Officer may be appealed by the Accused to the Vice President of Student Affairs. A decision on an appeal reached by the Vice President of Student Affairs is final and may not be appealed.

3. All appeals shall be in writing, accompanied by an official appeal form, and shall be delivered to the appellate officer within five (5) business days of the date that the student received notification of his/her outcome.

4. Once the appellate officer receives the notice of appeal, s/he will review the documentation provided by the student. If the appellate officer believes the grounds for appeal have potential for merit, the appellate officer will hear the case. If the appellate officer believes the grounds for appeal do not have potential for merit, the appellate officer will deny the appeal.

5. Appeals of decisions rendered by the Chief Conduct Officer as a Hearing Officer are directed to the Vice President of Student Affairs, and may be reassigned to the Student Conduct Board for disposition at the discretion of the Vice President.

a. If the Vice President of Student Affairs hears the case, his/her decision is final.

b. If the Student Conduct Board hears the case, the process as outlined under Section C will be followed, except that the Student Conduct Board’s recommendation will be delivered to the Vice President of Student Affairs, who will make and deliver the final decision.

6. Appeals of decisions rendered by the Chief Conduct Officer following a Student Conduct Board Hearing and subsequent recommendation are heard by the Vice President of Student Affairs, and his/her decision is final.

7. Except as required to explain the basis of new evidence, an appeal shall be limited to review of the initial hearing and supporting documents for one or more of the following purposes:

a. Failure to follow procedure
   To determine whether the original hearing was conducted fairly in light of the charges and evidence presented, and in conformity with prescribed procedures giving the Complainant a reasonable opportunity to prepare and present evidence that the Student Code of Conduct was violated, and giving the Accused a reasonable opportunity to prepare and to present a rebuttal of those allegations. Deviations from designated procedures will not be a basis for sustaining an appeal unless significant prejudice results.

b. Decision of responsibility not based on available evi-
To determine whether the decision reached regarding the Accused Student was based on substantial information; that is, whether there were facts in the case that, if believed by the fact finder, were sufficient to establish that a violation of the Student Code occurred.

c. Assigned sanctions not based on responsibility
To determine whether the sanctions(s) imposed were appropriate for the violation of the Student Code of Conduct, which the student was found to have committed.

d. New evidence not available during hearing
To consider new information, sufficient to alter a decision, or other relevant facts not brought out in the original hearing, because such information and/or facts were not known to the person appealing at the time of the original hearing.

In making such a determination, the appellate officer should not substitute his/her judgment for the judgment of the original hearing officer. Instead, s/he should respect the credibility judgments made by the hearing officer and review the hearing officer’s determination only to see whether there was information before the hearing officer that supported the result s/he reached.

8. Review of the sanction(s) may not result in more severe sanction(s) for the accused student. Instead, and upon review of the case, the sanction(s) may be reduced, but not increased.

9. Primary communication of the decision and adjustments made, if any, will be sent to the Accused’s College email account; should the Accused fail to open the message within three (3) business days, the charges will be sent via paper letter, hand-delivered by Residence Life or Public Safety and Security staff.

F. Disciplinary Records

1. Other than College suspension or expulsion, disciplinary sanctions shall not be made part of the student’s permanent academic record, but shall become part of the student’s disciplinary record.

2. Cases involving the imposition of sanctions other than College suspension and expulsion shall be removed from the student’s disciplinary record three years from the date of separation from the College.

3. Upon graduation, the student’s disciplinary record may be expunged upon application to the Chief Conduct Officer or Vice President of Student Affairs. The Chief Conduct Officer and the Vice President of Student Affairs will have final discretion whether to honor the request. Records containing sanctions of residence hall expulsion, College suspension, or College expulsion will not be expunged under any circumstances.

4. All incident reports, student conduct files, and student conduct
proceedings and outcomes constitute “educational records” under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“Buckley Amendment”) and are subject to its release and confidentiality provisions. Following this act, parental notification will occur where a student, under the age of 21, is in violation of the College’s Alcohol and/or Drug Policy, or if the violation constitutes a health and safety emergency.

5. In situations involving a student claiming to be the victim of another student’s conduct, the records of the process and of the sanctions imposed, if any, shall be considered to be the education records of both the Accused Student(s) and the student(s) claiming to be the victim when the Accused is charged with one or more of the following violations: Type One Behaviors, Items 1-6, or Type Two Behaviors, Item 2.

ARTICLE V: INTERPRETATION AND REVISION
A. Any question of interpretation or application of the Student Code shall be referred to the Vice President of Student Affairs for final determination.

B. The Student Code shall be reviewed every year under the direction of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Delaware Valley College Student Code of Conduct based on: