

NorQuest College

Community Standards Policy

Plain Language Summary

What is this policy?

The Community Standards Policy explains how NorQuest College students, staff, and visitors treat each other. It is based on shared values like respect, honesty, and belonging. It is called a Community Standards Policy, not a Code of Conduct, because it takes a more collective and community-informed approach. At NorQuest, “we” is greater than “they”.

Our Community Values

- **Trust, Respect, and Dependability**
- **Integrity & Courage**
- **Accountability and Responsibility**
- **Belonging & Inclusion**
- **Learning & Embracing New Perspectives**

Your Rights as a Student

- Be protected from discrimination, harassment, bullying, indignity, or injury.
- Access all college policies and ask for an explanation.
- Receive accurate and timely information about your program.
- Be supported in developing your professional identity.
- Have a fair process if there is a problem.
- Access to college buildings and facilities.
- Get reasonable accommodations if you need them.
- Have your personal information kept private.
- Access your official student records.
- Express your ideas without fear of punishment.
- Have a support person with you in formal meetings.
- Join a student-run association.
- Access wellness and support services.
- Ask instructors for help or clarification on assignments outside of class, at times that work for both of you.
- Experience of grief and loss in ways that recognize cultural context.

Your Responsibilities as a Student

- Learn about your program's rules and requirements.
- Follow college policies and be honest in your work.
- Be considerate of others, so that everyone can participate fully.
- Respect the property and spaces of the college and others.
- Complete academic work honestly.
- Respect instructors' right to set course content, teaching methods, assessments, and classroom expectations.
- Keep up with their work and meet deadlines.
- Take the values and standards of your field seriously and keep working to develop them.
- Communicate with college staff in a timely and respectful way.

If the Standards Are Not Met

If a student doesn't follow these standards, the college may get involved. When it makes sense, the focus will be on learning and support.

Need help understanding this policy? Contact the Student Resolution and Integrity Office (SRIO@NorQuest.ca)

