
Campus Policies

Drug-Free Campus Policy

In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, Columbia College is committed to the success of all students. Drug and alcohol use can be a major hindrance to achieving a successful school career. In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and The U.S./Drug-Free Workforce Act, Columbia College policy prohibits the illegal use, possession, manufacture or distribution of controlled substances on the College campus and any premises owned, leased, or rented by the College. Students violating this policy are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Columbia College Student Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action may include expulsion from College and/or punishment under local, State and Federal law. Columbia College Health Services and Wellness Programs offer education and information on drug and alcohol use and can provide referrals to community agencies or rehabilitation.

Non-Discrimination

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Columbia College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its educational programs or employment. Inquiries concerning the application of the above Federal laws to programs or activities of the College may be directed to the following persons at Columbia College, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora, CA 95370.

Title IX: Mike Torok
Dean of Arts & Sciences
209.588.5087

Section 504: Chris Vitelli
Interim Vice President of Student Learning
209.588.5107

ADA: Judy Lanchester
Assistant Director of Facilities,
Planning and Operations
209.588.5366

Open Class Policy

Unless specifically exempted from statute, every course, course section, or class, the average daily attendance of which is to be reported for state aid, is open to enrollment and participation by any person who has been admitted to the college and who meets such prerequisites as may be established.

Exceptions to this policy will be made where health, safety, legal requirements or the facility is a limiting factor

in the conduct of the course. Students denied enrollment by this policy may appeal to the Vice President of Student Learning.

Student Identification Cards

If you are a new student, you will need to obtain a Student ID card. If you are a continuing or returning student, you can obtain the current enrollment sticker for Spring 2014. To obtain a Columbia College ID card you must present a picture identification (drivers license, California identification or other school ID card or passport), and your student ID number and a copy of your current class schedule before your card can be issued. ID cards and enrollment stickers are only issued to students enrolled in unit bearing and non-credit classes. ID cards are available on campus in the Student Center, Ponderosa Building. No ID cards or stickers will be issued during the Summer Session. To obtain an enrollment sticker, bring your card and a copy of your current class schedule to the Student Center.

Students are required to present their ID card when requesting student services, College equipment, obtaining personal class schedules and Financial Aid checks.

Contact the Student Center for the dates and times of ID processing at 588.2174.

Confidentiality of Student Records

Information in a student's cumulative record or information in any other student record MAY NOT be released except under certain provisions of Education Code Section 76240-76246 and Title 5 regulations and the guidelines outlined in FERPA.

The Yosemite Community College District identifies the following categories of student information as Directory Information. Directory information is considered to be information that is not harmful or an invasion of student privacy if disclosed. Directory information can be released without written consent of the student, unless a student notifies the College in writing or any or all of the categories of information about that student may not be disclosed.

The District includes the following categories of student information as "Directory Information": current major field of study; participation in officially recognized college activities; weight and height of members of athletic teams; start and end dates of enrollment; units/credits completed during current and past semesters; part time/full time enrollment in current and past semesters; degrees and awards received; other information authorized in writing by the student.

Directory information can only be released by the Admissions & Records Office, with the exception of athletic and student activities which can be released by the Health and Human Performance Office, and the Student Activities Office, respectively.