

Welcome to a new semester! Ramapo College of New Jersey seeks to create a living and learning community where students choose responsible actions consistent with their educational goals. The Student Handbook, which contains the Code of Conduct, has important information that will assist you in having an academically enriched and socially vibrant experience on campus. In addition to outlining the expectations for behavior and critical policies, the Student Handbook also serves as a resource and outlines your rights and responsibilities as a student.

The 2011-2012 Student Handbook can be found on the web:

<http://www.ramapo.edu/students/judicial/index.html>

The Office of Judicial Affairs staff members take pride in aiming at the development of our students and are committed to helping you understand the value in respecting each other, the College's property, and making choices that are lawful, healthy, and positive. You are responsible for knowing the Code of Conduct and will be held accountable to the standards of behavior outlined in the Student Handbook. Additionally, you must be attentive to any judicial related notices that are communicated to you through campus mail (for resident students) and/or e-mail. If a student fails to attend a judicial hearing because s/he did not check their campus mail, the hearing will NOT be rescheduled. The Office of Judicial Affairs follows the College's policy (*see Official Communications Policy, Student Handbook p.111*) when notifying a student of their judicial related matter; therefore, a student's failure to retrieve or read their mail is not a justifiable excuse for missing a hearing.

Key Policies are; Academic Integrity, Alcohol and Other Drug Policy, Anti-Discrimination Policy, College Hazing Policy, Responsible Use of Electronic Communications, Fire Safety Systems, and the Code of Conduct.

What's New?

1. The New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights legislation went into place in the Fall semester. The Code of Conduct now includes language prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including acts, speech, writing, and the electronic invasion of privacy. (*see Code of Conduct, Student Handbook pages 80-81*)
2. The Alcohol and Other Drug Policy now includes language prohibiting synthetic marijuana and designer labeled "bath salts." (*see Student Handbook, page 55*)
3. Students are advised to familiarize themselves with the Guest and Visitation Policy. (*see Student Handbook, page 98*)

Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT)

The purpose of the BIT is to coordinate the support services of the College in order to assist students who have reportedly displayed troublesome or disturbing behaviors on campus. The BIT serves as a centralized network focused on caring prevention and early intervention for those experiencing distress. Please familiarize yourself with the purpose and structure of the Team in the event that you wish to make a student referral; <http://www.ramapo.edu/students/bit.html>. The BIT is not a crisis response unit; therefore, all emergencies must be reported to the Department of Public Safety (X6666).

Good Samaritan Policy

The Good Samaritan Policy is directed at saving lives in times of emergency situations concerning the use, abuse, and misuse of alcohol. Students must never hesitate to contact authorities when they suspect they

themselves, another student, or a non-student is in need of medical care stemming from intoxication because they are concerned that the incident may lead to disciplinary actions for themselves or others. A description of how amnesty might be applied and the full policy is available on page 97 of the Student Handbook.

Alcohol in Residence

Most students who have the privilege of residing in a living unit where alcohol is permitted will possess and consume alcohol responsibly. A living unit may lose its alcohol-allowed status by violating State laws and/or policies set by the College. Furthermore, residents may be relocated to a traditional-style residence hall where alcohol is not permitted. In the past, most apartments who have lost their privilege to be considered alcohol-allowed were found responsible for serving alcohol to minors. Students can avoid these consequences by drinking and serving alcohol in a responsible manner that is consistent with our Code of Conduct and the law.

Recommended Sanctions for Alcohol Violations

1st violation – not less than a \$200 fine, attendance at Checkpoint (an alcohol education program) or completion of Innerview (an online alcohol education program) and possible Parental Notification (refer to Parental Notification policy).

2nd violation – not less than a \$400 fine, Parental Notification, attendance at Checkpoint, Residence Probation and possible Suspension of Activities Privileges.

3rd violation – not less than a \$800 fine, 10 Community Restitution hours, Parental Notification, referral to Counseling Services for a Substance Abuse Assessment and possible outside treatment, Disciplinary Probation, Suspension of Activities Privileges, Loss of Campus Housing and possible Suspension from the College.

4th violation – Suspension from the College and Parental Notification.

We are ready to provide you with any support and assistance you may need in order to achieve your educational and personal goals. Please let us know if you have any questions, or if you have suggestions for how the Student Handbook can be improved by contacting the Office of Judicial Affairs at 201.684.7869, judicial@ramapo.edu.

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