

Faculty-Student Relations

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The content of this chapter is applicable to both full-time and adjunct faculty.

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5.1. ACADEMIC CODE OF INTEGRITY

(Included since 1988; modified 2006; modified 2012, updated 2021)

1. The [Seaver College Code of Academic Integrity](#) is an integral part of the educational process. It makes possible an atmosphere conducive to the development of the total person through learning experiences. Since a person is more than intellect, learning is more than academic achievement. It includes achievement in all the qualities of an individual – intellectual, spiritual, ethical, emotional, and physical.
2. The code emphasizes the dignity of each individual in pursuing self-improvement and developing full personal potential. It provides free competition and independent intellectual effort, not tolerating dishonesty, cheating, or plagiarism in any form. If intentional acts of dishonorable conduct occur, the code outlines infractions and clear-cut procedures as well as sanctions to censure such activity.

5.2. NONACADEMIC AND SOCIAL RELATIONS

(Included since 1988, updated 2023)

One of the unique aspects of Seaver College, aside from the physical beauty of its location, is the traditional Pepperdine family atmosphere where faculty members and students live and study together.

There are many opportunities for informal faculty/student contacts throughout the year. All Seaver College faculty members are encouraged to participate with their families in these events in order to become better acquainted with students in nonacademic settings.

5.3. STUDENT ENRICHMENT FUND

(Included since 1989; modified 2002, 2010, 2012, 2023)

One of the things that makes Pepperdine such a special place is the personal connection students maintain with faculty and staff. To support these connections, Pepperdine offers several programs that provide faculty with resources to share a meal with a Seaver student in one of the on-campus dining facilities or with a group of students in a faculty member's residence. For any questions about either program, please call the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 310-506-4472.

5.3.1. Student Home Entertainment

This program encourages faculty and staff to entertain students in their homes for a social meal as a way to cultivate community, promote a sense of belonging, and foster the student educational experience beyond the classroom. For guidelines and more details, visit the [Enrichment Fund website](#).

5.3.2. Dine with a Student

The Dine with a Student program provides a meal at one of the on-campus dining facilities to any Seaver faculty or staff member who dines with a Seaver student. For guidelines and more details, visit the [Enrichment Fund website](#).

5.4. STUDENT POLICIES

(Included since 1988; modified 2012, 2017, 2023)

Every Seaver faculty member should become familiar with the Pepperdine University

[Student Code of Conduct](#) and the [Seaver College Standards of Conduct](#). Faculty members may be able to answer many student questions by referring to these student policies.

5.5. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

(Included since 1988; modified 2006; modified 2012; updated 2014; updated 2019, 2021)

Many faculty members find time to be involved in a challenging, yet rewarding, activity – serving as an advisor to one of Seaver’s [chartered clubs or organizations](#) as well as academic honor societies. Such a relationship is an excellent example of college “service” expected of all Seaver faculty. For more information about this opportunity, refer to the Pepperdine University Student Organizations Handbook produced by the [Student Activities Office](#).

5.6. STUDENT PRIVACY RIGHTS

(Included since 1978; modified 1988, 2006, 2012)

1. Federal and state laws exist which define the privacy rights of students with respect to their student records. Faculty members will be held accountable for familiarity with and proper implementation of the following guidelines.
2. The [Student Records Policy](#) also may be found in the Legal Notices section of the [Seaver College Academic Catalog](#).
3. If explanation or assistance is needed after consulting with the Office of the Registrar, faculty members should contact the University's General Counsel at 310-506-4607.