ACADEMIC STANDARDS POLICY

A 2.0 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) is required to receive a degree, diploma, or certificate from Central Community College. To encourage satisfactory progress throughout the student's course of study, the college's academic standards policy establishes specific criteria to be met by all students enrolled in credit courses.

The college provides support for students experiencing difficulty in meeting academic standards. Assessment of academic skills, completion of foundations course work, modifications in course schedules, and/or development and participation in academic recovery plans are examples of intervention strategies which the college may employ to assist students experiencing academic difficulty.

The detailed Academic Standard Procedures can be found online at <u>Student Policies and Procedures</u> | Central Community College (cccneb.edu).

ANIMAL USE AND PRESENCE AT CCC FACILITIES AND EVENTS POLICY

Bona fide service animals may accompany students, employees, and visitors with disabilities to all Central Community College (CCC) events, activities, and locations. Local, state, and federal laws regulate the use of service animals at CCC locations and/or events. Animals associated with a college-related program of study (e.g., livestock) or with laboratory activity are allowed. Specific procedures related to animal use and presence at CCC facilities and events can be found at Student Policies and Procedures | Central Community College (cccneb.edu)

COPYRIGHT - DIGITAL COPYING LAW POLICY

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA), a federal law designed to protect the authors of intellectual works such as books, movies and music, prohibits sharing these files. This policy at CCC extends to all staff, faculty, and students. Copying and sharing someone else's work may violate an author's rights even when you are not selling the copies. For more information about CCC's procedures regarding the DMCA please reference the Copyright Policy online www.cccneb.edu/Copyright/.

FINANCIAL AID POLICY

Central Community College participates in multiple financial aid programs. These programs include Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Grant, Federal Direct Loan, Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), Nebraska Opportunity Grant, and various institutional, private and organizational scholarship programs.

GAMBLING POLICY

Students are expected to abide by the federal laws and the laws of Nebraska prohibiting illegal gambling, including online gaming. Gambling for money or other things of value on campus or at College-sponsored activities is prohibited, except as permitted by law. Such prohibited activity includes, but is not limited to: betting on, wagering on, or selling pools; possessing on one's person or premises (e.g., residence hall room, car, etc.) any card, book or other device for registering bets; knowingly permitting the use of one's premises or one's phone or other electronic communications device for illegal gambling; knowingly receiving or delivering a letter, package or parcel related to illegal gambling; offering, soliciting or accepting a bribe to influence the outcome of an athletic event; and involvement in bookmaking or wagering pools with respect to athletic events.

HAZING POLICY

All acts of hazing, by any individual student or sanctioned or promoted by any Central Community College registered student club or organization and any of its members or alumni, are prohibited. Students are entitled to be treated with consideration and respect, and no individual may perform any act that is likely to cause physical or psychological harm to any other person within the Central Community College community. Accordingly, any such behavior is expressly forbidden when related to the admission, initiation, pledging, joining, or any other group-affiliation activity.

A student or organization found to be involved in any hazing activity will face conduct proceedings and may be subjected to sanctions including suspension or expulsion from the College. A violation of this policy may exist irrespective of any alleged voluntary or consensual participation in the activity by the person(s) involved.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS POLICY

Intercollegiate athletics is allowed on Central Community College campuses following National Junior College Athletic Association and CCC procedures.

LOSS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY

Central Community College is not liable for damage, theft, or loss of personal property. CCC is not responsible for loss of student data, software, or hardware caused by computer viruses. Students are advised to check their personal or family insurance for coverage.

MILITARY RECRUITMENT/SOLOMON AMENDMENT POLICY

The Solomon Amendment is a federal law that allows military recruiters to request and access certain recruiting information from institutions about students. The recruiting information data is considered directory information under FERPA or data that would normally be collected by Central Community College. The 1995/1996 National Defense Authorization Act and the 1997 Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act gave branches of the military access to student information including student's name, address, telephone number, age or date of birth, class, and major. In compliance with the

Solomon Amendment, CCC shall cooperate and comply with requests from military recruiters for student information.

MISSING STUDENT POLICY

Central Community College places high priority on student safety. The college has established procedures to assist in locating CCC students living in on-campus housing facilities who, based on the facts and circumstances known to the college, are determined to be missing. This policy is in compliance with the Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, section 485 (j). The full Missing Student Procedure may be found online www.cccneb.edu/MissingStudentProcedure.

PRIVACY OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS/FERPA POLICY (EXPANDED LANGUAGE APPROVED 8/23)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 (PL93-380), affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. FERPA defines "education records" as those records: directly related to a student; and maintained by an institution or a party acting for the institution.

FERPA provides students who reach the age of 18, or who attend Central Community College, with the right to inspect and review their own education records. Students also have the right to request an amendment to their education records and to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in these records.

CCC's complete FERPA procedures can be found online <u>here</u>.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY

Information requested under the Buckley Amendment or the Nebraska Public Records Act will be responded to only after a written request has been received by either the Senior Director of College Communications or the College President. A copy of the written request, along with a copy of the information being released, will be maintained by the Vice President of Administrative Services for a period of two years from the date of the request.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER POLICY (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 5/23)

Registered sex offenders who plan to attend classes at any location of the College must register with the Associate Dean of Students Office or his/her designee within ten (10) days of enrolling or on the first day of class attendance, whichever is earlier. Failure to register within this time frame constitutes a basis for exclusion from the College. The College reserves the right to deny admission or continued enrollment to any student who may create an unreasonable risk of harm to the health, safety, welfare, or prosperity of CCC, members of its community, or themselves. Individuals who are required by the state of Nebraska to register as a sex offender shall also not be permitted to reside in any College residence hall.

Anyone who disagrees with a decision made pursuant to this policy may appeal that decision to the Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Management, by making a request in writing for review within seven (7) calendar days of the date of any decision made pursuant to this policy. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g does not prevent educational institutions from disclosing information concerning registered sex offenders provided under the Wetterling Act, October 25, 2000, including information made available under the Campus Sex Crimes Preventions Act (CSCPA) 42 U.S.C. 14071(j), amendment (October 28, 2002) to that Act, and as any of the foregoing statutes may from time to time be amended.

STUDENT ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE POLICY

Central Community College shall ensure a penalty-free process for withdrawing/leaving for any CCC student who is called to active duty with the United States Armed Forces. The student is responsible for providing written evidence of being called to active duty, normally in the form of activation orders. If orders are not immediately available, a letter from the student's Commanding Officer, stating the student is being called to active duty and awaiting pending publication of orders, is acceptable. This policy applies to all students regardless of service branch or affiliation (National Guard, Reserves or Active duty). Activation means the call to duty of a member of the United States Armed Forces for either state or federal service.

Specific procedures related to Student Active-Duty Service can be found online at <u>Student Policies and Procedures | Central Community College (cccneb.edu)</u>.

STUDENT BACKGROUND CHECKS POLICY

Central Community College offers certain programs of study which require background checks to be completed by students within the program. Central Community College Background Check Procedures can be found online at Background Check Procedures

STUDENT CONCERN AND COMPLAINT POLICY

Students may submit an online concern or complaint related to instruction or any College offices or services. Students may submit such concerns online at www.cccneb.edu/studentcomplaintprocess

STUDENT CONDUCT, DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES, AND DUE PROCESS POLICY

Central Community College has established rules and regulations for student conduct and behavior, both inside and outside the classroom. Students recommended for disciplinary action are entitled to due process of law. However, when necessary, immediate interim action may be taken to protect the safety and/or rights of others or the College. Copies of the CCC Code of Student Conduct and Community Standards, which include details on due process procedures, are available upon request on each campus at the office of the Associate Dean of Students or online at www.cccneb.edu/StudentCodeOfConduct.

STUDENT TRAVEL/SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIP POLICY

Central Community College provides opportunities for students to engage in off-campus travel to enhance their educational experiences. Such travel broadens perspectives, contributes to one's academic development, and helps foster an interest in lifelong learning.

Detailed procedures for student travel trips can be found at <u>Student Policies and Procedures | Central Community College (cccneb.edu)</u>.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STUDENT BENEFITS POLICY

CCC will not impose any penalty, assess late fees, deny access to classes, libraries or other CCC facilities or require a benefit recipient to borrow additional funds due to the student's inability to meet financial obligations to CCC because of delayed payments from the Veterans Administration or the Department of Defense. This applies only to the amount paid to CCC by the VA or the Department of Defense for specific educational expenses, not to any balance due to CCC accrued by a benefit recipient for expenses not covered by their benefit.

For additional explanation and benefit definitions, refer to the Veterans Administration and Department of Defense CCC Student Benefits Procedures located at <u>Student Policies and Procedures | Central Community College (cccneb.edu)</u>.