

LIFESTYLE EXPECTATIONS

COMPASS ADULT STUDIES



Crossroads College is a community in which individuals join together to further their academic achievement, personal development, and spiritual growth. Together we seek to honor Christ by integrating faith and learning while our hearts and lives reflect mature Christian practice. Adult students who are part of the Compass Adult Studies programs are part of this community, and vital for its overall success and testimony.

We acknowledge that it is impossible to create expectations that fully satisfy every member of the community. Nevertheless, certain lifestyle expectations do help make community life possible. When individuals become a part of the Crossroads College community, they freely and willingly choose to take upon themselves the responsibilities necessary to reflect good Christian values and behaviors.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Loving God and being accountable to Him are the primary motivations for Christian relationships and behaviors.
2. The Bible is our authority; it provides the essential teachings and principles for personal and community living.
3. God, through the Holy Spirit, provides every believer with the resources to minister to each other through supportive relationships.
4. Students are committed to a closer walk with Christ.
5. A well-trained faculty and a competent staff, equipped with facilities and materials necessary for effective work, stand ready to help you become a whole person.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RELATIONSHIPS

Serving One Another

Each member of the community is expected to strive consciously to maintain relationships that serve, encourage and help others.

Resolving Conflicts

Speaking the truth to each other in love can strengthen our community. We can often resolve problems of relationships and behaviors by constructively confronting one another in an appropriate spirit. If the welfare of the one confronted is paramount and if the confronter acts in love, growth can result.

Responsibilities for Behavior

Biblical Expectations

Scripture teaches that certain attributes are available to all individuals through the Holy Spirit. These attributes include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV) This "fruit of the Spirit" is to be sought, nurtured, and demonstrated in our relationships. In contrast to encouraging these positive attributes, Scripture condemns such things as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, needless anger, an unforgiving spirit, harmful discrimination and prejudice based on race, sex or socio-economic status. Scripture also prohibits certain behaviors and members of Crossroads' community members should avoid them. They include backbiting, cheating, dishonesty, drunkenness, gossip, immodest dress, lying, occult practices, profanity, sexual promiscuity (including adultery, homosexual behavior, and premarital sex), theft, and vulgarity (including crude language).

In keeping with Scriptural admonitions to bring ourselves under the authority of government, members of Crossroads College are expected to uphold the laws of the local community, the state of Minnesota and the nation, except for those rare occasions when obedience to the civil authority requires behavior that conflicts with the teaching of Scripture. On such occasions, each individual would submit voluntarily to the civil penalty for his/her behavior; however, any behavior resulting in an arrest on or off campus is subject to review within the College's disciplinary procedures.

COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS

In addition to biblical expectations, students of the Crossroads College community voluntarily commit themselves to the following standards of behavior. This commitment results from the conviction that these standards serve the good of the individual as well as the total community. These standards are not presented as absolutes or as the measure of Christian spirituality, but rather as expectations of this community. Because of the importance of trust in and responsibility to one another, violations of these standards are seen as serious issues of integrity. The following standards apply to students, faculty, and administrators at Crossroads College:

- Because of our concern for the worth and dignity of persons, we are expected to respond to special needs existing in our society and on our campus. Discrimination against others on the basis of race, national origin, sex, handicap or socio-economic status is not acceptable.
- Community members are to worship and serve as part of a church of their choice on a weekly basis.
- Consideration of others and standards of respect and good taste are important to Crossroads College. Hence, any kind of demeaning gesture, threat of violence, or physical attack directed toward another person will not be tolerated. Vandalism of property is also not acceptable.
- The College urges all of its students to be selective in their entertainment and recreation, avoiding questionable entertainment and activities which tend to diminish a person's moral sensitivity. The pornography industry exploits people, and the use of the industry's products is immoral. Therefore, pornographic materials are not to be used, possessed, or distributed on or away from campus.
- The community recognizes the danger to one's physical and psychological well-being in the use of certain products. Therefore, members of Crossroads' community are urged to refrain from the public use of tobacco (in any form), alcoholic beverages, and narcotics not authorized by a physician. Under no circumstances are the above to be used, possessed, or distributed on campus. Students are also expected not to abuse legal substances
- Gambling is an unwise use of God's resources and, therefore, is not acceptable in any form.
- Because a significant number of evangelical Christians view social dancing as a morally questionable activity, Crossroads College does not permit social dancing on or off campus as a college-sponsored activity, nor may the College's name be associated with such activity by any faculty or student members or groups. Acceptable forms of expression in the academic program may include ethnic games, folk dance, exercise, and the use of choreography in drama, musical productions and athletic events.
- Students are to observe the demands of academic integrity, such as honesty and giving credit to sources. Plagiarism is not tolerated.

The intent of this statement is to identify expectations and responsibilities that assist Crossroads College to function as a Christian community and to achieve goals as an institution of higher learning. This statement addresses relationships and behavior. These expectations are vital to the quality of our lives together. The behavioral part of the statement includes standards that are specific to the college. These standards are important and must be consistently maintained to assure a proper climate for growing and learning, and should be kept in perspective with the biblical responsibilities for relationships and behavior.

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Date: _____