



Lifestyle Covenant

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. We acknowledge that it is impossible to create expectations that fully satisfy every member. Nevertheless, certain expectations bring order to community life. When individuals join Crossroads College, they freely and willingly choose to take upon themselves the responsibilities outlined in this covenant.

Assumptions

- Loving God and being accountable to Him are the primary motivations for Christian relationships and behaviors.
- The Bible is our authority; it provides the essential teachings and principles for personal and community living.
- God, through the Holy Spirit, provides every believer with the resources to minister to others through supportive relationships.
- Students are committed to a closer walk with Christ.
- 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 behavior 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 community members should avoid them. They include backbiting, cheating, dishonesty, drunkenness, gossip, immodesty of dress, lying, occult practices, profanity, sexual promiscuity (including adultery, homosexual behavior, and pre-marital 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 in which obedience to the civil authority would require 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 an index 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 a serious breach of integrity. The following standards apply to students, faculty, and administrators at Crossroads College and all agree to uphold them:

- Because of our concern for the worth and dignity of persons, students 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 at 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 its students to be selective in their entertainment and recreation. They should avoid questionable entertainment and activities or those which diminish a person's moral sensitivity. The pornography industry exploits people. Further, 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, students are to refrain from the use of tobacco (in any form), alcoholic beverages, hallucinogenic drugs and substances (including marijuana) and narcotics not authorized by a physician. Under no circumstances are the above to be used, possessed, or distributed on or away from campus. Students are also expected not to abuse legal substances.
- Gambling is an unwise use of God-given 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. Furthermore, any dancing that violates Biblical standards is not permitted, and environments that promote the violation of such standards are off limits. 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 will not be tolerated.
- Compliance with day-to-day policies and procedures listed in the Student Handbook is expected.

Summary

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 emphases are parallel and 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. These standards need to be kept in perspective with the biblical responsibilities for relationships and behavior.

I agree to abide by the expectations of the Lifestyle Covenant and the Student Handbook from the time I enroll as a student through graduation day whether on or off campus. This includes all College breaks (i.e. Christmas), during the summer, when representing the College in off-campus events such as missions trips, music events, internships, study abroad, athletics, and academic activities.

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