

Community Life Standards

Please read the following summary of community life standards and check the box on the signature page of your application.

Community at Asbury College is built on principles which are at the heart of all we do and apply to all members of the campus community. Asbury College is committed to 1) challenging all persons to a deep commitment to Jesus Christ; 2) following biblical mandates for living; 3) encouraging a balanced lifestyle characterized by integrity; 4) being a respectful, inclusive, redemptive and disciplined community; 5) promoting service to society, locally and around the world; and 6) celebrating how God works through the achievements of community members. We believe that the college lifestyle standards reflect Biblical imperatives, Christian traditions and worthy commitments which will help to prepare students, faculty and staff to develop a lifestyle for a lifetime. The following behavioral standards have been established for all students while enrolled at Asbury.

Morality - At a Christian college, moral standards are based on biblical mandates. Certain behaviors are clearly prohibited in Scripture, such as: theft (including plagiarism), lying, dishonesty, gossip, slander, profanity, vulgarity, sexual immorality (including adultery, homosexual behavior, premarital sexual intimacy), drunkenness, immodesty of dress, and occult practices. While not explicitly mentioned in Scripture, Asbury believes that abortion, gambling and pornography are morally unacceptable.

Honor - Members of the Asbury College community voluntarily commit to abide by community standards intended to promote the well-being of both the individual and the college. Each member of the community is expected to honor the Lord's Day (Sunday) as a day set apart primarily for worship, fellowship, ministry, recreation, and rest. Students are required to attend chapel services three days each week for corporate worship, fellowship and instruction. Members of the community are expected to attend weekly worship services at area churches and are encouraged to participate in other area church and campus spiritual growth opportunities.

Members of the community must refrain from the use, possession or distribution of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. The College does not permit social dancing on or away from campus with the exception of off-campus celebratory occasions such as weddings, military balls, graduation exercises, church, and family occasions. Discrimination against others on the basis of race, national origin, gender, religious beliefs, or disability is not acceptable in any form, and verbal or physical abuse of others is not acceptable. The College urges its members to use wisdom in making entertainment and recreation choices.

Propriety Asbury's campus reflects a community concern for modesty and courtesy. Student dress and appearance is expected to be neat, clean and appropriate. Community members are to refrain from extreme hairstyles. On campus, visible body piercing is not acceptable other than earrings for women. Community members are asked to be discreet and respectful of others in public displays of affection.

More details regarding campus life expectations and lifestyle standards are listed in the Handbook for Community Life. Students who enroll are responsible for reading and understanding the information contained in the Handbook. Violations result in disciplinary action and are handled on a case-by-case basis.