The Maverick Guide

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Dear Mavericks,

CMU is a Human Scale University where we are building a model of the world we want to create. This model is based on our values where love, dignity, courage, resilience, curiosity, humility and power are a part of everything we do. Our commitment to these principles allows us to offer you the opportunity for a better life through education as we teach you how to think, not what to believe.

The Maverick Guide is a comprehensive resource designed to support you throughout your time at CMU. Whether you are a first-time student or returning for another year, this guide will help you navigate life in the Mavily. Referring to this document will help you understand our expectations and policies and will familiarize you with the resources and opportunities available to you.

This guide describes everything from our unwavering commitment to free speech and expression to expectations for how we treat one another. The Mav Guide also includes essential information about academic policies, campus services, student responsibilities, and more. It is regularly updated to reflect what we must do in order to be CMU Mavericks. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with its contents and keep it handy throughout the year.

As you explore the many facets of university life, remember that you are not alone, and the goal of this document is to help each of us do our part to create a sense of belonging. Our faculty, staff, and fellow students are here to support you every step of the way.

Thank you for choosing Colorado Mesa University. I am confident your time here will be filled with meaningful experiences, deep friendships, and remarkable experiences and achievements. Welcome to the Maverick family!

With warm regards,

John Marshall
President
Colorado Mesa University

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Frequently Called Phone Numbers

Bookstore 970-248-1422

Campus Police/GJPD Non-Emergency.....970-242-6707

Campus Safety Assistants (Safe Walk).....970-260-2683

Career Services.....970-248-1404

Educational Access Services (EAS) 970-248-1856

IRIS (Advising, Financial Aid, & Student Accounts).....970-248-1177

MAVcard Office 970-248-1059

Montrose Campus, CMU 970-249-7009

Office of Student Accounts/IRIS.....970-248-1177

Outdoor Program (OP).....970-248-1428

Parking Services 970-248-1921

Recreation Center 970-248-1592

Registrar's Office.....970-248-1555

Residence Life 970-248-1536

Student Conduct/Campus Safety.....970-248-1336

Student Advocacy and Health.....970-248-1754

Student Belonging and Inclusion 970-248-1008

Student Life 970-248-1111

Student Wellness Center 970-644-3740

Testing Center 970-248-1260

Tomlinson Library 970-248-1244

First-Gen+ Support Center 970-248-1770

Center for Academic Support (CAS) 970-248-1392

University Center Information Desk.....970-248-1758

Provost for Academic Affairs.....970-248-1881

Senior Vice President for Student Services.....970-248-1366

CMU TECH.....970-255-2600

Colorado Mesa University Services

IRIS: Locations at all three campuses (970-248-1177, IRIS@coloradomesa.edu)mailto:IRIS@coloradomesa.edumailto:TechSS@coloradomesa.edu

Locations:

- Main Campus – Lowell Heiny Hall, First Floor
- CMU Tech – Kayenta Hall

Montrose – Branscome Hall

CMU uses the Appreciative Advising model to provide students holistic academic advising and financial counseling through IRIS. . IRIS is committed to assisting students in attaining their educational and financial goals and provides a wide range of opportunities to connect with IRIS for support:

- First-time students will have an assigned IRIS Advisor and IRIS Advising Team for their first year at CMU. IRIS Advisors collaborate with students for in-depth one-on-one support with navigating college and student finances, exploring majors and careers, course registration, and more
- Schedule an appointment and any of our locations on our website at www.coloradomesa.edu/iris.
- Stop by during normal business hours (Monday-Friday from 8 AM-5 PM) for a walk-in appointment.

Call 970-248-1177 or email iris@coloradomesa.edu.

Services provided at IRIS include:

- **Academic Advising:** Get help with academic planning, course selection, major exploration, and more.
- **Registration:** Get help navigating the registration process and adding/dropping classes.
- **Financial Counseling:** Get help completing a FAFSA, understanding your financial aid and educational costs, setting up a payment plan, estimating expenses for future semester, and navigating ePay.
- **Policy Questions:** Get help understanding different academic and institutional policies, holds, forms, etc.
- **MAVzone Questions:** Get help navigating MAVzone and completing self-service activities like requesting transcripts, submitting forms, or updating your address.
- **Get Connected:** Not sure who to ask? IRIS Advisors can help find the answer or get students connected to the right resource. *Remember if you have questions, you can always ask IRIS!*

http://www.coloradomesa.edu/iris

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Alumni Association – 1450 North 12th Street (970-248-1525)

The Alumni Association exists to provide a two-way connection between alumni and Colorado Mesa University. The Association helps keep all students and alumni in touch with CMU friends and faculty. There are no membership dues. For more information, visit: http://supportingcmu.com/alumni/benefits. Find them online by searching Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter.

Bookstore- The Maverick Store – University Center (970-248-1422)

The CMU Bookstore is the one-stop, back-to-school headquarters. In addition to the textbooks and supplies required for classes, we carry a wide variety of school and art supplies, backpacks, bags, study aids, greeting cards, along with convenience and snack items. We also have the largest selection of Colorado Mesa University clothing and gift items available anywhere. To help keep textbook costs as low as possible, we stock used books whenever we can, and offer a buyback service at the end of each semester. We also offer rental and electronic

versions of select textbooks in our store, as well as our website.
http://www.coloradomesa.edu/bookstore/index.html.

Campus Dining Services – University Center (970-248-1742)
Sodexo Campus Dining Services provides several great venues for all students and members of the community. With several locations across campus, there are plenty of options to keep everyone satisfied. The dining hall ("The Caf"), Chick fil A, Umai Bowls & Rolls, Flat Top Grill, Rowdy's, and Starbucks are all conveniently located in the University Center.

Other Campus Dining locations include, Take 5 (Houston Hall), Take 5 (Dominguez Hall), and Einstein Bagels, and Qdoba, in the Tomlinson library. Panera Bread, Jamba, Eat Market, Fire, Unbranded, and Tilt are located in Ember Eatery. CMU TECH is also home to The Scramble.

Our dining program has been designed with all students in mind. Flexibility, varied hours, and a choice of dining locations will enable students to find the perfect place at the perfect time. Please refer to our dining schedule on our website: www.coloradomesa.edu/dining. Need a special diet? Connect with Sodexo for a conversation about how they can help!

Campus Safety Assistants/ Safe Walk Program (970-260-2683)
Colorado Mesa University offers a Safe Walk program designed to provide an escorted walk by Campus Safety Assistants to/from campus locations and parking lots. This free service provides safe travel around campus for all students, faculty, and staff. The service is available during semesters from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am daily and covers all the main campus and up to two blocks off campus.

Campus Safety and Police Services
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/safety/index.html
For immediate help – call 911
Non-emergency – call 970-242-6707

The Grand Junction Police Department (GJPD), by contractual agreement, is responsible for the public safety concerns of the Colorado Mesa University community and campus. The GJPD is a full service 24-hour a day law enforcement agency. Six full-time officers are assigned to patrol the campus and the surrounding area between the months of August and May. The individual officer contacts are located under the Campus Safety section in MAVZone. Police can assist with bike/scooter registration and also offers free and safe storage of weapons for registered students.

More information is available from the office of Student Conduct and Campus Safety (970-248-1366).

Citation
34 CFR 668.46(f)(5)
(5) The institution must make the crime log for the most recent 60-day period open to public inspection during normal business hours. The institution must make any portion of the log older than 60 days available within two business days of a request for public inspection.

Career Services – University Center (970-248-1404)

https://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/help/index.html

The Career Center assists students and alumni with accomplishing their career goals. Additionally, the Center helps employers in implementing recruitment strategies and supports Colorado Mesa faculty with career resources.

- Career planning
- Inventory assessments
- Resume and cover letter review
- Career assessments
- Career fairs
- Workshops (resume, cover letter, and interviewing skills)
- The Business Closet: Free business attire for students to have as they prepare for interviews

Child Care Center (Little Adventures) – 1704 N 8th Street (970-248-1318)
https://littleadventures.co/

Childcare is available year-round for children of Colorado Mesa University students, faculty, and staff. Little Mavs serves infants up to five years of age. Summer, Friday, and school district non-contact day programs are available for children in kindergarten up to 12 years old and are open to the community. For further information, visit the Little Mavericks website.

CMU TECH, (Bishop Campus) - 2508 Blichmann Ave. (970-255-2600)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/tech/student-services/index.html

CMU Tech, a division of Colorado Mesa University, provides higher education instruction for more than 30 career and technical programs with certificates that can be completed in one year or less and 2- year associate of applied sciences degrees. CMU Tech also manages all concurrent enrollment for CMU and CMU Tech courses. CMU TECH's Bishop Campus is located in Grand Junction, ½ mile north of Patterson Road on 25 Road just east of Mesa Mall. CMU TECH is approximately 3 miles from the main Colorado Mesa University campus. CMU TECH offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Educational Access Services (EAS) – Houston Hall (970-248-1856)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/educational-access/index.html

Accommodations and auxiliary aids & services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act are provided by CMU through Educational Access Services (EAS), a division of Academic Services, to ensure students with disabilities receive equitable opportunity to access campus life.

Students needing accommodations or auxiliary aids & services must initiate a request by submitting the online Accommodation Application. Requests will be considered through an interactive process conducted with the student and may include personal interview, submission of supporting/confirming documentation, and evaluation of the impact disability has on access. Primary consideration will be given to the students' request(s), yet reasonable alternatives may be offered if readily available and equally affective in establishing access.

Registered students are encouraged to contact the EAS to discuss accommodations ahead of need or as soon as possible to allow reasonable consideration and timely provision. Accommodations are not retroactive. EAS may collaborate with other campus departments to promote accessibility to programing. For additional information, please visit the EAS website

Emergency Notification System
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/safety/emergency-notification.html

Colorado Mesa University has contracted with an emergency notification provider to send alert text messages to cellular phones and distribute email messages in the event of an emergency. Students, faculty, and staff are auto enrolled in the emergency notification system, as it is the primary way the University will attempt to alert the campus community to an emergency event. To opt out, visit your MAVzone; my account; personal; CMU Emergency Warning System Contact Information. Students and families may also opt into a separate community emergency alert system by going to the Grand Junction City website: gjcity.org/439/Emergency-Alerts.

The contact information provided for the notification system will not be sold or released to any other party. The University intends only to use the provided contact information to alert the campus community of emergency situations or an event that directly poses a life-safety risk to the campus community. In addition, the emergency notification system will be tested once per term, not to exceed three (3) times per calendar year.

Colorado Mesa University does not warrant the successful delivery of each message to each individual recipient. The service depends on the individual cellular and mobile phone carriers to deliver Simple Messaging System or SMS/text messaging to each recipient. There may be a charge by cell phone providers to receive text messages. To receive alerts directly from Grand Junction law enforcement, register at: https://cmussb.coloradomesa.edu/ssomanager/saml/login?relayState=/c/auth/SSB?pkg=codered.P_DispForm?called_from=mavzone

Alert Channels
In the case of an emergency, students, faculty, and staff will be notified through one or more of the following channels:

- Text Message
- University Social Media outlets (e.g., Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)
- Colorado Mesa University email
- MAVzone

Financial Aid – For help with student finances, ask IRIS! (multiple locations) mailto:IRIS@coloradomesa.edu (970-248-1177, IRIS@coloradomesa.edu) **www.coloradomesa.edu/financial-aid**
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/financial-aid/index.htmlIRIS provides holistic academic advising and financial counseling in one location. IRIS is your first stop for financial questions!

IRIS can support you with:

- Submitting your FAFSA
- Understanding your award offer and types of financial aid
- Completing financial aid requirements or tasks
- Accepting your financial aid award
- Understanding your educational expenses
- Financial planning for future semesters

First-Gen+ Support Center – Lowell Heiny Hall Forth Floor (970-248-1770)
www.coloradomesa.edu/first-gen-support
In 2024, the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) announced Colorado Mesa University as a First Generation-Serving Institution. With 4,423 first-generation students at CMU - making up 46% of the student body - we are proud to serve and support these trailblazers who are the first in their family to earn a degree. The First-Gen+ Support Center has a wide variety of programs and services including TRIO pre-collegiate and collegiate federal grants, scholarship communities, the First Gen taskforce, and the student-led First Gen Club.

Hamilton Recreation Center (970-248-1592)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/rec-center/index.html

The staff at Hamilton Rec Center design a variety of programs and services that will contribute to the overall health and well-being of Colorado Mesa University students.

The mission is to educate and assist participants in the responsible use of leisure time by providing an exciting atmosphere that fosters the development of lifelong patterns of recreational activity. Opportunities are available for participation regardless of age, sex, race, or motor ability. To do so, Hamilton Rec Center develops and maintains state of the art recreational facilities and resources designed to provide appropriate environments for our participants. This mission is realized through the following programs offered to the college community.

Open Recreation Program - Provides access to over 232,265 sq. feet of recreational facilities, sports equipment, group exercise classes, intramurals, and plenty of other activities for convenient, informal participation.

Fitness/Wellness Program - Offers structured and non-structured opportunities for improving and maintaining physical fitness; including physical assessment, GroupX exercise classes, personal training, massage therapy, nutrition counseling, and student recreation engagement activities.

Foster Field House – Offers 1 Mondo flooring and 4 wood courts. Drop down basketball goals on all 5 courts, with 4 drop down volleyball nets for the wood courts. High School basketball court lines with a collegiate 3-point line on all wood courts. Volleyball lines are measured to Collegiate lengths. On the west side of the building there is an Academic classroom and lab area for our Athletic Training and Kinesiology Department. The suspended track that ventures from the Maverick Center, across the skybridge and connects with the Foster Field House consists of three different loops. If all 3 loops are completed, students will have completed an allotment of approximately 1897 sq. feet.

Intramural Programs – The Rec Center provides these programs on a regular basis. There is communication and tabling at the start of each sport season. Sign up as an individual or as a team. Get involved!

A MAVcard is required to access Hamilton Recreation Center or scan in using barcode scan option after downloading the CMU Rec App.

Health Services - Student Wellness Center - 1060 Orchard Avenue, Suite N (970-644-3740)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/student-services/wellness/index.html
The Student Wellness Center, located at 1060 Orchard Avenue, Suite N, is open during the fall and spring semesters when school is in session. All registered Colorado Mesa University students who have paid their student fees may access health services at the Student Wellness Center. All students accessing health services will be required to pay a $15.00 co-pay at time of service. Additional fees may be charged for special services, e.g., simple medical procedures, blood work, laboratory tests, etc. It is not required that students have health insurance to be seen at the Colorado Mesa University Student Wellness Center; however, students are strongly encouraged to acquire health care coverage. The physician, health care practitioners and counselors have varied hours, but services are available Monday – Saturday, 8am-8pm and Sundays, 12pm-4pm. Appointments are recommended; call 970- 644-3740.

Behavioral Health Services
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/wellness/behavioral-health-services.html
Limited counseling services are available to all students paying student fees. A $15.00 co-pay is required for in-person appointments, with the remainder of the session billed to insurance. **Beginning Fall 2026, all CMU**

students also have access to AllOne, a free, confidential online behavioral health and well-being platform offering 24/7 tele-mental health support, counseling, and wellness resources—expanding access to care whenever and wherever students need it. (To access use Company Code: 4101925) All sessions are confidential, and students dealing with personal problems affecting their academic life are encouraged to speak with a professional counselor. Limited services available at the Student Wellness Center include short-term individual counseling, group skills classes, peer support, and case management. Medication evaluations and management are conducted through medical services. Referrals can be made through the Office of the Vice President for Student Services (Lowell Heiny Hall, 4th Floor; phone 970-248-1366), or students may contact the Student Wellness Center directly to set up an appointment at 970-644-3740 ext. 4. If there are special circumstances, waivers for the co-pay may be available upon request through Student Services. Call 970-248-1366 to see if you qualify. Appointments are highly recommended. Crisis services are available during business hours, Monday through Friday. Students are encouraged to call 988 or visit the local emergency room during a mental health crisis.

Information Desk – University Center (970-248-1758)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/university-center/information-desk.html
The Information Desk, located on the first floor of the University Center, is a quick stop to find out information regarding the campus. The Information Desk can assist with copies, scanning, campus wide ticketed events, Grand Valley Transit bus passes, daily parking passes and more.

International Student Admissions & Programs Office – Rotary Hall (970-248-1802)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/admissions/requirements/international/index.html
The International Student Admissions and Programs Office oversees international student recruitment, international student services and immigration/visa advising, international initiatives and development, and study abroad.

MAVcard Office (University ID) – University Center (970-248-1059)
The MAVcard is a student's official CMU campus ID and is key to many resources on and off campus. To obtain your first MAVcard go to MAVzone, click on the MyPhoto App and submit your photo ID and government issued ID. Follow the prompts on the MAVcard E-form to complete the process, then stop by the MAVcard Office or University Center Information Desk to pick up your MAVcard ID. Meal plans, MAVmoney deposits (food related expenses) and/or FLEXmoney deposits (PaperCut) can all be purchased online or at the office.

A MAVcard provides the following resources:

- Access into student's Residence Hall
- Access into Academic Buildings (after hours)
- Access into the Hamilton Recreation Center
- Access into the Dining Hall
- Meal transfers (various on-campus locations)
- Admission into Athletic Events (excluding Postseason Play)
- Library Book Check-Outs and Online Library Resources
- Access into Student Life events and activities

MAVcards can be used for dining at all of our on-campus and off-campus establishments that accept MAVmoney. Currently, the list includes:

- On Campus MAVmoney Locations
    - The Caf (Dining Hall)
    - Chick-fil-A (UC)
    - Umai Bowls & Rolls (UC)
    - Flat Top Grill (UC)
    - Rowdy's (UC)

- Einstein Bagels (Tomlinson Library)
- Juice Junction (Hamilton Rec Center)
- Arcadia (UC)
- Take 5 (Houston Hall)
- Take 5 (Dominguez Hall)
- Starbucks (UC)
- Qdoba (Tomlinson Library)
- Panera Bread (Ember Eatery)
- Jamba (Ember Eatery)
- Eat Market (Ember Eatery)
- Fire (Ember Eatery)
- Unbranded (Ember Eatery)
- The Scramble (CMU TECH)
- Concession Stand in Brownson Arena
- Pepsi vending machines on campus
- Snack vending machines around campus

- Off Campus MAVmoney Locations
  - Bravo Pizza (Lucero Hall)
  - Domino's Pizza North Ave. (Carryout Only)
  - Sugar and Ice Co. (Lucero Hall)
  - Jimmy John's (12th Street)
  - Betty's Gourmet Coffee (Hotel Maverick)
  - Little Ceasar's (12th Street)

For an updated listing of all our on-campus and off-campus establishments that accept MAVmoney, please stop by (or call) the MAVcard Office or visit www.coloradomesa.edu/MAVcard/plans.

Sharing of MAVcards is a violation of student conduct and will result in consequences. This is a personal ID and should be treated as such. Misuse of meal plan, i.e. giving card to a friend to use meal plan may result in the loss of meal plan privileges.

Arcadia – University Center (970-248-1001)

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Arcadia is located on the first floor of the University Center, which offers students a comfortable atmosphere to relax, unwind and have fun. Within Arcadia are billiard tables, games and an arcade like atmosphere, and Wave Drinks. There is room for quiet conversations, fun food and a great place to meet new people.

Arcadia is an arcade managed by Student Life that allows students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the general public to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere for a drink and food.

At Wave Drinks, we offer a wide range of drinks, pretzels, popcorn, nachos and cookies! Whether you're in the mood for a refreshing dirty soda or a big, delicious cookie or a jumbo soft pretzel, we've got you covered. Our fun menu features energy revivers, water refreshers and of course, dirty sodas. We are the only place on campus where you can get Coke products as well as all your favorite Pepsi branded drinks! We also carry Alani, Rockstar, Red Bull and Monster energy drinks! Stop by Arcadia and try us out. You won't be sorry!

Montrose Campus, Colorado Mesa University (970-249-7009)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/montrose/index.html
As a regional education provider, CMU and CMU Tech provides educational access to four of its fourteen counties (i.e. Montrose, Delta, Ouray and San Miguel) through its Montrose Campus, located sixty miles southeast of Grand Junction. With classes offered during the daytime and evening, the Montrose Campus provides students with flexible opportunities to complete a variety of programs including certificate, associate,

and bachelor degree completion tracks, general education and selected upper-division courses. The summer only Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy (WCLEA) is housed there. In addition, nursing programs enrich the opportunities at the Montrose campus. Housing options are available at the Montrose campus Contact Residence Life for more details. The Montrose Campus also provides a variety of student services such as tutoring, testing, business closet, and a food pantry. Academic advising and support with student finances provided at IRIS, CMU's one stop, located in Branscome Hall.

The Outdoor Program (OP) – (970-248-1428)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/outdoor-program/index.html
This Outdoor Program (OP) is CMU's headquarters for outdoor adventure and education. The OP organizes day and weekend trips for students along with classes including whitewater rafting, rock climbing, skiing, and so much more. Students, staff, and faculty can rent mountain bikes, canoes, kayaks, cross-country skis, backpacks, and other gear. Checkout gear online or stop by to sign up for trips!

Parking Services – University Center (970-248-1921)
https://parking.coloradomesa.edu/
Students and University faculty/staff members who wish to park on campus may purchase parking permits for designated areas. A parking permit does not guarantee a parking space but allows on-campus parking when such space is available. Parking permits must be purchased online through MAVzone. There is no permit to pick up or display. Once the vehicle(s) is registered and the fee has been paid, the license plate serves as the permit. Make sure license plate numbers are accurate and updated with Parking Services.

Daily parking permits are also available in specific lots. See the parking map on our website for details.

Registrar's Office – Lowell Heiny Hall (970-248-1555)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/index.html
The Registrar's Office keeps the records of the university and facilitates many university processes like course scheduling, classroom scheduling, and especially registration. The Registrar's Office supports students, faculty, staff, and alumni with academic and administrative services including:

- Academic calendar, class and room scheduling
- College Opportunity Fund (COF)
- Curriculum and University Catalog
- Degree Works
- Enrollment and degree verifications
- Enrollment and academic suspension appeals
- Graduation processing and diplomas
- MMR immunization processing
- Name changes, address updates, release of information
- Record management and privacy – FERPA
- Registration, exceptions, holds
- Returning student and Transfer to Baccalaureate applications
- Transcript requests
- Transfer credit evaluations, Prior Learning Credit, Credit by Exam
  National Student Exchange Program

Residence Life (970-248-1536)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/residence-life/index.html
At Colorado Mesa University, the learning experience goes well beyond the classroom. Our on- campus living options offer students a multitude of opportunities for academic and personal growth in a safe and welcoming community. Residence Life is responsible for the on-campus living experience for more than 2880 students. In

addition to providing educational events and activities, Residence Life helps to create safe, positive communities; offers leadership opportunities; and manages student behavioral concerns. There is a two-year live on campus commitment. To find out more, visit our website. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester to be eligible for on-campus housing. Due to housing constraints and capacity limits, students are allowed to reside on campus for a maximum of 8 semesters. Appeals may be written to the Director of Residence Life @reslife@coloradomesa.edu.

Student Belonging and Inclusion (970-248-1008)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/diversity-inclusion/index.html

Colorado Mesa University is committed to fostering a community where every student has the opportunity to thrive and experience a genuine sense of belonging. Guided by the University's values of **Love, Dignity, Courage, Humility, Resilience, Curiosity, and Power**, CMU strives to create an environment where students, faculty, and staff learn from one another, build meaningful relationships, and contribute to a culture of respect and shared purpose.

CMU celebrates the unique experiences, perspectives, and contributions of its community while encouraging curiosity, cross-cultural engagement, and collaborative learning. Through meaningful partnerships, leadership development, and opportunities for personal and academic growth, the University empowers students to engage with others respectfully, embrace diverse perspectives, and become compassionate, resilient leaders prepared to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

Student Life and the Cultural Inclusion Council– University Center (970-248-1111)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/student-life/index.html

Located on the 2nd floor of the University Center, Student Life is the home of student clubs and organizations at Colorado Mesa University, including our CIC (Cultural Inclusion Council). Getting involved in clubs and organizations allows students to meet new people and enjoy their years here to the fullest. Colorado Mesa University has several opportunities for students to get involved including Associated Student Government, Club Advisory Board, Cultural Inclusion Council, Programming Activities Council, and many more. See page 88, University Life, for additional examples.

Study Abroad – Rotary Hall (970-248-1802)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/study-abroad/index.html
Study Abroad is housed in the International Student Admissions and Programs Office. CMU offers a wide range of programs, which vary in disciplines, destinations, costs, duration, and more. Students considering a study abroad experience should review the information found on CMU's website, attend an information session, and contact the International Programs Office for questions and advising.

The Testing Center – Houston Hall (970-248-1260)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/testing/index.html
The Testing Center provides testing services to CMU students, alumni, and members of the Western Colorado community. A variety of testing services are offered, including:

- Assessment of academic skills in college level courses (ALEKS Math Placement)
- Credit by examination programs (CLEP)
- Major Field Tests (MFT)
- General Education Degree (GED)
- Examinations required for admission to graduate /professional schools

- Proficiency, licenses, and certifications (e.g., nursing and teaching)
- Correspondence proctored examinations

Tomlinson Library (970-248-1860)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/library/index.html
Tomlinson Library (970-248-1860), coloradomesa.edu/library. Tomlinson Library has a wide array of materials and services for Colorado Mesa students: substantial article databases, over a million books, e-books, professional and scholarly journals, as well as streaming audio and video to support all CMU programs. Professional librarians provide individualized research assistance in-person or online. Tomlinson Library also offers plenty of quiet and group study spaces, two computer classrooms, and food venues.

TRIO Student Support Services, Classic and STEM – Lowell Heiny Hall 450 (970-248-1770)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/trio/index.html

Colorado Mesa University has two (2) TRIO Student Support Services (TRIO-SSS) Programs. The Classic SSS program serves all CMU majors. The STEM SSS program serves: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Health Sciences. TRIO-SSS assists participants in achieving their academic, personal, and career goals. TRIO acts as a home base and its purpose is to increase the retention and graduation rates of the participants. Students apply to join the program and active participants are supported in a variety of areas including: individualized tutoring, academic advising, personal mentoring, financial aid advising, peer coaching, personal financial literacy, and career development. To be eligible for TRIO you must plan on finishing a four year degree from CMU, be a first generation college student, and/or meet income qualifications, and/or have a documented disability. TRIO is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and Colorado Mesa University, a department within Enrollment Management.

Center for Academic Support (CAS)– Tomlinson Library Rm. 305 (970-248-1392)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/tutoring/index.html
The Center for Academic Support (CAS) is committed to helping students achieve their academic goals by providing FREE, walk-in peer tutoring services in a variety of subject areas. The primary goals of the CAS are to help students become more independent with their learning and to create opportunities for student success. The Center for Academic Support accomplishes these goals by:

- Offering study tips and giving feedback on student assignments
- Reviewing concepts, types of problems, and rules
- Helping students follow an instructor's directions and use their textbooks, syllabi, and materials more effectively
- Introducing students to many self-help and campus resources available to them
    - CMU TECH/Bishop Campus Services: 970-255-2808
    - Montrose Campus Services: 970-249-7009

The tutoring services that are offered by the Tutoring and Writing Center include:

- In-person Tutoring
- Group Tutoring
- Online Tutoring
- Writing assistance
- Graduate Writing assistance

University Center (970-248-1758)

https://www.coloradomesa.edu/university-center/index.html
The University Center serves as a gathering place for students, staff, faculty and the Grand Junction community. The University Center houses:

- University Center Information Desk
- Arcadia
- The Maverick Store (Bookstore)
- Career Services
- Parking Services
- Retail Food Service Outlets: Starbucks, Wave, Chick-fil-a, Umai Bowls & Rolls, Flat Top Grill & Rowdy's
- The Caf (Dining Hall)
- Sodexo Catering Service
- University Center Administrative Suites
- The MAVcard Office
- Office of Student Life
- Student Organization offices including Associated Student Government, Cultural Inclusion Council, Programming Activities Council, KMSA radio station, The Criterion newspaper, and much more.
- Meyer Ballroom and Meeting Room Spaces
- Fireside Lounge

For up-to-date hours of operations, to include information about holidays, breaks and summer information, please visit: www.coloradomesa.edu/Universitycenter.

Veterans' Services, Registrar – Houston Hall (970-248-1739)
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/veterans/index.html
Colorado Mesa University's School Certifying Official (SCO) will guide students through applying for benefits and submits students credit hours to be certified by the VA. Once the certification is submitted by the school, the VA regional office will determine eligibility and the amount the student/school will receive regarding their benefits and disperse the funds accordingly.

Vice President for Student Services – Lowell Heiny Hall (970-248-1366)
This Office of the Vice President for Student Services manages the broad range of services and activities that students may encounter during their time as students. This office is dedicated to aiding in the success of all students attending Colorado Mesa University. Students should contact Student Services to seek assistance with issues that are interfering with the successful completion of their academic goals at Colorado Mesa University.

Academic Affairs – Lowell Heiny Hall (970-248-1881)

Student Absence & E-Form Guidelines

At Colorado Mesa University, direct communication between you and your instructors is essential to managing your academic progress. The Student Absence E-Form is designed strictly as an informational courtesy notification to alert all of your current instructors simultaneously during a major interruption to your studies. The form is reserved exclusively for severe, extended circumstances, such as a major medical crisis, hospitalization, serious injury, or significant family emergency that will cause you to miss classes for more than one week. For short-term or routine absences, such as brief illnesses or medical appointments, students should not request an e-form and should instead communicate directly with their instructors.

It is important to understand that submitting an Absence E-Form does not excuse absences or override individual

course syllabi. The form serves purely as a communication tool; all final decisions regarding attendance policies, missed coursework, assignments, and make-up arrangements remain strictly at the discretion of each individual instructor. Even when an e-form is submitted, you remain fully responsible for contacting your faculty directly to discuss your situation, review course requirements, and follow all syllabus guidelines for making up missed material. Because the Absence E-Form is reserved for qualifying major events, it is not directly accessible on the public student portal. If you experience an extended crisis that is anticipated to last more than one week, you must first contact the Academic Affairs office to explain your situation. If your circumstances meet the criteria, Academic Affairs will initiate and send you the e-form link. Once you complete and submit the form, Academic Affairs will route the courtesy notification directly to all of your current instructors so you can focus on your health, recovery, and transition back to class.

If you have any questions you may contact AcademicAffairs: AcademicAffairs@coloradomesa.edu.

Academic Policies

Statement of Principle

The faculty, administration, and students of Colorado Mesa University support the principle that all individuals associated with the academic community have a responsibility for establishing, maintaining, and fostering an understanding and appreciation for academic integrity.

Student Responsibility and Expectations

Colorado Mesa University is a community of scholars sharing similar academic values and expectations. The primary academic responsibility of the University is to seek and state the truth as it is understood. To this end, faculty will present course content in a balanced manner that honors different viewpoints, exercises self-discipline and judgment in using, extending and transmitting knowledge, and practices intellectual honesty.

A value fundamental to the principle of independent learning is the requirement of honesty and integrity in the performance of academic work, both inside and outside the classroom. By participating in academic dishonesty, a student may be subject to sanctions and may forfeit the opportunity to continue as a student. Each student accepts the responsibility of maintaining honor in all aspects of academic study and the support of this principle as it applies to others.

All students accept the following statements as a part of their obligation to the Colorado Mesa University academic community:

1. Never intentionally represent the works or ideas of others as one's own without proper acknowledgment. Examples include a submission of purchased research papers as one's own work, paraphrasing and/or quoting material without properly documenting the source be it from a hard document or internet web page;
2. Never use unauthorized material, falsified, altered, or fabricated information in an academic assignment or campus related activity; never provide false information to a University official staff or faculty member;
3. Never take someone else's ideas during a discussion or from a lecture without citing the individual and the circumstances of the lecture or discussion;
4. Never infringe upon the rights of other students by removing material from the library without authorization, defacing or destroying library materials, or similarly abusing library privileges. Such acts are considered to be academic dishonesty and will be treated as such;
5. Never give or receive assistance on an examination, quiz, term paper, or project unless specifically authorized by the instructor to do so;
6. Never forge an academic document;

7. Never misrepresent one's identity or allow others to represent oneself when communicating electronically (e.g., email messages; distance-based classes), through mail, or over the phone concerning any academic-related activities including homework, examinations, papers, etc.;
8. Never submit in whole or substantial portions of either written or oral academic work which has previously earned credit, when submission is made without instructor authorization;
9. Always respect the rights of other students in the area of computer usage. Specifically, every student has a right to privacy and a fair share of resources. Any abuse of these rights or unauthorized access to another student's computer program is considered academic dishonesty

10. Always take appropriate action, as dictated by personal honor, upon becoming aware of a violation of academic integrity. This includes reporting the violation to the faculty member, the department head, or the Office of Academic Affairs
11. Never misrepresent oneself, one's behaviors, one's situation, or one's work in order to gain unfair advantage in an academic setting/situation/exercise.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
The protection of academic integrity requires clear and consistent standards and definitions, as well as confrontation and sanctions when individuals intentionally violate those standards. The most important of the definitions is that of academic dishonesty.

Academic dishonesty undermines the educational experience, lowers morale by engendering a skeptical attitude about the quality of education, and negatively affects the relationship between students and faculty. Academic dishonesty is the intentional act of fraud in an academic environment/situation/exercise.

Academic dishonesty includes, **but is not limited to**:

1. Forgery/fabrication/falsification/plagiarism of academic documents
2. Intentionally impeding or damaging the academic work of others
3. Assisting others in acts of academic dishonesty
4. Cheating in the classroom
5. Unauthorized use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) including but not limited to, ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and/or Grammarly.
6. Unauthorized attendance
7. Multiple submissions of the same material to two or more different classes, or to the same class taken at a different time, without the permission of all instructors involved
8. Unauthorized collaboration
9. Lying/misrepresentation/omission of information to obtain an unfair advantage in an academic environment/situation/exercise
10. Unauthorized use of materials or equipment to complete an academic requirement

As mentioned above, instances of academic dishonesty are **not limited** to the list of examples given above. Acts or omissions that violate honesty and integrity when it comes to academic work can fall under the umbrella of academic dishonesty as well.

Sanctions for Academic Dishonesty
Students who commit academic dishonesty violate the Colorado Mesa University (CMU) Code of Conduct and are subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including suspension from the University.

Faculty Authority and Penalties
Faculty members have the authority to investigate suspected academic dishonesty and determine appropriate sanctions. They may handle incidents independently without involving third parties. Faculty prerogatives for penalties include:

- Disciplinary warning
- Giving a reduced grade on the assignment or exam.
- Giving a failing grade (F) for the assignment or exam.
- Issuing a failing grade (F) for the course.
    - *Note: Specific academic program penalties may exceed general institutional penalties.*

Course Drops and Transcript Notations
If a student is assigned a grade of F for a course due to academic dishonesty, the student may not drop or withdraw from the course. The Office of Academic Affairs, in consultation with the Academic Department, may recommend that the Registrar's Office place a permanent notation on the student's transcript making the grade ineligible for grade replacement.

Reporting and Record-Keeping
All incidents resulting in punitive action (whether uncontested or unsuccessfully contested by the student) must be recorded. Faculty may submit a Report of Academic Dishonesty eForm through their Academic Department Head to the Office of Academic Affairs.

- Athletes: If the student is a student-athlete, the Head Compliance Officer will also be notified.
- File Purpose: Academic Affairs maintains these files solely to track repeat offenses across a student's academic career. Multiple offenses may result in further institutional disciplinary action, including suspension.

Student Complaints
Students who witness or suspect academic dishonesty by peers may file a written complaint with the course instructor. If this is not possible or if the instructor's response does not resolve the issue, the complaint should be filed with the faculty member's Academic Department Head. If it still cannot be resolved at the department level, the complaint should be directed to the Academic Dishonesty Committee via the Assistant Vice President for Student Success.

Appeal Procedure for Academic Dishonesty
Students have the right to appeal academic dishonesty sanctions. Appeals must strictly follow this sequential, four-step process, starting at Step 1. Students must communicate directly with the appropriate level and are not permitted to continue negotiating with a lower level once that option has been exhausted.

Step 1 – Instructor Level: Informal and Formal Appeal

- Informal Discussion: Students are encouraged to first discuss the incident informally with the instructor to clear up any misunderstandings.
- Formal Written Appeal: If unresolved, the student must submit a formal written appeal to the instructor within two (2) weeks of the date the sanction was imposed.
- Instructor Response: The instructor must respond to the student in writing with a final decision within one (1) week of receiving the appeal.
- Submission Requirements: The student's written appeal must include:
    - A clear description of the incident.
    - A description of what occurred during the informal resolution process.
    - Any relevant supporting documents.

Step 2 – Academic Department Head Level

- Timeline: If dissatisfied with the instructor's written decision, the student may appeal in writing to the Academic Department Head (ADH) within one (1) week of receiving that response. ADH will investigate the dispute and make a recommendation based upon the investigation within 2 weeks

- Direct Appeal Exception: If a student is initially unwilling to approach the instructor, they may appeal directly to the ADH in writing within two (2) weeks of the date the sanction was imposed.
- **Resolution:** The ADH (or designee) will investigate and respond in writing within **two (2) weeks**.

Step 3 – A Academic Dishonesty Committee (ADC) Level

- Timeline: If the ADH's recommendation does not resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of either party, the student or instructor may appeal in writing to the Academic Dishonesty Committee (ADC) within 2 weeks (2) weeks of the ADH's response.
- The committee's purpose is to protect the rights of both the student and instructor when such situations arise.
- Point of Contact: Written cases must be submitted to the Assistant Vice President for Student Success, who chairs the ADC.
- Committee Composition: The ADC consists of the Chair (AVP for Student Success), the Registrar, three faculty members. *(Note: During Summer or January terms, the committee may be reduced to three at-large university members).*
- The student may also invite one person to provide support (e.g., friend or family member).
- Hearing & Decision: A hearing involving the student, instructor/faculty, academic department head, and relevant authorities will be convened within two (2) weeks of receiving the appeal. All materials are protected by FERPA. A written decision will be issued to the student, instructor, and ADH within one (1) week of the final hearing. Timelines may be extended during official university breaks or large-scale emergency threats.
- Authority: The ADC may uphold, modify, or increase sanctions, up to and including university suspension or expulsion.

Step 4 – Provost for Academic Affairs Level

- **Timeline:** If either party wishes to appeal a ruling or additional sanction issued by the ADC, a written request must be submitted to the Provost within **one (1) week** of the ADC's decision.
- **Finality:** The determination of the Provost is **final**, and there is no further avenue for appeal

Grade Appeal Procedure

CMU accepts as academic principle that the grade assigned by an instructor is inviolable and not generally available for appeal. A grade may not be changed based on the reevaluation of the student's work and/or accepting additional work after the grade is assigned and posted by the Registrar. However, if a student feels that they have been unfairly graded, the student may appeal. This grade appeal procedure does not cover appeals for W (withdraw) designations based on medical, emergency or hardship situations. Appeals for W are conducted through the office of the Registrar.

Lower grades or grade reductions, based on sanctions for academic dishonesty do not fall under this procedure. Please refer to the appeal section under, "Appeal Procedure for Sanctions for Academic Dishonesty" above.

The student must demonstrate in writing that the grade was unfair based upon one or more of the following conditions. The burden of proof to support a grade appeal rests upon the student.

1. The grading decision was based on something other than course performance, (unless the grade was a result of penalty for academic dishonesty).
2. The grading decision was based on standards that were unreasonably different from those applied to other students in the same section of that course.
3. The grading decision was based on standards that differed substantially and unreasonably from those previously articulated by the instructor.

Step 1 – Instructor Level

Informal Discussion: Students are encouraged to first discuss the incident informally with the instructor to clear up any misunderstandings. It is always best to try to resolve the dispute at the lowest possible level. The student is encouraged to talk about the grade with the course instructor. For example, it is possible that the grade was assigned based on a computational miscalculation, in which case the instructor can rectify the error. Correcting such mistakes is not considered a grade change under this policy.

- Timeline: The student must submit a written appeal to the instructor within six (6) weeks of the grades being recorded by the Registrar. A dated copy must also be sent to the Assistant Vice President for Student Success.
- Direct to ADH Exception: If the student is unwilling to approach the instructor, they must forward their written appeal to the Academic Department Head within this same six (6) week window.

Submission Requirements:

A statement addressing how the appeal meets one or more of the three criteria necessary for a formal grade appeal;

1. A description of what occurred during the informal resolution process;
2. Copies of all graded materials from the course that are in the student's possession;
3. Any relevant documents the student would like to be reviewed as part of the appeal process;
4. A copy of the course syllabus.

Step 2 – Academic Department Head Level

- Timeline: If the student is dissatisfied with the instructor's written response, the student has one (1) week to file a written appeal with the Academic Department Head (ADH). ADH will investigate the dispute and make a recommendation based upon the investigation within 2 weeks
- Resolution: The ADH (or designee) will investigate and respond in writing within two (2) weeks.

Step 3 – Grade Appeal Committee Level

- Timeline: If the ADH's recommendation does not resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of either party, the student or instructor may appeal in writing to the Academic Grade Appeal Committee (AGAC) within two (2) weeks of the Academic Department Heads Determination.
- The committee's purpose is to protect the rights of both the student and instructor when such situations arise.
- Point of Contact: Written cases must be submitted to the Assistant Vice President for Student Success, who chairs the ADC.

- Committee Composition: The ADC consists of the Chair (AVP for Student Success), the Registrar, three faculty members. *(Note: During Summer or January terms, the committee may be reduced to three at-large university members).*
- The student may also invite one person to provide support (e.g., friend or family member).
- Hearing & Decision: A hearing involving the student, instructor/faculty, academic department head, and relevant authorities will be convened within two (2) weeks of receiving the appeal. All materials are protected by FERPA. A written decision will be issued to the student, instructor, and ADH within one (1) week of the final hearing. Timelines may be extended during official university breaks or large-scale emergency threats.
- Authority: The ADC may uphold, modify, or increase sanctions, up to and including university suspension or expulsion.

Step 4 – The Provost Level

- Timeline: If either party wishes to appeal a ruling or additional sanction issued by the ADC, a written request must be submitted to the Provost within one (1) week of the ADC's decision.
- Finality: The determination of the Provost is final, and there is no further avenue for appeal

Removal from an Academic Program

Students who are accepted into baccalaureate, associates, certificate, technical, professional, and/or graduate programs above general university admissions are required to follow the programs policies and procedures to ensure professional development, compliance within professional guidelines, and skill development.

Programs at CMU have the authority to impose sanctions and have the leeway to handle such incidents as they deem appropriate; they are not required to involve parties other than the offender(s). The removal from an academic program is not taken lightly and will include a review of the program violation, accreditation standards, specialized accreditation (if it applies) expectations, professional code within the discipline (if it applies), and any other policies and procedures utilized within the program to ensure a fair review of the concerns and disciplinary action.

Students who are accepted into Academic programs have the right to an appeals process if they are removed from a program. The appeals process will defer to the program policies and procedures first, follow all accreditation requirements and expectations, and review professional codes of conduct as part of this appeals process.

Students who have been removed from an academic program as a result of a violation including but not limited to academic dishonesty, accreditation violation, policy and procedure violation, or conduct violation should understand that they have also violated the Colorado Mesa University Code of Conduct and are subject to appropriate disciplinary actions under that Code, which may include program removal and suspension from Colorado Mesa University.

Appeal Procedure for Removal from an Academic Program

Students have the right to appeal sanctions for being removed from a program.

Step 1 – Program Level: Meet with the Program Director, Coordinator, Program Lead, or Identified designee

- Timeline: The student must submit a formal written appeal to the Program Director (or Lead/Coordinator) within two (2) weeks of the removal date.

- Program Response: The Program Director must issue a final written decision within one (1) week of receiving the appeal.
- Submission Requirements: The written appeal must include:
    - A description of the incidents leading to program removal.
    - A description of the informal resolution process.
    - A description of the formal program removal process.
    - Any relevant supporting documentation.

Step 2 – Academic Department Head Level

- Timeline: If dissatisfied with the instructor's written decision, the student may appeal in writing to the Academic Department Head (ADH) within one (1) week of receiving that response. ADH will investigate the dispute and make a recommendation based upon the investigation within 2 weeks.
- Direct Appeal Exception: If a student is initially unwilling to approach the instructor, they may appeal directly to the ADH in writing within two (2) weeks of the date the sanction was imposed.
- Resolution: The ADH (or designee) will investigate and respond in writing within two (2) weeks.

Step 3 – Grade Appeal Committee Level

When cases occur during summer or the January Term, the PAC will consist of three faculty members at-large. The committee can rule as to the gravity of the incident and the corresponding degree of sanction. Penalties up to and including expulsion or suspension of the student from the University may be imposed.

- Timeline: If the ADH's recommendation does not resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of either party, the student or instructor may appeal in writing to the Program Appeals Committee within two (2) weeks of the Academic Department Heads Determination.
- The committee's purpose is to protect the rights of both the student and instructor when such situations arise.
- Point of Contact: Written cases must be submitted to the Assistant Vice President for Student Success, who chairs the ADC.
- Committee Composition: The ADC consists of the Chair (AVP for Student Success), the Registrar, three faculty members. *(Note: During Summer or January terms, the committee may be reduced to three at-large university members).*
- The student may also invite one person to provide support (e.g., friend or family member).
- Hearing & Decision: A hearing involving the student, instructor/faculty, academic department head, and relevant authorities will be convened within two (2) weeks of receiving the appeal. All materials are protected by FERPA. A written decision will be issued to the student, instructor, and ADH within one (1) week of the final hearing. Timelines may be extended during official university breaks or large-scale emergency threats.
- Authority: The ADC may uphold, modify, or increase sanctions, up to and including university suspension or expulsion.

Step 4 – Provost Level

- Timeline: If either party wishes to appeal a ruling or additional sanction issued by the ADC, a written request must be submitted to the Provost within one (1) week of the ADC's decision.

Finality: The determination of the Provost is final, and there is no further avenue for appeal

General University Policies

Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities General Statement
The matriculation of a student at Colorado Mesa University implies adherence to policies and procedures inherent to the scholarly and educational pursuits of the academic community. The student assumes obligations of performance and behavior reasonably imposed by this institution according to its lawful missions, processes, and functions.

The University has a unique charge in allowing for free, civil, and rational discourse while establishing an environment conducive to contemplative study and research. Interference in any manner with the public or private rights of other individuals or conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person will not be tolerated by the University. Conduct at all times should reflect mature judgment and a sense of ethical, moral, civil, and academic responsibility.

Attendance
Students are expected to attend all sessions of each course in which they are enrolled. Failure to do so may result in a lowered grade, exclusion from class at the discretion of the instructor, or an administrative drop for non-attended courses.

Instructors may drop any student who fails to regularly attend class meetings prior to the Add/Drop Deadline so that other students may enroll. Instructors may also initiate a drop or withdrawal throughout the semester for a student who fails to attend classes regularly. ("Drops" are up to 15% of class elapsed; "withdrawals" are up to the mid-point of the class.) Not all instructors will exercise this option; therefore, a student should not assume that non-attendance will result in an automatic drop from a class.

Due to federal regulation students who receive financial aid and cease attending classes may need to repay all or a portion of their financial aid

Absences
It is the responsibility of the student to arrange in advance with instructors for making up missed classwork, assignments or tests incurred because of a student's participation in required field trips, intercollegiate sports, or other trips. The coach, instructor, or other official whose activities require students to be absent from classes should give each participating student an "official" roster and schedule of events for the semester or other appropriate time span which may result in classes being missed. The student is responsible for contacting the instructor of each of their classes affected at least one week before the departure of the field trip, intercollegiate sports, or other trips.

If a student must miss class for an emergency, or due to illness, students can submit a Student Services Absence Notification Form which will send an email notification to instructors from the Student Services Office. The email sent on behalf of the student is a courtesy notification to notify instructors of absences: the notice does not excuse the student from their class, unless stated in the class syllabus. Students are still responsible for connecting with each of their instructors regarding the course expectations as outlined in the course syllabus, specifically regarding absences and make up work. Documentation regarding absences will be kept on file for one year. Documentation may be required to send the notification. With questions, please feel free to contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services at StudentServices@coloradomesa.edu or (970) 248-1366.

Being excused for an absence in no way relieves the student of responsibility for completing all work associated with the course to the satisfaction of the instructor. Being late to a class or leaving a class early is disruptive and

is not acceptable except in extreme circumstances or with prior approval of the instructor. Prior approval is also required of the instructor if a student wishes to bring a guest (or a child) to class.
(Approved by Academic Policy Committee on 2.24.25)

In general, students should attend all classes for which they are registered to obtain maximum educational benefits. Absence in no way relieves the student of responsibility for completing all work associated with the course to the satisfaction of the instructor. If a student knows that a particular course or section of the course will have multiple conflicts, the student is advised to locate another course section or defer taking the course to a different semester.
Students must take the initiative to make up missed work in a timely fashion as determined by each instructor.

Additionally, students are encouraged to inform the faculty member at the start of the semester of anticipated absences. The faculty member will determine what is reasonable and viable for academic success in the course, keeping in mind that all stated course objectives must be met by all students. If students request to be absent to observe religious or spiritual holidays, faculty members are encouraged to excuse a student from class attendance for a religious holiday and make accommodation for assignment due dates. However, any attendance accommodation is at the discretion of the faculty member, and may not look exactly like the requested accommodation. For example, if religious services are available at time both during class and later on in the day, an excused absence may not be accommodated. If students need to be absent to observe religious or spiritual holidays, faculty are encouraged to make appropriate accommodation within reason for such absences in their classes when absences will not adversely impact overall learning in the course.

Access to Student Educational Records

FERPA provides current students, former students, and parents of dependent students the right to inspect, review, and challenge their educational records.

Students are permitted to inspect and review their educational records within a maximum of 45 days after the request is received. Students may not review financial information received from their parents or guardians, confidential letters, and recommendations placed in their files prior to January 1, 1975, academic records containing information regarding other students, administrative, disciplinary, law enforcement, student health records, and/or records which are maintained in the sole possession of the maker.

While students who have a financial hold or past due account (all holds included) have a right to inspect their academic records, no transcript will be released to the student or other party until holds are reconciled. Parents may challenge a student's denial of consent to access by producing the most current copy of their Internal Revenue Form 1040 showing the student in question is a dependent. Please contact the Registrar's Office with any questions regarding this policy.

The Institution must update the FERPA annual notification to include all required elements.

<u>Citation</u>

34 CFR 99.7(a)(2)-(3)

(2) The notice must inform parents or eligible students that they have the right to—
(i) Inspect and review the student's education records;
(ii) Seek amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights;
(iii) Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the Act and Sec. 99.31 authorize disclosure without consent; and
(iv) File with the Department a complaint under Secs. 99.63 and 99.64 concerning alleged failures by the educational agency or institution to comply with the requirements of the Act and this part.
(3) The notice must include all of the following:

(i) The procedure for exercising the right to inspect and review education records.
(ii) The procedure for requesting amendment of records under §99.20.
(iii) If the educational agency or institution has a policy of disclosing education records under §99.31(a)(1), a specification of criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest.

Canvassing

Students may conduct canvassing (surveys, petitions, and questionnaires) on campus after obtaining authorization from the University.

1. For canvassing to be conducted in the classroom, the Office of the Provost must give approval.
2. For canvassing in all other areas; the Director of Student Life must give approval.
3. For surveys or questionnaires conducted on campus as part of a student research project, authorization must be obtained from the University through the Human Subjects Committee. Please contact the Director of Sponsored Programs (970) 248-1424, for procedural and approval processes.

Camping

Camping or the use of trailers, pickup campers, tent trailers, tents, etc. for camping, regardless of the duration or purpose, is prohibited on University property. Camping includes activities that reasonably appear, in light of all the circumstances, that the participants conducting these activities are intending to use or are using the facilities or grounds for living accommodations or housing, regardless of the duration or other purpose. Examples include, but are not limited to, erecting tents or laying down bedding. Overnight sleeping or dwelling in a vehicle on CMU property is prohibited.

Exceptions to this prohibition may be granted by the Vice President for Student Services.

Chalking

Sidewalk chalking is permitted on sidewalks throughout the University to advertise events, share messages, and engage in expressive activity. Chalking is not permitted on the Plaza or on any University buildings, walls, steps, or other vertical surfaces.

Notices advertising campus events may be displayed no more than five (5) days prior to the event and should be removed by the sponsoring individual or organization no later than the day after the event.
The University encourages expressive chalking as a means for students to share ideas and engage in respectful dialogue with the campus community. All chalking should contribute to an environment of respect and civility and must comply with all applicable University policies.

Because sidewalks must remain safe, accessible, and well-maintained, the University reserves the right to remove or clean chalk messages at any time, with or without notice.

Chalking must remain on sidewalks only. Students or organizations found to be defacing University property or using prohibited surfaces may be subject to the University's student conduct process and may be held responsible for any associated cleanup or repair costs.

Compliance

Students are required to comply with the reasonable and lawful requests of any University official and/or law enforcement agent acting in the performance of their duties, including presenting proper identification to those officials upon request (See University ID / MAVcard Policy) and removing any facial coverings, such as masks. University officials, include but are not limited to: All Residence Life staff (Resident Assistants, Senior Resident Assistants, Area Coordinators, Residence Hall Coordinators, Assistant Directors, etc.), University Police, Faculty, Staff, Campus Safety Assistants, and other Administrators.

University officials seek to maintain the wellbeing, safety, and security of all students, faculty, staff, and community members. Colorado Mesa University's goal is for all students to be conscientious members of the community. It is expected for students to conduct themselves in this manner on and off campus. If it is determined a student's actions compromise theirs or others wellbeing, safety, or security, the student is required to meet with a University official.

Computer Use Policy and Network Use Agreement
Colorado Mesa University is responsible for securing its network and computing system in a reasonable and economically feasible manner against unauthorized access and/or abuse, while making them accessible for authorized users.

Colorado Mesa University provides students, faculty, and staff the privilege to use its computers and network for the purposes of accessing software, information systems, and the Internet in support of the institution's mission. The purpose of the Computer Use Policy is to ensure users of the University's computing systems and networks are aware of their rights and responsibilities with respect to appropriate use of computers and networks, including the storage of confidential information; security practices; and software compliance and copyright law.

This responsibility includes informing users of expected standards of conduct and the punitive measures for not adhering to them. Any attempt to violate the provisions of this policy will result in disciplinary action, which may include revocation of user accounts. Violations of the Colorado Mesa University Computer Use Policy are considered infractions of student behavior. Suspected violations will be handled by the Director of Computing and Network Systems. Students who violate this policy may be referred to the Student Conduct Officer depending on the severity of the infraction.

The users of the network are responsible for respecting and adhering to local, state, federal and international laws. Any attempt to break those laws through the use of the network may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, Colorado Mesa University will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for the litigation process.

The use of any computing resources on any Colorado Mesa University campus, or connected to any Colorado Mesa University network, signifies an acceptance of the following policies outlined below. The referenced policies may be found in their entirety on the CMU Information Technology web page at the following address: **https://www.coloradomesa.edu/information-technology/policies.html.**

Computer Users shall:

- Adhere to University policies and local, state and federal laws, including copyright law, and not use campus resources for any illegal activity or any prohibited uses outlined in this policy.
- Protect their CMU computer login username and password to protect University computers, network and information. This includes not sharing passwords with anyone or for any reason.
- Follow information security best practices and support strong passwords, never leaving one's computer logged on and unattended and never storing confidential information on mobile computing devices.
- Not impede the academic pursuits of other users.

Prohibited Use includes, but is not limited to:

- Sending or storing confidential information without authorization
- Using University computers, networks, or resources for unauthorized commercial purposes
- Using a computer account one is not authorized to use
- Illegally downloading and distributing copyrighted material, such as software, movies, music, and games, through the use of peer-to-peer (P2P) networking

- Violating terms of software agreements or copyright laws
- Using the University computers or networks to gain unauthorized access to any computer system
- Utilize any personal computing device to gain unauthorized access to network resources
- Bypassing, disrupting, or disabling security controls or operation of the campus network or computer systems
- Knowingly installing or spreading malicious software such as viruses and worms, or otherwise attempting to disrupt the performance of another computer system or network
- Congesting the campus network and Internet bandwidth and hampering the productivity of other network users
- Participating in any illegal activity including, but not limited to distributing illegal or nonconsensual pornography, harassing an individual or group, or threatening the safety of persons
- Monitoring, deleting, or tampering with another user's electronic communication or files without proper authorization
- Installation of software on university owned equipment without the prior approval of the IT department

Network Use Agreement:
Colorado Mesa University provides network and Internet access to students, faculty, staff, and guests for academic, research, and administrative purposes. The University is responsible for the security, lawfulness, and reliability of the network. Colorado Mesa University's Department of Information Technology reserves the right to disconnect, without warning, any computer or network-attached device which poses a security or performance risk to the campus network.

User network activity inconsistent with the purpose of the University's network may result in the loss of network privileges. All computers having network and Internet access must be used in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner. At all times users must adhere to local, state, and federal laws, and University policies.

Unacceptable use includes, but is not limited to:

- Illegally downloading and distributing copyrighted material, such as software, movies, music, and games, through the use of peer-to-peer (P2P) networking
- Congesting the campus network and Internet bandwidth and hampering the productivity of other network users
- Commercial or personal business use such as offering, providing, selling, or purchasing services or goods, including reselling campus network services
- Installing or setting up any type of wireless network device such as a router, access point or switch;
- Knowingly or inadvertently spreading malicious software such as viruses and worms, or otherwise attempting to disrupt the performance of another system on the network or Internet, or destroying the data of another user
- Using software or hardware to hack—or attempting to discover and obtain—user accounts and passwords, or spy on the network traffic of other users of the campus network and systems;
- Bypassing, disrupting, or disabling the security or operation of the campus network or devices attached to the network
- Participating in any illegal activity including, but not limited to distributing illegal or nonconsensual pornography, harassing an individual or group, or threatening the safety of person

Online Use Policy for Academic Courses:
At Colorado Mesa University, we are committed to providing a safe and secure online learning environment for all students. This safety policy outlines the guidelines and expectations for maintaining security and protecting personal information while engaging in online activities.

This policy applies to all students enrolled in online courses or participating in any online activities. Students are expected to use institutional online resources responsibly and ethically. Please note, some online classes may be synchronous, asynchronous, or a combination of both. If your course requires you to have your camera on, please be cognizant of the room, environment, and space. Please find a location that has no distractions, paraphernalia, inappropriate or offensive content as your space is now part of the CMU learning environment.

Prohibited activities include but are not limited to:

- Engaging in cyberbullying, harassment, or discrimination
- Disruptive behavior
- Sharing personal information, including contact details and login credentials, with unauthorized individuals
- Accessing or distributing inappropriate or illegal content
- Using institutional resources for unauthorized commercial purposes
- Drinking or engaging in substances during class
- Driving during class, with your camera on or off
- Falsification, impersonation, or misrepresentation of self

Additionally, students must be fully clothed for synchronous class participation.

Directory Information
Colorado Mesa University may, without the consent of the student, release to persons outside the institution information designated as Directory Information in accordance with the provision of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Directory information shall include information in an educational record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, including but not limited to:

- Student name, address, local telephone number
- Mobile/Cell Phone number
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sport
- Weight and height of athletic team members;
- Photograph
- Dates of attendance to include enrollment status (i.e. full- or part-time)
- Degrees and awards received
- Most recent educational institution attended
- E-mail address.

The Electronic Campus Directory contains name and email address.

Should someone wish not to be included in the campus directory, please notify the Registrar's Office, in writing, no later than September 10th. Making an election to specifically exclude one's name from either directory only affects the specific campus directory and does not restrict disclosure of directory information as detailed above.

NOTE: *Should someone wish to restrict all directory information; they may submit an official request to the Registrar's Office that directory information not be released to other parties without written permission from said person. This request will be honored until the person requests, in writing, that directory information be disclosed. Personal, identifiable information may not be released without the person's consent except as provided by FERPA, i.e., members of the University faculty and staff with a legitimate educational interest, et al.*

Disruptive Behavior (see also Noise and Quiet Hours)

Disruptive behavior is defined as any deliberate action(s) that impedes, obstructs, or interferes with the educational intent of Residence Life, Student Life, and/or the University or which are detrimental to the University's interests, including but not limited to:

- Disrupting the flow of movement of others on campus or in the halls or at University sponsored events
- Intentional disruption of University activities
- Disorderly conduct
- Conducting an activity or acting in such a manner as may disturb the peace and order of the University campus, the community, or the public
- Wearing or possessing a mask, facial covering, or disguise that conceals the identity of the wearer and is calculated to obstruct the enforcement of these rules or the law, or to intimidate others, or hinder or interrupt a University official or law enforcement.
- Obscene behavior or indecent exposure
- Noise, whether inside or outside the room or hall
- Violent behavior
- Behavior that interferes with others' ability to live in the community safely without emotional duress
- Failure to comply with implemented wellness plans or behavior contracts.
- Every resident has the right to sleep, study, and feel comfortable in their living environment. This right takes precedence over social uses of a room.

Drone Policy

Unmanned Aerial System (aka drones) operation on campus must follow FAA regulations and be for educational purposes. To ensure safety and compliance with drone operations and to avoid concerning calls to police about flying drones, any individual desiring to operate a drone on or above CMU property must obtain prior permission from the Director of Campus Safety. To operate a drone outside of these regulations will result in a report to campus safety for investigation and further action. The Director of Campus Safety has discretion to approve or deny the use of any UAS.

Educational Records

Colorado Mesa University has the responsibility of maintaining and protecting the confidentiality of students' official educational records. Educational records are records directly related to a student and maintained by the University or by a party acting for the University. The term does not include those records specifically excluded by Section 99.3 of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Colorado Mesa University also supervises the access to and/or release of educational records of its students. FERPA also provides students the right to inspect, review, and challenge their educational records. FERPA covers enrolled and former students, including deceased students, who have matriculated at Colorado Mesa University. Students who are denied acceptance to Colorado Mesa University or accepted but do not attend Colorado Mesa University, have no rights under FERPA.

Electronic Mail

Whenever someone sends electronic mail, their name and user ID are included in each mail message. Each person is responsible for all electronic mail messages originating from their user ID. Therefore:

- Forgery (or attempted forgery) of electronic mail messages is prohibited.
- Attempts to read, delete, copy, or modify the electronic mail of other users are prohibited.
- Attempts at sending e-mails that are harassing, legally obscene and/or a "true threat" to another user are prohibited.
- Attempts at sending unsolicited commercial messages or junk mail/spam are prohibited. Spam is defined as creating or knowingly disseminating unwanted and unsolicited emails or materials, in such a large volume that it tends to disrupt the proper functioning of university information technology resources or individual's ability to use such resources.
- Displaying legally obscene or sexually harassing images or text in a public computer facility or location that can potentially be in view of other individuals is prohibited.

Free Speech

The rights of free speech and peaceful assembly, as enumerated in the Constitution of the United States, shall be upheld and protected by Colorado Mesa University. As a public university, the University affirms the rights of students and others to assemble on the University campus for peaceful rallies, demonstrations, and gatherings. In support of this effort,

the University will make reasonable accommodations regarding the manner in which persons may exercise their rights to free speech to assure the orderly operation and safety of the campus community.

In December 2024, the Colorado Mesa University Board of Trustees adopted an Institutional Neutrality Resolution affirming the University's commitment to fostering an environment where diverse perspectives can be expressed freely without institutional endorsement or censorship. In alignment with our support of the Chicago Statement, CMU remains steadfast in its commitment to the principles of free inquiry, open dialogue, and civil discourse as essential components of a vibrant learning environment. Together, these commitments reflect our belief that the University best fulfills its mission not by taking collective positions on contested social or political issues, but by serving as a forum where thoughtful and respectful debate can flourish.

In the exercise of free speech, the rights and privileges of all persons shall be respected and there will be no tolerance for activities that endanger the health or safety of the campus community, visitors, or guests. Additionally, such demonstrations must not unreasonably disrupt the normal conduct of University operations, impair the learning environment or endanger University property or persons.

In the event safety or disruption becomes an issue for the University, its students, staff, and/or faculty, or the individual or organization(s) involved in free speech activities, this policy does not limit or constrain the University or law enforcement authorities to maintain and protect public safety, as established in law, including moving such demonstrations to a reasonably central campus location that may mitigate safety issues or disruptions to the learning environment.

Golden Scholars Program

The Golden Scholars program is an opportunity for persons 60 years of age and over to take courses at a discounted rate without the stress of earning a grade.

Program benefits:

- Enroll in almost any Colorado Mesa University course
- No grades will be assigned as the course is taken under a noncredit "audit" status
- The tuition rate is $25 per credit hour plus any regular course fees for the no grade, audit status

- Please keep in mind that J-Term and on-line courses are set fee-based courses and the Golden Scholars Tuition Rate will not apply to these courses. See our Tuition and Fees page for current charges for Online Courses.
- Easy library access with a Colorado Mesa University Student MAVcard
- Computer access including e-mail, course downloads, and enhanced online access
- Discounts on athletic and music/theatre events
- Access to purchase a $35 per month Rec Center membership

Program limitations:

- While this program covers a discounted classroom and education experience it doesn't cover activities listed under the Student Fee Allocation list as Golden Scholars do not have to pay student fees. Due to this discount activities made available through student fees such as participating in student clubs, Student Life events, Outdoor Program trips, Mavrides, and other activities listed under the "Student Fee Allocation" list are not available to Golden Scholars.
- This program is an honor to our community members and can be revoked at any time for a violation of classroom expectations, CMU policy, procedures, and/or conduct expectations. Faculty have full discretion to permit, deny, or remove a Golden Scholar from their course.

The Golden Scholars Program is a privilege extended to select individuals and participation is contingent upon adherence to all university policies and expectations. CMU reserves the right to remove a participant from an individual course, the program, or the university at any time for violations of Colorado Mesa University policies, procedures, or behavioral expectations as outlined in the course syllabus or the Maverick Guide. Such removal decisions are made at the sole discretion of the faculty member and/or university administration and are not subject to appeal. Participation in the program does not guarantee continued enrollment or entitlement to refunds, reimbursements, or other accommodations in the event of removal.

All Golden Scholars will be held accountable to the Student Code of Conduct as outlined in the Maverick Guide.

Harassment

Colorado Mesa University prohibits behavior that is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive, and that so undermines and detracts from the victim's educational experience, that the victim-students are effectively denied equal access to an institution's resources and opportunities. Behaviors that may constitute harassment include, but are not limited to the following examples, when they are part of a pattern of conduct that rises to the level of the standard set forth above:

- Racial, ethnic, gender or other slurs directed at another person
- Malicious name calling or allegations of wrong doing
- Derogatory graffiti
- Threat making
- Preventing access to any college resource or activity

All members of the University community can raise concerns and/or complaints to University administrators, University faculty, the Affirmative Action Officer, the Student Conduct Officer, or the Vice President for Student Services.

Hazing Policy

I. Purpose

Colorado Mesa University (CMU) is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful academic environment. Hazing undermines these values and is strictly prohibited. This policy outlines CMU's commitment

to preventing hazing, defines prohibited conduct, establishes reporting procedures, and specifies disciplinary actions, in compliance with the federal Stop Campus Hazing Act and Colorado state law.

II. Definition of Hazing

"Hazing" is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

A. Is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in a student organization; and
B. Causes a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, including:
    1. Whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;
    2. Causing, coercing or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
    3. Causing, coercing or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
    4. Any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
    5. Any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal or Federal law; and
    6. Any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal or Federal law.

III. Scope

This policy applies to all student organizations which is defined as an organization at CMU, (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution.

IV. Prohibited Conduct

- Engaging in, facilitating, or encouraging hazing activities as defined above;
- Failing to report known or suspected hazing; or
- Retaliating against any person who reports hazing.

Consent of a participant does not exempt responsibility for hazing.

V. Reporting Hazing

All members of the CMU community are required to report any known or suspected hazing. Reports can be made confidentially to:

- CMU Campus Safety: (970) 248-1366 or safety@coloradomesa.edu
- Online Reporting Form via the "Report an Incident" form on CMU's website or app.
    - If the report relates to an employee of CMU, to the Human Resources Department of Colorado Mesa University.

Reports will be handled promptly and in accordance with CMU's procedures for addressing student misconduct.

VI. Investigation and Disciplinary Action

Upon receipt of a report, CMU will initiate a prompt and thorough investigation. Outcomes may include:

- Educational sanctions

- Suspension or expulsion of individual students
- Revocation of student organization recognition
- Referral to law enforcement, where applicable

Violations of this policy, with the exception of violations by CMU employees, which are addressed in the Human Resources manual I, may result in disciplinary action in accordance with CMU's Student Code of Conduct.

VII. Education and Prevention
CMU will provide annual hazing prevention and awareness education for:
- Incoming students during orientation
- Officers and members of student organizations
- Coaches and student-athletes

Educational materials and programs will include the definition of hazing, its risks, prevention strategies to stop hazing before it occurs, legal consequences, and resources for reporting, as well as information regarding prevention programs for students, faculty and staff.

VIII. Public Disclosure Requirements
If an established or recognized student organization is found to have violated CMU's conduct standards related to hazing, CMU will publish a Campus Hazing Transparency Report on CMU's website, which includes:

- Notification of the annual availability of hazing statistics and a link to the report;
- Information about CMU's hazing policies and procedures as well as applicable laws;
- Information about student organization found responsible for hazing including:
    - The student's organization's name
    - A description of the violation, including whether it involved the abuse or illegal use or alcohol or drugs, CMU's findings, and any sanctions;
    - Dates when the following occurred: the hazing incident(s), the initiation of the investigation, the end of the investigation and finding of a violation, and the institution notified the student organization of the finding.

Further, incidents of hazing will be included as a party of the Campus Safety Report issued each fall.

IX. Amnesty Provision
Students who report hazing in good faith and cooperate in investigations may not face disciplinary action for violations of university policy (e.g., alcohol or drug use) that occurred in connection with the hazing incident, except where safety is at risk.

Hoverboards, Scooters, Segways
Hoverboards, self-balancing scooters, battery-operated scooters, hand-free Segways, or other similar personal transporters are not allowed indoors in Campus facilities.

Immunization Policy for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
Colorado state regulations require that all university students have two (2) valid doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine, unless the student was born before July 1, 1957, or the student can provide acceptable laboratory evidence (blood test) showing immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. 6 CCR § 1009-2:IX. If the student completes an exemption form and an outbreak occurs, the student will be subject to exclusion from the school. Students must provide documentation demonstrating compliance with immunization regulations before

their first semester or they may be excluded from attending classes. In addition, a hold will block registration for further classes.

Information Regarding Meningococcal Disease
The decision to vaccinate against meningococcal disease is **voluntary**; the decision to vaccinate is one the student, parent(s), or guardian(s) should make in consultation with their family health care provider.

1. Meningococcal disease is a serious disease.
2. Meningococcal disease is a contagious, but a largely preventable, infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain.
3. Scientific evidence suggests that college students living in dormitory facilities are at a modestly increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease.
4. Immunization against meningococcal disease decreases the risk of contracting the disease.

Each new, incoming freshman student residing in University housing is required by Colorado law to complete a form upon check-in indicating whether or not the student has received a meningococcal vaccination. Any student who has not received a vaccination against meningococcal disease must check a box stating that the student, or parent or guardian if the student is under 18, has reviewed the above information on meningococcal disease and decided that the new student will not obtain a vaccination against meningococcal disease.

Vaccinations may be available through a person's family health care provider, Colorado Mesa University's Student Wellness Center, or the county health department. Students should check with their health insurance to see if the vaccination is covered by their policy. The above information is provided pursuant to C.R.S. § 23-5-128.

Mopeds, Motorized Scooters, Golf Carts, and Unauthorized Vehicles
Motorized vehicles are prohibited on campus except for in designated parking areas, as defined by the Campus Parking Map. This prohibition applies to the use, on any campus walkway, of motorcycles, mopeds, motorized scooters, motorized bicycles, or any other motorized transportation device. Motorcycles, mopeds, motorized scooters, motorized bicycles, or any other motorized transportation device may only be parked in designated motorcycle parking in campus parking lots. The parking of any motorized vehicle in or near bicycle racks is not permitted. Persons not complying with these requirements are in violation of university policy as well as state law and may be cited by university officials and/or the City of Grand Junction Police Department (C.R.S. § 42-2-103).

Electric Dirt Bikes and Low Power Scooters
Electric dirt bikes (or electric MX bike) and Low Power Scooters (mopeds) are NOT allowed on campus, unless they are made street legal and licensed according to the law. If made legal for street use, they are only allowed to be parked in designated motorcycle parking spaces AND the owner must have a valid CMU motorcycle parking permit. Electric dirt bikes (or electric MX bike) and Low Power Scooters (mopeds) are NOT allowed to be ridden on campus sidewalks, walkways, or pedestrian areas and may not be parked at bicycle racks.

No unauthorized vehicles (including golf carts, UTVs, side-by-sides, etc.) are allowed on campus without permission.

Mechanical work or automotive maintenance on any personally owned motorized vehicle, dirt bike, motorcycle, etc. is not allowed on CMU property, including CMU parking lots. Exceptions include approvals granted by faculty or staff related to CMUTech automotive/mechanics program.

Parking

All parking on the Colorado Mesa University campus is regulated from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, during the school year. During breaks only pay to park and reserved lots are enforced. Parking is restricted to either pay-to-park or permit required lots. Reserved parking is available only to reserved space permit holders.

All parking lots are marked with signs explaining their requirements. The City of Grand Junction regulates parking on City streets with the exception of some portions of Cannell, Glenwood, Bunting, Elm and Texas Avenues.

Parking permits are available on an annual basis and all permits expire on August 1st of each year. Permits may be ordered online. Pay-to-park lots require a fee of $1.00 per hour. Colorado Mesa University Parking Services has the responsibility of regulating parking on campus.

The Parking Appeals Committee has responsibility of reviewing parking violation appeals. If a student wishes to appeal a violation to the Parking Appeals Committee:

1. Appeals forms must be completed and submitted within five (5) days of the date of the violation. Submit online by visiting http://www.coloradomesa.edu/parking/appeals.html.
2. The appeal must meet the criteria of an appeal as noted on the Appeal Form.
3. Appeals received after the five (5) day appeal period will be denied.
4. All violations may be assessed a late charge if not appealed or paid within five (5) days of the violation.
5. Violations can be paid online at http://www.coloradomesa.edu/parking/payment.html or by scanning the QR code on the citation with a smart phone.

Retention of Student Conduct Records

A student's conduct record is maintained for a period of seven (7) years, consistent with Colorado records retention laws. If a student is found to be not responsible for the alleged behavior or violation, the record is still maintained to show the steps taken and evidence collected to make that determination. This protects all parties involved from further allegations, defamation, or other claims brought forth.

Sales and Solicitations

Sales and solicitations by recognized student organizations must be approved in advance by the Senior Vice President for Student Services or designee. Non-Student group sales and solicitations are prohibited on campus. The University reserves the right both to restrict sales on campus as well as to invite sales as deemed beneficial to the University community. All posters have to be approved and stamped by Student Life. Outside groups are only allowed to post on the open bulletin board in the UC with permission.

Service and Assistance Animals on Campus

Colorado Mesa University is committed to reasonably accommodating persons with disabilities who require Service Animals or Assistance Animals; however, the University is mindful of the health and safety of the campus community as well as the orderly operation of the university.

A qualified individual **with a disability** may be permitted to be accompanied by a service animal on campus. For more information on Service Animals, or for information on obtaining disability-related academic accommodations, please contact Educational Access Services (970.248.1856).

Residents **with a disability** may be permitted to keep an assistance animal or service animal in university residence halls. Please contact Residence Life (970.248.1536) or email reslife@coloradomesa.edu for details for

information and to start the university procedures process for requesting a reasonable accommodation to ResLife's animal policies.

Pet Animals

Residents are not permitted to bring pets on university property (except general campus outdoor spaces, as described below) or in university residence halls, with the exception of aquarium fish in a container no larger than ten (10) gallons. A "pet" is an animal kept for ordinary use and companionship. A pet is not considered a service animal or an assistance animal.

Assistance Animals

An "assistance animal" (sometimes referred to as a "support animal," "therapy animal" or "emotional support animal") is an animal that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provides emotional support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability in accordance with examples and definitions within the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Federal Fair Housing Acts (FHA) regarding Assistance Animals.

Pets and Assistance Animals are ***not allowed*** inside campus facilities or on athletic/competition venues, but are permitted in general campus outdoor spaces, to include quads and sidewalks, only under the following conditions: (1) said animal is leashed and in the immediate control of the owner, (2) the owner ensures the cleanup of the animal's waste, and (3) are subject to local ordinances Persons not complying with these requirements are in violation of university policy as well as municipal code and may be cited by university officials (The Office of Student Services) and/or the City of Grand Junction Police Department (Grand Junction Municipal Code § 6-12-040(b)(1)).

Service Animals

A "service animal" is a working animal, not a pet. . **The work or task a dog has been individually trained to perform must be directly related to the person's disability.** Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person to take prescribed medications, mitigating tasks for a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) , or performing other duties. This definition is in accordance with Service Animals (i.e., service dogs) as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Service Animals are permitted in any areas of public access on campus and in student residence halls. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. **Animals other than canine and miniature horses do not qualify to be a Service Animal.**

Service Animals may be asked to be removed from campus facilities if they are not housebroken or not under the control of their handler. Service-animals-in-training may also be permitted on campus for training purposes if they are accompanied by a service animal trainer or a handler with a disability. (C.R.S. 24-34-803). Trainers and handlers of a service animal in training may be referred to Educational Access Services for follow up discussion and support.

Service and Assistance animal are subject to local dog licensing and registration requirements; however, mandatory registration of an animal as a service animal is not permissible under the ADA. Colleges and other entities, such as local governments, may offer voluntary registries. CMU may offer you the option to work with Educational Access Services to ensure access and rights under ADA. Incidents and or concerns related to an individual accompanied by an animal may be referred to Educational Access Services for review and educational discussion. CMU is not responsible for the care or supervision of any animal brought on university property.

As of January 1, 2017, it is a criminal act for an individual, after having been warned, to intentionally misrepresent an animal as a Service or Assistance Animal for the purpose of obtaining rights and privileges set

forth in federal and state law for individuals with disabilities (C.R.S. § 18-13-107.3). Misrepresenting an animal as a Service or Assistance Animal also harms individuals with disabilities and veterans who legitimately rely on the service of their animals and may constitute a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Theft

The University makes every reasonable attempt to provide a safe and secure environment for its student body and community members, but it cannot be responsible for loss or damage from any cause to the personal property of students, faculty, employees, or guests. Students are encouraged to register their high value items (computers, gaming systems, bicycles, etc.) with the Grand Junction Police Department at their on-campus office. Students are highly encouraged to obtain and carry Renter's Insurance for their personal belongings.

Report any and all thefts, as well as any suspicious and/or criminal activity, to the Grand Junction Police Department as soon as possible.

Tobacco Use, Vaping and Smoking Banned on Campus

Per Colorado Executive Order B 2018 011, ***the sale and use of tobacco products, vaping products, and e-cigarettes are prohibited in all buildings and on all grounds*** owned or leased by the state. Additionally, the State of Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act, C.R.S. 25-14-201, *et.seq*. specifically prohibits smoking in and around "educational and vocational institutions". Therefore, Colorado Mesa University is a smoke and vape free campus and as such usage on campus is hereby prohibited.

Definitions:

"Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an ESD.

"Tobacco" means cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, cheroots, stogies, and periques; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; snuff and snuff flour; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobacco; shorts, refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings, and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco, prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing or for smoking in a cigarette, pipe, or otherwise, or both for chewing and smoking. "Tobacco" also includes E- cigarettes and E-cigars, cloves and any other plant matter or product that is packaged for smoking.

"Electronic smoking device" or "ESD":

(a) Means any product, other than a product described in subsection (4.5)(c) of this section, that contains or delivers nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption and that can be used by a person to enable the inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product;

(b) Includes any product described in subsection (4.5)(a) of this section and any similar product or device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen or under any other product name or descriptor; and

(c) Does not include:

(I) A humidifier or similar device that emits only water vapor; or

(II) An inhaler, nebulizer, or vaporizer that is approved by the federal food and drug administration for the delivery of medication.

University ID / MAVcard

It is the policy of Colorado Mesa University that every registered student enrolled in a credit-bearing course, not otherwise covered by a concurrent enrollment agreement, is required to obtain a MAVcard. All students enrolled in a course delivered via a distance format are required to have a MAVcard. A student must have a MAVcard to access the Hamilton Recreation Center. Students must also have a MAVcard to check out books and other materials, and to access online library resources such as journal articles and databases. In addition, the student's MAVcard photo is included in the instructor's and academic advisor's Banner self-service class rosters available through MAVzone. Distance education students receive their MAVcard by submitting a MAVcard Online Request with required personal information, a scanned copy of a government-issued photo ID, and a passport-type picture via their Colorado Mesa University email account. The information provided by the student, as well as supporting documents, is stored in Banner. MAVcard requests submitted electronically are subject to a $15 charge to the student's account that is authorized by the student submitting the MAVcard Request Form. This policy is effective July 1, 2013. The MAVcard is the property of Colorado Mesa University and must be presented or surrendered upon request of an authorized official of CMU.

Please note that a picture will be taken and displayed on each student's card. It is permitted to wear religious headwear for photographs, unless that head wear interferes with the full facial requirement in the REAL ID Act, and in the ISO/IEC 19794-5 (international standard) guide. *REAL ID Act 37.17 (e) (iii):* Veils, scarves or headdresses must not obscure any facial features and not generate a shadow. The person may not wear eyewear that obstructs the iris or pupil of the eyes and must not take any action to obstruct a photograph of their facial features. *ISO/IEC 19794-5 7.2.8:* The region of the face, from the crown (forehead/hairline) to the base of the chin, and from ear-to-ear, shall be clearly visible and free of shadows. Special care shall be taken in cases when veils, scarves or headdresses cannot be removed for religious reasons to ensure these coverings do not obscure any facial feature and do not generate shadow.

Unauthorized MAVcard Use

Students may not lend or give their University-issued MAVcard to anyone for any purpose. Unauthorized use may include, but is not limited to:

- Use by a party other than the person identified on the MAVcard, which includes meal plans
- Tampering with or altering the MAVcard

If someone should lose their Colorado Mesa MAVcard, or it is stolen, please report it immediately to the MAVcard Office (970-248-1059). They will need to obtain a new card from the Office, which is located in the hallway next to the information desk of the University Center and is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Summer and break hours are subject to change with building events.

Video Surveillance

The University may employ video cameras and digital video recorders (DVR) on University property, including the residence halls, for the purposes of deterring crime, assisting police in criminal investigations, and protecting the safety and property of the campus community.

Tampering with any surveillance equipment will result in sanctions. Sanctions may include but are not limited to suspension of technology privileges, termination of employment, referral to Student Conduct proceedings, removal from residence halls, fines imposed, and/or criminal prosecution.

Weapons

Campus safety is of the utmost priority at Colorado Mesa University. Weapons of any kind, real or simulated, functional or not, may NOT be carried or brandished on Colorado Mesa University property. Colorado law

prohibits the possession or carrying or any firearm on any university campus. A concealed carry permit does NOT provide immunity from this law. (The law is Colorado SB 24-131 and went into effect July 1, 2024.) When in doubt, contact the Grand Junction Police Department or the Campus Safety Department for clarification.

A dangerous weapon is defined as:

1. A firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or a firearm facsimile that could reasonably be mistaken for an actual firearm;
2. Any pellet or "beebee" gun or other device, whether operational or not, designed to propel projectiles by spring action or compressed air;
3. A fixed blade knife with a blade that measures longer than three inches in length or a spring-loaded knife or a pocket knife with a blade longer than three and one-half inches or
4. Any object, device, instrument, material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate, used or intended to be used to inflict death or serious bodily injury including, but not limited to a slingshot, bludgeon, brass knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind.

In addition, other prohibited items include, but are not limited to the following:

- Ammunition
- Explosive or incendiary devices, including fireworks
- Sheath knives
- Stiletto knives
- Switchblades
- Dirks or daggers with blades over three and one-half (3.5) inches in length
- Firearms of any kind
- BB guns, pellet guns, airsoft guns, and similar devices
- Bows and arrows
- Crossbows and bolts
- Tasers and stun guns
- Any device capable of propelling a projectile, including Nerf guns, Orby guns, water balloon launchers, and similar devices
- Replica, imitation, toy, or decorative weapons that could reasonably be mistaken for an actual weapon
- Any other item determined by the University to present a threat to the safety or security of the residential community

Residents living in University housing may store sporting rifles, shotguns, bows, arrows, and associated ammunition in the weapons safe located at the Grand Junction Police Department substation on campus, in accordance with University and law enforcement procedures.

No weapons of any kind may be kept in the residence halls. (See below under Residence Life Community Standards)

Alcohol and Drug Policy

As a public institution and state agency, Colorado Mesa University expects all members of the University community to be responsible for their own behavior within the context of state and federal law and University regulations.

Colorado Mesa University is dedicated to instilling positive change in students' lives. The University believes the abuse of alcohol and drugs is counterproductive to this goal and has established campus policies and programs,

consistent with state and federal law, which support responsible use for those adults who choose to partake in the consumption of alcohol.

The Campus Policy Regarding Alcohol and Drug Use:

1. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana (in any form), and illegal drugs are not allowed in any residence halls. Alcoholic beverages may not be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Illegal drugs, including marijuana, may not be used by, possessed by, or distributed to anyone on campus property, to include all campus buildings.
2. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in pre-approved areas for pre-approved events by the President's Office or his/her designee. At all other times and in all other locations, the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus and in all campus buildings, including the residence halls and apartments, is not permitted by students, faculty, staff, or guests regardless of whether those individuals are twenty-one (21) years of age or not.
3. Illegal use, possession, or distribution of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia on campus will result in disciplinary action and probable arrest.
4. All controlled substances on campus in violation of state and federal laws, or local ordinances, will be confiscated or destroyed and may be subject to criminal action.
5. Visible intoxication/impairment and any disruptive behavior conducted on campus or at campus-sponsored events off campus resulting from the use of alcohol or other drugs may result in disciplinary actions.
6. Furnishing alcoholic beverages or drugs to persons under the legal age or possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by those under the legal age will result in disciplinary action and probable arrest.
7. Use of University funds to purchase alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
8. The disciplinary actions for violations of the campus alcohol/drug policy are intended to accomplish the following objectives: To deter students from further violations of campus policy and to educate students concerning the health effects of alcohol/drug abuse.
9. Student employees are held to the same standards as CMU professional staff and faculty.

Students are responsible for observing University policy, state and federal regulations pertaining to alcohol and controlled substances. Students who are in violation of the University policy will be subject to the following disciplinary review:

1. Incidents which occur within the residence halls or apartments, will be reviewed by Residence Life and handled by the appropriate Coordinator or Residence Life Student Conduct Board. For more severe incidents, the student may be required to report to the Student Conduct Officer.
2. The Student Conduct Officer will handle all other incidents that occur both on and off campus. The Student Conduct Officer will not handle incidents that occur within the residence halls or apartments, unless referred by the Director of Residence Life.
3. Students who violate local, state, and federal laws shall be contacted by the Student Conduct Officer to address the alleged violation(s).
4. A student that is convicted in a criminal court for possession of illegal drugs or substances can lose all financial aid assistance, per federal financial aid rules.

Medical Marijuana Policy

If the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issues a Medical Marijuana Registry identification card to a student, Colorado law allows that student to possess a limited amount of marijuana for medicinal purposes. However, possession of a Medical Marijuana Registry identification card *does not* authorize a student to possess, use, or distribute marijuana in any form, in any University residence hall/apartment, dining facility, classroom building, or in any other public area or facility within University premises.

Recreational marijuana use, possession, and distribution on campus property or at a University sponsored event or activity is a violation of the Residence Life Policy and the Student Code of Conduct.

Alcohol and Drug Sanctions

As part of the educational process surrounding drug and alcohol use, it is important that students understand the potential consequences arising from their choices. Below is a summary of typical sanctions for violations of the University's alcohol and drug policies. Ultimately, the decision to impose a sanction and the severity of the sanction(s) is at the discretion of the conduct officer or Residence Life official.

Sanctioning related behaviors – Alcohol/Marijuana: Note that non-cooperation during confrontation may result in more severe sanctions.

Level 1 or Minor Behaviors: Alcohol/Marijuana/Mushrooms in the presence; smell of alcohol or marijuana.

Level 2 or Significant Behaviors: Empty containers in room/common area; evidence of consumption, (including but not limited to empty cans, boxes, shot glasses, beer bongs, etc.); Possession/consumption of alcohol/marijuana/mushrooms; permitting others (students or guests) to use assigned rooms to violate University and/or Residence Life alcohol/marijuana policy.

Level 3 or Serious Behaviors: Staggering; need to be physically supported, public intoxication/impairment, vomiting but coherent and conscious; students possessing/consuming from kegs or other bulk or common source container; hosting an event which focuses on alcohol/marijuana consumption.

Level 4 or Dangerous Behaviors: MIP issued, Vomiting and incoherence; unconsciousness; needing or receiving medical attention (including treatment by EMTs and/or transportation to hospital or "detox"); loss of bodily functions; memory loss; supplying or assisting minors in any way in obtaining alcohol/marijuana; illegal sale of alcohol/marijuana.

Any student employee found in possession of (including under the influence of) and/or distributing drugs, (including marijuana) will face sanctions which may include the removal from CMU employment. Alcohol use before and during work hours is also subject to sanctions.

Alcohol/Marijuana Sanctions Grid - Note: These are "typical" sanctions and thus may change based upon the circumstances of the specific incident and a student's prior conduct history. More severe sanctions may apply.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
First Offense*	• Warning • Discretionary sanction	• $75 Fine or 5 work hours. • "Under the Influence" or "Marijuana 101" or4 hours Group classes at the Student Wellness Center	• $150 Fine or 10 work hours • "Under the Influence" or "Marijuana 101" • 4 hours Group classes at the Student Wellness Center	• $300 Fine or 20 work hours • Residence Hall Probation • "Under the Influence" or "Marijuana 101" • 8 hours Group classes at the Student Wellness Center
Second Offense*	• $75 Fine or 5 work hours • "Under the Influence" or "Marijuana 101" Life Skills Class	• $150 Fine or 10 Work Hours • "Under the Influence" or "Marijuana 101" • 8 hours Group classes at the Student Wellness Center • Parental Notification	• $300 Fine or 20 work hours • Residence Hall Probation • "Under the Influence" or "Marijuana 101" • 8 hours Group classes at the Student Wellness Center • Parental Notification	• Residence Hall Removal- Termination of Residence Life & Dining Contract with full payment • Referral to University Conduct Board
Third Offense*	• $150 Fine or 10 Work Hours • "8-hours Group Classes at the Student Wellness Center • Parental Notification	• $300 Fine or 20 work hours • Residence Hall Probation • Substance Use Assessment Program with Director of Campus Wellness	• Residence Hall Removal- Termination of Residence Life & Dining Contract with full payment • Referral to University Conduct Board	

** To be eligible for readmission to the halls following an alcohol or drug violation, students must demonstrate an understanding of the dangers of the misuse of alcohol, a commitment to restoring the community, and that they are no longer a threat to themselves, others, or the campus community.

Sanctioning related behaviors – Drugs: Note that non-cooperation during confrontation may result in more severe sanctions.

Level 1 or Presence: Being in presence of illegal drugs, or in presence of use of illegal drugs.

Level 2 or Possession: Possession of illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia, unprescribed prescription drugs (including but not limited to pipes, bongs, papers, etc.).

Level 3 or Use: Illegal drug use, unprescribed prescription drug use, possession of drug paraphernalia tested positive for use, permitting others (students or guests) to use assigned rooms to violate University and/or Residence Life drug policy.

Level 4 or Sale/Distribution: Sale and/or distribution of illegal drugs/marijuana.

Illicit Drug Sanctions Grid - Note: These are "typical" sanctions and thus may change based upon the circumstances of the specific incident and a student's prior conduct history. More severe sanctions may apply.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
1st Offense*	• $150 Fine • 10 work hours • Formal warning including educational sanction (removal of creative sanction)	• $225 Fine • 15 work hours • Group class at the Student Wellness Center • Parental Notification	• $300 Fine • 20 Work Hours • Substance Use Assessment Program with follow up meetings • Residence Hall Probation • Parental Notification	• Residence Hall Removal-Termination of Residence Life & Dining Contract with full payment** • Parental Notification • Referral to University Conduct Board
2nd Offense*	• $225 Fine • 15 work hours • 8 hours Group classes at the Student Wellness Center • Parental Notification	• $300 Fine • 20 Work Hours • Substance Use Assessment Program with follow up meetings • Residence Hall Probation • Parental Notification	• Residence Hall Removal- Termination of Residence Life & Dining Contract with full payment** • Referral to University Conduct Board	
3rd Offense*	• $300 Fine • 20 Work Hours • Substance Use Assessment Program with follow up meetings • Residence Hall Probation • Parental Notification			

** To be eligible for readmission to the halls, students need to demonstrate an understanding of the dangers of the misuse of drugs, a commitment to restoring the community, and that they are no longer a threat to themselves, others, or the campus community.

Parental Notification

The 1998 Higher Education Act provides colleges the opportunity to start conversations with parents concerning their student's alcohol or drug use. University policy is to send letters to a student's parents following the student's violation of the University alcohol policy or drug policy. With questions about this parental notification, please contact Residence Life or Student Services.

Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Policy

The health and safety of members of Colorado Mesa University are the primary concerns of the University. The University is committed to ensuring that students obtain timely medical assistance for themselves and for their peers. To this end, the University has a Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Policy.

Staff at Colorado Mesa University, as well as the Grand Junction Police Department and Mesa County Sheriff's Department, will assist those individuals whose judgment or health is severely affected due to alcohol consumption/drug use by facilitating transport to Community Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, the Mind Springs Chemical Dependency Detox program, or by taking other protective measures. Emergency contact person(s) will be contacted when a student is unresponsive or has had a significant accident or injury that warrants a call.

Students are STRONGLY encouraged to contact Residence Life Staff, the Grand Junction Police Department, or the Mesa County Sheriff's Department when assistance/help is needed , please see page 6 for all contact numbers and in an emergency, please call 911.

The Policy:

Whenever a student assists an individual who is intoxicated, under the influence of drugs, or involved in an incident of sexual assault in obtaining the assistance of local or state police, a community safety officer, Residence Life staff, or other medical professionals, neither the affected individual, nor any other individual assisting the affected individual will be subject to formal University disciplinary sanctions (such as probation, suspension in abeyance, suspension or expulsion) with respect to the alcohol/drug/sexual assault incident. (This provision does not preclude disciplinary action regarding other violations of University standards, such as theft, vandalism, harassment, etc.).

This policy supports a health-focused response to the incident rather than a disciplinary consequence, this does not excuse or protect those individuals or organizations that deliberately or repeatedly violate the alcohol/drug/sexual misconduct policies as outlined in the Student Conduct Code/Residence Life Community Guidelines.

In order for the Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Policy to apply:

1. The reporting party must contact appropriate assistance as defined in above, remain with the affected individual in danger due to alcohol/drugs/sexual assault, and cooperate with staff in obtaining assistance for the student.
2. All affected students in danger due to alcohol/drugs/sexual assault must agree to a timely conversation or evaluation of their behavior with the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct or Residence Life staff member, whichever is appropriate.
3. If it is determined by the conduct officer (Student Conduct or Residence Life) that educational activities, assessment, and/or treatment are necessary to address the concern for student health and safety, students will be required to pursue and complete such interventions. Likewise, organizations

involved in an incident must agree to take recommended steps to address concerns serious or repeated incidents will prompt a higher degree of medical concern.

a. NOTE: Failure to complete recommended follow-up may result in disciplinary action.

This provision only governs the application of the University's Student Code of Conduct/Residence Life Community Guidelines and has no status in other jurisdictions, such as local or state courts.

It should also be noted that this provision may only be invoked by a student at the time when his or her case is being heard or investigated by a conduct officer or investigator (Student Conduct or Residence Life), presuming a record of the call for assistance exists. Based on the totality of the incident, the conduct officer will make the final determination as to the applicability of this provision and reserves the right to reduce or alter educational sanctions.

The Good Samaritan provision does not limit the authority of law enforcement personnel or University staff to act as required at the time of an alleged violation of state or local laws.

If the Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Policy is invoked:

The University will:

- Review the facts of the incident
- Initiate a meeting with students involved
- Discuss/assign educational interventions which may include alcohol/drug/sex education classes, alcohol/drug assessment, etc.
- Provide CMU resources as necessary

Drug Free Schools and Community Act

Colorado Mesa University is committed to compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Community Act. Colorado Mesa University's Policy Prohibiting the Unlawful Possession, Use or Distribution of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol by Students and Employees can be found in the Board of Trustees Policy Manual.

More information about the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act as well as the legal and health risks and hazards associated with illicit drug use and alcohol abuse can be obtained through:

Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue, Room 500,
Denver, CO 80203-1799
(303)866-6600
Title IV, Part A - Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC)
https://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/ov/tiv
https://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/ov/tiv_res
https://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/ov/tiv_progadmin

U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
(800) 872-5327
https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html
https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg51.html

Drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, or re-entry programs are available to students and/or employees through the following resources:

Student Wellness Center
1060 Orchard Avenue, Ste. N
Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-644-3740

Human Resources
1100 North Avenue
Lowell Heiny Hall, Room 240
Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-248-1426

Mesa County 211 Resource Line
Dial 211
https://wc211.org/opioids/

Specific programs at CMU may require random drug tests for compliance with drug-free policies. One example is the aviation program. If the program requires random drug testing of any kind, it will be listed within the program requirements.

Residence Life Community Standards

Every community has certain guidelines, regulations, and traditions which all members of the community are expected to abide by and uphold. The residential community at Colorado Mesa University relies on the integrity, self-discipline, and mature judgment of each of its members.

Living on campus is both a privilege and a responsibility. **By choosing to resident in Colorado Mesa University housing, Colorado Mesa University, residents agree to uphold the standards and expectations outlined in the Maverick Guide and Housing Contract to contribute positively to the safety, well-being, and success of this community.**

Abandoned Property

Any personal items left abandoned after a student checks out, vacates or is removed of housing will be considered abandoned property.

Balconies (see also Furniture)

Students may not climb onto, up, or down from any balcony; attempt to jump from a balcony, drop, spit and/or throw any object to or from a balcony. Balconies serve as an emergency exits for the room and must remain unobstructed at all times.

- Do not mount, hang, or bolt anything to balcony walls/railings at any time, including hammocks.
- Students may have folding "stadium chair" style furniture on the balconies. University-owned furniture must remain in the room and is prohibited from being placed on the balcony.
- Objects, like blankets, banners, flags, etc. draped over balcony railings, which block balconies from view, are prohibited. This would also include, but is not limited to, university-owned furniture, boxes, trash, etc.
- Entering or exiting the building through balcony/ patio is prohibited except in an emergency.

Businesses

Students may not operate a business from residence hall room, suite, apartment, or other University housing space. University housing may not be used for commercial activities, client services, inventory storage, product sales, or the distribution of goods and services.

Cameras and Recording Devices

Residents may not install or use doorbell cameras, security cameras, or other recording devices that monitor hallways, entrances, stairwells, lounges, shared living spaces, or other common areas of university housing. Devices that record activity outside of a resident's assigned room or apartment are prohibited. The university may require the removal of any device that creates privacy concerns or violates housing policies.

Class Projects

At no time may dangerous projects, or projects that might disrupt the educational nature of the residence halls, be brought into the building. This would include, but not be limited to, biological, chemical, and environmental projects (e.g., animal cadavers, chemistry projects, environmental restoration projects, etc.). With questions, please speak with the respective Area/Residence Hall Coordinator.

Compliance

Students are required to comply with the reasonable and lawful requests of any University official and/or law enforcement agent acting in the performance of their duties, including presenting proper identification to those officials upon request (See University ID / MAVcard Policy) and removing any facial coverings, such as masks. University officials, include but are not limited to: All Residence Life staff (Resident Assistants, Senior Resident

Assistants, Area Coordinators, Residence Hall Coordinators, Assistant Directors, etc.), University Police, Faculty, Staff, Administrators, **and other individuals acting within the scope of their University responsibilities.**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that supports the safety, security, and well-being of the University community. If it is determined that a student's actions may compromise their own safety or the safety, security, or well-being of others, the student may be required to meet with a University official and comply with reasonable directives related to the situation.

Failure to comply with a reasonable and lawful request from a University official or law enforcement officer may result in conduct action.

Contract
Students sign a 10-month or 11.5 month contract when they live on campus. Students are billed for the ten months and 11.5 month in two installments. First semester will be charged to the student's first semester bill (move-in day through the end of the fall semester). Second semester will be billed from Spring move-in day through the end of the Spring semester. Students living on campus for both semesters may remain on campus during winter break at no additional charge. Food service is not available during breaks. See website for details.

Students who sign an 11.5-month housing contract are committed for the full duration of the agreement. Early termination is not permitted, and exemption requests will only be considered in cases of documented, severe mental or physical health needs that significantly impact the student's ability to remain in campus housing. These requests will be reviewed by the University Appeals Committee. The decision of the University Appeals Committee is final.

Students who are not returning to CMU campus housing for the Spring semester, and have not moved out by December commencement will continue to be charged a daily rate until they remove all of their belongings and properly check out of their assigned space. Students must call the Duty Phone of their respective hall to check out. Duty Phones are available 365 days a year outside of regular business hours.

Disruptive Behavior (see also Noise and Quiet Hours)
Disruptive behavior is defined as any action that impedes, obstructs, or interferes with or is contrary to the educational intent of Residence Life and/or the University or which are detrimental to the University's interests, including but not limited to:

- Disrupting the flow of movement of others on campus or in the halls or at University sponsored events
- Intentional disruption of University activities
- Disorderly conduct
- Conducting an activity or acting in such a manner as may disturb the peace and order of the University campus, the community, or the public
- Wearing a mask, facial covering, or disguise that conceals the identity of the wearer and is calculated to obstruct the enforcement of these rules or the law, or to intimidate others, or hinder or interrupt a University official or law enforcement.
- Obscene behavior or indecent exposure
- Noise, whether inside or outside the room or hall
- Violent behavior
- Behavior that interferes with another person's ability to safely reside, study, sleep, or participate in the community safely
- Failure to comply with implemented wellness plans or behavior contracts.

- Use of excessively bright or flashing lights directed out of windows, which may cause disruptions to nearby residents or the community
- Every resident has the right to sleep, study, and feel comfortable in their living environment. This right takes precedence over social uses of a room

Every resident has the right to sleep, study, and feel comfortable in their living environment. This right takes precedence over social uses of a room. These rights take precedence over the social uses of a room, suite, apartment, or common area. Behavior that interferes with these rights or negatively impacts the residential community may be considered disruptive behavior.

Electrical Appliances

Residence Life allows specific size and approved electrical appliances to be used in rooms or apartments. Generally, students may utilize electrical appliances such as: stereo, television, personal computer, gaming systems, personal lamps, fan, hair dryer, clock, microwave oven, coffee pot with an automatic shutoff, and compact refrigerator. With questions about a particular appliance, please consult with the respective Area/Residence Hall Coordinator.

Specific guidelines are below:

- Microwaves: Cannot exceed 1000 watts and must be UL approved for both the unit and the power cord.
- Refrigerators: No larger than 5.2 cubic feet. Only one per bedroom.
- Cooking appliances with the exception of a coffee pot (apartments are exempted from this policy)
- Prohibited Appliances: To include but not limited to –halogen lamps, air conditioners, sun lamps, electric blankets, space heaters, hot tubs, deep fryers, wax warmers, lava lamps and space heaters (unless provided by Colorado Mesa University).

Appliances with exposed heating elements are prohibited except as specifically authorized by Residence Life.

Air Conditioners

Residents may not install, modify, or operate personal air conditioning units, window air conditioners, or other cooling systems without prior approval from Residence Life. Installation of personal cooling equipment may damage University facilities, create safety concerns, or interfere with building systems.

Requests for accommodations related to temperature or medical needs should be directed to Residence Life and the appropriate University office. Unauthorized air conditioning units may be required to be removed and residents may be charged for any resulting damage or utility costs.

Facilities Issues

While every effort is made to maintain a high standard of living, facilities-related issues may occasionally arise during the academic year. These may include—but are not limited to—problems with plumbing, HVAC, appliances, door locks, or other room components. Students are responsible for reporting these issues promptly by submitting a Facilities Work Order through the designated online portal.

If an issue occurs after business hours or during the weekend, students should still submit a Work Order and then follow up with the RA on duty for additional support. Please note: RAs are not responsible for submitting Work Orders—this is the responsibility of the student. The CMU Facilities and Custodial teams will respond as quickly as possible to address reported concerns. If a problem is not resolved or becomes a recurring issue, students should notify their Building Coordinator as soon as possible for further assistance.

Residents are responsible for the proper use of plumbing fixtures. Toilets, sinks, showers, and drains may only be used for their intended purpose. Flushing or disposing of inappropriate items, including but not limited to wipes, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, grease, food, aquarium materials, cat litter, chemicals, or other foreign objects, is prohibited and may result in repair costs, restitution, and/or conduct action.

Residence Life may determine that a reported issue presents a safety concern. If this occurs, students may be temporarily relocated to an alternate housing assignment until the issue is resolved. Students are expected to comply with temporary relocation directives issued by Residence Life.

Temporary maintenance, repair, construction, utility, or facilities-related issues do not automatically qualify a student for a housing refund, credit, or financial adjustment.

- Fire Safety and Log Candles, incense, oil lamps, and other items that utilize a flame, wick, or combustible fuel source are prohibited in residence halls, University-owned apartments, and on balconies. This includes decorative candles, potpourri simmer pots, Sterno cans, camp stove fuel, lighter fluid, barbecue grills, and similar items. Construction of lofts, platforms, room dividers, or other modifications that increase fire risk or reduce safety is prohibited. Excessive amounts of wood, including paneling, plywood, barn board, or similar materials, are not permitted. Doors and exits must remain unobstructed at all times to ensure occupants can safely exit during an emergency. Balconies, patios, hallways, and other emergency exits may not be used for storage and must remain clear at all times. Evacuation – All students are expected to respond appropriately whenever a fire alarm is sounded and evacuate immediately. Failure to evacuate a building when a fire alarm sounds may result in conduct action. At all times, follow established procedures, including compliance with all instructions from Residence Life staff, University and/or emergency personnel. Evacuation and meeting locations include:
    - Albers Hall – meet west of the building next to the University Center
    - Aspen Hall – meet on the rugby field
    - Bunting Hall – meet at the west entrance of Grand Mesa Hall
    - Centennial Apartments- meet south of the building at the entrance of Asteria Theater
    - Garfield Hall – meet between the Maverick Pavilion and Escalante Hall
    - Grand Mesa Hall - meet east of the building next to the Library
    - Monument Hall - meet south of building next to University Center
    - Lucero Hall - meet north in the Grand Mesa parking lot
    - Orchard Avenue Apartments – meet northwest on the Band Practice Field
    - Pinon Hall - meet north in the top level of the Parking Garage
    - Rait Hall - meet south of building near University Center
    - Tolman Hall - meet south of the building near University Center
    - Townhouse Apartments – meet on the front lawn of Little Mavs
    - Walnut Ridge - meet east between Tolman and Pinon Halls
    - Wingate Hall and Apartments - meet south on Wingate field
    - Kyle House (Montrose Campus) - meet on the quad near the flagpole

Misuse, tampering, disabling, covering, damaging, or otherwise interfering with fire and life safety equipment is prohibited. Students may be held financially responsible for damages, repairs, false alarm responses, and replacement costs associated with tampering or misuse of fire safety equipment.
CMU must update the Fire Safety report to include the required information. After updated, the Institution must make the revised report available to the campus community and notify the appropriate parties as to the availability of the amended report.

Citation
34 CFR 668.49(b)-(c)

(b) Annual fire safety report. Beginning by October 1, 2010, an institution that maintains any on-campus student housing facility must prepare an annual fire safety report that contains, at a minimum, the following information:
(1) The fire statistics described in paragraph (c) of this section.
(2) A description of each on-campus student housing facility fire safety system.
(3) The number of fire drills held during the previous calendar year.
(4) The institution's policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in a student housing facility.
(5) The institution's procedures for student housing evacuation in the case of a fire.
(6) The policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to the students and employees. In these policies, the institution must describe the procedures that students and employees should follow in the case of a fire.
(7) For purposes of including a fire in the statistics in the annual fire safety report, a list of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred.
(8) Plans for future improvements in fire safety, if determined necessary by the institution.
(c) Fire statistics. (1) An institution must report statistics for each on-campus student housing facility, for the three most recent calendar years for which data are available, concerning—
(i) The number of fires and the cause of each fire;
(ii) The number of persons who received fire-related injuries that resulted in treatment at a medical facility, including at an on-campus health center;
(iii) The number of deaths related to a fire; and
(iv) The value of property damage caused by a fire.
(2) An institution is required to submit a copy of the fire statistics in paragraph (c)(1) of this section to the Secretary on an annual basis.

Furniture
Students are expected to leave furniture placed by the University in student rooms and floor/building lounges where it is. University furniture may not be stored on balconies, patios, hallways, stairwells, or other common areas. Moving furniture out of the rooms can create a fire hazard by blocking pathways; moving communal furniture from a lounge decreases the availability for other students. Unauthorized removal of University furniture or furnishings from residence hall rooms, suites, apartments, lounges, and other common areas is considered theft and is forbidden.

Students are financially responsible for furnishings inventoried in their rooms and will be subject to fines and/or other sanctions levied by the University, and/or action by the civil courts, if furnishings are damaged or missing. Waterbeds, water filled furniture, lofts, hammocks, or similar furniture are not allowed in our halls/apartments. Patio furniture is welcome on the balconies.
E-bikes, Hoverboards, Skateboards, Scooters, Segways

Due to fire and life safety concerns associated with lithium-ion batteries, motorized personal transportation devices are prohibited inside residence halls and University-owned apartments. This includes, but is not limited to, e-bikes, hoverboards, electric skateboards, self-balancing scooters, electric scooters, Segways, one-wheels, and similar devices.

These devices may not be stored, charged, or operated within residence halls, apartments, or other residential facilities.
Residents found in possession of prohibited devices within University housing may be subject to conduct action and may be required to immediately remove the device from the residential facility. Residence Life may take additional action when necessary to address an immediate safety concern.

Health and Safety Checks
Health and Safety inspections are conducted by the Colorado Mesa University's Residence Life Staff. These inspections are designed to identify and address health, safety, maintenance, and cleanliness concerns before they result in damage, injury, or disruption to the residential community. Health and Safety Inspections may also identify concerns related to unauthorized occupancy, cohabitation, facilities issues, cleanliness, fire safety, or other violations of University policy. The Residence Life Staff may also identify community standard violations, maintenance, and cleanliness concerns. Health and Safety Inspections are not conducted for the purpose of searching for policy violations. However, any policy violations observed in plain view during an inspection may be documented and referred for conduct action.
Residence Life reserves the right to conduct Health and Safety Inspections throughout the academic year. If the resident(s) of the room are not present when the inspection is to occur, the Residence Life Staff will still enter the rooms to complete the inspection.

Any items found that are in violation of Residence Life policies will be documented and/or confiscated by Residence Life Staff. Residents may need to meet with the coordinator to discuss and/or possibly collect items and have five business days to do so. Items not collected within five business days will be deemed abandoned property and will be either donated or disposed of accordingly.

Keys (see Unauthorized MAVcard Use)
It is the responsibility of each student to keep and properly use the keys issued to them. Residents may not lend, duplicate, share, or otherwise permit another person to use their keys or access credentials. All residents should lock their room at all times, even if they are just heading down the hallway for a moment.

Residents may not lend, duplicate, share, or otherwise permit another person to use their keys or access credentials.

If a student's keys have been lost or stolen, please contact a Residence Life staff member immediately. . The cost of re-coring locks, replacing keys, and any associated labor may be charged to the student's account
Note: It is the student's responsibility to keep their keys with them at all times. Residence Life staff may assist residents who are locked out of their room; however, lockout assistance is a courtesy and should not be relied upon as a substitute for carrying room keys. If the number of requests to be let into a resident's room becomes excessive, they may need to meet with their Area/Residence Hall Coordinator to discuss the matter. Excessive lockout requests may result in conduct action, lockout fees, or other administrative action.

Laundry Facilities
Each residence hall provides laundry facilities for the use of its residents. Use of these facilities is restricted to residents of that community. Any issues with laundry equipment should be reported to Residence Life staff Students assume sole responsibility for their positions in the laundry facilities. Residents may not remove another person's laundry from a machine unless the cycle has been completed. Laundry left unattended is left at the student's risk. Laundry left unattended for five (5) days will be considered abandoned property.

Noise (see also Disruptive Behavior, Quiet Hours)
Residents are expected to maintain noise levels that do not interfere with another resident's ability to sleep, study, access their living space, or enjoy their residential experience. Singing, playing a musical instrument, or

operating a television, radio, or stereo equipment in a way, and/or at a time, that is objectionable to others is a violation of Residence Life policy requiring sound to be contained. Stereo systems are to be used for the listening enjoyment of students within the confines of their own rooms. Placing speakers or other amplified sound (e.g., bullhorn) on or near window ledges to project sound from open windows is not permitted.

Guidelines for noise also apply to areas immediately surrounding the residence halls. Noise expectations also apply to areas immediately surrounding residence halls, apartments, parking lots, courtyards, and other outdoor spaces.

Residents are expected to keep noise at a level that does not disturb others or interfere with another resident's ability to sleep, study, or enjoy their living environment Sound that can be heard outside of a room, suite, or apartment may be considered excessive and may result in staff intervention.

	*Courtesy Hours	**Quiet Hours
Sunday- Thursday	8:00am-10:00pm	10:00pm-8:00am
Friday	8:00am-Midnight	Midnight-8:00am
Saturday	8:00am-Midnight	Midnight-8:00am

*COURTESY HOURS - Courtesy hours are the hours that a student may play their stereo a little louder, open their door and talk to friends while not disturbing others in the community. This is not a time when yelling, loud music, or excessive noise of any kind is allowed. Courtesy hours are in effect 24 hours a day. Residents are expected to comply with reasonable requests from other residents and staff to reduce noise at any time.

**QUIET HOURS - This is the time that residents in the community can sleep, study, or relax without any excessive noise. Study-intensive communities may have more restrictive quiet hours.

Painting Rooms

Students may not paint their rooms. Students who have concerns about the condition of paint in their room should contact their Area/Residence Hall Coordinator. Students who paint their room without authorization may be held financially responsible for the cost of restoring the room to its original condition.

Perishable Deliveries

Students may receive perishable deliveries, including meal kits, groceries, flowers, baked goods, and other food items, at their own risk. Colorado Mesa University and Residence Life cannot guarantee immediate notification, refrigerated storage, or proper handling of perishable items.

Students are responsible for monitoring delivery status and retrieving packages promptly upon notification. Perishable items that spoil, become damaged, attract pests, or are otherwise compromised due to delayed pickup are the responsibility of the student.

Residence Life reserves the right to dispose of abandoned, leaking, spoiled, or unsafe perishable items.

Personal Property

Colorado Mesa University does not provide insurance coverage for student's personal property . The University is not responsible for damage or loss of personal property, regardless of cause.

Residents are urged to carry their own personal property insurance or to check with their family's policy to see if they are covered for any personal property loss or damage while attending the University. Renter's insurance is recommended.

Pets/Animals (See also Service and Assistance Animals)

A pet is an animal kept for ordinary use and companionship. Due to the residential living environment and safety considerations, animals of any kind are prohibited in residence halls, suites, apartments or other University housing facilities., Exceptions to this policy are made for students with disabilities with Service Animals or Assistance Animals approved by Residence Life. Please see the Service and Assistance Animals section for further information.

Posting Policy (See also Solicitation/Campaigning)

CMU Materials - Campus Organizations, Departments, Faculty & Staff

General posters/flyers (must receive stamped approval from Student Life prior to distribution)

- Residence Life will accept 100 posters; per event for distribution within residential community. One poster or flyer posting per event
- Materials may be posted for a maximum of two (2) weeks
- Banners are not permitted inside residence halls without prior approval Posters or flyers may not be placed on or under the doors unless specifically approved by Residence Life
- Stickers may not be applied to any University owned property without authorization
- Election materials (CMU or other) are not permitted in the hallways of residence halls. Designated posting areas will be available in residential community lobbies

Residence Life Materials

Residence Life staff may post materials related to Residence Life programs, services, events, safety information, and University operations as needed.

Materials distributed directly to students, including posting on doors, under doors, or in mailboxes, must be approved by the Director or an Assistant Director of Residence Life. Such determinations will be made using content- neutral and viewpoint-neutral criteria, including the size, location, volume, and operational impact of the distribution.

Prohibited Postings

Materials may not be posted in windows, on room doors, or in other locations if they violate University policy or applicable local, state, or federal law.

Examples include, but are not limited to, materials that are legally obscene, threatening, harassing, or otherwise prohibited by law.

All posting decisions made by Residence Life will be based on content-neural and viewpoint- neutral criteria.

Residents may display personal materials on the interior of their room and on designated portions of their room door, provided the materials do not violate University policy or applicable law.

Residence Hall Access

(See Keys, Unauthorized Access, Unauthorized MAVcard use)

Residence hall exterior doors are secured 24 hours every day. After 10pm each evening, residents must enter their building through the designated main entrance located next to the building's front desk.

Access to residence halls is granted through a valid CMU MAVcard or other authorized University access credential. Residents may not lend, share, or otherwise permit another person to use their card.

Propping, tampering with, disabling, or otherwise interfering with secure doors is prohibited. Residents may not permit unauthorized individuals to enter or access a residence hall.

These measures are intended to protect the safety and security of residents and the residential community. Violations of this policy may result in conduct action.

MAVcard Unauthorized Use

Students may not lend or give their University-issued MAVcard to anyone for any purpose. Unauthorized use may include, but is not limited to:

- Use by a party other than the person identified on the MAVcard, ***which includes meal plans***

- Misuse of meal plans, including allowing another person use the MAVcard to obtain food through a "swipe," will be treated as a conduct issue
- Tampering with or altering the MAVcard

If a student's MAVcard is lost or stolen, please report it immediately to the MAVcard Office (970-248-1059). The student will need to obtain a new card from the Office, and have it re-encoded by Residence Life.

Meal Plans

Meal plans are assigned to the individual who purchased the plan. Using the meal plan for another person or allowing another person to use your meal plan is prohibited and will be considered as a conduct issue.

Meal plans are required for residents living in all residence halls except Centennial Apartments, Orchard Avenue Apartments, Lucero Apartments, Silver Sage Apartments, Townhouse Apartments, and Walnut Ridge Apartments. Aspen Apartments and Wingate Apartments include a partial meal plan. Residents living in apartment communities with full kitchens may elect to purchase a meal plan but are not required to do so. Mediation and Conflict Resolution

Living with others can be challenging. If residents find themselves in disagreement or conflict with roommates or suitemate, they are encouraged to contact a Residence life staff member for assistance. Residence Life may require residents to participate in mediation, conflict resolution, roommate agreements, behavior contracts, or other interventions designed to address the concern.

Residence Life will make reasonable efforts to assist residents in resolving conflicts including conflict resolution, behavior contracts, and roommate agreements. Room changes are not considered a first response to roommate or suitemate conflicts and will generally be considered only after reasonable conflict resolution efforts have been attempted.

In certain situations where the behavior of one individual is found to be the primary cause of ongoing disruption, conflict, safety concerns, or impact the residential community., Residence Life professional staff may implement a temporary relocation for that individual while a more permanent resolution is explored. This decision will be based on the information available at the time and is intended to prioritize the well-being and safety of **all** residents involved.

Residents who repeatedly contribute to roommate conflicts, community disruptions, safety concerns, or violations of University policy may be required to participate in additional interventions. These interventions may include behavior contracts, wellness plans, educational requirements, referrals to campus resources, participation in programs such as Mav Choices through the Student Wellness Center, housing reassignment, conduct action, or other measures deemed appropriate by Residence Life.

Passive Participation

Students who are present during and aware of violation of the Mav Guide, Housing Contract, or Residence Life policy may be considered involved in the violation.

If a student is in the presence of a policy violation, they have three options to "Be an ACE":

- Attempt to stop the violation.
- Contact Residence Hall staff or the appropriate University personnel, or
- Extract self from situation.

Residential Support and Safety Expectations
Colorado Mesa University is committed to fostering a safe and supportive residential environment. Students whose behavior results in frequent emergency responses or significantly impact the safety, well-being, or residential experience of others may be reviewed under the Residential Support and Safety Policy. While we provide compassionate, trauma-informed support, campus housing is not equipped to offer 24/7 clinical care. In cases where a student's needs exceed available resources, individualized support plans may be developed, or alternative housing arrangement, administrative reassignment, or housing contract termination may be considered. Students seeking reinstatement may be asked to provide documentation demonstrating their ability to safely and successfully participate in a residential community. For more details, please refer to the full Residential Support and Safety Policy in the General University Policies Section.

When necessary, Residence Life professional staff may implement a temporary relocation of the student whose behavior is creating disruption, safety concerns, or a significant impact on the residential community in order to reduce harm and stabilize the community while a long-term plan is determined. This decision is made based on the information available at the time and with the intent to protect both the individual and the residential community.

Students may be required to participate in support plans, behavior agreements, wellness plans, educational interventions, referrals to campus resources, or other measures designed to promote student success and community well-being.

Room and Hall Care
Each student is responsible for the upkeep of their room, suite, or apartment. Vacuum cleaners and brooms are available in each hall. Students also share responsibility for the common areas in the hall in which they live. Litter, damage (including water damage), or general disregard for hallways, bathrooms, kitchens, lounges, or other common areas may result in charges being assessed to the responsible individual(s) or prorated among the residents who use that space.

Concerns related to cleanliness, sanitation, health and safety identified during Health and Safety Inspections may result in required corrective action, conduct action, or other sanctions.

Room/Suite/Apartment Changes
An Area/Residence Hall Coordinator or the Director of Residence Life (or designee) must approve changes in room assignments before any changes are made. Room, suite, apartment, or residence hall change requests will be accepted in the Residence Life office after the third week of classes each semester. Residence Life designates "room change fairs" throughout the semester. See the Area/Hall Coordinator for details. Unauthorized changes may result in relocation and/or a fine.

University regulations do not permit room sharing (in which, for example, the assigned occupants of two or more rooms establish shared sleeping arrangements in one room and use the other for recreational space) and the subleasing or unauthorized transfer of room space.

Room Decoration
Rooms may be decorated to suit the student's tastes; however residents are responsible for any damages caused to the room or its furnishings. Residents may not paint or otherwise alter their room. Nails, screws, or duct tape, or other materials that may damage walls, doors, ceilings, or University property may not be used. Thumb tacks are the preferred method to attach materials to the walls.

Residents may be charged for damages, repairs, or cleaning necessary to return the room to its original, move-in condition.

Room Entry

Colorado Mesa University reserves the right to enter student rooms, suites, apartments, and other residential spaces for maintenance, repairs, routine facilities upkeep. Additionally, there may be entry without notice in an emergency where:

- There is reasonable belief that a threat exists to the life, safety, health, or property or property when University Officials are in "close pursuit" of a rule or policy violation.
- Submission of a maintenance request or work order constitutes authorization for University personnel to enter the space to assess and complete the requested work.
- Items or conditions observed in plain view during an authorized room entry may be documented and addressed through the student conduct process or administrative action.
- During an authorized room entry, University officials may document evidence of policy violations, including but not limited to health and safety concerns, unauthorized occupancy, cohabitation, facilities concerns, and other violations of University policy.
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University officials may enter a room without the occupants' permission when in close pursuit of an individual suspected of violating University policy or law, particularly when the violation may impact the health, safety, or security of the residential community. Items or conditions observed in plain view during such an entry may be documented and addressed through the student conduct process or administrative action.

Policy violations discovered during routine maintenance, repairs, inspections, health and safety checks, or other authorized room entries may be documented and referred for student conduct or administrative action in accordance with University policies and procedures.

Room Inspection and Damage

Before a room, suite, or apartment is are occupied, they will be inspected, and an inventory made of their contents on a room inspection report form. Each student is held financially responsible for the property in, and the condition of the room as reported. Residents assigned to the space may share responsibility for damages, repairs, or missing items unless individual responsibility can be determined. The room condition report should be carefully reviewed by the student to verify that all items in the room(s) are listed, and the condition noted.

Any corrections or updates to the Room Condition Report must be made by the Area/Residence Hall Coordinator only. The report should be reviewed by the resident and electronically signed while checking in.

When a student vacates a room, Resident Life staff will inspect the room and complete the second portion of the room condition report. All damages to the room and/or furnishings (beyond reasonable wear and tear), the cost of missing items, extra cleaning charges, and a prorated share of public area charges will be assessed by the Area/Residence Hall Coordinator and posted to the student's account. An itemized list of assessed charges will be provided to the student.

Assessments are based on a list of charges provided by the Director of Residence Life and the Director of Facilities. Individual assessments are subject to an appeal process but appeals must be made in writing before

the end of the semester following the issuance of the bill. Appeals must be submitted in writing before the end of the semester following the issuance of the bill.

Responsibility for damage or losses in a public area will be assigned to all members of a living unit or subunit if the responsible party cannot or will not be identified. Malicious or intentional damages are cause for disciplinary action and/or action of civil authorities.

Failure to complete a proper check-out may result in additional charges.

Room Occupancy

Students are only authorized to occupy only the room, bed space, and/ or bedroom to which they have been assigned by Residence Life. Residents may not occupy, store belongings in, or other residential space without prior approval from Residence.

Students found occupying or utilizing space beyond their assigned housing assignments may be subject to conduct action, reassignment, fines, and/ or charges up to the cost of the improperly occupied space.

Vacant spaces remain available for assignment by Residence Life and must be maintained in a move-in ready condition.

Signs / Traffic Objects (Barrels, Cones, etc.)

Possession of Federal, State, City, County or other government-owned signs, traffic control devices, barricades, cones, or similar public property is prohibited and may be considered theft or possession of stolen property.

Students found in possession of such items may be referred to law enforcement and/ or student conduct process.

Smoking / Tobacco Use

Colorado Mesa University is a tobacco-free and vape-free campus. The use of tobacco products, smokeless tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, vaping devices, hookahs, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, vaporizers, and similar products is prohibited in all University facilities, residence halls, apartments, balconies, and on University grounds.

Possession of tobacco or nicotine products is not, by itself, a violation of Residence Life policy, except in designated substance-free communities or prohibited by University policy.

Evidence of smoking, vaping, or tobacco use may include smoke, vapor, odors, residue, discarded materials, admissions, or other observable indicators.

Solicitation/Campaigning

Solicitation within the residence halls and residential communities by students, student organizations, and outside individuals or organizations is prohibited unless specifically authorized by Residence Life or the University. Solicitation includes, but is not limited to, door-to-door sales, fundraising, polling, canvassing, recruitment, petitioning, and the distributing of written materials.

Residents who encourage unauthorized solicitation should notify Residence Life staff or Campus Safety.

Campaigning related to University elections may be permitted in designated areas and must be coordinated through the Director of Residence Life. Residence Life staff may distribute materials and information as part of

their official duties. Campaigning in the hallways, through door-to-door contact, or in other residential spaces is prohibited.

Theft

Colorado Mesa University encourages residents to take reasonable precautions to protect their personal property. Residents should keep room and apartment doors locked, avoid leaving valuables unattended, and secure items such as bicycles, computers, gaming systems, and other personal belongings.
Students are encouraged to maintain an inventory of valuable items and consider registering high-value property with the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Any theft, attempted theft, suspicious activity, or criminal activity should be reported immediately to Residence Life staff, Campus Safety, and/or local law enforcement.

The University is not responsible for the loss of or damage to personal property. Please refer to the Personal Property section for additional information regarding insurance and personal property protection.

Unauthorized Access / Trespassing

(see also Keys, Unauthorized MAVcard use)
Students may not enter, access, or occupy, or remain in restricted access areas unless specifically authorized to do so by the University.

Restricted areas include, but are not limited to:

- Residence Life offices, front desks, maintenance areas, mechanical rooms, roofs, construction sites, and other areas designated for authorized personnel only.
- Residence halls, apartments, or residential communities from which an individual has been restricted, removed, or banned.
- University vehicles, equipment, machinery, or construction equipment unless specifically authorized.
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Students may not use another person's key, MAVcard, access credential, room code, or other means of entry to gain unauthorized access to a room, suite, apartment, residence hall, or restricted area.

Impersonating a University official or misrepresenting one's identity to gain access to a room, residential facility, or restricted area is prohibited.

Individuals found in violation of this policy may be subject to conduct action, removal from University housing, trespass from University property, referral to law enforcement, and/or other administrative action as deemed appropriate by the University.

Vending Machines

Vending machines must be treated with respect at all times. Tipping, shaking, striking, damaging, or otherwise tampering with vending machines is prohibited and may result in conduct action, restitution, and/or referral to law enforcement.

Students experiencing issues with a vending machine should report the problem to Residence Life staff.

- Requests for refunds related to vending machine purchases should be directed to the vendor using the contact information posted on the machine.

Guest and Overnight Policy

Colorado Mesa University recognizes that guests can contribute positively to the residential experience. Residents are welcome to host guests in their residence hall room, suite, apartment, or assigned living space. Guests are expected to comply with all Colorado Mesa University policies, Residence Life policies, and the directions of University officials.

Residents are responsible for informing guests of appliable University and Residence life policies prior to the guest entering University housing.
Residents are responsible for the behavior and actions of their guests at all time. Any violation of University or Residence Life policy committed by a guest may result in conduct action for both the guest and the hosting resident.

Residents may not provide room keys, MAVCards cards, or any other means of independent entry to a guest.

Guest Eligibility

Guests must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years old.

Individuals under the age of 17 are not permitted in residential facilities unless they are a current Colorado Mesa University resident assigned to University housing or are participating in a University-sponsored program.

Residence Life may approve exceptions to the guest eligibility requirements for immediate family members, University-sponsored programs, or other approved circumstances.

Guest Capacity

Each resident may host up to two (2) guests at a time.

The total number of guests permitted within a room, suite, apartment, or other residential space may not exceed twice the number of assigned residents for that space.
Examples include:

- Double room (2 residents): Maximum of 4 guests
- Triple room (3 residents): Maximum of 6 guests
- Suite with 5 assigned residents: Maximum of 10 guests
- Apartment with 4 assigned residents: Maximum of 8 guests

Residence Life reserves the right to reduce guest occupancy, limit gatherings, or require guests to leave when community standards, safety concerns, occupancy limits, or the educational environment are impacted.

Guest Registration

All overnight guests must be registered through a Residence Life approved registration process prior to staying overnight. If consent is withdrawn, the guest must leave the residential space immediately or make alternative accommodations.

The resident host must obtain permission from all roommates, suitemates, or apartment-mates before an

overnight guest is permitted to stay. Any roommate, suitemate, or apartment-mate may withdraw consent for an overnight guest at any time.

Overnight Guests

An overnight guest is defined as any person who is present in a residence hall room, suite, apartment, or assigned living space between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Residents may host the same overnight guest for a maximum of two (2) nights within any fourteen (14) day period.

Guests are limited to a maximum of five (5) overnight stays per semester, regardless of host, room, or residence hall. Residence Life reserves the right to deny guest privileges or require a guest to leave if their presence is disruptive, creates safety concerns, or violates university policy.

The same guest may not stay in multiple residence hall rooms, suites, or apartments in an attempt to circumvent the overnight guest limit.

Residence Life reserves the right to deny, limit, or revoke guest privileges when necessary to protect the safety, security, rights, and well-being of the residential community. Residence Life may also temporarily suspend guest privileges during emergencies, public health concerns, facility disruptions, or other circumstances affecting community safety.

Large Gatherings

Residents may not host gatherings that:

- Interfere with the ability of residents to study, sleep, or access their living space.
- Create excessive noise or disruption.
- Obstruct hallways, entrances, exits, or common areas.
- Violate fire, safety, or occupancy regulations.
- Require unreasonable use of community resources or staff response.
- Impede emergency access, evacuation procedures, or the ability of staff to respond to incidents.

  Residence Life staff may require a gathering to end and guests to leave at any time.

  Removal of Guests

  Residence Life staff, University officials, and Campus Safety may require a guest to leave University housing immediately if the guest:

- Violates University or Residence Life policy.
- Creates a safety or security concern.
- Disrupts the residential community.
- Fails to comply with the directions of University officials.
- Is determined to be in violation of the Guest and Overnight Guest Policy or Cohabitation and Unauthorized Occupancy Policy.
- Appear to pose a risk to themselves or others due to impairment, intoxication, medical concerns, or behavior.

  Failure to comply with a directive to leave may result in guest restrictions, conduct action, trespass from University property, housing reassignment, or termination of a housing contract.

Violations

Violations of the Guest and Overnight Guest Policy may result in:

- Removal of the guest from University housing.
- Suspension or loss of guest privileges.
- Residence Life conduct action.
- Restitution for damages, cleaning, lock changes, or other costs associated with the violation.
- Housing reassignment.
- Termination of the housing contract

Cohabitation and Unauthorized Occupancy Policy

Residence hall rooms, suites, apartments, and other residential spaces are assigned solely to students who have entered into a housing contract with Colorado Mesa University and have been assigned to that specific space by Residence Life.

Guests may not establish residency in University housing. Cohabitation and unauthorized occupancy are prohibited.

Definitions

Cohabitation occurs when a guest's presence exceeds the reasonable expectations of a guest and begins to resemble residency within a residency, or substantially interferes with the right of roommates, suitemates, apartment-mates, or the residential experience of others.

Unauthorized Occupancy occurs when an individual occupies, resides in, or utilizes University housing without being assigned to that space by Residence Life.

Residence Life reserves the right to determine whether an individual's presence constitutes cohabitation or unauthorized occupancy based on the totality of the circumstances and available information.

Prohibited Behaviors

Residents may not:

- Permit a guest to reside in their assigned living space.
- Permit a guest to remain in a residential facility beyond the limits established in the Guest and Overnight Guest Policy.
- Provide room keys, access cards, room codes, or any other means of independent access to a guest.
- Allow an individual to occupy a residential space overnight or for an extended period when the assigned resident is not present.
- Allow an individual to occupy a residential space when the assigned resident is not present.

Facilitate or participate in attempts to circumvent the Guest and Overnight Guest Policy.

Evidence of Cohabitation or Unauthorized Occupancy

Residence Life will evaluate allegations of cohabitation or unauthorized occupancy based on the totality of the circumstances and available information.

Evidence may include, but is not limited to:

- Repeated overnight stays or patterns of occupancy that exceed the Guest and Overnight Guest Policy.
- Reports or documented concerns from roommates, suitemates, apartment-mates, or Residence Life staff.
- Possession or use of room keys, access cards, or other means of entry.
- Storing clothing, toiletries, bedding, furniture, food, personal belongings, or other property in the room, suite, or apartment.
- Receiving mail, packages, deliveries, or using the residential address as a mailing address.
- Being present in the room, suite, or apartment when the assigned resident is not present.
- Regular use of residence hall facilities, including bathrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens, study spaces, or common areas in a manner consistent with residency.
- Statements from roommates, suitemates, apartment-mates, staff members, or other residents indicating a pattern of residency.
- Access records, guest registration records, key card activity, security footage, or other University records.
- Personal belongings being found in multiple locations throughout the residential space.
  Any other behavior indicating that an individual is residing in University housing without authorization.

No single factor is required to establish a finding of cohabitation or unauthorized occupancy.

Resident Responsibility

Residents are responsible for ensuring that guests comply with all University and Residence Life policies.

Residents may be held accountable for cohabitation or unauthorized occupancy occurring within their assigned living space, regardless of whether the unauthorized occupant is a student, non-student, former resident, friend, significant other, family member, or other guest.

Unauthorized Occupancy Charges

Residents will be provided notice of the alleged violation and an opportunity to respond through the student conduct process prior to the final assessment of unauthorized occupancy charges. Residence Life may assess unauthorized occupancy charges when an individual occupies or resides in a residence hall room, suite, apartment, or other residential space without authorization.

Unauthorized occupancy charges may be assessed to the hosting resident and may be based on:

- The number of days the unauthorized occupant is believed to have resided in the space.
- The applicable housing rate for the assigned space.
- Administrative costs associated with investigating and resolving the violation.
- Cleaning, repair, lock change, or other related costs.

Current housing rates are available on the Residence Life Housing Rates webpage.

Unauthorized occupancy charges may be assessed in addition to any conduct action, restitution,

housing reassignment, suspension of guest privileges, or termination of the housing contract.

Removal of Unauthorized Occupants

Residence Life staff, University officials, and Campus Safety may require an unauthorized occupant to leave University housing immediately.

Individuals who fail to comply with a directive to leave may be subject to removal from University property, trespass action, referral to law enforcement, guest restrictions, or other action deemed appropriate by the University .

Violations and Sanctions

Violations of the Cohabitation and Unauthorized Occupancy Policy may result in one or more of the following:

- Written warning.
- Residence Life conduct action.
- Suspension or loss of guest privileges.
- Assessment of unauthorized occupancy charges.
- Restitution for damages, cleaning, lock changes, or other associated costs.
- Administrative reassignment to another room, suite, apartment, or residence hall as determined by Residence Life.
- Removal of the unauthorized occupant from University housing.
- Housing probation.
- Termination of the housing contract.

Repeated violations or violations involving intentional deception, unauthorized access, key sharing, safety concerns, or a demonstrated disregard for Residence Life policies may result in more significant sanctions, including administrative reassignment or immediate termination of the housing contract.

Weapons

Weapons of any kind, whether functional or non-functional, are prohibited in resident halls, apartments, and other University housing facilities. Possession, use, display, storage, or brandishing of a weapon may result in immediate removal from University housing, termination of the housing contract, referral through the student conduct process, and/ or referral to law enforcement.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to

- ammunition
- explosive or incendiary devices including fireworks
- sheath knives
- stiletto knives
- switchblades
- dirks or daggers with blades over three and one-half inches long
- firearms of any description
- BB, pellet or “air soft” guns
- bow and arrows
- crossbows and bolts
- tasers
- any device capable of propelling a projectile (including “Nerf” guns, Orby guns, water balloon launchers) and similar devices
- Replica, imitation, toy, or decorative weapons that could reasonably be mistaken for an actual weapon
- Any other item determined by the University to present a threat to the safety or security of the residential community.

Residents living in University housing may store sporting rifles, shotguns, and bow, arrows, and associated ammunition in the weapons safe located at the Grand Junction Police Department substation on campus, in accordance with University and law enforcement procedures.

Specific academic programs, such as culinary arts, lineman, or other technical programs, may require students to possess knives and tools associated with the curriculum. Such items must be safely and properly stored within the student’s assigned living space, may not be carried on one’s person except when being transported to or from class, and may only be used for academic purposes. Student are responsible for notifying their building coordinator if they posses such items as part of an academic program.

Windows and Window Screens

Residents may not remove, damage, or tamper with windows or window screens. Leaning out of windows, throwing objects out of or into windows, or using windows as entry or exit point is prohibited except in the case of an emergency. Damage to or loss of a window screen may result in restitution and/ or conduct action.

Materials displayed in windows must comply with University policy and applicable local, state, and federal laws. Materials that are legally obscene, threatening, harassing, discriminatory, or otherwise prohibited by law or University policy are not permitted.

Residence Life reserves the right to require the removal of material that create a safety concern, obstruct visibility, interfere with emergency response, or violate University policy.

Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Stalking

Notice of Non-Discrimination

Colorado Mesa University is committed to providing a living environment in which students and employees can live, work, and study free from sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual intimidation, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Colorado Mesa University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681-1688) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 106). This prohibition extends to students and staff. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX may be referred to Colorado Mesa University's Title IX Coordinator, or to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, or both.

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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 provides:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

I. **Definitions.** As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

A. **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the subject of conduct that could constitute Sexual Harassment. A Complainant includes:

1. a student or employee of CMU who is alleged to have been subjected to conduct that could constitute sex discrimination under Title IX; or

2. a person other than a student or employee of CMU who is alleged to have been subjected to conduct that could constitute sex discrimination under Title IX at a time when that individual was participating or attempting to participate in CMU's education program or activity;

3. A parent, guardian, or other authorized legal representative with the legal right to act on behalf of a complainant if the complainant is under the age of eighteen; or

4. CMU's Title IX Coordinator.

B. **Complaint** means written request to the recipient that objectively can be understood as a request for the recipient to investigate and make a determination about alleged discrimination under Title IX or its regulations.

C. **Consent** means cooperation in act or attitude pursuant to be an exercise of free will and with knowledge of the nature of the act. A current or previous relationship shall not be sufficient to constitute consent. Submission to sexual activity because of fear does not constitute consent. A previous sexual relationship does not indicate consent to future sexual activities.

D. **Education Program or Activity** includes locations, events or circumstances over which CMU exercises substantial control over both the Respondent and the context in which the Sexual Harassment occurs, and also includes any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution.

E. **Intercourse** is defined to include vaginal or anal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger, and oral copulation (mouth to genital contact), no matter how slight the penetration or contact.

F. **Mandatory Reporter** means an employee of the University who is not subject to a statutory privilege and required confidentiality. Accordingly, all faculty and staff at CMU are mandatory reporters except for licensed counselors working at the CMU Wellness Center.

G. **Non-Consensual Sexual Contact (NCSC)** is:
   - any intentional sexual touching,
   - however slight,
   - with any object,
   - by a person upon another person,
   - that is without consent and/or by force

H. **Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse (NCSI)** is:

- any sexual intercourse,
- however slight,
- with any object,
- by a person upon another person
- that is without consent and/or by force

I. **Party** means a complainant or respondent.

J. **Relevant** means related to the allegations of sex discrimination under investigation as part of these grievance procedures. Questions are relevant when they seek evidence that may aid in showing whether the alleged sex discrimination occurred, and evidence is relevant when it may aid a decisionmaker in determining whether the alleged sex discrimination occurred.

K. **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment.

L. **Retaliation** means intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right secured by Title IX or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding or hearing concerning Sexual Harassment.

M. **Sexual Contact** includes:
   - intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals, or touching another with any of these body parts, or making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; or
   - any other intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner, or for the purpose of sexual gratification or abuse.

N. **Sex-based harassment** is a form of sex discrimination and means sexual harassment and other harassment on the basis of sex, including on the basis of sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity, that is:

   - *Quid pro quo harassment.* An employee, agent, or other person authorized by the recipient to provide an aid, benefit, or service under the recipient's education program or activity explicitly or impliedly conditioning the provision of such an aid, benefit, or service on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
   - *Hostile environment harassment occurs when there is unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to an educational program or activity*
   - *Specific offenses*.
     a. Sexual assault meaning an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
     b. Dating violence meaning violence committed by a person:
        i. Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
        ii. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
            - The length of the relationship;
            - The type of relationship; and

- The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship;

c. Domestic violence meaning felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a person who:
   i. Is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction of the recipient, or a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim;
   ii. Is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
   iii. Shares a child in common with the victim; or
   iv. Commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction; or

d. Stalking meaning engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:
   i. Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or
   ii. Suffer substantial emotional distress.

The term "Sexual Harassment" includes any of the three types of conduct provided in this definition. However, sexual assault is also defined separately within this policy.

- **Supportive measures** means individualized measures offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, without unreasonably burdening a complainant or respondent, not for punitive or disciplinary reasons, and without fee or charge to the complainant or respondent to:
  1. Restore or preserve that party's access to the recipient's education program or activity, including measures that are designed to protect the safety of the parties or the recipient's educational environment; or
  2. Provide support during the recipient's grievance procedures or during an informal resolution process.

II. Sexual Harassment

It is the policy of Colorado Mesa University to maintain a campus environment free from Quid Pro Quo and from Offensive Conduct types of sexual harassment. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature may constitute sexual harassment when submission to or rejection of this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects or interferes with a student's or employee's work or academic performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile or objectively offensive academic or work environment.

Both Quid Pro Quo and Offensive Conduct types of Sexual Harassment can occur in a variety of circumstances, including but not limited to the following:

1. The victim as well as the harasser may be a woman or a man. The victim does not have to be of the opposite sex.

2. The harasser can be another student, staff member, faculty member, or a non-employee.

3. Unlawful sexual harassment may occur without economic injury to the victim.

4. The harasser's conduct must be unwelcome.

Any person (i.e., the victim of alleged sexual harassment, a bystander, a witness, a friend, or any other person) may report sexual harassment.

Reporting either Quid Pro Quo or Offensive Conduct Sexual Harassment may help the reporting student in coping with the situation, as well as assist the student with resources to ensure that the student, and others, can attend the University in a safe environment. If the perpetrator of the harassment is another student, the incident should be reported to the Title IX Coordinator, via the "Report an Incident" tab on the CMU Mobile App or CMU's website; the Office of Student Services in Lowell Heiny Hall, 4th Floor, a Residence Life staff member, or the Sexual Assault Response Team at (970)270-5895. Instances of sexual harassment by a University employee should be reported to the Title IX Coordinator or Human Resources at 970-248-1426. If you are unsure where to report, the "Report an Incident" tab can be used for any type of report of sexual harassment.

III. Sexual Assault

Colorado Mesa University is committed to providing a living environment in which students can live, work, and study free from Non-Consensual Sexual Contact (NCSC) and Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse (NCSI), collectively referred to hereafter as Sexual Assault. Please see the definitions of these terms above in Section I.

IV. Preservation of Evidence

If any student is the victim of sexual assault (NCSC or NCSI), they should immediately take action to preserve any possible evidence, even if they are not sure whether they want to file a formal complaint or pursue criminal charges. The preservation of any evidence may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order. Evidence can range from the clothing of the victim to hair samples, bedding, body fluids, bruising, bite marks, electronic communication, and/or photographs. To assist law enforcement in the collection of evidence, the following guidelines are recommended:

- Do not shower
- Do not use the bathroom
- Maintain the clothing worn during the attack separate from other clothing
- Leave bedding material, sheets, blankets, and pillows alone

If you take any of these actions, preservation of evidence still may be possible.

V. Sexual Consent

Sexual activity requires consent, which is a voluntary, positive agreement between the participants to engage in specific sexual activity. Any sexual contact without consent (which includes both NCSC and NCSI) is prohibited.

Sexual activity is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct under the following circumstances:

- When it is forced; or
- When the complainant is incapacitated, and that incapacity is known to or should have been known to the respondent; or
- When it is non-consensual.

VI. Reporting Sexual Misconduct

Students are encouraged to report sexual assault to the campus Title IX Coordinator, the campus Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), or the Vice President for Student Services. Additionally, the University encourages students who have experienced sexual assault to contact the Grand Junction Police Department to report the crime. If any student needs assistance contacting police, the Sexual Response Assault Team (SART), Vice President for Student

Services, or Title IX Coordinator can assist them in contacting law enforcement or learning more about law enforcement options. Whether or not a student chooses to notify and seek assistance from campus authorities and/or law enforcement is the student's decision.

If a student experiences unwanted sexual contact, stalking, domestic violence, or dating violence, the student can take action by notifying the following:

- Grand Junction Police Department by calling 911 or (970) 242-6707 **MAY CALL AT ANY TIME - DAY OR NIGHT**
- CMU Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) by calling (970) 270-5895
- The Title IX Coordinator, or the Office of the Vice President for Student Services in Lowell Heiny Hall, Fourth Floor, by calling 970-248-1366 or; Cell: (970) 986-6214.
- Vice President for Student Services - Lowell Heiny Hall, Fourth Floor, Phone: (970) 248-1366

Any person at any time may report sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the recipient of the sexual harassment) in person, by mail, by telephone, by electronic mail, via the "Report an Incident" tab on the CMU Mobile App or CMU's website, or via the SART Line to the Title IX Coordinator. All members of the Colorado Mesa University faculty and staff are mandatory reporters and are required to report any instances of possible Sexual Harassment.

The University has jurisdiction of all reported instances of Sexual Harassment that occur while the Complainant is in the United States and is participating in a University program or activity.

VII. Process after Receiving a Report of Sexual Harassment

A. Upon receiving a report of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly and confidentially contact and then meet with the Complainant and inform the Complainant of the method of filing a Formal Complaint, inform the Complainant of the availability of Support Measures available to Complainant with or without the filing of a Formal Complaint, offer Support Measures to Complainant and, when appropriate, to the Respondent, and explain the Title IX process to Complainant. The Title IX Coordinator may appoint an Advisor for Complainant at this meeting.

A report of sexual harassment which does not fall into the definition of a Title IX case may still be investigated and heard as a Student Code of Conduct violation.

B. Support Measures

The Title IX Coordinator will confidentially offer Support Measures to both Complainant and Respondent that are appropriate and reasonably available without fee or charge. The purpose of Support Measures is to restore or preserve access to the University's education programs without unreasonably burdening the other party.

Support measures are to protect the safety of the parties and others at the University.

For a student that is the subject of Sexual Harassment or another violent crime, or if a student is a Respondent in a case, a wide array of Support Measures and services are available at no charge. Support Measures are nondiscriminatory, non-punitive individualized services offered to the Complainant or Respondent. Support Measures are confidential. The Title IX Coordinator, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and/or the Office of the Vice President for Student Services will provide information on and can assist in obtaining both on-campus and community Support Measures and other services as needed/requested, to include living accommodations, travel assistance, academic accommodations, healthcare and emotional care, counseling and advocacy services.

C. Requests for Confidentiality

Colorado Mesa University strongly supports a student's interest in confidentiality in Sexual Harassment cases.

Requests for confidentiality will be respected to the maximum extent possible. The Title IX Coordinator will normally be responsible for evaluating requests for confidentiality. Complainants and Respondents should be aware that a request for confidentiality may limit CMU's ability to respond fully to the incident, including pursuing possible disciplinary action against the alleged Respondent. In addition, the substance of complaints, investigations and statements are subject to disclosure upon receipt of a subpoena or mandatory disclosure request from a civil or criminal court action. While all efforts will be made to respect confidentiality, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed when other members of the CMU community may be at risk or when the University is provided with a lawful subpoena. In those cases, CMU may be required to investigate or take action on the basis of facts it discovers and disclose confidential material. In instances where it is determined that a request for confidentiality cannot be honored CMU will notify the complainant prior to disclosing his or her identity.

D. Changing Living and Academic Situations

Colorado Mesa University will provide Complainants of Sexual Harassment with notification about options for, and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation and working situations. The Offices of the Vice Presidents for Student Services and Academic Affairs or their designees will assist the student with the appropriate accommodations if the student requests them and they are reasonably available. Colorado Mesa University will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures.

E. Retaliation

Neither the University, nor any officer, employee, or agent of the institution, may retaliate, intimidate, threaten, coerce, or otherwise discriminate against any individual for exercising their rights to avail themselves of the University's grievance procedures or against any individual who participates in an investigation, hearing or proceeding related to Sexual Harassment. Further, a student who retaliates against another student who participates in an investigation, hearing or proceeding related to Sexual Harassment may be subject to separate disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

F. Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)(970-270-5895)

The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) operates under the direction of the Vice President for Student Services. SART team members maintain a 24-hour hotline where sexual assaults can be reported and/or resources can be discussed. SART advocates assist individuals who report sexual assault in navigating educational issues and connecting them with appropriate resources, to include health care, mental health, academic, living situation, and law enforcement, as appropriate and desired.

G. Formal Complaint

1. The Complainant may file a Formal Complaint against the Respondent on a form provided by the Title IX Coordinator, or in any other written form. A Formal Complaint can also be filed by the Title IX Coordinator.

H. Notice

Upon the filing of a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator or, if directed by the Title IX Coordinator, the Director of Safety and Student Conduct, will issue a written Notice of Allegations of the Complaint to Respondent and Complainant. The Notice of Allegations shall include:

1. Identification of parties

2. Sufficient information regarding the alleged conduct available at the time to allow the parties to respond to the allegations, including the conduct alleged to constitute sex discrimination, and the date and location of the incident;
3. A statement that the Respondent is presumed not responsible;
4. Notice of CMU's grievance procedures and informal resolution process, if applicable;
5. A statement that the parties may each have an advisor of their choice and that the advisor can be an attorney
6. A statement that the parties will receive a copy of the investigative report and evidence,
7. A statement that knowingly providing false statements or information during the process is prohibited;
8. A statement that retaliation, including peer retaliation is prohibited.

If possible, the Title IX Coordinator will meet with the Respondent to deliver the Notice of Allegations, but if delivered by another means to Respondent, the Title IX Coordinator will personally meet with Respondent as soon as reasonably possible following such delivery. At the meeting, the Title IX Coordinator will explain the procedures and process to Respondent, appoint an Advisor for Respondent and otherwise answer Respondent's questions.

The Title IX Coordinator shall also meet as needed with the Complainant and with the Respondent to explain the Title IX procedures and process that will occur from the time of the Notice of Allegations through the Campus Student Conduct Board hearing and possible appeal. The University will not take disciplinary action against a Complainant, reporting party, or witness, for his or her participation in the reporting or investigation and from policy violations related to the reported sexual misconduct incident such as personal consumption of alcohol or drugs.

CMU may consolidate complaints of sex discrimination against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against another party, when the allegations of sex discrimination arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

I. Informal Resolution Process.

If the parties agree, an informal resolution process may be used, which would not require a full investigation or adjudication. Such informal resolution involves both parties participating in a mediation process, or other forms of alternative dispute resolution. The Informal Resolution Process is not available if the matter involves a University employee.

Availability of Informal Resolution Process. Parties are not be required to participate in the informal resolution process. The informal resolution process is only available only if all Parties voluntarily consent, in writing, to the informal resolution process. However, any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any Party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the formal resolution process. The informal resolution process, if available, may be implemented any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility.

If the informal resolution process is available, the Title IX Coordinator will issue written notice to the parties disclosing:

1. The allegations;
2. The requirements of the informal resolution process, including the circumstances under which it precludes the Parties from resuming a Formal Complaint arising from the same allegations;
3. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;

4. That either Party may withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the formal grievance process prior to agreeing to a resolution.

The Institution will make a good faith effort to complete the informal resolution process within an average of sixty to ninety days, without jeopardizing the rights of a Party. After the Parties have agreed to a resolution that is accepted by the Title IX Coordinator, neither Party may appeal the resolution.

J. Dismissal

CMU may dismiss a complaint of sex discrimination if:

1. CMU is unable to identify the respondent after taking reasonable steps to do so;
2. The respondent is not participating in CMU's education program or activity and is not employed by CMU;
3. The complainant voluntarily withdraws any or all of the allegations in the complaint, the Title IX Coordinator declines to initiate a complaint, and CMU determines that, without the complainant's withdrawn allegations, the conduct that remains alleged in the complaint, if any, would not constitute sex discrimination under Title IX even if proven; or
4. CMU determines the conduct alleged in the complaint, even if proven, would not constitute sex discrimination under Title IX. Before dismissing the complaint, CMU will make reasonable efforts to clarify the allegations with the complainant.

Upon dismissal, CMU will promptly notify the complainant of the basis for the dismissal. If the dismissal occurs after the respondent has been notified of the allegations, then CMU will also notify the respondent of the dismissal and the basis for the dismissal promptly following notification to the complainant, or simultaneously if notification is in writing.

CMU will notify the complainant that a dismissal may be appealed and will provide the complainant with an opportunity to appeal the dismissal of a complaint. If the dismissal occurs after the respondent has been notified of the allegations, then CMU will also notify the respondent that the dismissal may be appealed.

When a complaint is dismissed, CMU will, at a minimum:

- Offer supportive measures to the complainant as appropriate
- If the respondent has been notified of the allegations, offer supportive measures to the respondent as appropriate; and
- Take other prompt and effective steps, as appropriate, through the Title IX Coordinator to ensure that sex discrimination does not continue or recur within CMU's education program or activity.

K. Timeline

Every reasonable effort will be made by the University to complete the Campus Student Conduct Board hearing within ninety (90) provided below. This time requirement may be extended by the Title IX Coordinator on a case-by-case basis for good cause and with prior written notice of the delay and the reasons for the delay to the Complainant and to the Respondent. The following timeframes for the various stages of the process shall be used whenever possible:

A determination of whether a Title IX Complaint shall be investigated or dismissed shall be made within seven days of receipt of the complaint.

An investigation shall begin within 72-hours of a determination that the complaint shall be investigated.

The investigation shall take no more than 21 days.

The draft report shall be provided to the parties within 14 days after the conclusion of the investigation. The Parties shall each have ten days to communicate any requested changes to the investigator.

After the ten days is concluded, the final report shall be provided within forty-eight hours.

A hearing shall be scheduled within two weeks of the receipt of the final report and scheduled such that the parties each have at least ten days between receipt of the final report.

L. Investigation

1. Upon the Filing of a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator shall appoint a trained investigator to commence a thorough, reliable, and impartial investigation.
2. The Investigator will examine all relevant documents and evidence and interview relevant witnesses, including the Complainant and Respondent. The Parties will have an equal opportunity to present fact witnesses and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence that are relevant and not otherwise impermissible.
3. The Investigator provide equal opportunity to Complainant and to Respondent to participate in the interviews. Such notice may be via the student's MAVzone email account or hand delivered by the Title IX Coordinator. Each party's Advisor shall be permitted to attend the investigative interview, but it is the responsibility of the Complainant and of the Respondent to talk for himself/herself.
4. Upon completion of the investigation, the Investigator shall prepare a draft written investigation report which shall be provided, along with all evidence collected, to each party. The parties shall have ten (10) days to provide written comments about and edits to the investigation report and deliver such written comments and edits to the Investigator. Based upon such written comments, the Investigator may make changes to the Investigation Report or leave it in its original draft from. The final Investigation Report with each party's comments affixed thereto shall then be delivered to the Title IX Coordinator.
5. The Title IX Coordinator shall provide written updates on the status of the investigation to the parties until completion.
6. The final report shall be provided to the parties at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing.

M. Hearing Procedures

1. In cases involving allegations of Sexual Harassment involving another student, determination of responsibility must be made by the Student Conduct Board, and an Administrative Hearing may not be substituted.
2. All other hearing procedures that are not addressed by the policy described in this section shall be in place as described below related to the Student Code of Conduct.
3. In cases involving Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment or other Sexual Harassment involving a CMU Employee, determination of responsibility will be pursuant to the procedure outlined in the CMU Employee Handbook.
4. The Vice President for Student Services also reserves the right to direct a serious incident to a Campus Student Conduct Board Hearing.

5. Except for Quid Pro Quo cases involving a University Employee, in cases involving Sexual Harassment behavior prohibited by Title IX, a hearing with the Campus Student Conduct Board is mandatory if there is a reasonable basis by which to support the allegation(s).

6. CMU will treat complainants and respondents equitably.

7. At such hearing, the Complainant and the Respondent will each be provided with a room that is separate from the actual hearing room, and which will be connected to the hearing room by video and audio technology allowing each party to participate remotely during the Campus Student Conduct Board hearing. Each party will be escorted to the hearing room to present that party's direct testimony and evidence directly to the Campus Conduct Board. Both parties must be able to hear the evidence presented to the Board.

8. All hearings will be video and/or audio taped and maintained for a period of seven (7) years.

9. For purposes of cross examination, the Campus Student Conduct Board shall permit the Advisor of the Complainant and the Advisor of the Respondent to cross examine the other party and all witnesses via the video/audio link. Each party's Advisor shall provide written questions cross examination questions of the other party to the Campus Student Conduct Board two days in advance of the hearing to allow the Campus Student Conduct Board time in advance to help make determinations of relevancy. This process does not preclude additional questions being asked at the hearing, based on the evidence presented.

10. With the exception of cross examination of parties and witnesses, all other evidence, testimony, and argument shall be presented by the Complainant and Respondent personally.

11. The Campus Student Conduct Board also may ask questions, so long as they are relevant, and not otherwise impermissible.

12. The Campus Student Conduct Board retains discretion to determine whether the cross-examination questions are relevant and appropriate. If any questions submitted are deemed inappropriate or irrelevant, the Campus Student Conduct Board may choose not to allow such questions. The hearings are also subject to the following rules:

    a. Evidence of prior sexual conduct shall not be allowed, except in limited circumstances.

    b. The Campus Student Conduct Board shall not consider statements of a party or any witness for that party in reaching its determination of responsibility if the party is absent from the hearing or if the party refuses to submit to cross examination. An exception to this would be if the party's statements are the basis of the complaint. However, the Campus Student Board of Conduct can draw an inference about responsibility solely on a party' s absence from the hearing or refusal to submit to cross examination.

13. CMU presumes that the respondent is not responsible for the alleged sex discrimination until a determination is made at the conclusion of its grievance procedure.
14. All determinations shall be made by a preponderance of the evidence.

15. Evidence shall be evaluated objectively so long as the evidence is Relevant and not otherwise impermissible, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence.
16. Credibility determinations will not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent ore witness.

17. Questions that are unclear or harassing of the party or witness being questioned will not be permitted. The decisionmaker will give a party an opportunity to clarify or revise a question that the decisionmaker determines is unclear or harassing. If the party sufficiently clarifies or revises the question, the question will be asked.

18. The decisionmaker may choose to place less or no weight upon statements by a party or witness who refuses to respond to questions deemed relevant and not impermissible. The decisionmaker will not draw an inference about whether sex-based harassment occurred based solely on a party's or witness's refusal to respond to such questions.

19. The Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be assisted by any Advisor they choose, generally at their own expense. However, in the event that a party is unable to procure an Advisor for the hearing, the party shall notify the Title IX Coordinator at least 10 days in advance of the hearing and the University will appoint an Advisor for the party at the expense of the University. The advisor may be an attorney, friend, family member, etc. Except in the instances of the cross examination of the other party, the complainant and/or respondent is responsible for representing themselves and speaking on their own behalf. The Advisor may, however, advise the student during the hearing.

20. The Campus Student Conduct Board shall provide a written determination to the parties. The written determination shall include:
    a) Identification of the allegations that constitute the sexually harassment
    b) A history of the procedural steps from the filing of the Formal Complaint through the Campus Student Conduct Board hearing
    c) Findings of fact supporting the determination
    d) Conclusions regarding the application of the University's Sexual Harassment Policy, as set forth in the Maverick Guide, to the facts:
    e) A statement and rationale for the determination of responsibility and the sanctions imposed on Respondent
    f) What remedies and/or Support Measures will be provided to the Complainant. The Campus Student Conduct Board can recommend that Support Measures be provided or extended to Complainant as remedies following a determination of responsibility of Respondent. Recommended remedies are subject to review and possible adjustment by the University Vice President for Student Services.
    g) Procedures for appeal

The written decision shall be provided to the respondent and complainant simultaneously.

N. Remedies/Sanctions

Remedies and/or sanctions are described below under the "Student Code of Conduct and Conduct System and are designed to preserve equal access to the University's educational programs and activities.

- If there is a determination that sex discrimination occurred, the Title IX Coordinator will, as appropriate:

    1. Coordinate the provision and implementation of remedies to a complainant and other people CMU identifies as having had equal access to CMU's education program or activity limited or denied by sex discrimination;
    2. Coordinate the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions on a respondent, including notification to the complainant of any such disciplinary sanctions; and
    3. Take other appropriate prompt and effective steps to ensure that sex discrimination does not continue or recur within CMU's education program or activity.

VIII. Retaliation is prohibited

A report of alleged retaliation against any party, whether direct retaliation or through a third person, including retaliation toward any witnesses, may be made to the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail. Peer retaliation, whether or not it was directed by a complainant or respondent is also prohibited, and subjects those persons to disciplinary actions. Any Mandatory Reporter who receives a report of alleged retaliation must promptly report the alleged retaliation to the Title IX Coordinator. Allegations of retaliation may be investigated and adjudicated pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

IX. Appeal

A. Appealable Issues. Either Party may appeal:
   1. Dismissal of a Formal Complaint or any allegations therein; or
   2. A determination regarding responsibility.

No other issue may be appealed.

B. Bases for Appeal. A Party may only appeal on one or more of the following bases:
   1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;
   2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter. This basis for appeal is not satisfied simply because evidence was not presented during the proceedings, if the evidence was reasonably available at the time the determination was made;
   3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or Decision-Maker had a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally, or the individual Complainant or Respondent, that affected the outcome of the matter.

Filing an Appeal.

1. If a Party wishes to file an appeal, the Party must notify the Title IX Coordinator in writing no later than five (5) days after the notice of dismissal or written determination is sent to the Party. The written appeal must state with specificity the issues being appealed, and the bases for the appeal.

2. Timeframe for Completion of Appeal. The Institution will make a good faith effort to complete the appeal within thirty (30) days. The timeframe for completion of appeal may be extended for good cause. If the timeframe for completion of appeal is extended, the Title IX Coordinator will notify both Parties in writing of the delay or extension and the reasons for the delay or extension.

3. Appeal Procedure. After receiving a timely written appeal, the Title IX Coordinator will notify the Parties in writing, that the appeal was filed, and the process for submitting a response. The appeal, including any written statements submitted by the Parties, will be considered by the Appeal Decisionmaker, who shall be the Vice President of Student Services, so long as this party has not participated in the investigation of the allegations or the dismissal of the complaint. The Appeal Decisionmaker may also consider the investigative report, including any Party's written response to the investigative report, all relevant evidence presented at the hearing, and the audio recording, audiovisual recording, or transcript of the hearing. The Appeal Decisionmaker will issue a written determination of appeal, which will describe the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result. The Title IX Coordinator will provide the written determination of appeal simultaneously to the Parties. The result of the appeal is final.

Student Code of Conduct and Conduct System

Students are expected to engage in effective communication and civil discourse throughout their academic career. Being a CMU Maverick is an honor and a privilege; all students are expected to live by and abide by the standards of the Student Code of Conduct at all times – both on and off-campus. Please see guidelines for effective communication from Harvard University.

Professional Development and Communication Skills
https://professional.dce.harvard.edu/blog/8-ways-you-can-improve-your-communication-skills/

1. Be clear and concise; less is more.
2. Be aware of nonverbal communication. What are you communicating with your body language, voice, eyes, hands, feet, facial expression, tone, etc.
3. Engage and present with a calm tone and affect.
4. Active Listening. Listening to and hearing messages that are being sent; being attentive; listening with purpose.
5. Be assertive by asking for what you need with honest, respectful statements (be aware of being aggressive with demanding behaviors)
6. Prepare ahead of time - Practice this communication before the meeting! Get feedback from those you practice with.

A responsible, professional adult includes engaging in respectful verbal and behavioral communication, mature discussions and civil discourse, emotional intelligence, adherence to the CMU code of conduct, and meeting the professional standards within your discipline. These behaviors include (but are not limited to being): accountable, respectful, safe, open, responsible of self and style of communication, engaging in effective communication and civil discourse, emotional regulation, emotional maturity, curiosity, and the ability to listen and hear information. This is not an exhaustive list but an opportunity for student to learn and engage in professional behavioral, professional growth, and professionalism with each discipline.

Each student is expected to act as a responsible adult and will be held accountable for inappropriate behavior. Colorado Mesa University is a community consisting of students, faculty, support staff, and administrators. The University does not attempt to define all student conduct. It relies on the student to assume the responsibility and obligation of conducting themselves in a manner compatible with the purpose of the University as an educational institution and the community as a place of learning and residence.

Residence Life has developed Community Standards for the residence halls and apartments that provides a framework to assist with each student's success in a community living environment. These expectations and subsequent application and enforcement are the responsibility of all members of our residential community. The Community Standards supplement the Student Code of Conduct of Colorado Mesa University and therefore any and all violations could fall in one or both areas. In addition to University rules and regulations, each student is subject to the same local, state, and federal laws (and policies – including health & safety orders) as non-students and are beneficiaries of the same safeguards of rights as nonstudents.

The academic community has a long and cherished tradition of personal behavior that is in accordance with the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.

The following are among those acts of misconduct that are not consistent with the educational goals of Colorado Mesa University or with the traditions of the academic community. The following acts are intended to provide guidelines and examples, not prescriptions of behavior, and each individual case will be decided upon its own merits. The Office of the Vice President for Student Services is also available to provide consultations and advocacy on behalf of students seeking more clarity regarding matters of student conduct. Student Services personnel can advise and assist students with unusual circumstances or with problems not addressed elsewhere in the Maverick Guide. Misconduct of the following nature is subject to disciplinary sanctions:

	CHARGE TITLE	Definition
1	Academic Dishonesty	Academic dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University. Academic dishonesty will be subject to the process stated in pages 15-21 above.
2	Forgery	Forgery, alteration, misuse or mutilation of University documents, records, identification materials, or educational materials.
3	Intentional obstruction	Intentional obstruction, demonstrations, or disruption of teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary proceedings, or other University activities, including public service functions and other authorized activities on University premises.
4	Failure to comply	Failure to comply with directions of, or interference with, any University official or any public safety officer while acting in the performance of his/her duties.
5	False Information	Providing false information to a Colorado Mesa University official.
6	Intentional interference	Intentional interference with an individual's rights to free speech, freedom to make academic inquiry, or freedom of conscience.
7	Violation of Civil/Criminal Law or Unit Policies – Alcohol	Violation of civil law, criminal law, or University regulations concerning the possession and use, or unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages.
8	Violation of Civil/Criminal Law or University Policies – Drugs	Violation of civil law, criminal law, or University regulations concerning the use, sale, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of drugs.
9	Making a false report	Making a false report. The false reporting of a fire, bomb, assault, or any other emergency either by the activation of an alarm or any other method, and/or reporting of a crime that did not occur.
10	Bias/motivated incident	Bias incidents that violate university policy, or state, local, or federal law will be investigated and adjudicated according to existing conduct procedures. However, not all reported bias incidents will constitute a violation of university policy or the law. Please see the Report It! form or contact Student Services at 970-248-1366.
11	Misappropriate ion or misuse of student organization's funds or property	Misappropriation or misuse of student organization's funds or property.
12	Indecent/Obscene/ Disorderly Conduct	Disorderly conduct or loud, indecent or obscene conduct that is unwanted, and unreasonable for the area, time or manner that it occurs on University-controlled property or at University sponsored functions.

13	Physical Abuse or Harassment	Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person within or related to the University community, including physical abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, or sexual misconduct. Harassment and abuse can also be related to conduct regarding social media, email, text messaging, on paper, et al.
14	Physical Abuse or Harassment Bias/motivated incident	Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person within or related to the University community, including physical abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, or sexual misconduct. Harassment and abuse can also be related to conduct regarding social media, email, text messaging, on paper, et al.
15	Unauthorized Entry	Entering a residence hall/room in which they are not assigned without being escorted through the hall or room.
16	Burglary -	The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft; unlawful entry with the intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with the intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.
17	Violations of any of the restriction, conditions, or terms of any sanctions	Violations of any of the restriction, conditions, or terms of any sanctions resulting from a previously held disciplinary hearing or housing behavioral contract.
18	Liquor Law Violation	The violation of laws or ordinance prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence
19	Disorderly Conduct	Disorderly conduct or loud, indecent or obscene conduct that is unwanted, and unreasonable for the area, time or manner that it occurs on University-owned or University-controlled property or at University sponsored functions.
20	Violation of Computer Use Policy	Unauthorized access and/or abuse of computer functions or equipment or any violations as outlined in the Colorado Mesa University Computer Use Policy.
21	Drug Abuse Violation	Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non- narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

22	Robbery -	The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
23	Theft	He/she knowingly obtains, retains, or exercise control over anything of value of another without authorization or by threat or deception.
24	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property is to willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.
25	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property-bias/motivated	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property is to willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it. Bias/motivated incident is an offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion
26	Aggravated Assault	An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were
27	Arson	The willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another kind.
28	Assault	Simple Assault is an unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. (Include all assaults which do not involve the use of a firearm, knife, cutting instrument or other dangerous weapon and in which the victim did not sustain serious or aggravated injuries.)
29	Larceny - Theft	Larceny - Theft is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. (Larceny and theft mean the same thing in the UCR.) Constructive possession is the condition in which a person does not have physical custody or possession, but is in a position to exercise dominion or control over a thing.

30	Weapon - Law Violation	The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.
31	Weapon possession	Possession of firearms or guns, replicas, ammunition, fireworks, knives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on campus. Non-threatening situation. Policy violation.
32	Dating Violence	The term dating violence means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship, the type of relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
33	Hazing	Hazing, defined as an act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group or organization.
34	Intimidation	Intimidation is to unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.
35	Intimidation – bias-motivated incident	Intimidation is to unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.
36	Stalking	A person or persons engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others or to suffer substantial emotional stress.
37	Violation of federal, state or municipal law	Conduct which could be viewed as a violation of federal, state and municipal law, or any other conduct not included above which adversely affects the function of the University and the pursuit of its educational purposes and objectives.
38	Domestic Violence	The term domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

39	Simple Assault - as a hate crime	Simple Assault is an unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. (This includes all assaults which do not involve the use of a firearm, knife, cutting instrument or other dangerous weapon and in which the victim did not sustain serious or aggravated injuries.)
40	Motor Vehicle Theft	The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned-including joy riding.)
41	Murder/Non- Negligent Manslaughter	The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. NOTE: Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are excluded.
42	Negligent Manslaughter	The killing of another person through gross negligence.
43	Sex Offense - Forcible	Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapacitated.
44	Sex Offense - Non-forcible	Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse. This includes incest and statutory rape.
45	Weapons Policy Violation	Weapons of any kind are not appropriate to the University experience and are not allowed on campus (see weapons policy in the Maverick Guide).
46	Violation of Civil/Criminal Law or University Policies	Conduct which could be viewed as a violation of federal, state and municipal law, or any other conduct not included above which adversely affects the function of the University and the pursuit of its educational purposes and objectives.
47	Violation of University Policies	Violation of rules governing residence in University owned or controlled property.
48	Misuse of MAVcard	Misuse of student identification or sharing card with others may result in loss of card of fines.

The University views violations of the Student Code of Conduct separate from the rule of law, which govern civil and criminal behavior. The University's role in Student Code of Conduct violations is to discipline and educate students, if found responsible for a violation, and not to prosecute students. Student Code of Conduct violations may parallel civil or criminal proceedings; however, student conduct proceedings, the standards of proof required, and the discipline imposed, are not intended to mirror, or even remotely resemble, the nature or substance of criminal procedures, criminal standards of proof, or criminal penalties. In fact, proceedings under the Student Code of Conduct may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal off-campus proceedings.

Standard of Proof

The University views violations of the Student Code of Conduct as a civil process and separate from formal legal proceedings, which govern civil and criminal behavior. Determinations of student responsibility shall be made on the basis of the preponderance of the evidence. "Preponderance of the evidence" is defined as whether it is more likely than not that a student committed the alleged violation(s). Overall, it is the responsibility of Director

of Campus Safety and Student Conduct, the Campus Student Conduct Board, the Residence Life Conduct Board, or the Academic Dishonesty Committee, as the case may be, to evaluate all evidence, statements, and witnesses to ensure every effort is made to arrive at the truth.

Student Conduct Authority

Infractions of University policy governing student behavior should be handled at the first level of authority when possible. If resolution is not achieved at this level, general campus violations should be directed to the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct.

Violations involving the Residence Life Community Standards should be directed to the appropriate Residence Life staff member. Generally, University jurisdiction and discipline shall be limited to conduct which occurs on University premises, property owned or controlled by the University, all satellite campuses, or at University authorized functions, or that which adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives. In those instances where a student displays a body of evidence of poor decisions and behavior both in and outside of the classroom, such as academic dishonesty coupled with other student conduct violations, the Vice President for Student Services and the Provost shall confer on appropriate action.

Student Conduct / Grievance Procedure

1. Any member of the University community may file a complaint against any other student ("respondent") for alleged misconduct. Allegations of misconduct should be prepared in writing and presented to the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct. The Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct will provide a Notice of Alleged Misconduct to the involved student(s) and conduct an investigation into the matter. If a reasonable basis exists to support an allegation, the respondent student may dispose of the allegation(s) during the course of an Administrative Hearing with the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct or his/her designee. If the alleged conduct violation fits within the guidelines of a petty offense or a misdemeanor offense as described by Colorado law, the allegation(s) will be addressed by the Student Conduct Officer. If the alleged conduct violation fits within the boundaries of a felony offense as described by Colorado law or is an assault-related offense, other than a sexual assault, when appropriate a student may elect to either resolve the allegation(s) during the course of an Administrative Hearing with the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct, or his/her designee, or during a hearing before a Campus Student Conduct Board The Campus Student Conduct Board is composed of six (6) members of the campus community, to include two students, two faculty members, and two staff members. Student representation on the Campus Student Conduct Board will consist of Associated Student Government Justices of the Supreme Court. Faculty representatives are appointed by the Faculty Senate and staff representatives are appointed by the Vice President for Student Services.
2. The Residence Life Conduct Board is composed of four or more residents from across campus and overseen by professional staff member of Residence Life. The Residence Life Conduct Board shall have jurisdiction to hear and resolve all complaints alleging a violation of Residence Life Community Standards other than complaints that involve allegations of petty offences, misdemeanors, and felonies, which are to be addressed by the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct, or complaints that involve allegations of Sexual Harassment, which are to be addressed by Campus Student Conduct Board.
3. All complaints that are based on behavior prohibited by Title IX (i.e., alleged Sexual Harassment which includes sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence) will be resolved by the Campus Student Conduct Board, as described in this section, with more specific procedures described above.
4. In the case of either an Administrative Hearing or a Campus Student Conduct Board hearing, all allegations and supporting witness statements, evidence, investigative reports, etc., shall be presented in advance to both the Complainant and Respondent. A hearing shall be called by the Vice President for Student Services (VPSS) in a timely fashion, with reasonable scheduling accommodations made to all

involved parties. The VPSS shall also designate one member of the Campus Student Conduct Board as Chairperson for the hearing.

5. Student Conduct Hearings shall be conducted by the Campus Student Conduct Board according to the following guidelines:
    a. Hearings normally shall be conducted in private and conducted on an informal basis. Every effort will be made to arrive at the truth and to insure a fair hearing without the appearance of a court proceeding.
    b. Admission of any person to the hearing shall be at the discretion of the designated Chairperson of the Campus Conduct Board after consultation with all involved parties.
    c. In hearings involving more than one accused student, the Campus Student Conduct Board, at its discretion, may permit the hearings concerning each student to be conducted separately or together, based on the circumstances.
    d. The Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be assisted by any Advisor they choose, generally at their own expense. However, in the event that a party is unable to procure an Advisor for the hearing, the party shall notify the Title IX Coordinator at least 10 days in advance of the hearing and the University will appoint an Advisor for the party at the expense of the University. The advisor may be an attorney, friend, family member, appointed Advocate, etc. Except in the instances of the cross examination of the other party, the complainant and/or respondent is responsible for representing themselves and speaking on their own behalf. The Advisor may, however, advise the student during the hearing.
    e. The Campus Student Conduct Board, Complainant and Respondent may call witnesses, who may be subjected to questioning by all involved parties. Pertinent records, exhibits, and written statements may be accepted as evidence for consideration at the discretion of the Campus Student Conduct Board. To the maximum extent practicable, all available and pertinent records, exhibits, proposed witnesses, and written statements shall be presented to all parties in advance of the hearing.
    f. All procedural questions are subject to final decision by the assigned Chairperson of the Campus Student Conduct Board or, in the case of an Administrative Hearing, the Student Conduct Officer. Following the hearing, the Campus Student Conduct Board shall make a determination of responsibility on the basis of whether it is more likely than not that the Respondent violated the Student Code of Conduct. The Complainant and the Respondent shall be notified of the outcome of the hearing, including the finding of responsibility and sanctions, if any, concurrently and as reasonably soon after the hearing as possible.
6. Should a student disregard a notice to appear before the Campus Student Conduct Board or the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct, the hearing process will continue without the student's participation, a determination of responsibility will be made using the available information and evidence, and sanction(s) will be imposed, as appropriate, if the student is found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
7. There shall be a single verbatim record - such as audio/video/written - of hearing proceedings. The record shall be the property of the University.
8. At the discretion of the Vice President for Student Services (VPSS), in extraordinary circumstances an administrative hearing may be held in lieu of a Campus Student Conduct Board (CSCB) hearing, in which case the VPSS or his/her designee shall conduct the hearing, subject to the equivalent guidelines of a CSCB hearing. Such an administrative hearing in lieu of a CSCB shall only be called for in instances whereby (1) a CSCB cannot practicably set a hearing in a reasonable time frame, and (2) material harm/damage may be experienced by one or more parties as a result.

Note(s):
If student has a disability and would like to request an accommodation to assist her/him through the discipline process, he/she may do so by informing the Director of Campus Safety & Student Conduct, the Title IX Coordinator, or the Office of the Vice President for Student Services, who will then work with Educational Access Services (EAS) to assess and accommodate the request as approved by EAS.
In the event a student decides to leave the University prior to his/her Administrative Hearing or Campus Student Conduct Board Hearing, a Disciplinary Hold shall be placed on the student record and the student will be required to attend the hearing prior to re-admittance to the University.

Sanctions

The following sanctions may be imposed upon a student found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct:

1. Warning - A notice in writing to the student that the student is violating or has violated institutional regulations.
2. Probation - A written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. Probation is for a designated period of time and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions if the student is found to be in violation of any institutional regulation(s) during the probationary period.
3. Loss of Privileges - Denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time. This can include placing a disciplinary hold on all academic records and accounts.
4. Restitution - Compensation for loss, damage, or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.
5. For violations of Residence Life Community Standards, fines may be levied for each violation and can increase in amount for repeated violations
6. Discretionary Sanctions - Work assignments, service to the University or other related discretionary assignments, reflection papers, educational group attendance, counseling, specific classes directed at correction of behavior, etc.
    a. Restrictions:
        - Of Entry: Removal of the privilege of entering or visiting some or all areas of the campus.
        - Of Participation: Limitations on participation in specific co-curricular activities, use of certain facilities or services, or other social restrictions.
        - Of Contact: Prohibition of unnecessary and avoidable contact.
    b. Behavior Contract – A Behavior Contract is a directive from the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct or Campus Student Conduct Board that details specific sanctions/conditions that the student must adhere to as a result of a finding of responsible during the course of a hearing. A Behavior Contract is established for a defined period of time. A Behavior Contract may be used as a support tool for students with previous criminal involvement who are allowed admission to the University.
    c. Eviction - Termination of the right of a student, group or organization to space on campus. Student may forfeit tuition and fees (i.e., residence hall eviction).
    d. University Suspension - Separation of the student from the University for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified. Student may forfeit possible refund of tuition and fees (i.e., residence hall eviction) if found responsible and suspended.
    e. University Expulsion - Permanent separation of the student from the University. University Expulsion is limited to the Campus Student Conduct Board's discretion in cases involving allegations of serious misconduct which would be a felony under Colorado law or in assault-related offenses or sexual assault. Student may forfeit tuition and fees (i.e., residence hall eviction) if found responsible and expelled.

More than one of the sanctions listed above may be imposed for any single violation. Other than University expulsion, disciplinary sanctions shall not be made part of the student's permanent record, but shall become part of the student's confidential disciplinary record, to be purged after seven (7) years.

The following sanction may be imposed upon groups or organizations:

1. Those sanctions listed above, 1 through 7.
2. Deactivation - loss of privileges, including University recognition for a specified period of time.

Citation Outcomes

The following are typical sanctions for citation-level offenses:

1. Excessive noise or other disruptive behavior.
    a. First Citation: Admonition/Letter of warning
    b. Second Citation: $25 fine and meeting with Area Coordinator/Conduct Officer.
    c. Third Citation: $100 fine and a Hearing to consider further sanctions.
2. Actions that endanger health or safety.
    a. Any action that endangers the health and safety of campus community members.
    b. Obstructing hallways, fire exits or room doors, damaging exit signs, or otherwise compromising fire egress or safety equipment.
        a. First Citation: $100 fine
        b. Second Violation: Conduct meeting w/ Coordinator or Conduct Officer
3. Propping locked security doors or otherwise compromising security equipment or facilities.
    a. First Citation: $25 fine.
    b. Second Citation: $50 fine and meeting w/ Coordinator or Conduct Officer
4. Possession of candles, oil lamps, incense, or other open flames (or storage of flammable materials).
    a. First Citation: $25 fine and immediate removal of items.
    b. Second Citation: $50 fine and meeting w/ Coordinator or Conduct Officer
5. Breaches of Residence Life
    a. Unauthorized removal of furniture from lounges and other public areas.
        i. First Citation: Admonition/Letter of warning
        ii. Second Citation: $25 fine.
        iii. Third Citation: $50 fine and meeting with Coordinator.
    b. Unauthorized animals in residence halls
        i. First Citation: Admonition/Letter of warning/removal of animal
        ii. Second Citation: $50 fine and immediate removal of animal.
        iii. Third Citation: $100 fine and hearing to consider other sanctions
        iv. Fraudulent portraying of service animals will be prosecuted by law. Animal control will be contacted, and animal will be removed
    c. Possession of prohibited appliances.
        i. First Citation: Admonition/Letter of warning and removal of item(s).
        ii. Second Citation: $25 fine and immediate removal of item(s).
        iii. Third Citation: $50 fine, confiscation, meeting w/ Coordinator.
    d. Unauthorized room changes or occupying both side of a room
        i. First Citation: $100 and meeting w/ Coordinator
        ii. Second Violation: Conduct meeting w/ Coordinator and an additional fine.
        iii. Third Violation: Charge for all occupied spaces.
    e. Removal of window screen.
        i. First Citation: Admonition/Letter of warning
        ii. Second Citation: $25 fine.
        iii. Third Citation: $50 fine.
    f. Smoking or using smokeless tobacco where not permitted.

i. First Citation: $100 fine.
ii. Second Citation: Conduct meeting w/ Coordinator

g. Incidents involving Alcohol and Marijuana – see matrix page 36 Alcohol and Drug Policy
h. Occupying both sides of a double
   i. First Citation: $100 fine, 24 hours to move belongings
   ii. Second Citation: charge for complete room

Interim Suspension

The Vice President for Student Services and/or Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct reserves the right to temporarily suspend a student without prejudice pending the outcome of an Administrative Hearing or a Campus Student Conduct Board Hearing under the following circumstances:

1. Interim suspension may be imposed only:
   a. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of members of the University community or preservation of University property;
   b. To ensure the student's own physical or emotional safety and wellbeing;
   c. If the student poses an immediate threat of disruption of, or interference with, the normal operation of the University.
2. During the interim suspension, students shall be denied access to the campus, including classes and/or all other University activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible, as determined by the Vice President for Student Services.

Administrative Dismissal

Administrative dismissal indicates a permanent, involuntary separation of the student from Colorado Mesa University due to violations of student conduct policies, or failure to meet institutional requirements as outlined in the Maverick Guide. These violations include, but are not limited to:

1. Demonstrates ongoing behavior that is unreasonably disruptive to the normal learning processes and orderly operation of the University; and/or
2. Demonstrates behavior that endangers him/herself and unreasonably disrupts the campus community; and/or
3. Demonstrates behavior that endangers others or that creates a direct threat that may endanger others.

Administrative dismissal results in a permanent notation on the student's official transcript, indicating the effective date of termination of enrollment. CMU will use the date the institution finalizes the dismissal as the official termination date. Dismissed students are not eligible for readmission.

In the event there is evidence that the student poses an immediate threat to his or herself or others, the Student Conduct Officer or appropriate University official may impose an immediate interim suspension of the student until such time that the student issue can be handled in an appropriate manner in accordance with the Maverick Guide.

Administrative dismissal from Colorado Mesa University (CMU) refers to the involuntary removal of a student from the university due to violations of student conduct policies, or other institutional regulations. The dismissal policy is outlined below:

1. Rationale for Administrative Dismissal

Administrative dismissal may occur due to the following:

- **Student Conduct Violations** (e.g., harassment, violence, drug or alcohol violations)

2. Violation Criteria

CMU's Student Code of Conduct Policies outlines the specific criteria for dismissal. Some key criteria include:

- Engaging in behavior that threatens campus safety or disrupts the learning environment.

3. Procedures for Administrative Dismissal

The process typically follows these steps:

1. **Notification** – The student receives written notice outlining the reason for dismissal.
2. **Final Decision** – The university administration, VPAA or a designated body makes a final ruling.
3. **Official Removal** – The student is removed from enrollment, and their access to university resources is terminated.
4. **Appeal** – Students have the right to appeal sanctions made against them.
    1. Student conduct dismissals can be appealed through the Student Services Office.

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2. Demonstrates behavior that endangers him/herself/there self and unreasonably disrupts the campus community; and/or
3. Demonstrates behavior that endangers others or that creates a direct threat that may endanger others.

An administrative suspension is imposed for a specified period, with a minimum duration of one academic year. This action is taken when the nature of the violation warrants a temporary separation to uphold the integrity and safety of the University community. During the suspension period, the student is not permitted to enroll in any classes or participate in university activities.
Following the suspension period, the student may be required to meet specific conditions for reinstatement. An administrative suspension results in a permanent notation on the student's official transcript.

Administrative Suspension from Colorado Mesa University (CMU), refers to a temporary, involuntary separation of a student from the university due violations of conduct policies, or other institutional regulations.

Rationale for Administrative Suspension:

- **Conduct Violations:** Engaging in behavior that violates the **Student Code of Conduct**, including but not limited to:
    - Actions that disrupt the learning environment
    - Threats to campus safety
    - Violence, harassment, or discrimination
    - Drug or alcohol policy violations

Violation Criteria:

- A first violation of the student code of conduct that significantly disrupts university operations, endangers others, or violates major policies may lead to immediate suspension or dismissal (Administrative Dismissal)

Procedures for Administering Administrative Suspension:

1. **Notification:** The student receives a written notice detailing the reason(s) for the suspension.
2. **Review Process:** Depending on the violation, the case may be reviewed by:
    - The **Vice President Student Services** (for behavioral misconduct cases)
    - **Appeal** – Students have the right to appeal sanctions for made against them and can be submitted to the Student Services Office.
3. **Re-Enrollment:** After the suspension period, students must apply for **readmission**, which may require demonstrating improved adherence to university policies.

Transcript Notation for Administrative Dismissal or Suspension

Event: Administratively Dismissed or Suspended

Reason: Student Conduct
Decision: MM/DD/YYYY

Student Appeal Rights for Sanctions
A decision reached and/or a sanction imposed by the Director of Campus Safety and Student Conduct may be appealed by either the complainant or the respondent student within (5) working days of said decision to the Vice President for Student Services. Such appeals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Vice President for Student Services.

Except as required to explain the basis of new evidence, an appeal shall be limited to review of the verbatim record of the initial hearing and supporting documents for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To determine whether the original hearing was conducted fairly in light of the charges and evidence presented, and in conformity with prescribed procedures giving the complaining party a reasonable opportunity to prepare and to present a rebuttal of those allegations;
2. To determine whether the decision reached was based on substantial evidence, that is, whether the facts in the case were sufficient to establish that it was more likely than not that a violation of the Student Code of Conduct occurred;
3. To determine if the sanction(s) imposed were appropriate given the violation of the Student Code of Conduct which the student was found to have committed;
4. To consider new evidence, sufficient to alter a decision, or other relevant facts not brought out in the original hearing, because such evidence and/or facts were not known to the person appealing at the time of the original hearing;

All sanctions will be considered in full effect during the appeal process; that is, students will be expected to abide by all sanctions even if the student has appealed his or her sanctions.

In instances where the VPSS has a conflict, he/she shall designate another appellate officer from the university's executive management team (e.g., the Provost, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, etc.) to determine the appeal.

Interpretation and Revision
Any question of interpretation regarding the Student Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Vice President for Student Services or his/her designee for final determination.

It is reasonable to expect that some students will not agree with established policies. Means to implement change are available to students via student government representation and/or formal proposals for policy change to the University Administration. However, until a particular policy is administratively altered, students are responsible to abide by published policies or risk being held accountable for misconduct. The Student Code of Conduct shall be reviewed at least once every year under the direction of the Vice President for Student Services or his/her designee.

A Resolution Concerning Expectations Regarding Safety, Violence, Intimidation, Abuse and Discrimination at Colorado Mesa University

WHEREAS Colorado Mesa University values the free exchange of ideas among students, faculty, staff and members of the community on each of its campuses; AND

WHEREAS Colorado Mesa University embraces its role as the cultural hub of western Colorado, bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds and interests to participate, foster, and promote a balanced exchange of civil dialogue; AND

WHEREAS Colorado Mesa University constantly strives to nurture a respectful, inclusive, physically and emotionally safe campus culture free of violence, physical or verbal abuse, intimidation or discrimination, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation; AND

WHEREAS victims and witnesses of violence, intimidation, abuse and discrimination may be reluctant to seek assistance or report such instances for fear of retaliation or further discrimination; AND

WHEREAS students enrolled at Colorado Mesa University share a responsibility with faculty, staff and other members of the campus community to uphold the highest possible standards of civil and ethical conduct, promote a culture of respect and inclusiveness, and model thoughtful approaches to difficult issues by protecting free and open discussion, the right to due process, and an expectation that all members of the campus community will be held accountable for both words and actions; AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES condemns in the strongest
terms possible any act of violence, intimidation, verbal or physical abuse or discrimination on each of its campuses and in the communities which we serve. Further, the Board of Trustees calls upon each member of the campus community—students, faculty, and staff—to embrace a culture of respect and inclusiveness and to report immediately, through the Crime Stoppers hotline for confidentiality if deemed necessary**,** any acts of violence, intimidation, abuse or discrimination, suffered or observed, immediately in accordance with the CMU employee handbook, the CMU student code of conduct, and/or applicable local, state, or federal laws.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of August, 2012.

University Life

Colorado Mesa University boasts more than 100 student clubs and organizations that students may join. Successful students are not only committed to their academics; they are also engaged in the life of the community outside of the classroom. We encourage all students to take part in the numerous programs, events, clubs and organizations here at Colorado Mesa University.

Enhancing academic studies with involvements outside the classroom can enable a student to meet new people, and become more marketable to potential employers. Being actively involved in campus life will make the college experience transforming and memorable.

Associated Student Government – University Center (asg@coloradomesa.edu)
The Associated Student Government (ASG) is the representative body and official voice for the students of Colorado Mesa University. Meetings are open to all students. Seats on the ASG consist of student elected school representatives, senators, and presidents.

The ASG meets on a weekly basis. Student representatives on the ASG have the opportunity to represent student opinions to the University, to work with campus affairs, and to organize programs and activities.

Campus Design Studio – University Center (cds@coloradomesa.edu)
Campus Design Studio (CDS) is a student-staffed, full-service graphic design studio. Student Clubs, Organizations and Departments may contract with the CDS to design posters, brochures, certificates, invitations, logos and other print items.

Club Advisory Board – University Center (cab@coloradomesa.edu)

Students are encouraged to become active participants in the clubs and organizations of their choice or start a new one! We offer academic-based clubs, religious clubs, special interest clubs and more! For current listing of all the officially registered clubs on campus visit the Presence app in MAVzone. Students can also register a new club by emailing CAB if we do not currently offer a club that meets their interests.

Greek Life – University Center (studentlife@coloradomesa.edu)
Sororities and fraternities offer students experience in leadership development, scholarship, social interaction, philanthropic opportunities, and lifelong friendships. CMU has 2 Sororities (Alpha Sigma Alpha & Gamma Phi Beta) and 2 Fraternities (Kappa Sigma and Theta Xi.). Each group offers a friendship and comradery that will last beyond graduation. All fraternity and sorority life organizations are required to abide by the Greek Life Handbook, which is available by contacting the Student Life Office.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Admission to regular-season athletic events is free for Colorado Mesa University students. Students must show their CMU Digital ID, available in MAVzone, upon entry. Those interested in joining an athletic team should reach out to the head coach of the sport.

Intramural and Club Sports

(970-248-1591) Intramural Sports (intramurals@coloradomesa.edu)

(970-248-1115) Club Sports

CMU Athletics offers teams inside and outside the NCAA. Unless expressly stated otherwise, all Club Sports and Intramural Sports will be governed by applicable NCAA rules and regulations Please review the CMU Athletic website for more information.

Criterion – University Center (criterion@coloradomesa.edu)
Since 1931, the *Criterion* has been the news voice of Colorado Mesa University. The *Criterion*, a weekly publication, is student- run and student-supported. Students and staff are encouraged to submit items of interest for possible publication.

Cultural Inclusion Council – University Center (cic@coloradomesa.edu)
The student-led Cultural Inclusion Council (CIC) strives to promote inclusion and foster a sense of belonging on campus and in the surrounding community by connecting students to support services and creating opportunities for people to connect cross-culturally through events, education, and open respectful dialogue. The CIC is made up of seven multi-cultural groups: Black Student Alliance, Genders and Sexualities Alliance, Ho'olokahi Polynesian Alliance, Asian Student Alliance, International Student Alliance, Latino Student Alliance, and Native American Student Association. The CIC alliance offices are located on the second floor of the University Center in the Student Life Office.

CMU Media – Escalante Hall (cmu-tv@coloradomesa.edu)
CMU Media is student managed and operated. The station creates, develops, promotes, films and edits the content. Ranging from ASG debates to CMU sporting events or large-scale Student Life events, CMU TV is involved in several aspects. CMU TV has been operating as a club for the past several years and was approved as a student fee funded organization in the Fall of 2016. The staff invites all students to join, whether

interested in creating content, serving as on-air talent, or just intrigued by TV broadcasting, head by the studio located on the 1st floor of Escalante Hall.

Horizon Magazine – University Center
Horizon Magazine is a full-color student magazine produced once each semester by CMU students. Horizon is a general interest magazine that contains feature articles and photography of the people, places and events that make up the community. Two thousand copies are distributed around campus and many other locations in Grand Junction. The magazine has expanded its reach by creating a full website containing the content from each issue. For the past three years Horizon has been awarded the Society of Professional Journalist' Mark of Excellence Award for best overall student magazine in Region 9.

Literary Review – Escalante Hall (literaryreview@coloradomesa.edu)
The Literary Review, the campus prose, poetry, and visual/graphic art magazine, publishes the best of student works each spring. Since it began publication in 1972, the Review has won many regional awards for its content and format. The staff invites all students to submit short stories, poetry, non-fiction essay, and art to the juried magazine for possible publication.

Programming Activities Council (PAC) – University Center (pac@coloradomesa.edu)
The Programming Activities Council is a student-run organization that brings high-quality entertainment to campus to enrich the lives of students outside the classroom. PAC programs include concerts, comedians, late-night programming, movies, Welcome Week, Homecoming, and much more.

MAVrides – University Center (970-248-2222 or mavrides@coloradomesa.edu)
Operating hours are Thursday through Saturday nights from 9:00 PM to 3:00 AM whenever the fall and spring semesters are in session. Call 970-248-2222 during operating hours for a ride.

CMU Tech Shuttle – The CMU Tech Shuttle offers transportation to and from CMU Main Campus to CMU Tech Campus. The CMU Tech Shuttle runs Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM.

Rowdy Wranglers – University Center (rowdywranglers@coloradomesa.edu)
The Rowdy Wranglers is an organization that allows students and the grand valley to interact with the heaviest animal ran in all the NCAA. Students a part of the organization learn about agriculture and care of a 1700lb steer along with having the opportunity to showcase him at CMU events.

Sustainability Council (sustainabilitycouncil@coloradomesa.edu)
The Sustainability Council works to introduce sustainable practices through education and student-led initiatives in order to inspire Colorado Mesa University faculty, staff, and students to celebrate and protect the Earth and its resources. We aim to cultivate a campus-wide culture that values our public lands, reduces our impacts, and celebrates sustainable advancements on an individual and community-wide scale.

Chicago Statement
Colorado Mesa University supports the freedom to debate and discuss the merits of competing ideas. Without the fermentation of such debates, we will cease to flourish – culturally, socially, and individually. We do not exist to shield each other from offensive and uncomfortable ideas. Rather, our purpose in learning at the university level is to support free speech so that we can work through the problems and structures that have deeply

defined us in the past. Free speech is the best path forward to solving our problems. Visit our website for more information on free speech and civil discourse: https://www.coloradomesa.edu/free-speech/index.html.

Voter Registration Materials

The Institution must make voter registration materials available to students. While CMU does include information about voter registration in some electronic communications, the message is not exclusively devoted to voter registration. The Institution must also include in its student consumer information where the materials can be obtained and who can help the students obtain the materials. The Institution could designate a single office or department to be responsible for this task.

Citation

U.S.C. 1094(a)

(23)(A) The institution, if located in a State to which section 1973gg–2 (b) of title 42 does not apply, will make a good faith effort to distribute a mail voter registration form, requested and received from the State, to each student enrolled in a degree or certificate program and physically in attendance at the institution, and to make such forms widely available to students at the institution.

(B) The institution shall request the forms from the State 120 days prior to the deadline for registering to vote within the State. If an institution has not received a sufficient quantity of forms to fulfill this section from the State within 60 days prior to the deadline for registering to vote in the State, the institution shall not be held liable for not meeting the requirements of this section during that election year.

(C) This paragraph shall apply to general and special elections for Federal office, as defined in section 431 (3) of title 2, and to the elections for Governor or other chief executive within such State).[1]

(D) The institution shall be considered in compliance with the requirements of subparagraph (A) for each student to whom the institution electronically transmits a message containing a voter registration form acceptable for use in the State in which the institution is located, or an Internet address where such a form can be downloaded, if such information is in an electronic message devoted exclusively to voter registration.

Montrose Campus, Colorado Mesa University
245 South Cascade Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401
(970) 249-7009

The Montrose campus of Colorado Mesa University is a growing and thriving part of the Colorado Mesa system. With over 300 students currently enrolled in certificate, associate, and bachelor degree completion tracks, general education classes and selected upper division classes, Colorado Mesa Montrose is a prime higher education hub for students in southwestern Colorado.

With the growth of CMU Montrose, providing quality student services has been of great importance. The staff of the Montrose campus ensures many services are made available to students.

CMU Montrose Campus
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 970-249-7009
Fax: 970-249-2579
Web: coloradomesa.edu/montrose

Services available at CMU Montrose Campus

- **Academic Advising.** The IRIS team at CMU Montrose supports students with exploring majors, scheduling classes, navigating programs, and fulfilling degree requirements. Students may schedule an appointment with an IRIS Advisor on the Montrose campus, stop by the Montrose IRIS location, or call or email IRIS for assistance.
- **Housing.** Housing is available on the Montrose campus in Kyle House; see Residence Life for availability and details.
- **Center for Academic Support (CAS).** The CAS is a FREE academic service for all CMU students. Tutors are available at the Montrose Campus; check out the website for the Montrose schedule: www.coloradomesa.edu/tutoring or call (970) 248-1392.
- **Educational Access Services (EAS).** Students with disabilities requesting ADA accommodations are encouraged to contact EAS 970-248-1856 or eas@coloradomesa.edu to make arrangements to meet in person or virtually to determine appropriate services.
- Library. Working on a paper and need assistance? Many research databases and other resources are available online through Tomlinson Library. Books and other physical items can be requested from Tomlinson Library or Prospector and delivered to the Montrose campus within a few days. Professional librarians can provide help via chat or Zoom consultations; visit the website at coloradomesa.edu/library for resources or to message a librarian.
- **Financial Aid Counseling.** T The IRIS team at CMU Montrose provides comprehensive financial counseling. Supports include help with navigating the financial aid process, completing the FAFSA/CASFA, understanding financial aid awards, and making a plan for how to pay for college. Students may schedule an appointment with an IRIS Advisor on the Montrose campus, stop by the Montrose IRIS location, or call or email IRIS for assistance.
- **Fitness Center.** The Montrose Campus has a fitness area for students! It includes four cardio machines and other strength and stretch equipment to offer a full body workout. It is located in Cascade Hall and is available with MAVcard access.
- **Career Counseling**. A career services staff member visits with Montrose campus students routinely , conducting various workshops (e.g., resume writing, major exploration, interview preparation, career planning)**.**
- **Associated Student Government.** A Montrose Campus student represents the student body by serving in a senator position with the Associated Student Government (ASG). The ASG senator meets frequently with fellow Montrose students and also participates in ASG activities/meetings on the main

campus. The ASG representatives meet each semester on the Montrose campus and welcome student participation, as well as student concerns.

Student Accounts
Student account transactions area all completed online. The Montrose campus office is not able to accept payments.

Drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation or re-entry programs are available to students and/or employees through the following resources:

Montrose Regional Health
800 South 3rd
Montrose, CO 81401
(970) 249-2211

Axis Health System – Montrose
605 Miami Road
Montrose, Colorado 81401
(970) 252-3200

CMU TECH – Bishop Campus
(970) 255-2670

CMU Tech, primarily located at the Bishop campus of Colorado Mesa University is a growing and thriving part of the Colorado Mesa system. With over 2000 students currently enrolled in certificate, associate of applied science, selected general education classes and significant non-credit classes CMU Tech provides state-of-the-art career and technical education that meets the professional education needs of western Colorado's residents. CMU Tech is a prime higher education hub for students in western Colorado.

With the growth in technical degrees and certificate programs, providing quality student services in a professional and supportive environment has been of great importance. The staff ensures services are made available to students.

CMU Tech – Bishop Campus
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Phone: (970) 255.2670
Fax: (970) 255-2550

Services available at CMU Tech– Bishop Campus

- **IRIS – Integrated Resources for Information and Solutions. The CMU Tech Student Support Center** in Kayenta Hall is the one stop for all student business support and help. Students may schedule appointments or drop by the IRIS office , call, or email for help Services include (but are not limited to):
    - **Academic Advising:** Get help with academic planning, course selection, major exploration, and more.
    - **Registration:** Get help navigating the registration process and adding/dropping classes.
    - **Financial Counseling:** Get help completing a FAFSA or CASFA, understanding your financial aid and educational costs, setting up a payment plan, estimating expenses for future semester, and navigating ePay.
    - **Student Accounts**. Advisors can help students find and understand their bill, set up payment plans, as well as accept cash or check tuition payments.
    - **Policy Questions**: Get help understanding different academic and institutional policies, holds, forms, etc.
    - **MAVzone Questions:** Get help navigating MAVzone and completing self-service activities like requesting transcripts, submitting forms, or updating your address.
    - **Get Connected:** Not sure who to ask? IRIS Advisors can help find the answer or get students connected to the right resource. *Remember if you have questions, you can always ask IRIS!*
- **Testing Center.** All CMU Tech students have access to the Testing Center located at the main CMU campus.
- **Center for Academic Support.** The CAS is a FREE academic service for all CMU students. Tutors may be available at the Bishop Campus if the demand is present. Please call (970) 258-1392 with requests for tutoring.
- **Educational Access Services (EAS).** Students with disabilities requesting ADA accommodations are encouraged to contact EAS 970-248-1856 or eas@coloradomesa.edu to meet in person or virtually to determine appropriate services.
- Library. Working on a paper and need assistance? Many research databases and other resources are available online through Tomlinson Library. Books and other physical items can be requested from Tomlinson Library or Prospector and delivered to the Bishop campus within a few days. Professional librarians can provide help via chat or Zoom consultations; visit the website at coloradomesa.edu/library

for resources or to message a librarian. In-person help and direct access to library materials are available at Tomlinson Library on the Main Campus, just a few minutes away by inter-campus shuttle.

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- **Career Counseling**. CMU Alumni & Career Services is available to assist CMU Tech students looking for help regarding resume writing, interview skills, and job searches. Students may work with Career Services in Rotary Hall on the CMU campus or arrange to meet with a representative on the CMU Tech campus.
- **Associated Student Government.** All college students enrolled at CMU Tech are represented by the Associated Student Government (ASG). The ASG representatives meet each semester on the CMU Tech - Bishop campus and welcome student participation, as well as student concerns.

Drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation or re-entry programs are available to students and/or employees through the following resources:

CMU Student Wellness Center
(970) 644-3740 1060
1060 Orchard Avenue, Suite N, Grand Junction, CO 81501
https://www.coloradomesa.edu/wellness/