

Lifestyle Expectations

As Christian scholars, we take responsibility for our academic work. Members of the community are subject to the demands of academic integrity such as honesty and giving appropriate credit to sources. Plagiarism and academic dishonesty in any form is not allowed.

Corporate worship, fellowship and instruction are an integral part of a vibrant Christ-centered community. *Therefore, students are expected to attend chapel.* Regular attendance is understood as a mature response to our community goals. Chapel attendance is required.

We celebrate our freedom and responsibility to worship. Members of the community are to observe the Lord's Day (Sunday) as a day set apart primarily for worship, fellowship, ministry and rest. While activities such as recreation may be a part of the day, "business as usual" relative to University programs and services will not be sanctioned or encouraged except where absolutely necessary.

Our community embraces health in mind, body and spirit. The university recognizes the danger to one's physical and psychological well-being in the use of certain products. Therefore, members of the community are to refrain from the use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, hallucinogenic drugs, and substances (including marijuana) or narcotics not authorized by a physician. Under no other circumstances are the above to be used, possessed or distributed on or away from campus. Members are expected not to abuse the use of legal substances.

Our bodies and our relationships are to remain sexually pure. We do not condone sexual relations before marriage, outside of marriage, or homosexual practices. The viewing or possession of pornography in any form is not allowed on or off campus.

Our community strives to make life-enhancing choices in entertainment. Students are expected to be selective in their choices of entertainment and recreation. All entertainment choices (e.g. television, video, movies, Internet, computer games, music, publications, etc.) should be limited to those which contribute to healthy spiritual, intellectual and social development of community members. Activities and entertainment that are of questionable value or diminish a person's moral sensitivity should be avoided including those that exhibit explicit violence and sexuality.

In the spirit of Romans 14:19-23 and 1 Corinthians 10:31-33, this community affirms that careful attention be given to not offend a fellow Christian by any action or behavior of its members, including decisions about entertainment.

We desire to be wise stewards of our resources. Gambling (exchange of money and goods by betting or wagering) is viewed as an unwise use of God-given resources, and therefore is not acceptable.

We are committed to the God given dignity of every individual. Discrimination against others on the basis of race, national origin, sex, religious denomination or disability in any form is not acceptable.

We are committed to a safe and nurturing community. Any kind of demeaning gesture, harassment, sexual harassment, threat of violence or physical attack is prohibited. Sexual Assault and Sexual Predation (the latter defined as any kind of sexual activity that is committed

through coercion or manipulation--emotional, social, or by means of alcohol or other substances) will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Vandalism of property is also unacceptable. Students are expected to exercise moderation regarding public displays of affection.

Honesty, purity and holiness are cornerstones to integrity in leadership. Therefore, theft, lying, dishonesty, gossip, slander, profanity, vulgarity (including crude language), drunkenness, immodesty of dress and occult practice are prohibited.

We dress to show respect for ourselves and our creator. Students are expected to wear clothing that is both modest and gender appropriate. Swimsuits, sports bras or other clothing that exposes midriffs may not be worn in common areas of the university campus. Clothing with slogans, logos, or pictures that are not in keeping with Christian values is not permitted. Students are expected to maintain good hygiene and wear shoes in common areas of the campus. Moderation should be exercised when wearing or applying body jewelry and body art.

Individual departments may maintain specific standards that apply to student appearance while participating in practicum, internships, performances or other university representation. Northwest University reserves the right to maintain standards of appearance for all students.