Student Policies and Regulations

VCUarts Pre-College Summer Intensive students are expected to be responsible and mature members of the VCU living and learning community. Students recognize that respect for others is essential to establishing a highly functioning living environment. Respect for both the personnel and the property of VCU is expected at all times.

Responsibilities
Each student assumes personal responsibility to maintain a climate of mutual respect and trust which fosters growth and learning. The Program Director, Head of Residence Life, senior counselors, counselors and faculty members to whom disciplinary authority is delegated are responsible for consistently and uniformly applying all policies and regulations.

General Rules
While participating in Summer Intensive activities, no student shall violate program rules and regulations. Infractions of these rules will result in disciplinary action and may result in immediate dismissal from the program:

1. Students will be escorted by a VCU staff member at all times while participating in the intensive.
2. We have a zero tolerance policy regarding inappropriate behavior. Students shall not behave in a disorderly or inappropriate manner, or in any other manner to interrupt or disturb the operation of their classes, the program or its activities.
3. All students are responsible for the care and preservation of their rooms, study areas and all other dormitory facilities. Damage to school property, including lost room keys and meal cards, will be repaired or replaced at the expense of the student causing the damage.
4. All students are expected to participate in every program activity, including meals, classes, evening activities, etc. Class attendance is required except as excused by the Program Director or a physician.
5. Students are not allowed to ride in vehicles at any time during the program unless accompanied by a program staff member or given written permission by his/her parent/guardian.
6. Students will turn off mobile phones during all program activities to minimize interruptions and maximize learning.
7. Students must abide by curfews. Absence from the campus without the director’s prior approval, absence from one’s assigned residence hall after curfew, visiting rooms assigned to the opposite sex after curfew and harboring guests and visitors may result in immediate dismissal from the Program.
8. Students shall not fight, display or contribute to aggressive behavior that is disruptive or dangerous.
9. Students shall not willfully or maliciously injure, deface or destroy Program property, VCU property or the property of others.

10. Students must bring enough medication (OTC and prescription) to last the duration of the Summer Intensive. All medication must be turned over to the Head and Assistant Head of Residence upon check-in and will be dispensed when needed. Exceptions: inhalers and epi pens, which the student can carry at all times with parent/guardian permission.

**Violations of Virginia Code**

Failing to abide by the following may result in immediate dismissal from the program and possible prosecution under Virginia law:

1. According to VA Code Section 4.1-305 and related sections, no person under 21 years of age may lawfully purchase or possess alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Infractions of this law will result in dismissal from the program and possible prosecution.

2. According to VA Code Sections 18.2-250 and 18.2-250.1, the possession, use, distribution, manufacture or sale of legally controlled substances or drug paraphernalia is prohibited. Infractions of this law will result in dismissal from the program and possible prosecution.

3. Smoking is prohibited for all participants, no matter what their age, and will not be tolerated.

4. Graffiti and tagging are serious forms of property damage. In Richmond, this is a criminal offense that is taken very seriously by the City of Richmond police, the judicial system, the VCU police, and University officials. Several former Art Foundation students have recently completed prison terms for this offense. A first offense has a **MINIMUM sentence of 90 days**. The most recent sentence for a student found guilty of property damage was **15 months in jail**. Any infraction of this law will result in program dismissal and possible prosecution.

5. Possession of a firearm, stun gun, other weapon or look-a-like weapons on school property is prohibited. Fireworks and explosives are also prohibited. Infractions of these laws will result in dismissal from the program and possible prosecution.

6. Students are not to tamper with fire alarms. Any person who without just cause, calls or summons, by telephone or otherwise, any ambulance or fire-fighting apparatus, or any person who maliciously activates a manual or automatic fire alarm in any building shall be deemed guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Such infractions will result in dismissal from the program and possible prosecution.

7. Art tools such as palate knives, etc. are to be utilized only in classrooms and only while working on art projects. They are never to be utilized to threaten other students.

8. Nothing may be thrown out of the dormitory windows. Throwing items out of the windows is a felony. Students will be immediately dismissed for such offenses.

9. Students may not drastically alter their appearance while attending the Intensive. This includes haircuts and hair dying. Parental permission is required before students undertake such activities.
Enforcement of Rules
The Program Director may exercise disciplinary measures, including dismissal from the program, after giving the student notice of the charges against him or her. If the student denies the charges, he or she will have an opportunity to present his or her version of what occurred during an informal hearing that will be held as soon as possible after the alleged misconduct. During this hearing an explanation of the facts as known by Summer Intensive personnel will also be presented.

Should a student leave the program at any time before the end of the program, regardless of the reason, no refunds will be made.
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Student and Parent Agreement

1. We hereby certify that we have read and understood the policies and regulations that will be in effect throughout the Summer Intensive. We have kept a copy of the policies and we agree to abide by these policies and regulations throughout the entire program.

2. We hereby certify that we have read and understand the Incident Report and the types of incidents listed. We further certify that it is up to the discretion of the Summer Intensive Staff to determine if there is a reason to report an incident that is not on this list.

3. We also certify that we have read the Residence Life Manual on the Summer Intensive website under “Accepted Students” and “Policies” and agree to abide by all of those policies as well.

4. We understand that students may have less freedom while on campus than they do at home and agree to abide by all VCU precautions.

Agreement of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Agreement of Student

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Student

Date