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The College shall treat students in accordance with the State Board of Education Rule 6A-19.002.

This Rule describes the general admission policies of the College but must be read in conjunction with Board Rule 6Hx23-4.02 Admission Requirements.

- I. Admissions policies and modifications to those policies are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Academic and Student Affairs Council, Provost's Council and the President's Cabinet.
- II. Specific and detailed definitions of Rules for admission of students to the College, as approved by the Board of Trustees, shall be published in the College catalog and the upper-division supplement to the College catalog, including Rules for the acceptance of students not meeting all general requirements.
- III. In order to maintain the College ideals of scholarship and deportment, the right is reserved to deny admission to applicants for any reason which is deemed to be in the best interest of the College.
- IV. It is the policy of the College to provide equal access to and equal opportunity within all College programs and activities including admissions, without regard to race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sex, age or disability. It is also the responsibility of the College to establish policies which identify and examine qualitative measures of College climate, support services, and extra-curricular services in an effort to clearly identify students with reasonable potential for success.
 - A. The College recognizes that sexual harassment constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex and violates this Rule and the College shall not tolerate such conduct. Also see Rule 6Hx23-2.011.
 - B. The College will not discriminate in any services program or activity against any qualified individual with a disability. The

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term "qualified individual with disability" means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to Rules, policies or practices, the removal of architectural, communication and transportation barriers or the provision for auxiliary aids and services meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by the College. Except when undue hardship exists or where accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration of a program(s), the College shall endeavor to provide accommodation for such services, programs and activities to any qualified individual with a disability in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Sections 504 and 505 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and related regulations.

1. College Rules, Procedures, requirements and practices may be modified or waived when necessary and appropriate to meet the requirements of Paragraph IV.B. above.
 2. The College shall develop a procedure and/or guidelines for a qualified student with a disability who requests reasonable accommodation.
 3. Disabled students who are not satisfied with the accommodations made hereunder may pursue a grievance in accordance with Rule and Procedure 6Hx23-1.34.
- C. Discrimination grievances shall be processed in accordance with Rule 6Hx23-1.34.
- V. A. College employees shall recognize that Florida law requires the College to reasonably accommodate the religious observances, practices, and beliefs of individual students in regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments.
- B. Religious accommodation includes respect for individual religious beliefs and tolerance of religious differences. Thus,

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students in the classroom shall not be subjected to harassment or ridicule on the basis of their religious beliefs.

- C. Accommodations under A. or B. above shall be made between the individual student and the appropriate member of the faculty or staff.
 - 1. Such accommodation shall provide reasonable alternative means for students to carry out their responsibilities as students.
 - 2. Students must notify instructors in advance of absences to observe religious holy days in their own faith. Such absences shall be permitted without penalty.
 - 3. Students are responsible for material covered during absences under this Rule, but will be given a reasonable period of time in which to complete makeup assignments after such absences.
 - 4. Whenever practicable, major class assignments, major examinations, and official ceremonies shall be scheduled at times which do not conflict with major religious holy days.
- D. Students who are not satisfied with the accommodation made hereunder may pursue a grievance in accordance with Rule and Procedure 6Hx23-1.34.
- VI. Each student, by the act of registering, pledges to accept and obey the rules and regulations of the College.
- VII. Any person whose past actions have been found to have disrupted or interfered with the orderly conduct, processes, functions, or programs of any other school, university, college or community college may be denied admission by the President.
- VIII. Failure to pay fees on or before the designated due date will result in the student being dropped from all classes.

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- IX. Audit students are enrolled in credit courses for informational instruction only. Audit courses carry no credit.
- X. For specific requirements for admission to Bachelors degree in Education Programs at St. Petersburg College, see BOT Rule 6Hx23-4.72.
- XI. For specific requirements for admission to other bachelor degree programs at St. Petersburg College, see BOT Rule 6Hx23-4.02.

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