

ments and restrictions;

3. Accurately identifying and representing themselves in electronic messages, files, and transactions;
4. Saving all work on removable storage media and not on the hard drive unless instructed to do so by the instructor;
5. Asking appropriate Cuesta College personnel for assistance if unfamiliar with the operating system.

C. Prohibitions include, but are not limited to:

1. Damaging equipment, data, software, software protection, encryption or restriction on applications and files; including, introducing invasive or destructive programs (such as viruses, worms, and Trojan horses);
2. Disrupting or unauthorized use of accounts, access codes, passwords, or identification numbers;
3. Impeding or disrupting the use of computer technology and communications resources by game playing, sending an excessive or unreasonable number of messages, sending messages of unreasonable size (with large attachments); making or printing excessive copies of documents, files, data, or programs;
4. Violating copyrights, trademarks, and/or license agreements;
5. Accessing, using or copying another user's account, ID number, password, electronic files, data, or e-mail without prior authorization; or allowing such use by others;
6. Using District computer technology and communications resources in any unlawful manner including fraudulent, threatening, libelous, obscene, or harassing communications; procuring, or distributing obscene or pornographic material;
7. Circumventing or attempting to circumvent local, network, or remote security measures;
8. Altering or attempting to alter system software;
9. Altering or attempting to alter system hardware;
10. Modifying or attempting to crash or hack into computer technology or communications resources;
11. Accessing or attempting to access restricted portions of any operating system or security software unless authorized to do so;
12. Installing or removing software;
13. Using computer technology and/or communications resources for private commercial or other personal purposes;
14. Copying software that has not been placed in the public domain and distributed as freeware; inspecting, changing, altering, copying, or distributing proprietary data programs, files, disks, or software without authorization;
15. Falsely identifying and/or representing one's self in the use of computer technology and communications resources.

The District may access, review, copy and disclose information entered or retained in computer technology and communications resources.

Library Fines

Cuesta College may withhold grades, transcripts, and diplomas from any student who fails to return books or materials to the library when due, has lost or damaged any books or materials or has not paid

charges for late, lost or damaged materials.

Students shall have their records released when they:

- Return books or materials
- Pay charges for books or library materials.

Maintenance Allowance for Students

Students attending Cuesta College from Modoc and specific areas of Mono counties are eligible for a maintenance allowance if they maintain a permanent address in either county and all requirements are met. For information about eligibility requirements, contact the Cuesta College Registration Office at (805) 546-3100, Ext. 2325.

Nondiscrimination In-District

Unlawful Discrimination Procedures

The policy of the San Luis Obispo County Community College District is to provide an educational and employment environment in which no person shall be unlawfully denied full and equal access to the benefits of or be unlawfully subjected to discrimination on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability in any program or activity that is administered by, funded directly by, or that receives any financial assistance from the State Chancellor or Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

The policy of the San Luis Obispo County Community College District is to provide an educational and employment environment free from unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communications constituting sexual harassment.

Employees, students, or other persons acting on behalf of the District who engage in unlawful discrimination as defined in this policy or by state or federal law may be subject to discipline, up to and including discharge, expulsion, or termination of employment or student suspension or dismissal.

In so providing, the San Luis Obispo County Community College District hereby implements the provisions of California Government Code sections 11135 through 11139.5, the Sex Equity in Education Act (Ed. Code, § 66250 et seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12100 et seq.) and the Age Discrimination Act (42 U.S.C. § 6101).

Retaliation

It is unlawful for anyone to retaliate against someone who files an unlawful discrimination complaint, who refers a matter for investigation or complaint, who participates in an investigation of a complaint, who represents or serves as an advocate for an alleged victim or alleged offender, or who otherwise furthers the principles of this unlawful discrimination policy.

Academic Freedom

The San Luis Obispo County Community College District Board of Trustees reaffirms its commitment to academic freedom, but recognizes that academic freedom does not allow any form of unlawful discrimination. It is recognized that an essential function of education is a probing of opinions and an exploration of ideas that may cause discomfort to some students. It is further recognized that academic freedom insures the faculty's right to teach and the student's right to learn. Finally, nothing in these policies and procedures shall be interpreted to prohibit bona fide academic requirements for a specific

How to File a Formal Discrimination Complaint

1. A FORMAL COMPLAINT MUST BE INITIATED BY FILLING OUT THE ATTACHED FORM APPROVED BY THE STATE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE. That form is attached as the last page of Board Policy/Regulation 1565, and has the title heading of "Unlawful Discrimination Complaint Form." YOU MUST SEND THAT COMPLETED FORM TO EITHER:
 - San Luis Obispo County Community College District, Attn: Vice President Of Human Resources and Labor Relations, Administration Building, Room 8003, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-8106; Or
 - Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges, 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95814-6511, Attention: Legal Affairs Division
2. The complaint must allege unlawful discrimination prohibited under Title 5, section 59300.
3. The complaint must be filed by one who alleges that he or she has personally suffered unlawful discrimination or by one who has learned of such unlawful discrimination in his or her official capacity as a faculty member or administrator.
4. In any complaint not involving employment, the complaint must be filed within one year of the date of the alleged unlawful discrimination or within one year of the date on which the complainant knew or should have known of the facts underlying the specific incident or incidents of alleged unlawful discrimination.
5. In any complaint alleging discrimination in employment, the complaint shall be filed within 180 days of the date the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, except that this period will be extended by no more than 90 days following the expiration of that 180 days if the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged violation after the expiration of 180 days.

What Happens When a Formal Discrimination Complaint is Filed?

The District will then complete an "Administrative Determination." Within 90 days of receiving an unlawful discrimination complaint filed under Title 5, sections 59300 et seq., the District will complete the investigation and forward a copy of the investigative report (containing the administrative determination) to the State Chancellor, a copy or summary of the report to the complainant, and written notice setting forth all the following to both the complainant and the State Chancellor:

1. The determination as to whether there is probable cause to believe discrimination occurred with respect to each allegation in the complaint;
2. A description of actions taken, if any, to prevent similar problems from occurring in the future;
3. The proposed resolution of the complaint; and
4. The complainant's right to appeal to the District Board of Trustees and the State Chancellor.

REGISTRATION POLICY

To comply with legislative mandates, regulate the availability of limited class space, provide for fairness, and facilitate the registration process, procedures to provide priority registration for students on the basis of need are set forth in Administrative Procedures 5055 and listed under Enrollment Priority under the College Policies, Rules, and Regulations section of this catalog. Visit the Cuesta web site for priority registration dates.

Students add and drop classes online through myCuesta web portal at <https://my.cuesta.edu>. All students are assigned a myCuesta user-name and temporary password that is emailed to your personal email account from the Admissions Office once an admission application is processed. Login information can also be accessed at the "Student Username and Temporary Password" link on the myCuesta login page.

Course Add and Drop Policy

It is the student's responsibility to add and drop courses by the deadlines posted on the Cuesta web site, in the online Class Finder, and the student's myCuesta Class Schedule/Receipt. Summer session classes are considered short term courses for add and drop deadlines.

Adding Courses

Students may add classes online by the add deadline, which is the day prior to the census date. The census date is the date course enrollment is reported to the State for apportionment funding. Once a course begins, only the instructor may authorize enrollment by issuing the student an add code if there are seats available in the course at the first class meeting. Add codes must be entered by the student online in myCuesta within the add deadline to officially enroll in a course.

To add a course online, students login to myCuesta at my.cuesta.edu and go to the Student tab and My Web Services channel. In the Registration folder, go to "Register Add/Drop Classes" and enter the 5-digit course reference number (CRN) for the course by clicking "Submit Changes." The student may enter the 6-character add code in the box provided and click "Validate" to register after the course begins within the add deadline. Students may also add classes in-person at a registration center and must provide photo identification.

- Full-term course add deadline: The day prior to the posted census date, which is the end of the 2nd week of the fall/spring semesters.
- Short-term or Summer Session course add deadline: Within 20% of the course or the day prior to the posted census date.

Readmit

A student who was inadvertently dropped by an instructor may be allowed to be readmitted/re-added beyond the normal add deadline with instructor approval. The deadline to be readmitted is by the end of the 12th week of the term or within 60% of a short-term or Summer course. Readmit Cards are available at any registration center.

Transfer

Instructor or department-arranged transfers will be allowed beyond the normal add deadline for students transferring from one course reference number (CRN) to another of the exact same scheduled course or to a lower or higher level class in established prerequisite levels of the same discipline. The deadline to be transferred is by the end of the 12th week of the term or within 60% of a short-term or Summer course. Transfer Cards are available at any registration center and require both instructors' signatures of approval.

Registration fees for the original CRN to be dropped will be credited while fees associated for the course to be added will be assessed to the student's account.

Dropping Courses

To drop a course online, students login to myCuesta at my.cuesta.edu and go to the Student tab and My Web Services channel. In the Registration folder, go to "Register Add/Drop Classes" and use the drop-down menu beside the course to select the drop option then click "Submit Changes." Students may also drop classes in-person at a