

# Compton College Academic Senate

## Sample Syllabus Statements to Support Student Success and Retention at Compton College

As you prepare for the upcoming semester, the sample statements below can encourage student behaviors associated with success and retention and help proactively address common challenges that our students face on a regular basis. Note that these statements, approved by Compton College's Academic Senate, are only suggestions, provided as a service to faculty.

Recommended syllabus statements are provided by the Compton College Academic Senate as a service to faculty and to students. We hope that the use of any or all of these statements will open the door for students to ask faculty members for help.

### 1. Mandatory Reporting: Child Abuse, Gender-Based, or Sexual Misconduct

Your safety is important to me. Please know that that if you reveal child abuse, child neglect, or gender-based or sexual misconduct (including harassment, sexual assault, stalking or intimate partner violence) to me or any instructor, we are required by law to report the problem to the Compton College Police Department. However, psychologists are not required to report your incident. To speak confidentially with a psychologist, please contact St. John's Health Center for a free appointment: (213)-226-7480. You can also visit <http://www.compton.edu/student-services/healthcenter/> for scheduling information.

### 2. Americans with Disabilities Act

Option One: If you believe you may need accommodations in this class now or at any point in the semester, please go to the Special Resource Center (SRC) or call 310-900-1600, ext. 2402 for an appointment. For more information visit about the Special Resource Center and the services they provide, please visit <http://www.compton.edu/student-services/support-services/special-resource-center/>.

Option Two: Students with a disability or medical restriction who are requesting a classroom accommodation should contact the Student Resource Center/Disabled Student Services. SRC will work with the student to identify a reasonable accommodation in partnership with appropriate academic offices and medical providers. We encourage students to reach out to SRC as soon as possible.

### 3. Student Resources Available at Compton College

Your success is our number one priority at Compton College. College resources to help you succeed include computer labs, tutoring centers, the library, health services, and services for designated groups, such as veterans, formerly incarcerated persons, parent-scholars, homeless persons, former foster youth, and students with disabilities. For a comprehensive list of Academic Resources and Support Programs, please visit <http://www.compton.edu/student-services/support-services/index.aspx>

### 4. Food and Housing/Basic Needs

Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance at Compton College is urged to contact The Tartar Support Network at [tartarsupportnetwork@compton.edu](mailto:tartarsupportnetwork@compton.edu) or (310) 900-1600 ext. 2538 help.

### 5. Undocumented Students

Compton College is committed to supporting the success of all students. If you identify as undocumented, AB540, and/or a DACA student, we have many support services and staff on hand to help. Please visit <http://www.compton.edu/studentservices/financialaid/ab540/> for more information.

### 6. Academic Honesty

Option One: Compton College is dedicated to maintaining an optimal learning environment that thrives upon academic honesty. To uphold the academic integrity of the institution, all members of our academic community, faculty, staff, and students alike, must assume responsibility for providing an educational environment of the highest standards characterized by a spirit of academic honesty. It is the responsibility of all members of the Compton College academic community to behave in a manner which encourages learning, promotes honesty, and acts with fairness toward others. For more information, please refer to your College Catalog or Compton Community College District [Board Policy 5500](#).

Option Two: Compton College places a high value on the integrity of its student scholars. Therefore, the Compton College policy on academic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. Academic dishonesty encompasses both cheating and plagiarism. *Cheating* includes obtaining, attempting to obtain, or assisting to obtain academic credit for work by the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means. *Plagiarism* involves submitting the works of others as your own and includes improper source citation, no source citation, using materials prepared by another student, and using fictitious sources. The penalties for academic dishonesty range from receiving an "F" on the assignment or exam to receiving an "F" in the course and may be reported to the appropriate campus authorities.

### 7. Recording in the Classroom\*

The use of any recording device during class without the prior consent of the instructor is prohibited, except as necessary to provide reasonable auxiliary aids and academic adjustments to students with disabilities who present official documentation from the Special Resource Center to the instructor prior to recording. This is to protect privacy and to create a safe classroom environment where all participants can discuss potentially controversial or sensitive subjects freely. If you want to take a photograph or make an audio or video recording, you must get the prior written permission of the instructor. The instructor also may require the verbal and/or written permission of everyone present. Even if a student gets permission to record, the recordings are only for personal use and may not be distributed, posted, published, or shared in any manner. A student who records without instructor permission or distributes any recordings is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Compton Community College District [Administrative Procedure 5520: Standards Discipline Procedures](#).

\*Additional Information for Instructors Regarding Recording in the Classroom  
(Not to include in your syllabus):

- The syllabus statement above may be adapted to reflect the rules in your classroom. To abide by state regulations, you can determine whether or not to allow recording and whether and how non-disabled students must notify you and other students in the class.
- You must always allow students with a disability to record if they have notified you and shown you their accommodation with the SRC. It is good practice to let students know your policy with a syllabus statement.
- Some reasons to allow recording is that it may help some students retain your course material easier, recorded class lectures can be provided to students that were absent, and it supports a greater variety of learning styles.
- Some reasons to limit recording are that it may stifle student conversation (if the discussion topic is sensitive), it respects student and faculty privacy, and it avoids copyright infringement.
- For your reference, Educational Code Section 78907 states that, “The use by any person, including a student, of any electronic listening or recording device in any classroom without the prior consent of the instructor is prohibited, except as necessary to provide reasonable auxiliary aids and academic adjustments to disabled students. Any person, other than a student, who willfully violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any student violating this section shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. This section shall not be construed as affecting the powers, rights, and liabilities arising from the use of electronic listening or recording devices as provided for by any other provision of law.”

## 8. Financial Aid, Scholarships, & Pell Grants

Struggling to pay for tuition, books, or other costs associated with going to college? If so, Compton College has financial aid, scholarships, and other financial assistance solutions to help pay the bills so you can focus on class. For more information about how to maximize your financial aid and scholarship opportunities, please make an appointment with a financial aid counselor at 310-900-1600, ext. 2935, or visit Financial Aid online at <http://www.compton.edu/student-services/financialaid/>.