

EXPECTATIONS

Our Mission: Allegany College of Maryland is a lifelong learning community dedicated to **excellence in education** and responsive to the changing needs of the communities we serve. Our focus is the preparation of individuals in mind, body, and spirit for lives of **fulfillment, leadership, and service** in a diverse and global society.

EXPECTATION #1: Attend Class. Go to each of your classes each time it meets. Be on time, and stay for the entire class session. If you must miss class because of illness or emergency, check your course syllabus to know the instructor's attendance policy. Make up any missed work promptly. (It is vitally important that you read each course syllabus! It contains what you need to know to be successful in that class; it also tells you what each individual instructor's expectations are.)

EXPECTATION #2 Do the Work. It is true that for every hour you spend in class you should study two hours outside of class. (If you are taking 12 credits, you should be studying/doing homework 24 hours each week.) Read each assignment. Turn in your homework when it is due.

EXPECTATION #3: Ask for Help. If you are having problems with a class or an assignment, help is available. See the instructor. Go to the Student Success Center for a tutor. Form a study group with classmates. Meet with your advisor. But don't wait until it is too late! Waiting until the final weeks of a semester is unlikely to help.

EXPECTATION #4: Read the Handbook. The Student Handbook is full of useful information to help you negotiate the often-roiling waters of college life. It also details the responsibilities of campus citizenship. (Ignorance of the rules is NOT an excuse for breaking them.) The answer to virtually any question you have about Allegany College of Maryland is in this Handbook.

EXPECTATION #5: Respect Others. One of the College's Core Values is *Respect*. Showing respect means many things, including being courteous in the classroom, hallway, library, cafeteria, courtyard, parking lot – anyplace you encounter other people. Respect also means treating others as you would like to be treated; insulting, humiliating, judging, or ignoring another person hurts feelings. Shouting and cursing are always inappropriate in a learning environment.

EXPECTATION #6: Be Responsible. We trust that you meet all obligations that are part of attending college. As an adult, you must learn to read all notices given to you, mailed to you, or posted for you to read, to show up for work study assignments, to pay your bills on time, and to manage problems/issues yourself without demanding special treatment or immediate gratification.

College is about more than merely attending classes and getting grades. College is about finding and creating opportunities to grow. It is about learning independence, making your own decisions, and becoming a community citizen. We are here to help you learn those things, too.

We promise to treat you with respect, to give you quality education, to act with integrity, to provide you with opportunities to learn and to grow as a person, and to promote wellness in mind, body, and spirit. That's our part. You must do yours.