Canisius College Policy Manual

ABOUT

The Canisius College Policy Manual is the official source for all of the college’s policies. Please log-in with your credentials to view the complete set of volumes.

The volumes herein contain policies that govern the activities of all members of the college community, including its trustees, executive officers, administrators, faculty, staff, student employees, students, and others who act on behalf of the college. Policies are derived from federal, state, and local laws and regulations, Middle States Commission on Higher Education accreditation standards, college guidelines and procedures, industry best practices, and generally accepted principles of ethical and professional conduct. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees of the Canisius College of Buffalo, New York formally adopted and promulgated the following volumes of the Policy Manual on May 8, 2017:

Volume I: Governance and Administration
Volume II: Community Policies
Volume III: Institution-Wide Employment Policies
Volume V: Academic Policies
Volume VI: Student Life Policies
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(Please note that Volume IV, the Faculty Handbook, is currently under review by the Faculty Senate.)

Development of the Canisius College Policy Manual began in Spring 2016 to organize and update the college’s policies and to introduce new policies to comply with various requirements and standards. This site for the Canisius College Policy Manual serves as the official inventory for institution-wide policies. Please note that some policies are restricted to authorized campus users and that department-specific policies are not included here. Any office that develops policy-related publications will “pull from” or “link to” the applicable board-approved policy to ensure consistency. Policies can also be exported into MS Word or as a PDF and printed from this site by clicking the ellipsis icon in the upper right-hand corner of the web page.

Policies undergo a regular cycle of review by the responsible college officer and any new policy development or policy amendment is subject to the standards and procedures set forth in Policy 1.8, Policy Development, Amendment, and Approval. The Associate Vice President for Human Resources & Compliance is responsible for maintaining the Policy Manual and general oversight of the college’s compliance with all regulatory, legal, or contractual obligations.

Questions About Policies:

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