



Student Handbook

Southwestern Christian
University
2011-2012

Scholarship - Spirit - Service

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to Southwestern Christian University! I would like to welcome all new and returning students and wish you success as you pursue your academic goals and spiritual interests. This is an exciting time to be a student at SCU. With the new academic and athletic programs being added, SCU's best days are ahead. We anticipate and look forward to your participation in the life of this Christian and academic community by pursuing your dreams and interests ultimately fulfilling God's call on your life. During your time at SCU, you will discover the university's plan for your college experience which includes:

Scholarship

At SCU, you will receive quality, Biblically integrated instruction taught by dedicated faculty members who have a passion for God, His Word and their students. Academic excellence is the goal and hallmark of the University.

Spirit

Through the Spiritual Life program (which includes weekly Chapel services, dorm/hall devotions, small groups, outreach opportunities and local church attendance), the University seeks to provide the spiritual atmosphere where you can develop your personal relationship with Christ, discover your God-given destiny and develop lasting relationships with fellow students and faculty/staff members. As you participate in spiritual life, sporting events, musical productions and service opportunities, you will soon catch the Southwestern "spirit".

Service

At SCU, learning is not an end to itself, but a means to active involvement in Christian ministry and service. You will be exposed to service opportunities through campus clubs and local, national and international outreach projects. Based on Christ's model, servant leadership is the University's ultimate goal for every graduate.

As you have chosen to invest your time and energies into SCU, I pray that God will pour back into you many blessings. By the time you graduate from SCU, it is my prayer and belief that you will have received so much more than just a degree, but you will have developed as a whole-person (spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically). With my deepest sincerity, I wish each and every one of you a great year and may blessings be poured into your lives.

In Christ's Name,

Dr. Ed Huckleby
President

Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students Welcome

I would like to welcome all of our new and returning students to Southwestern Christian University! We anticipate a wonderful, Spirit-filled 2011-2012 school year. Each year brings new and exciting opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth. It is our prayer that you personally experience knowledge, discipline, and development in each of these areas. We intentionally offer a unique community atmosphere that is rooted in Biblical principles and values that are foundational to the success of each student.

We believe you chose SCU because God has a unique plan for your life which involves attending SCU and, by doing so; you are being obedient to God's call on your life. We believe by choosing SCU, you will reach your professional and spiritual goals which align with the mission of this great University. We are in the business of training competent, servant leaders to impact the community and the world. The college years can be both challenging and rewarding. You will be required to work hard! However, your efforts inside and outside of the classroom will be rewarded greatly through your patience, persistence and perseverance.

This Student Handbook is a resource that contains valuable information concerning institutional policies and procedures, university services, student organizations and much more. **It is the student's responsibility to read this handbook thoroughly.** SCU believes the expectations in the Student Handbook are reasonable for individuals seeking to follow the example set forth by Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, regarding policies or procedures outlined in the Student Handbook, please contact my office at 405.789.7661 x3424.

We are praying for your success this year. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, problems, suggestions or concerns. Thanks and God Bless.

In His Name,

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SCU offices to Assist You

See the **REGISTRAR (Admin. Bldg)** if you need:

- To add or drop a course
- Information relative to veteran's benefits
- To request a transcript
- Information regarding semester grades
- To check on graduation status

See your **ADVISOR** if you need:

- Information or counseling about your academic work and consultation regarding internships

See the **VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS/DEAN OF STUDENTS (Admin. Bldg, Ext. 3424)** if you need:

- Information on upcoming campus activities
- To check on lost and found items
- To schedule student activities
- Information regarding on/off campus ministry
- Help with anything that pertains to your life as a student of SCU
 - Personal issues affecting your academic progress
 - Issues that are of concern to you as a student
 - Issues where you need advice, or a referral to the Diagnostic Center for counseling
 - Issues of harassment, discrimination or campus safety and security
 - Campus clubs/organizations and residential life

See the **DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL LIFE (Roberson Bldg, Ext. 3436)** if you need:

- Information regarding chapel
- Information regarding on/off campus ministry

See the **DIRECTOR of FINANCIAL AID (Admin. Bldg, Ext. 3431)** if you need:

- Any assistance concerning financial aid
- Information concerning scholarships
- Information on work-study program

See the **BUSINESS OFFICE (Admin. Bldg, Ext. 3421)** if you need:

- Information concerning your student account

See the **DIRECTOR of ATHLETICS (Located in the Gym, Ext. 3423)** if you need:

- Information on sports activities

SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

MISSION STATEMENT

Southwestern Christian University is a Christ-centered liberal arts institution equipping students for a life of learning, leadership, and service; integrating faith, learning, and living; and empowering graduates to excel and to positively impact their world for Jesus Christ.

OBJECTIVES

SCU seeks to integrate Biblical truth into all of its curricular and co-curricular activities, preparing students for a life of learning, leadership and service in their selected vocations that will impact the world for Jesus Christ. We seek to produce a student who fulfills the following objectives:

1. The student will be able through vocation, church, and community to make distinctive contributions to humanity and to enhance the spiritual well-being of those whom they serve and with whom they work as evidenced by the following:
 - A) A developed and maintained high moral standard for their own benefit so they serve as a wholesome example and leader.
 - B) Expression, through their life, of a clear commitment to Christ. Able to share openly and wisely with others knowledge of the Bible and commitment to Christ, model Christian love toward others, and to demonstrate a teachable spirit.
 - C) Preparation to fulfill Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations.
 - D) Sensitivity to the total needs of people and a willingness to contribute to the meeting of those needs.
 - E) Holding the conviction that the Christian is to be a good citizen of the state who respects authority, submits to the laws of the land, and seeks constructive change through appropriate channels.
 - F) Seeking an atmosphere that encourages growth in a personal relationship with God, including understanding the role of repentance and forgiveness.
 - G) Acceptance of all races with an understanding, and appreciation, of ethnic and cultural distinctives.
 - H) A practice of lifelong learning.
 - I) Understanding individual value because of the redemptive act of Jesus Christ and seeking to utilize and develop gifts and abilities in pursuance of God's will (destiny) for their life.

2. The student educated in the Arts and Sciences will have a Biblically integrated perspective as the foundation to education. That foundation will consist of the following:
 - A) A broad exposure to the ideas that have shaped human thinking.
 - B) Knowledge of how to use reasoning processes which include the processes of investigation, logical reasoning, and the recognition that humanity cannot rely on reason and experience alone, but that humans must also exercise faith.
 - C) The ability to communicate, defend ideas, and to express their views clearly and effectively.
 - D) A well-conceived system of values and beliefs which are Biblically based and which mediate behavior.
 - E) An understanding and appreciation of the various creative expressions of humanity's search for meaning in art, drama, music and literature.
3. The student should be knowledgeable in principles of Biblical truth, application of theology and defense of the Christian faith as evidenced by the following:
 - A) A clear understanding of the content of the Bible.
 - B) Integration of Biblical thoughts into his/her life and actions, as well as into their chosen field of study.
 - C) The awareness of truth in the study of Scripture, of nature, and of humanity; appreciation of beauty and order in God's creation, and human creativity in the arts and sciences; application of those insights to the pursuit of righteousness in the life of both the individual and society.
4. The student should attain a high degree of competence in his/her field of study as demonstrated by the following:
 - A) Preparation in those programs that lead directly to a vocation or profession reflects standards within their chosen discipline.
 - B) Preparation for future graduate study reflects professional and academic standards within their chosen discipline.
 - C) Student's work reflects a high degree of subject competency, integration of a servant mentality, and a strong Christian ethic.

HISTORY OF SCU

Southwestern Christian University was birthed in the fall of 1946 through the vision of the late Dr. R. O. Corvin and others, including Rev. Oral Roberts. Established as Southwestern Bible College, its goal was to train men and women for leadership in the ministry. Located on the outskirts of Oklahoma City in the “Abe Hale” nightclub, the University grew to a bustling campus during the 1960’s and 1970’s.

In the 1960’s, the student body expanded and studies in various junior college programs were developed. The junior college was accredited in 1964 by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. In 1973, the junior college received accreditation by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. SCU was approved in 1979 by North Central as a four-year baccalaureate level degree-granting college in the field of religion. In 1981, the University moved to its current location in Bethany, Oklahoma and the name was changed to Southwestern College of Christian Ministries. On October 26, 2001 the name changed again. The new name, Southwestern Christian University, more adequately defines our vision. *Southwestern* relates to our heritage and past; *Christian* reflects our heart, purpose and principle; and *University* focuses on our heading and progress. In 2004, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools granted Southwestern its longest period of accreditation to date. The recommendation of NCA also included the approval of the Business Administration degree as well as the ability to broaden degree programs. Throughout its 61-year history, Southwestern Christian University remains dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering young people and leaders to impact their generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Throughout its history SCU has sought to serve the kingdom of God by offering educational programs to Christians of various denominational backgrounds. The university has urged Christian ecumenicity in a commitment to the basic doctrines of historic Christianity. At the same time SCU feels it has a theological contribution and educational ministry that is unique to the heritage of its sponsoring denomination, the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

We Believe:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.

5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. That all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
13. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.
14. It is the responsibility of every believer to dedicate his life to carrying out the work of the Great Commission.

ACCREDITATION

Southwestern Christian University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, a Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. It enjoys the full endorsement of the General Department of Church Education Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church as an approved educational entity for training ministers, missionaries and Christian workers to serve the church around the world. SCU is approved by the U.S. Department of Justice for the admission of international students and is approved by the State Accrediting Agency of Oklahoma for the admission of eligible veterans.

LOCATION OF CAMPUS

Southwestern Christian University is located on a beautiful wooded campus in Bethany, Oklahoma, a suburb of Oklahoma City, one of the major cities in the Southwest. With a metropolitan area population of about one million, the greater Oklahoma City area provides a large number and variety of churches, jobs, museums, sporting events and recreational activities.

The campus of SCU adjoins the Resource Development Center of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, the University's parent body. This proximity allows for interchange with the denominational leadership on academic, professional and social levels.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

SCU enjoys a relatively new campus. The campus facilities include:

Patrick Building

This 10,000 square foot facility includes the Ollie Bell Cafetorium, which serves as the dining hall of the University. Included in the cafetorium is a modern commercial kitchen and a seating area for 300.

In addition to the cafetorium, the Patrick Building houses the Rena Patrick Dining Room, which seats about 30. This dining room is used to entertain special guests of the University. The Patrick Building also includes two classrooms.

Bell, Irvin & Light Student Center

This newly renovated facility provides student housing for both men and women. The Bell Student Center serves as the hub for a variety of student activities.

North Residence Hall/Multi-Purpose Building

Southwestern Christian University broke ground on a multi-purpose dormitory in the Spring of 2011. The three-story building will not only include housing accommodations for 64 resident students, but will also include a first-floor conference center which can be divided into three separate rooms for classrooms or meeting space. All residential areas will be equipped with a kitchenette, complete with a microwave and mini-fridge, while select residential areas will come with a living area, complete with a flat-screen television.

Terry Tripp Student Center

The Tripp Student Center provides facilities for student activities and is adjacent to the Pickens/Springer Gymnasium.

The Pickens/Springer Gymnasium

The Pickens/Springer Gymnasium was dedicated in spring 2000. It can seat up to 400 for athletic events and up to 700 for other college convocations. The facility houses locker rooms for visiting teams, a training room and a collegiate size basketball and volleyball court. In 2006, the Mash/Loflin Hall of Fame room was completed, along with 3 offices for the coaching staff, men's and women's home locker rooms, laundry facilities and a shower room for referees.

Springer Learning Center

The ground floor of this facility serves as the administrative center of the campus. It houses the offices of the President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, Vice President of Institutional Development, Director of Financial Aid, Registrar, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management, and the Business Office.

The SCU Library, located in the C.H. Springer building's lower level, provides students and faculty a common ground for interaction, reading and access to nearly 30,000 resources in a variety of formats. Collections of the size and specialization of the SCU Library are normally only found in much larger institutions. Internet access is available to students via a computer lab and wireless access. Students, faculty, staff and guests are issued a SCU Library card. Through a partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Oklahoma Regents for High Education, the SCU Library issues and recognizes the OK Share Card program, further expanding research capabilities. The Pentecostal Research Collection (PRC), the Noel Brooks Collection (NBC) and historic displays of the University are also featured in the SCU Library Commons.

The Roberson Building

The Roberson Building houses the Graduate School offices, classrooms, conference room, faculty offices and Minchew Auditorium.

East Hall

Opened for occupancy in January, 2004, the 56-bed, two-story facility features a two-bedroom Residential Director's apartment, a laundry/vending area and a "commons" student social area. The new unit contains two-bedroom suites with connecting baths.

The SCU Lifestyle

SCU opens its doors to any qualified student who is a born-again Christian and is willing to accept Jesus Christ as a role model. Students are welcome regardless of creed, denomination, race, color, nationality or handicap. Enrollment at SCU assumes, however, that the student realizes *personal preferences may need to be modified for the best interests of the larger group*. In other words, something you may deem as acceptable may cause someone else to stumble or struggle.

The apostle Paul said it this way: “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything (I Cor 6:12, ESV).

The mission of the university presupposes:

1. A strong commitment to high academic standards. The student comes to SCU with a determination to be a learner with an attitude that makes the student teachable.
2. An openness to cooperate faithfully with the demands of the Spiritual Life program. Chapel attendance, appropriate resident hall and campus behavior, care and concern for one another, the development of a Great Commission vision as a servant of Christ, and participation in the extracurricular programs of the university are vital to the SCU lifestyle.

SCU encourages students to reside on campus. The university does accept commuter students, but does so on the condition that they, too, will seek to become actively involved in the richest meaning of the university lifestyle. It is the conviction of the University that an important element of its educational program is living in the residence halls.

A part of the training that leads to “professional competence” in the ministry includes development of a healthy respect for the human body as the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:18-20). Actions or habits that harm the human person are considered unacceptable to this Christian lifestyle at SCU. The SCU lifestyle is: designed to honor and express a commitment to godly Christian character.

Attendance in this university, therefore, is a privilege granted to the student and not a right of the student. That privilege can be withdrawn through the established disciplinary process of the university to safeguard its ideals of scholarship, or the moral atmosphere assumed by this lifestyle. Therefore, the student’s enrollment at SCU constitutes a commitment of honor to accept the standards of this lifestyle.

SCU Community Covenant

Since its inception in 1946, SCU has been an educational institution founded in the holiness, Pentecostal, and charismatic traditions committed to the transformation of students. The University is dedicated to providing a Christ-centered education that will promote the growth of the whole person. The University is Christian and it maintains a clear reliance upon a strong “campus community.” Clear expectations help the members of the community live in unity.

As part of the application process, the student will be asked to sign the Community Covenant. Failure to sign the covenant is grounds for dismissal from SCU. The university believes that, as Jesus Christ becomes the center of the student’s life, the student will commit himself/herself to a lifestyle which cultivates spiritual, ethical, social, physical and academic growth.

Therefore, students are required to profess a commitment to Jesus Christ. Making the choice to attend SCU means having a sympathetic appreciation for our guiding principles and choosing to abide by our community standards.

SCU Community Principles:

Community Principle #1 – I agree to affirm and honor scripture by placing the truth of God’s word at the center of my life and live according to His divinely inspired instruction. I will grow in my spirit, by developing my own relationship with God. I will live in obedience to Christ in word and deed. II Timothy 3:16, Colossians 3:17

Community Principle #2 – I agree to apply myself wholeheartedly to my intellectual pursuits and to use the full powers of my mind for the glory of God. I commit to academic excellence and agree to take responsibility for the quality of my education.

I will actively participate in the SCU community, to attend class, all required chapel services on campus, and my choice of church wherever God is honored and praised.

Community Principle #3 – I agree to cultivate good social relationships and seek to love others as I love myself. I will not lie; I will not steal; I will not curse; I will not be a talebearer or promote gossip. I will not cheat or plagiarize; I will do my own academic work and will not inappropriately and unethically collaborate with other students on assignments. Deuteronomy 5:10-21

Community Principle #4 – I agree to develop my body with sound healthy habits by embracing a healthy lifestyle, sound nutritional habits and participate in wholesome physical activities. 1st Corinthians 6:19

Community Principle #5 – I agree to live with integrity and to abide by the rules and regulations that may, from time to time, be adopted by the university administration. I agree to obey the laws of the nation, state, local community, and the *SCU STUDENT HANDBOOK*. (Romans 13:1). I understand that the university reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student at any time if, in the judgment of the President, Vice President for Student Affairs, President’s cabinet and/or the University Discipline Committee such action is deemed

necessary to safeguard SCU's ideals of scholarship or its spiritual and moral atmosphere as a Christian university. Such practices to be avoided include but are not limited to:

- Discrimination
- Tobacco, Alcohol, & Drug Use
- Profanity
- Sexual Misconduct
- Homosexual Behavior
- Harassment of any kind (verbal, sexual, racial, etc.)
- Any other violation deemed inappropriate by SCU
- Ephesians 4:25-32; 5:1-21 outline additional practices that should be avoided

I will keep the Community Covenant carefully and prayerfully. I understand that my signature is my **agreement and acceptance** of the entire Community Covenant and completes a contract between me and Southwestern Christian University, which is a prerequisite for matriculation and my continued association with the university. My signed pledge becomes a part of my permanent file. Further, my acceptance of the Community Covenant is a solemn vow and promise to God as to how I will live my life.

The university reserves the right to interpret conduct that is in violation of these regulations.

One of the unique qualities of Christian higher education is a community that strives to follow the example of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Bible. Therefore, practices that are wrong according to Biblical standards provide a framework for student behavior and are not acceptable for students enrolled at SCU.

Specific acts include, but are not limited to:

- Drunkenness, stealing, slander, profane language, all forms of dishonesty, lying, cheating, sexual sins such as premarital sex and homosexual behavior. In addition, attitudes such as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, bitterness, selfishness, anger, un-forgiveness, discrimination and prejudice based on race, sex, or socioeconomic status, are not acceptable.

While these attitudes are sometimes difficult to detect, they are just as damaging to the community as the more flagrant acts of contempt. The SCU community consequently repudiates these actions and attitudes and expects its students to do likewise.

Community Covenant Living

As essential members of the SCU family, students must clearly recognize that all of us have a desire to further develop and exhibit responsible and mature behavior. That goal is a basic premise of the Community Covenant.

At SCU, students pledge to endeavor to present a good appearance at all times. In both behavior and attire, students should strive to demonstrate good taste in all instances. The way they present themselves to others is of vital importance to the

way others perceive Christ. An individual's conduct should never be an embarrassment to themselves, others, or the university, but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature and respectful student.

Additionally, each individual endeavors to maintain high standards in residence hall living and pledges to avoid theft and the removal or damage to others' personal property or that of SCU.

Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, SCU students refrain from profanity, smoking, gambling, alcoholic beverages, dishonesty, illegal drugs, and all behavior that would cause Christ to grieve.

As responsible learners, students should make every effort to be prompt to classes, chapel, Sunday worship and all appointments. Classes, chapel and worship services at local churches are all integral parts of the SCU lifestyle.

By providing an example for others in word and deed, each student should encourage others' adherence to the Community Covenant. Students should be sure not to incite another's violation of the covenant and should seek to strengthen the bond of trust at every opportunity.

The students and leadership at Southwestern Christian University affirm that, regardless of faith, creed or race, all students admitted to the university must agree to uphold the Community Covenant and the rules governing SCU. No time, place or circumstance gives release from the individual's initial promise. The Community Covenant is a way of life, measured by the heart and commitment of each member of the SCU family, and students should regard it as essential to development, not as an imposition or restriction.

The registration process *is incomplete* until students have formally signed the Community Covenant Pledge.

SCU General Policies & Principles

SCU is committed to creating an environment where individual and institutional responsibility combine to respect the rights of its members. Therefore, it is necessary to establish principles and policies for the campus community. It is the expectation that every member of the community demonstrates a concern for the rights of others and the institution. When a person expresses a lack of respect and cooperation, the university will take action against behavior that is deemed to be disruptive to the community atmosphere and the educational goals of the university.

Thus, the university requires members of its community to:

- Abstain from all sexual vices, gambling, and possession of or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and non-medicinal, narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs, including marijuana.
- The university has a limited tolerance policy regarding the use of alcohol. Students involved in the use or possession of any type of alcohol will receive university consequences as stated in this Student Handbook.
- The university has a no tolerance policy regarding the possession or use of drugs or illegal, banned substances. Students involved in the use or possession of any type of drug or illegal, banned substances will be expelled immediately from the university.
- Members of the university community are expected to practice discretion and restraint in the choice of television programs, music, video games, movies, videos, or drama. Video games with the rating of T (Teen) are permitted. The University reserves the right to not allow video games with the rating of M (Mature) to be played or movies with the rating of R to be viewed. These decisions will be made by Resident Assistants, Resident Chaplains, Director of Residential and Student Life, or VPSA.
- Any programming in TV, CD, computer on-line services or telephone services, etc., of pornographic/obscene and immoral content is prohibited. Abuse of these privileges will result in disciplinary action.

Access to Campus Facilities

During business hours, SCU will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, and guests. During non-business hours, access to most of the Universities facilities is by key, if issued.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. Residence Life Staff patrol and respond to security, safety, and living issues in the dorms. Overnight guests must register with the Director of Residential and Student Life and/or Resident Assistant and are expected to abide by SCU's behavioral expectations at all times while visiting the university.

Over extended breaks, all university buildings and doors are secured 24 hours a day. Some facilities may have individual hours, which may vary at different times of the year. Examples are the library and Pickens/Springer Gymnasium. In these cases, facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the department responsible for the facility. Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules.

Address/Name Change

In order for SCU to maintain accurate student records, a student who changes his/her name, marital status, local address, permanent address, or phone number must notify the registrar.

Alcohol

Promotion, distribution, sale, possession, use and/or consumption of alcohol on campus or at University-sponsored events is prohibited. Campus standards do not allow alcoholic beverages, including alcoholic containers, on campus.

Any incident in which a student is found to be in possession of alcohol will be documented as a University violation. All alcohol and items containing alcohol will be disposed of and/or confiscated by University officials (Resident Director, Resident Assistants etc.).

Use or possession of alcohol by students off campus is subject to local laws and University disciplinary action which may result in probation, suspension or expulsion.

Undesirable behavior resulting from on or off-campus use of alcohol is subject to University disciplinary action which may result in probation, suspension or expulsion.

No alcohol or similarly offensive posters, stickers, lights, etc. may be displayed in residence hall windows or on the outside of doors. Bottle caps are not allowed on ceilings or walls. Additionally, being under the influence of or in possession of alcohol on campus or at any University-sponsored events is considered a violation and is prohibited.

Campus Crime Statistics

Any parent, student, or guest that is interested in viewing SCU's campus crime report may contact the Vice President for Student Affairs' office at 405.789.7661 x 3424.

Campus Visitors

Any individual visiting the campus who is involved in activities that violate university policies, threatens university property, or infringe on the rights of students, faculty, or staff shall be asked to leave by a university representative. If the individual refuses to leave, the individual shall be informed that he/she is trespassing and shall be asked to leave again. Failure to leave as requested will result in a university official and/or the Bethany Police being summoned.

Children on campus and in classrooms

Minor children are not allowed on campus unsupervised. They must be in the presence of a parent or responsible adult. No infant or child will be permitted in a regularly scheduled class. Children are not allowed to stay in dorm room overnights.

Clubs and Organizations

Any student interested in forming a club or organization must register the group with the Office of Student Affairs. The registration process consists of: 1) Petition for Formal Recognition to include club's purpose, roster of officers and participants and club name, 2) Organization Advisor (if necessary).

SCU Guidelines and University Recognition

A club or organization must follow certain guidelines in order to be recognized. Among the guidelines for University approval is the requirement that the club or organization is approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Once a club or organization is approved and officially recognized by the University, the club is eligible for campus posting and publicity privileges, including use of campus facilities, including vans and rooms for meetings or events; and funding from the University when appropriate. In order to be officially recognized as a Club or Organization by the University, the following must be adhered to:

1. Each club or organization must have formal approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs.
2. Fraternities and Sororities are not permitted at SCU unless they are academic or spiritual in nature.
3. All clubs and organizations must register annually with the Office of Student Affairs.

Each club or organization must have an on-campus advisor (faculty, staff, or administration) who plays an active role in club meetings and events. Each group is expected to be nondiscriminatory in its practices and policies. Clubs or organizations that violate campus policy will be subject to University disciplinary action including suspension of the club or organization. Individual members of clubs or organizations are subject to University disciplinary action. Religious organizations must be registered with the Office of Student Life. Academic organizations must be registered with the Office of Academic Affairs.

Community Accountability

Any member of the University community may report student misconduct. Reports should be submitted as soon as possible after the event takes place, **preferably within 5 days of the event.** The following is the proper chain for reporting misconduct.

1. Any student reporting misconduct should direct them to the Resident Assistant or Resident Chaplain. In the case one is not available, direct misconducts to the Director of Residential and Student Life.
2. The Resident Assistant or Resident Chaplain reserves the right to handle certain types of misconduct. If necessary, Resident Assistant and Resident Chaplain should direct misconduct to the Director of Residential and Student Life.

3. The Director of Residential and Student Life reserves the right to handle most misconduct complaints. Director of Residential and Student Life will direct all other complaints to the VPSA.
4. Administration, Faculty, Staff and any other member of the community should direct all misconduct complaints to the VPSA.

Crime Prevention

Both residential and commuter students are given information about campus safety and security during the first week of school. Campus security is discussed in staff and faculty meetings as needs arise.

Crime and sexual assault prevention programs are offered through the Office of Student Life. A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibilities for their own safety and security. When time is of the essence, information is released to the University community through security alerts posted promptly throughout campus and through emails and e-alerts.

Disability Issues

SCU does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admissions process, employment at the University, or participation in SCU activities. Prospective and admitted students who need information about programs, services and accommodations should contact the Office of Student Affairs. *The Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee is the Disability Officer for Southwestern Christian University.*

Dishonesty

Dishonesty in any form, including but not limited to, plagiarism, cheating on assignments or examinations; to knowingly give out false information; forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, records, keys or ID cards is not tolerated at SCU.

Disorderly Assembly

Students are forbidden to gather in a manner that disturbs the public peace, excites public alarm, results in violence to a person or property, disrupts the function of the university, interferes with faculty or staff in the performance of their duties, or brings disgrace or disrepute to the university. A student who encourages or participates in the formulation or prolonging of such a gathering may be subject to disciplinary action and/or immediate suspension from the university. Students who: disturb the peace, destroy, molest, deface, or remove property, or injure a person under the guise of initiation, student celebration, or for any other purpose may be subject to disciplinary action and assessed damage by the Vice President of Student Affairs. This applies to individuals and groups of students.

Dress Code

The Dress Code at SCU is designed to help students prepare to relate to professional life, ministry, leisure and athletic activities. Students are to attend classes, academic functions and religious services in appropriate attire.

Personal appearance, including hair and clothing, should be neat, modest and should reflect a person who is well-groomed. SCU understands that the dress code

is not necessarily reflective of one's personal character or spiritual integrity. However, students should remember that they are representatives of the institution. The following section lists specific requirements regarding clothing.

- **Shorts** may be worn any time of the day or evening with the following guidelines:
 - Appropriate length shorts may be worn to class or chapel.
 - Shorts may not rise **above mid-thigh**.

- **Shirts** must cover the entire torso modestly, more specifically:
 - **Tank tops** are **NOT** acceptable in class, or the cafeteria.
 - **Spaghetti strap tank tops** should be covered with another shirt.
 - **Shirts** with inappropriate advertisements or contain inappropriate messages are **NOT** acceptable.
 - **Plain white t-shirts** (undershirts) are **NOT** permitted in chapel or classroom settings.
 - **Midriff shirts** are **NOT** acceptable at any time.

- **Pants** should be neat. Wearing inappropriately torn or tattered pants (including jeans) or wearing any pants in a manner where underclothing is exposed is **NOT** acceptable.

- **Body piercing** and **body art** are **discouraged**, but not **prohibited** at SCU. All body art must be appropriate and not include depictions of explicit violence, sexual content or other inappropriate images.

There will be special occasions when the student body will be asked to conform to a specific dress code. These occasions will be announced in chapel and compliance is expected. Sponsors of extracurricular activities will have the right to determine the appropriate dress code for those activities. Any student who is not in compliance with the above regulations will not be allowed to attend.

The Administration, faculty and staff may recommend action to be taken against any student who is willfully violating what is considered to be acceptable dress. If there are any questions regarding appropriate dress, please seek advice from the Vice President of Student Affairs or the Director of Residential and Student Life. The Student Affairs Committee and the President's Cabinet of SCU have the authority to interpret and make adjustments in the dress code during the course of a school year.

Drugs/Controlled Substance

Promotion, distribution, sale, possession, and/or use of any drugs/controlled substance on campus, off campus or at University-sponsored events is prohibited. The use, possession, or trafficking of non-prescription amphetamines and barbiturates, narcotics, LSD, marijuana, hallucinogenic agents or drugs of any kind is a violation of local, state and federal laws. The possession, usage and/or trafficking of any of the above agents on campus or off campus is in violation of SCU policy and can result in probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. All drugs will be confiscated and turned over to local authorities.

No drug related, or similarly offensive posters, stickers, lights, etc. may be displayed in residence hall windows or on the outside of doors. Possession of drug related paraphernalia is considered a violation of this policy and, will be confiscated and destroyed. Other sanctions may be imposed at SCU's discretion.

Additionally, being under the influence of drugs on campus or at any University-sponsored events is considered a violation and is prohibited.

Email Use

All SCU students are assigned a university email address. If a student does not want to utilize SCU's email address, it is the student's responsibility to link their personal email to SCU's assigned email. Students will receive important notices from advisors, professors, staff, and administration via campus email. It is the student's responsibility to check their SCU email account on a regular basis.

False Accusations Regarding Harassment

Because false accusations regarding harassment, sexual harassment, or hate crimes can have serious effects on the person being accused, any false accusation will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion/dismissal from the university as well as any local or state laws that have been violated.

Federal Campus Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act

Annually, SCU makes every attempt to comply with the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Drug-Free School and Communities Act Amendments. Information is reviewed and updated annually. If you have any information you want to include or have any questions, comments or remarks, please contact the Vice President of Student Affairs at 405.789.7661 x3424 or david.chissoe@swcu.edu.

Fire Extinguishers and Security Systems

Jeopardizing or interfering with the safety and security systems established within the campus community, which includes tampering with safety detection devices or misusing fire extinguishers will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the university.

Firearms and Explosives

Students may not possess or discharge firearms, fireworks, explosives, or ignite a fire in any building or residence hall except when officially approved for university activities. Firearms and explosives are banned on the campus of SCU. Weapons of any kind may not be stored in campus buildings or student vehicles. Any student caught with firearms and/or explosives on the SCU campus will be dismissed from the university.

Graffiti

Unauthorized alteration of property from its original condition, including graffiti, paint, and alteration to landscaping will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the university.

Harassment

The University will immediately investigate any reported harassing, threatening and alteration or physically harmful behavior toward a person or persons because of:

- a. race, color, or national origin
- b. creed, religion, age, physical or mental disability
- c. gender, marital status, or sexual orientation
- d. any other status protected by federal, state, or local law

Confirmed reports of such behavior will result in disciplinary action against the offending individual(s), up to and including dismissal. Harassment should be reported to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Harassment refers to unwelcome behavior that is offensive, fails to respect the rights of others, and interferes with work, learning, living, or campus environment. Forms of harassment include, but not limited to:

Verbal: Conduct such as suggestive comments, derogatory slurs, off-color jokes, threats, suggestive or insulting sounds, etc. Verbal harassment also entails using the telephone to harass others. This includes, but is not limited to, unwanted phone calls, hang-ups, unwanted voicemail messages, and/or obscene calls.

Non-verbal/Visual: Conduct such as derogatory or inappropriate posters, pictures, cartoons, faxes, e-mails, or drawings, suggestive objects or pictures, graphic commentaries, leering, and/or obscene gestures.

Physical: Conduct such as unwanted physical contact including touching, interference with an individual's normal work or movement, and/or assault.

Hate Crimes

Hate Crimes are prohibited. Hate crimes are defined as offenses motivated by animosity toward a victim or group of victims based on their actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and/or disability. SCU does not tolerate any form of hate crime. Violation of any University policy that also fits within this definition may result in suspension or expulsion/dismissal from the University.

Hazing

Abusive behavior which: injures disgraces or threatens to do the same to any individual and/or their property is prohibited by the university. Serious injuries including deaths that have occurred as a result of hazing incidents prompted the Oklahoma legislature to the following legislation in 1990:

Chapter 48, Section 1190 defines Hazing as ...an activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization subject to the sanction of the public or private school...or any institution of higher education in the state. Such conduct includes whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, alcoholic beverage, drug or

any other forced activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual. Endangering the mental health includes activities, which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, forced prolonged exclusion from said intent.

SCU does not permit students to engage or participate in hazing. Any violation of this policy by an individual or campus organization shall result in disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the institution

Health Insurance

The university requires students to be responsible for their own medical expenses. **All students are required to have medical health care insurance at the time of enrollment** in order to provide basic protection against health care costs that could jeopardize the student's academic progress. Proof of insurance is required by those students who are from territories of the United States, registered legal aliens or international students.

Identification

SCU faculty, staff, and administrators have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business on SCU's campus. Criminal incidents are referred to the Vice President of Student Affairs and to the local police who have jurisdiction on the campus.

Illness and Communicable Disease

Commuter students who become ill should immediately notify the Vice President of Student Affairs who will determine the proper course of action. Resident students should notify their Resident Director. Any report that an SCU student has a chronic infectious disease, a compromised immune system, or has tested positive to the presence of disease antibodies shall be submitted in confidence to the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Any person who has a compromised immune system or communicable disease of any kind should contact the Vice President of Student Affairs for assistance in proper medical care, support, counsel, and education. Measures will be taken to respect the individual's right to privacy and to preserve the confidentiality of the individual who has in any way been compromised by the disease.

Inclement weather policy

The Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the President of SCU will make the decision to cancel classes should the need arise. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will notify the appropriate metro television stations, so that the closing of the university will be on the school closing list at the earliest possible time. In some cases the conditions may not be determined until the morning of closure between 5:30 and 7:00a.m. Area broadcasters will be informing the public during the morning news programs and running a listing of the closings during other programming. All efforts will be taken to notify students of closure via emails and e-alerts as early as possible.

Interpretation and Revision

Any question of interpretation regarding the Disciplinary Process, Codes of Conduct, and/or any other University policy shall be referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs for final determination.

Involuntary Withdrawal

The University community occasionally faces the problem of students who pose a threat to themselves or others, who are unable to cope with his/her, own needs, or who creates a pattern of extreme disruption. If such behavior constitutes a violation of University policies or regulations, the case will be referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs for action.

If the student's behavior occurs in the absence of any violation of policy or regulation, the Vice President for Student Affairs will investigate the situation and the effect of the behavior on the student and the University community. The VPSA may require a personal interview with the student. If, as a result of this investigation, the VPSA determines that the student's withdrawal from campus may be necessary, he or she will recommend a withdrawal to the student. If the student will not withdraw voluntarily, the VPSA may withdraw the student from campus with condition for readmission.

Students, who leave campus under the above conditions, either voluntarily or involuntarily, will be readmitted to the University only after being cleared by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Permission for readmission will typically be based on the student demonstrating a period of stable behavior outside the University and may require a statement from a physician, psychologist or other qualified professional that the student is ready to return and cope with the stresses of University life. Conditions for follow-up services may be required as part of the readmission decision.

It is understood that involuntary withdrawal of a student from the campus will be undertaken only as a last resort. Efforts will be made to help students understand the consequences of their behavior, make responsible decisions, and develop skills that will allow them to function in the University community.

Liability

Southwestern Christian University takes reasonable steps to protect people and property on campus. However, it is impossible to provide protection that is 100% effective, and the University does not accept responsibility for personal injury, theft, or damage to personal property occurring on the campus. Students are encouraged to make sure that their insurance coverage is adequate.

Lost and found

Items lost or found should immediately be reported to the Office of Student Affairs or Director of Residential and Student Life. SCU is not responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced items. You must take the initiative to secure your valuables and are encouraged to purchase renter's insurance.

Marriages

The university considers premarital guidance an essential factor in the establishment of a happy and successful relationship. SCU strongly recommends premarital counseling.

Meningitis

It is Oklahoma State law that all students entering Post-Secondary education have the Meningitis shot or sign a waiver with the Office of Student Affairs. Students must provide copies of immunization records.

Official summons

An official summons is a request made by a university administrator, staff or faculty member to have a conference with a student. Such request may be made by mail, telephone including text messages, e-mail or verbally. Students who disregard an official summons are in violation of the community standards of the institution.

Parking areas

A vehicle shall be parked within a designated parking stall in the university parking lot. Commuter and resident students may park in designated areas or any parking spot that is not reserved for the handicapped. Vehicles shall not be parked on the grass or sidewalks. The speed limit on campus is 9 miles per hour. Regardless of the stated speeds, a vehicle operator shall not drive at speeds that are excessive for existing road, weather, or traffic conditions. All state and local laws are in force on the campus. Persons authorized to park their cars in a reserved parking space shall not delegate this authorization to anyone else.

Parking Enforcement/Fines

The Office of Student Affairs and/or designees will cite and enforce violations of traffic and parking regulations on campus property.

Any repeated violation of campus regulations or reckless or dangerous operation of a motor vehicle on or off campus property are grounds for the revocation of the student's parking privileges and additional disciplinary sanctions.

All Parking fines must be paid by the end of the semester. Grades, transcripts or diplomas may be held until all fines are paid.

Police Authority

The Bethany Police Department has law enforcement jurisdiction over all parts of the SCU campus. Students and staff are expected to cooperate with officers investigating an accident or crime.

Public Safety

Southwestern Christian University is committed to the safety and welfare of all campus members and visitors. SCU utilizes cameras around campus in an effort to minimize the risk of crime. The Vice President for Student Affairs works closely with the Bethany Police Department to provide a comprehensive campus security program.

Sexual misconduct

SCU is concerned about any allegations of sexual assault and, therefore, strongly encourages any person who has experienced such a violation to report the incident immediately to the Vice President of Student Affairs who will take action to ensure that appropriate medical and counseling services are provided.

Sexual assault is defined as rape, acquaintance rape, and other sex offenses, forcible or non-forcible. Victims of sexual assault should attempt to preserve evidence that may be necessary to the proof of criminal sexual assault.

In accordance with federal regulations regarding disciplinary resolutions of sexual assault cases, both the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during disciplinary hearings and to be informed of the outcome. However, SCU will report and cooperate with the appropriate authorities that have the right and responsibility to act in response to law violations which involves SCU student(s). SCU will report complaints of sexual assault, which involve minors, to the appropriate law enforcement officials. Victims of sexual assault may notify the proper law enforcement themselves.

Sexual misconduct includes but not limited to:

- Sexual harassment, consensual sex, cohabitation, pornography, inappropriate displays of affection, sensual dancing, immoral conduct, and homosexuality.

Student ID Cards

All students enrolled at SCU (fulltime and part time) are required to have a student ID card. SCU students should carry their ID card on their person at all times. ID cards are necessary to get into school sponsored functions for free. Student ID cards will be utilized to track chapel credits and a variety of other University sponsored programs.

Student Programs

Student Programs focus on enriching the co-curricular life of students especially in the area of Christian community development. We offer a broad array of programs aimed at fostering an environment of learning and belonging. Current offerings which serve this end include the following:

- Eagle Nights: A bi-monthly program/activity that gives students exciting events to participate in on Thursday and/or Friday nights. Such events include: Mr. Eagle Competition, Eagle Spirit Week, Midnight Breakfasts, Homecoming Events, Spring Formal, Monthly Identify Services, Monthly Unified Services, Mic Night, Concerts, etc.
- A competitive Coed Intramural program that offers activities such as: basketball, flag football, dodge ball, volleyball, ping pong, academic challenges, etc.
- Outdoor activities including rafting, hikes, scavenger hunts, etc.

Unauthorized entry/Reproduction of keys

Students are forbidden to enter residence rooms or any locked area on campus without proper authorization. Students are not permitted to have any university campus key (including room key) reproduced. Students that reproduce keys are subject to probation, expulsion or removal from the dorms.

Unauthorized publications

Any student who: publishes, writes, distributes, or is involved in any campus publication or petition must have the written authorization of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Unauthorized telephone use

Students making unauthorized calls on university telephones will not be tolerated. Incurring charges on another student's telephone and failing to reimburse the phone customer for charges in a timely manner may be referred to the Vice President of Student Affairs or Director of Residential and Student Life. Disciplinary action will include reimbursement and may include sanctions and/or suspension from the residence hall and/or institution.

Vehicle regulations

SCU extends the privilege of operating motor vehicles on the campus to properly registered employees, students and visitors. All automobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters, motor bikes, etc. regardless of size or number of wheels are defined in these regulations as vehicles. The person in whose name a vehicle is registered on campus shall at all times be responsible for any parking penalties and any liability or damage claims arising in connection with the possession or operation of the motor vehicle on campus. For vehicles not registered at SCU, but located on campus either with or without permission, the registered owner as listed with the State Department of Motor Vehicles shall be responsible for all penalties incurred and/or any liability or damage claims arising in connection with the possession or operation of the motor vehicle on the campus. SCU assumes no legal responsibility for the care or protection of any vehicle or its contents at any time, including the time it is in any parking area.

The parking area may not be used as a garage, oil change, or repair area. Special arrangements for doing the above work must be made with the Vice President of Student Affairs.

ALL unauthorized automobiles are subject to impoundment at owner's expense. ALL SCU faculty, staff, and students must check with the Vice President of Student Affairs or Resident Director for parking instructions.

Vehicle registration

Students who own, maintain, or are in charge of motor vehicles on the campus shall register such vehicles with the university. A parking permit will be issued to students for each car registered and must be displayed on the car as directed. A vehicle shall be registered in the name of the student who is owner or operator. Any change of license number and/or vehicle shall be recorded on the campus registration form within five working days. All vehicles registered must carry liability insurance as required by state law. When a student registers a vehicle

he/she must show a valid driver's license and proof of vehicle liability insurance. Failure to continue to carry liability insurance or possess a valid driver's license while operating a vehicle on campus may be reason to revoke registration and may be cause for disciplinary action.

Vehicles shall not be parked in fire lanes, or within 25 feet of a fire hydrant, loading zone, handicapped parking, or in front of trash bins. These areas may be labeled or coded. Vehicles in violation of this, or inoperable vehicles left in disrepair, are subject to impoundment. Students should not play football, baseball, etc., in the parking lot area. If you desire to play one of these sports/games please go to: Eldon Lyon Park or the Soccer field in front of the Resource Development Center of the IPHC.

Vehicle violations

All parking area violations may incur a \$25 fine for each violation. Citations may be issued by any faculty member or any other person designated by the University Administration.

SCU reserves the right to inspect automobiles on campus when it has reason to believe that university regulations are being violated. SCU also reserves the right to restrict the use of a personal vehicle on the campus.

SCU Resident Life Program

SCU believes in a total educational experience that encompasses learning that takes place outside the formal classroom setting. The residence halls are an integral part of the learning process designed to provide a challenging and supportive environment. Residence hall programs, staff and policies are all intended to promote personal and social growth, as well as support the pursuit of academic goals.

Residency Requirements

All freshmen and sophomore dependent students and dependent students under the age of 20 are required to live in resident housing unless they are married or living with their parents or grandparents. Resident students must be full-time and maintain full-time status (enrolled in 12 or more hours) throughout the semester.

All requests to live off campus must be submitted to the Vice President of Student Affairs for approval **three weeks prior** to the start of the semester. The Student Affairs Department will review and approve any recommended exceptions.

Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director (RD)

The Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director (RD) is the administrative member of the SCU staff concerned with the management of all aspects of the resident living areas. The Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director supervises all day-to-day activities on campus and within the residence halls, including the resident assistances and resident chaplains when appropriate. The Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director lives in one of the resident halls.

Resident Assistant (RA)

Resident Assistants live within each residence hall for behavioral role modeling, encouraging faith development, building community, acting as a student advocate and resource, and confronting individuals who exhibit behavior that is contrary to the community standards. Resident Assistants will typically assume more community responsibilities than Resident Chaplains.

Resident Chaplains (RC)

Resident Chaplains support the Office of Spiritual Life on SCU's campus. Other Resident Chaplain responsibilities include: live within each residence hall for behavioral role modeling, encouraging faith development, building community, acting as a student advocate and resource, and confronting individuals who exhibit behavior that is contrary to the community standards.

DORM ROOM INFORMATION

Room Assignments

Rooms and roommates will not be assigned until a housing application and a non-refundable room fee are received.

When a student is assigned a room, the student is responsible for completing a Check In/Out Form and having it approved and signed by the Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director before moving into the residence hall.

Existing conditions of the room are listed on the Check In/Out form. If damages occur to the room during occupancy, the occupant(s) assigned to the room are assessed damage repair or replacement and cleaning costs.

When a student leaves at the end of a school term, the room (including bathroom) must be cleaned, with bureau drawers and closets empty. The student must return the room key to the Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director and pass inspection by one of the university representatives or Resident Director. Failure to check out properly with the appropriate university personnel may result in the student being assessed checkout charges. Another room fee may be required before a future room reservation or assignment will be made.

Students must remove their personal property when vacating the residence hall at the close of a school term. The university is not responsible for items left in the residence hall. **Students are encouraged to purchase renter's insurance.**

Room Check In/Check Out

Resident's rooms are expected to be left in the same condition in which they were found upon arrival. A cleaning charge will be assessed to the occupants of any room left unclean or who have not removed personal property from the room. Additional charges will be made for damaged or missing items. Other details regarding the checkout process will be made available from the residence hall staff at the end of the academic year unless alternate arrangements are specified. Failure to properly check out with a residence life staff person will result in a fee being assessed to the student.

Room Changes

During the first two weeks of the semester, room changes are not allowed. If a student wishes to change rooms, he/she and all individuals involved should discuss the reasons for the change with the Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director. If a student moves without permission, he/she will be required to return to the original room. All room changes must be recommended by the Director of Residential and Student Life/Resident Director and approved by the Vice President of Student Affairs. There will be a \$25 charge for approved room changes and a \$50 fine for unauthorized room changes.

Dorm Room Prohibited Items/Actions:

The following items/actions are prohibited in SCU residence halls, rooms, and common spaces.

- Alcoholic beverages, containers, and promotional items
- Antennas attached to windows or outside of buildings
- Athletic activities including running, throwing, bouncing, or kicking of objects; and the use of golf clubs, lacrosse sticks, footballs, etc.
- Children are not permitted as permanent residents of the residence halls. Baby-sitting is not allowed in the residence halls. Children are not allowed to spend the night in SCU dorm rooms.
- No pets are allowed in the residence halls, with the exception of fish in a container, which must be pre-approved by the Director of Residential and Student Life.

- Blocking and/or propping open entrance and/or exit doors.
- Ceiling alterations such as ceiling fans, mounting light fixtures, removal of ceiling tiles, etc.
- Cooking appliances designed for frying or with open heating elements such as toaster ovens, electric skillets, hot plates, waffle makers, etc.
- Construction of any kind
- Controlled substances, designer drugs, or prescription drugs written for another individual
- Fighting; including fisticuffs, shaving cream fights, powder fights, water balloons, etc.
- Fire-arms, ammunition and other weapons, including BB guns, pellet pistols, air rifles, dart boards and darts, nunchakus, power-bows and arrows, sling shots, blow guns, paint ball guns, knives, and other similar items
- Fireworks, including smoke bombs and firecrackers
- Jumping out of windows (except in case of an emergency when no other options are possible)
- Mopeds, motorcycles, flammable fuel, gas engines
- Halogen lamps, multiple outlet adapters, multi-plugs or power-strips, except for computers
- Open flames such as candles, incense, matches, lighters, etc.
- Paint or painting, other than art supplies
- Students should use discretion when viewing TV, movies, or on-line material and listening to music. Video games with T [Teen] are acceptable; those with M [Mature] must use discretion. Sexually explicit or inappropriate material, including but not limited to movies, posters, print materials, music, art, displays of profanity, or other potentially offensive, insulting, or provoking materials that are not consistent with the general spirit and message of SCU.
- Smoking
- Space heaters, extension cords, electrical Christmas decorations (RD permission)
- Throwing anything out of a roof or window
- Small portable refrigerators (not to exceed 1.5 cubic feet), microwave ovens, etc., are permitted provided they are registered with the Resident Director. Items such as irons, curling irons, etc., must not be left on or unattended. Stereos, radios and televisions must be turned off when student is absent from his/her room. Items found in rooms that are in violation of school policy are subject to confiscation by school officials.
- Any other item deemed inappropriate by the Director of Residential and Student Life, Vice President for Student Affairs or any other University Official.
- Although this list is not exhaustive, the Director of Residential and Student Life and/or VPSA reserve the right to make alterations to this list.

Room Sign-out (Overnight & Weekend)

Students under the age of 18 are required to notify their RA of their destination when leaving the campus after 6 p.m. Contact with the RA should take place upon return to campus. Overnight checkouts are a *privilege, not a right*. Students

wishing to check out on the weekend or a weeknight must sign-out with the RA assigned to their floor. Sign-outs should be completed and approved by 10 p.m. on the day of departure.

Rules & Expectations:

- **Freshman are allowed to sign-out during the week (Sun – Wed) to parents home only.**
- Sophomore, juniors, and senior students are allowed unlimited checkouts but are asked to use discretion.
- Resident students may sign-out to go home during the week and weekend.
- Any resident student on academic, disciplinary, or spiritual life probation will not be allowed overnight stays without the approval of the VPSA with the exception of weekends and holidays.
- Weekend privileges apply to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Sunday is considered a weeknight.
- **SCU does not permit students to spend the night in the company of members of the opposite sex.**

Abuse of these privileges may result in disciplinary action and/or loss of privileges. The Director of Spiritual Life and/or Resident Assistants reserve the right to deny or limit sign-out requests.

Room inspection

The university staff reserves the right to enter and inspect a student's room at any time. Such inspections may be made for safety, maintenance, management, sanitation, welfare and/or conduct in violation of university regulations, local, state or federal laws, or other cause deemed necessary by proper school officials.

Room Cleanliness

Rooms must be reasonably clean and orderly at all times, not just for routine room inspections. University personnel may visit rooms at any time to check for orderliness. Trash must not be put in the hallway. Weekly routine room inspection will be held on designated days. The inspection must meet the list of checkpoints posted in the residence hall. (The repeated offense policy may be in effect until the room has been cleaned.) Clean bed sheets and clothing are expected as part of good hygiene. SCU reserves the right to dismiss a student from living in the dorm if the student is unable to meet room cleanliness expectations.

Room Displays

Residents are free to display posters and other appropriate items in their room. Possessions or displays, which are inconsistent with the SCU Vision, Mission, and Values Statement (i.e. Alcohol advertising, pornography, etc.), and/or which violate accepted campus standards should not be displayed. Some room displays in public view may constitute a violation of University policies regarding racial or sexual harassment. Check with the Director of Residential and Student Life if you have any questions about what may or may not be appropriate.

Room Use Policy

In order to maintain an environment conducive to receiving a high quality education and to protect the resident's rights to privacy and safety, the following policy has been put into place:

Commercial use of your room or solicitation (phone, door-to-door, advertisement postings etc.) anywhere on the premises is strictly forbidden. This includes commercial use of the SCU Network computer connections. Nor is it permitted to publicly list Residence Hall room numbers or phone numbers in commercial ads or other business announcements. Specific exceptions for approved student concessions in Residence Halls must be authorized in writing by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

The SCU computer network is to be used for educational purposes only and not for business or financial gain, due to liability issues related to inappropriate use.

Room Safety and Security

While the residence hall staff makes regular rounds through the residence halls, the ultimate responsibility for the security of a student's room lies with the student, and the security of the hall rests upon the community. Students are urged to keep their room doors locked at all times and not to prop any exterior doors open. Students are also encouraged to report any strangers in the building to the residence hall staff or to Campus Security immediately. The University does not assume responsibility for damage to or loss of personal belongings, including as a result of theft or burglary. Students are encouraged to obtain their own insurance coverage if their parents or guardian's homeowners' policy does not cover the student's personal campus belongings.

Housing Contracts

Student housing contracts are for the **full academic year**. A student who occupies a room in University housing will be held responsible for that room and for stipulated charges until the end of the academic year unless the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee expressly releases the student from the contract. Each student must sign a Housing Agreement before receiving his/her room assignment. The agreement should be read carefully as students will be held responsible for the terms and conditions stated in the agreement. **Any exceptions to the instructions stated regarding Housing Contracts will be viewed on a case by case basis.**

Cohabitation

Students may not cohabit on-campus. Cohabitation is defined as spending the night together with romantically involved partners and/or members of the opposite sex. "Spending the night" is also a violation of visitation hours.

Curfew

Sunday through Wednesday, all students must be in their respective **residence halls** by 1:00 a.m. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday all students must be in their respective **residence buildings** by 1:00 a.m. The common areas are open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for an additional hour following curfew (2:00 am). All rooms are subject to room check at curfew. Action regarding curfew violations will be dealt with on an individual basis. If a student has not reached

his/her room within one hour after curfew, the Director of Residential and Student Life may be notified, who may attempt to contact the student's parents.

Curfew Grace Passes

Each student is granted curfew grace passes according to their academic standing. In order to use a grace pass, the student must notify their RD and/or the RA on duty no later than 1 hour before curfew. The grace pass is only valid for up to 59 minutes after curfew. The grace passes are distributed each semester according to classification: Freshmen – 1, Sophomores – 2, Juniors – 3 and Seniors – 4. Transfer students are granted 1 curfew grace pass on their first semester following transfer and the following semesters based on classification. **Curfew Grace Passes can only be utilized on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights or any school holiday up to the last day before classes start.**

Curfew extensions

Curfew extensions are not allowed except in cases of emergency. In such cases, the student must notify the DOSL/RD or RA as soon as possible. Should there be an extenuating need for a curfew extension, the RD or RA must approve it by 6 p.m.

Laundry and Linen

The University does not provide laundry or linen services. Laundry facilities are available in each dorm area. The University is not responsible for articles left in laundry rooms, and students are urged to pick up clothes as soon as they are dry. Failure to keep the laundry facilities neat and orderly may result in the closure of campus laundry facilities.

Painting

Rooms are to be painted by designated University staff only. Residents will be charged for repairs and/or replacement, and disciplinary action may occur for unauthorized painting of rooms.

Trash Collection

Trash collected in the individual rooms may **not** be deposited in the trash receptacles located in the laundry rooms or in any other part of the building. Trash must be taken to the dumpster provided outside.

Telephone usage

Each room in the residence halls has a private telephone jack. Students must provide their own telephone.

Residence Hall Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings are held for resident students, either as one body or within the separate halls. Dorm residents are required to attend all mandatory meetings. Schedules for resident hall meetings will be posted at the beginning of each semester. All meetings must be approved by the DOSL/RD who will be in attendance at all such gatherings.

Resident Hall Social Functions

All resident hall social functions (not including meetings) must be scheduled to end no later than curfew, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Residential and Student Life and/or Vice President of Student Affairs.

Dorm and/or Overnight Guests

Students may invite guests to visit them on campus. It is the student's responsibility to see that their guest abides by the rules and regulations of the university while visiting on campus. All guests must leave the campus before curfew. An overnight guest is defined as any person who is not a resident.

Permission to entertain overnight guests must be obtained in advance from the Director of Residential and Student Life prior to 5:00 p.m. Guest requests must be signed by all occupants assigned to the room where the guest will be staying. Stays of more than two nights must be approved by the Director of Residential and Student Life. Guests staying in the residence hall more than two nights could be subject to a \$20 per night fee.

Privacy rights

In a resident community, privacy and respect for others is of great concern. Therefore, the following guidelines are necessary:

- No one is permitted to enter another's room without first being granted permission to do so. This does not apply to routine room inspection or a university official entering for a legitimate reason.
- Items should never be taken from another room unless permission has been granted to do so.
- Students are expected to obtain room keys from the Director of Residential and Student Life and should lock their rooms when planning to be away from the residence hall area.

Noise control

In order to develop a pleasant atmosphere, students must exercise noise control at all hours of the day and night. When music, singing, or an extreme level of noise is heard outside a student's room, other residents are being denied the right of privacy. Therefore, the following guidelines will be enforced in regulating noise control:

- Room doors and windows must be closed when music is being played.
- A moderate level of volume must be used when operating stereos and televisions. This applies to both the lobby and residence hall rooms. Lights, stereos, televisions, etc., must not be left on, or unattended, for an extended period of time.
- Quiet/study time will be from 11 p.m. - 8 a.m. All talking, music, etc., must be at a reasonable volume and confined to individual dorm rooms.
- The common areas should be a place where students can congregate to talk, etc., without being overly concerned with noise level. Pillow fights,

wrestling, rowdiness, excessive noise, etc. **are not allowed** in the commons areas. All hours other than those designated as quiet/study time are considered to be courtesy hours. Any student who confronts other residents regarding bothersome noise or activity should expect the cooperation from the student(s) in resolving the nuisance. During finals week, specific quiet hours will begin on dead day and end on the last day of finals.

Off limits

Students are expected to protect their Christian integrity by the choices they make and the places they go both on and off campus. All Men's Housing (including area outside of windows) is OFF LIMITS to female students. All Women's Housing (including area around outside of windows) is OFF LIMITS to male students. Approval must be obtained in advance from the Director of Residential and Student Life or an official of the University, for a student to bring guests of the opposite sex into their rooms/housing.

Furniture

SCU provides each resident with a bed frame, mattress, and dresser. Each resident provides his or her own linens, blankets, bedspreads, pillows, study lamps, wastebasket, small items of furniture, small area rugs, etc. Students are responsible for proper use of furniture provided by the university. Mattresses must remain on bed frames and may not be placed on the floor. Dressers may not be stacked or used as supports for other items. Any damage that results from improper use of furniture will be charged to the resident(s). Beds may not be placed on other furniture.

*University-supplied room furniture is not to be removed from rooms for any reason.

Care of furniture, building, etc...

Students are expected to maintain the residence buildings and all items found therein in the same condition as they were found at the beginning of the semester. Students are expected to clean up after themselves and throw all trash away immediately. Student Center furniture should not be taken to the residence hall rooms. No one is allowed to move furniture or furnishings from the rooms without permission from the Vice President of Student Affairs or Director of Residential and Student Life. Students damaging or placing excessive wear on furniture will be in violation of school policy. Pranks are not permissible in the residence halls.

Straight pins, thumbtacks, nails, screws, masking tape or any other type of tape, etc., **may not** be used to hang objects on the wall in your room or in the hallway. If students wish to hang items, products designed to not damage surfaces or remove paint may be permitted. If there is a question regarding a certain product being permitted, please discuss this with the Director of Residential and Student Life.

Room damage/furniture/building costs

Listed below are some approximate damage costs to students. SCU university officials have the right to determine cost damages to be assessed to students.

- Broken door \$200
- Broken window \$250
- Drawer replacement \$50
- Un-cleaned room \$25 per hour
- Painting door \$20 Broken bed \$200
- Chest defacement \$100 Screens \$40
- Wallpaper replacement \$20 per hour

Damage costs will be billed to the student's financial account. All costs must be satisfied prior to a student receiving his or her grades, transcript, or reenrolling in the university for a subsequent semester.

Cosmetic Changes

The residence halls are designed for the use of students over several years. Certain personal cosmetic changes by the students (contact paper, hooks, wallpaper, etc.) require unnecessary repairs by the University. Therefore, unauthorized alterations to the rooms may not be made. Residents will be charged for repairs and/or replacement, and disciplinary action may follow unauthorized alterations of rooms.

Hallways

Hallways are not to be used for congregating or studying. Hallways are to be kept clear at all times. Items may pose a hazard as obstacles in the event of a fire or other emergency.

Windows and screens

No person should use windows as a room entry/exit. Screens must not be removed from windows except in the case of FIRE or emergency. Violations will be subject to disciplinary action.

Fire drills

Fire drills will be held at various times throughout the year. Instructions for the evacuation of the halls in the event of a fire or emergency are provided in student rooms and on hall bulletin boards. Residence will also be instructed of proper fire procedures during the first week of school.

All residents must evacuate the residence hall if a fire alarm is activated, whether for the purpose of a drill or in the case of an actual fire. Disciplinary action may be taken if a student does not evacuate.

Smoking, the use of candles or incense, or any open flame is strictly prohibited in the residence halls or in the commons areas. Flammable materials (gasoline, kerosene, propane, etc.) are not permitted inside buildings.

NOTICE-Tampering with fire alarms or activating smoke/fire alarms for reasons other than an emergency is considered a criminal offense and will be treated as such. Any student caught in violation may be subject to

criminal and SCU disciplinary action. The north and south exits of the residence halls are only for use in emergencies.

Christmas trees are permitted with a certification of fire retardant and they must be disposed of by the first day of the spring semester.

IN CASE OF FIRE - Call 911

Threatening weather conditions

When threatening weather is imminent, the Director of Residential and Student Life or Resident Assistant shall monitor certified meteorological broadcast for current information. (KTOK Radio - 1000 KHZ or television channels 4, 5, or 9).

Any storm warning affecting western Oklahoma County or eastern Canadian County shall be monitored closely by the Director of Residential and Student Life. In the event of a tornado warning, the Director of Residential and Student Life along with the RA's shall immediately notify campus residents.

Residents shall take cover in the hallway of each wing, preferably in the library away from glass. Other campus residents shall take cover in a small room/closet toward the center of the building and away from glass or windows.

Forfeiture of Residence Hall Privileges

Living in the SCU dorms is a *privilege, not a right*. A student may be asked to move out of the residence hall without warning for any reason deemed necessary by the Director of Residential and Student Life or Vice President for Student Affairs. The following are examples that may warrant removal from the residence halls:

- Abusive behavior (including continued disrespect) to people or property
- Any serious violation of the housing contract, including violations of stated or implied university policy
- Any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Director of Residential and Student Life or Vice President for Student Affairs

Example: If a student is caught drinking, using drugs, in possession of a dangerous weapon, in the room of the opposite sex, sneaking out of dorms after curfew, etc., in the dorms; that student is subject to dismissal from the dorms.

Note: Due to safety concerns, the parents of students being dismissed from the dorms will be notified.

If a student is asked to move out of the dorms, they will not be allowed to stay that night. Every reasonable effort will be made by SCU officials to accommodate the student removing their belongings. If a student is asked to move out and does not comply with those instructions could be subject to removal from campus by the Bethany Police Department.

University Breaks/Resident Hall Closures

SCU residency halls will be officially closed during fall break, Christmas break, and spring break and on the last day of each semester. Individuals must vacate rooms at the end of each semester. Any items left are done so at the risk of the individual. Food services are not provided during University breaks. SCU reserves the right to officially close the residence halls during any break or holiday.

Office of Spiritual Life

SCU offers its students not only a quality academic education, but an opportunity to develop the total person (spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social). SCU's Office of Spiritual Life plays a key role in the students overall experience at Southwestern Christian University.

The Office of Spiritual Life includes:

1. Church

Christian fellowship and worship are vital components of the Christian life; therefore, all SCU students are encouraged to faithfully attend and participate in churches from their own traditions. A declaration of a home church must be submitted to the office of Spiritual Life within the **first 6 weeks** of the semester. Any student failing to declare a home church and attend on a regular basis will be required to attend counseling with the Campus Pastor.

2. Campus Chapel Services

Campus chapel is a purpose-driven endeavor designed to enable the student to capture the spiritual mission of the gospel and is distinctive in its contribution to the student's spiritual experience. Through the Chapel Program, SCU hopes to provide a setting where every individual will come to know the true character of God and discover the destiny to which the Lord is calling each student. Chapels are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:50AM-12:00PM.

General Chapel Attendance Guidelines

- Students arriving within ten (10) minutes after the beginning of the service will receive ½ credit, instead of a full chapel credit.
- Students arriving more than ten (10) minutes after the service begins will not receive credit for the service.
- Students who leave before the service ends will have a credit removed.
- Courtesy and respect to fellow students and speakers is expected if the service extends beyond the allotted time.
- These procedures apply to Chapel, Spiritual Emphasis Services and other Spiritual Life Events based upon the advertised times for the service/event.
- One Chapel Credit is earned per chapel service.

Full-time students (12+ hours)

Students enrolled in 12+ hours must earn **23 Chapel Credits** for the semester.

Part-time students (<12 hours)

Students enrolled in 9-11 hours must earn **11 Chapel Credits** per semester.

Students enrolled in 8 hours or less must earn **9 Chapel Credits** per semester.

EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

The Office of Spiritual Life and Office of Student Affairs no longer recognize **excused and unexcused absences** regarding chapel credits. Each student is required to attend 23 out of 30+ chapels offered each semester. If you are involved in athletics or any other SCU function that will require you to miss

chapels during the semester, you need to preplan and make every effort to attend all the chapels you can recognizing absences you have no control over.

With few exceptions, there are no school related events that would require you to miss more than a handful of chapels per semester. The use of school rosters, doctor's notes, adults calling at the last minute on your behalf, etc. are no longer applicable to chapel tracking attendance.

Note: The VPSA reserves the right to review specific situations in which students missed more than the required number of chapels and make decisions regarding absences. Each student is responsible for keeping an account of his or her Chapel Credits. The Office of Spiritual Life keeps a weekly Chapel Credit report. If any student needs to know the number of Chapel Credits, please check your email for updates or contact the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Important: Students will be notified via their SCU email account after every even chapel missed (ex. 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc). It is the student's responsibility to check their emails regarding chapel missed notifications.

3. "REAL MINISTRIES" Core Group Program

One distinct resource that is provided by SCU is the "REAL MINISTRIES" core group program, which is in place to support and encourage students in their faith journey. The core groups are primarily student led under the supervision of the Spiritual Life Department. It is our intention to disciple students through "in" reach ministry and commission students through "out" reach ministry. By reaching "in" and reaching "out" our goal is to inspire students to build Relationships, strive for Excellence, form Accountability, and develop spiritual habits, all of which we believe are essential for servant Leadership.

4. Christian Service/Outreach Programs

The Christian Service Program is designed to expose each student to servant leadership within the local church, social service agencies, or other appropriate organizations within the community. Since service is basic to leadership, life, and society, all students are required to engage in Christian Service. The service activities fit into the academic major of each student and are structured so that each year's activities give more in-depth experiences to the student.

5. University Functions & Activities

University Functions and Activities are designed to assist students in the development of the total person focusing on spiritual, physical, social and intellectual activities. Such activities include: intramural sports, academic chapels, Freshman Float trip, WOW week ropes course, fall homecoming, student service auction night, Mr. Eagle competition, cookouts, concerts, midnight breakfasts and movies and much, much more.

Note:

Several All-University Functions are planned each year. All students taking 12 or more hours are required to attend each function. The expected dress code for each event will be announced prior to each function.

Spiritual Life Discipline Procedures

The disciplinary process for the Office of Spiritual Life is intended to correct and redirect the student's actions, protect each person in the SCU community and teach responsibility to the students.

Behavioral Offenses

Behavioral offenses are those that not only hinder the person(s) involved, but are also detrimental to the community as a whole. Such offenses may include, but are not limited to, excessive chatter or sleeping in chapel, doing homework or other work during chapel, text messaging and other minor offenses of the Lifestyle Covenant. **These offenses will be handled with a warning or Student Handbook Violation.**

Any SCU faculty or staff member may confront students' concerning inappropriate activity or behavior. Students who violate the community or chapel standards may be referred to the Coordinator of Spiritual Life and/or Vice President for Student Affairs for disciplinary action.

Spiritual Life Probation

Any student that does not meet the minimum number of Chapel Credits in a semester per enrollment status, will be placed on Spiritual Life Probation. For minimum number of Chapel Credits required, please refer to "Campus Chapel Attendance" section.

Students who fail to earn a minimum of 23 Chapel Credits per semester will receive a \$20 fine per chapel credit missed not to exceed the 23rd credit. (Ex: student accumulates a total of 19 chapel credits for a semester. The student would receive \$20 fine per chapel credit missed (3 x \$20) for a total of \$60 owed to SCU. The student is placed on Spiritual Life Probation during the next semester.

The following demonstrates rights of SCU students under Spiritual Life Probationary status.

1st Time on Spiritual Life Probation – any student placed on Spiritual Life Probation **for the 1st time during their tenure at SCU** is allowed to participate in extracurricular activities such as student leadership, athletics (intramural or collegiate), ministry teams, musical groups, etc., during their time on probation. All fines must be paid in full before the student can resume participation.

- The student will sign a "**Chapel Covenant Agreement**" stating they understand that they must attend chapels as a part of the expectation of being a SCU student and are allowed to participate during their first Spiritual Life Probationary period, and understand the consequences for future Spiritual Life Probationary periods.

2nd Time on Spiritual Life Probation – any student placed on Spiritual Life Probation (after the first probationary period has ended) **for a 2nd time during their tenure at SCU** is not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities such as student leadership, athletics (intramural or collegiate), ministry teams, musical groups, etc. for the following semester at SCU. If a student leaves SCU during

the probationary semester and returns during future semesters, they will have to complete the original probationary semester.

- The student will sign a “**Chapel Covenant Agreement Final Warning**” stating they understand that they must attend chapels as a part of the expectation of being a SCU student and are not allowed to participate during their second Spiritual Life Probationary period, and understand if they are placed on Spiritual Life Probation for a third time, dismissal from the university is imminent.

3rd Time on Spiritual Life Probation – any student placed on Spiritual Life Probation **for a 3rd time during their tenure at SCU** will be dismissed from the university.

Note: Students serving probation (Academic, Disciplinary or Spiritual Life) may jeopardize their opportunity to receive transcripts or institutional scholarships until the Disciplinary Action is fulfilled.

Spiritual Life Probation Appeals Process

Appeals must be made in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs **within 7 days** of Spiritual Life Probation notification. Appeals need to include specific reasons why chapel was missed. All decisions made regarding Spiritual Life Probation by the Vice President for Student Affairs is final.

Note:

Tenure at SCU starts the first semester the student enrolls for and takes course work at SCU. Tenure does not start over if a student leaves or does not imply consecutive semesters of probation.

Disciplinary Policies & Procedures

Disciplinary Procedures

In keeping with the distinctive Christian nature of our community, Southwestern Christian University establishes the following Community and Lifestyle expectations and standards. It should be noted that this list is considered a baseline and not comprehensive in nature. The University faculty, staff, and administration reserve the right to confront and address other behaviors that are compounding in nature and/or viewed as dangerous, destructive, unbiblical, or inconsistent with the SCU mission.

- 1) Southwestern Christian University fully expects all of its students to follow local, county, state and federal laws. Therefore, the illegal use, possession or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is prohibited.
- 2) In addition, Southwestern Christian University also recognizes that our Christian community has specific expectations of the traditional campus-based programs. SCU, therefore, recognizes that substance abuse does not contribute to, but detracts from, the spiritual and educational development of our students. Possession or use of alcohol on or off campus, contributing to the use of alcohol by other SCU students is prohibited. Use, possession, purchasing, etc., of tobacco is prohibited. Use of narcotics and/or any substance producing altered states of consciousness such as cocaine, heroin, marijuana, or other hallucinogenic drugs are not to be used or possessed. The University reserves the right to address the older adult (professional, parent, etc.) who resides off campus on an individual basis.
- 3) A student that voluntarily enrolls at SCU, regardless of age, residency, or status agrees not to engage in sexual behavior outside the context of marital heterosexual status.
- 4) Gambling, pornography, immodesty, profanity, crude, vulgar, or offensive language, disrespectful behavior towards students and SCU personnel, gossip, dishonesty, malice, etc. are all considered inappropriate behavior for all students.
- 5) Finally, because all Southwestern Christian University promotes community cooperation and interpersonal respect, all students are required to abstain from hosting, promoting, or being part of scenarios whereby any fellow student is encouraged or given the opportunity to violate the letter or the spirit of the aforementioned standards and expectations.

SCU Disciplinary Process

Southwestern Christian University attempts to interpret all of life based on the Word of God and the example set forth by Jesus Christ. Since there is such a distinctive expected from the SCU community, this requires certain standards that are in line with the Bible and reflect SCU's mission as a Christian university. All student behavior should reflect this standard and bring Glory to God.

The purpose for working with students in disciplinary matters is for all students to grow in 3 areas:

- 1) To become more complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10).
- 2) To develop responsibility for their own behavior and be held accountable for those actions (Galatians 6:5).
- 3) To participate in the discipline process by holding accountable their brother and/or sister in Christ, to God's standard (Matthew 18:12-17).

SCU desires to protect the integrity of the community and those are abiding by the rules and regulations. SCU believes the Bible is the foundation of faith and practice and seeks to implement Biblical principles as guidelines for university standards and expectations. When Biblical guidelines are put in place, it brings freedom for the believer to operate under the protection and blessing of God. It is imperative that any discipline action is redemptive and corrective in nature and not merely punitive. Our desire is to love all students regardless of behavior, but to allow students to experience the consequences of their own behavior. Scriptural principles including love, fairness, justice, mercy, and compassion will all be used to ascertain the proper discipline for each student and infraction. It must be reinforced that God disciplines those He loves (Hebrews 12:6). SCU seeks to incorporate discipline within this context. Within the discipline process, it is SCU's desire for students to experience forgiveness, restitution if need be, reconciliation in relationships, accountability for behavior, and restoration back into the community.

The philosophy of Southwestern Christian University is that discipline problems are most effectively handled at the lowest and fairest level possible. We follow the *Redemptive Biblical* model found in Matthew 18:12-17, a process that starts with confronting in a private, counseling relationship with peers and/or residence hall staff.

SCU Disciplinary Actions

The following actions may be taken with regard to any rule or policy violation at the university.

Warning/Minor Counseling- the student is contacted personally and an informal discussion is held regarding behaviors and attitudes.

Student Handbook Violations- the student is contacted, behavior is discussed and student is issued a student handbook violation (minor violations).

Corrective Restitution- The student is required to make restitution by some prescribed means for irregularity in conduct. This may take the form of a fine, community service, paper, counseling or prescribed interview sessions.

Disciplinary or Spiritual Life Probation- Probation will result in a covenant agreement that may include all or any of the following:

- a mentoring relationship with a faculty or staff
- community service
- counseling (at student's expense)
- restitution, i.e. payment or service
- fine
- community or volunteer service

--loss of extra-curricular or co-curricular activities (Students involved in leadership activities such as Student Senate, One Voice, drama, athletics, intramurals, ministry teams, music teams etc. may forfeit a certain percentage of their participation and/or scholarship)

IMPORTANT:

Any student that is required to receive counseling as a part of the disciplinary process due to specific behaviors such as: anger, pornography, alcohol, drugs, etc. is responsible for paying for required counseling and must sign an agreement to allow the VPSA to have basic updates on counseling progress. Any student that refuses, signs up and does not attend, or does not complete counseling is subject to further sanctions up to dismissal from the university

Note:

The length of the Probationary Period will be determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**University reserves the right to require students to contact their parents and inform them of any probationary case. The university reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student who refuses to contact parents.*

Disciplinary Suspension

The student is involuntarily suspended for a stated length of time (usually the rest of semester & and possibly the following semester). He/she will be required to leave campus within a 24 hour period. A student suspended for disciplinary reasons must sit out the remainder of that academic semester and potentially the following semester (to be determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs) (not to include summer semesters) and is eligible to reapply for admission the subsequent semester. **The conditions of readmission, if any, shall be stated in the order of suspension.** If a suspended student, who is later allowed to return, conducts a major violation, the student is subject to immediate dismissal. Because of the University's obligation to the safety of the student, the parents of the student will be notified of the student's status. No leadership involvement (extra-curricular or co-curricular) will be permitted during this period. The Vice President for Student Affairs has the authority to assign suspensions if deemed necessary.

Tuition, Room and Board costs will be forfeited as specified by the University's refund policy. Impositions of sanctions that deny a student the privilege to continue or re-enroll at the University will be communicated to the Registrar and noted as part of the student's transcript for the duration of the dismissal or probation period.

Note:

The length of suspension will be determined by the University Disciplinary Committee and/or Vice President for Student Affairs.

Disciplinary Dismissal

The student's enrollment is terminated and he/she is required to leave campus within 24 hours after the dismissal is announced. The University reserves the right to require the student to leave the campus immediately if it is deemed

appropriate. Students that receive disciplinary dismissal are not allowed to reapply for readmission to SCU.

Note:

The decision to dismiss a student will be made by the Vice President for Student Affairs, University Disciplinary Committee, or President's Cabinet.

Removal from University Housing

Under specific circumstances, the University reserves the right to remove a student from university housing. Access to other University-owned facilities can also be restricted. **Behavior that could result in removal from university housing would include disruptive, rude, or threatening behavior; students caught with alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons, sneaking out, inability to keep dorm room or commons area clean, destruction of community/university property, etc.** Because of the University's obligation to the safety of the student, the parents of the student will be notified of the student removal from University housing. It should also be noted that in the case of an illegitimate pregnancy, the student may be required to live off campus in a residence approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs (the student would also be subject to the standards, policies, and discipline concerning sexual behavior).

Note: The VPSA, Disciplinary Committee, and/or President's Cabinet reserve the right to determine certain behaviors that are inappropriate resulting in removal from university housing.

Baseline Levels of Disciplinary Actions

Southwestern Christian University recognizes the need for consistency and fairness in its disciplinary procedures. It is necessary, therefore, to establish and publish what the University views as the minimal response to selected infractions (inadvertent or deliberate) of specific University behavioral standards and expectations. We recognize that certain members of our community find themselves at varied stages of personal development and maturity, and we therefore reserve the right to consider the flagrancy of the offense in determining the appropriate disciplinary response. It should also be noted that the following behavior expectations and policies apply both on and off campus. It is likewise the case that other actions not listed below can result in probation, suspension, or dismissal should the behavior of the student warrant such action. (NOTE: Possession as referenced in the following baseline responses is defined as anything from actual physical possession, to having these substances present in one's room, car, etc., to being part of any scenario which is not in compliance of SCU expectations. Having alcohol containers (empty or full) on one's person, in a residence, car, etc. is considered possession. Cohabitation is defined as being with a member of the opposite sex at inappropriate times in their room, apartment or other residence.)

IMPORTANT:

Any SCU student placed on Disciplinary Probation is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities such as student leadership, athletics (intramural or collegiate), ministry teams, musical groups, etc., during their time on

probation. All fines must be paid in full before the student can resume participation.

Major Violation Policy Sanctions

The following is a list of minimum sanctions for major violations of University policy. The University reserves the right to impose more serious sanctions up to and including suspension and/or dismissal from the University. Major violations will count against a student for the entire academic year (fall to spring). The following are likely courses of action.

1st Violation – there are two options for the first major violation policy sanction.

Option 1 – Short term Probation (1 to 2 months in length)

meeting with the VPSA, disciplinary contract, fine, community service, disciplinary probation, and any other actions deemed appropriate by the VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee

Option 2 – Long term Probation (4 to 6 months in length) (semester)

meeting with the VPSA, disciplinary contract, fine, community service, disciplinary probation, and any other actions deemed appropriate by the VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee

Note: A student that does not complete the conditions of short term probation will either remain on short term probation until conditions are met or be placed on long term probation.

Note: If a student receives a semester-long probation halfway thru the current semester, the student would come off probation halfway through the following semester.

Note: A student can go from a short-term probationary status to a long-term probationary status in some instances.

2nd Violation – meeting with the VPSA and University Disciplinary Committee, extended disciplinary probation, fine, community service, disciplinary suspension or any other actions deemed appropriate by the VPSA and/or Disciplinary Committee

3rd Violation – meeting with the VPSA and University Disciplinary Committee, dismissal from the university will be recommended.

Note:

There are some major violations considered more harmful to the SCU community and will result in automatic disciplinary dismissal from the university. Such offenses include but are not limited to: any actions concerning a weapon, arson, theft, violent behavior including harassment or threats, computer crimes etc.

1. Major Violations likely to result in probation, suspension or dismissal upon the first occurrence include, but are not limited to the following:

- Unlawful use or possession of prescription or non-prescription drugs, including drug paraphernalia (use, possession, selling or providing).
- Arson
- Grand Theft
- Intentionally giving a false warning of a campus emergency, i.e. pulling fire alarms.
- Use, discharge, possession or storage of any weapon, or dangerous chemical, on campus or at University sponsored activities.
- Use or possession of Alcohol
- Sexual immorality, i.e. any compromise of marital heterosexual monogamy.
- Violent, Destructive or self-destructive behavior.
- Intentionally causing major damage to University owned or operated property.
- Discharging fireworks on campus.
- Unauthorized entry into a University facility.
- Intentionally harassing or threatening another person, including but not limited to, residence or security staff. This includes sexual harassment.
- Intentionally misusing fire or safety equipment. Automatically includes fines for misuse of fire extinguishers.
- Dishonesty, the giving of false information.
- Petty theft.
- Forgery or unauthorized alteration of a University document.
- Possession of stolen property.
- Computer Crime or theft of service, and unauthorized use of another's password/account.
- Pornography: Printed, video, internet, etc. Also will result in loss of internet service.
- Use or possession of Tobacco-Smoking or Chewing.
- Being in the room of someone from the opposite gender during unauthorized times.
- Gambling on or off campus
- Patronizing any bar and/or dance club
- Under certain circumstances, actions listed in the major violation section may be considered minor violations. The VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee reserve the right to make this judgment.
- Any other actions considered inappropriate by VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee.

Major Violation Appeals

Incident reports and allegations of **major violations** of the university standards and Lifestyle Covenant from university officials or other members of the university community will be forwarded to the Vice President of Student Affairs or a member of the Student Affairs Department to review the facts of the case to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to warrant a hearing. If such evidence exists, a hearing will be scheduled with the University Disciplinary Committee.

Appeals must be made in writing **within seven days** from the time the disciplinary notice was issued to the student. The decision of the Vice President of Student Affairs will be final.

The Disciplinary Committee of the university is comprised of the following:

1. Two President Cabinet members (One serving as chairperson, usually VPSA).
2. One faculty member selected by the President's cabinet.
3. Director of Residential and Student Life
4. Vice President of Student Senate which is elected by the student body.
5. One student selected by the President's cabinet.
6. A student selected by the Student Senate.

A quorum of three committee members is required to hear cases.

- All issues, findings, or sanctions in a case will be decided by a majority vote.
- The chairperson will conduct the meeting, and will only vote in the event of a tie vote among committee members.

All issues, findings, or sanctions in cases will be decided by majority vote. If a representative of the Student Affairs office sets a hearing, the student can expect the following to occur:

1. The representative of Student Affairs will notify the student of the charges against him/her and will summon the student in writing or phone conversation to appear at a hearing.
2. The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to call witnesses with critical knowledge of the incident, ask questions of the accused, and investigate all evidence that is presented or exposed during the hearing process. The committee may consider past offenses and a student's willingness to cooperate when determining sanctions and disciplinary measures that will be taken.
3. Any written material that is presented at the hearing will be provided to the student respecting the right to privacy of all students involved. It is at the discretion of the Vice President of Student Affairs how the information is to be presented. In some cases, it may be necessary to withhold student names from the documentation provided to protect their privacy and/or safety.
4. The student will have the right to tell his/her side of the incident, call witnesses with critical knowledge of the incident on their behalf, ask questions of those who filed charges against them, and to summarize their concerns regarding the incident.

5. The student will be notified in writing of the findings of the hearing **within five calendar days** from the hearing date and have a right to appeal. In most cases an oral verdict will follow the hearing.

6. A student not appearing at a scheduled hearing will be considered as having accepted all charges and sanctions pending against them. Because of scheduling conflicts, all students summoned to a hearing will be required to participate regardless of classes, work, or other scheduling conflicts. This also includes students appearing as witnesses in the proceedings.

Note:

The Vice President for Academic Affairs handles academic issues. The Director of Residential and Student Life and/or VPSA will handle violations regarding Spiritual Life policies. Witnesses who refuse to appear may be held in violation of the university's standards of conduct and referred to the Vice President of Student Affairs, who may initiate disciplinary proceedings.

In deliberating verdicts, the committee or representative of the university will typically make decisions based on a preponderance of the evidence after reviewing testimony and relevant information.

Following the hearing and the decision of the University Disciplinary Committee or representative of the university, the student has the right to appeal the findings or results of the hearing to the President's Cabinet. All student appeals must be made in writing within **five days** of the disciplinary decision. The appeals are taken to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Sanctions placed on the student by the VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee remains in effect until a final decision is made by the President's cabinet. **All decisions made by the President's Cabinet are final.**

The President's Cabinet will review the written appeal, the case file, and written findings of the University Disciplinary Committee. The case will not be reheard by the University Disciplinary Committee. However, the University Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to review the case with the student, witnesses, or other appropriate persons prior to making a decision.

If the student chooses to appeal the decision of the University Disciplinary Committee, the President's Cabinet will review the disciplinary action involving the suspension or dismissal from the university. Following the review of the appeal, the President's Cabinet may elect to void the decision of the University Disciplinary Committee, uphold the decision, alter the decision, or return it to the University Disciplinary Committee for a new hearing. The decision of the President's Cabinet is final.

There may be instances in the disciplinary process where students involved in the same incident or similar incidents will receive different disciplinary action. A student's attitude, previous violations, respect for the community and overall standing with the university will impact the disciplinary process. It is the goal of the University Disciplinary Committee and President's Cabinet to make every effort to consider the various levels of maturity, experiences and backgrounds of

each student during the disciplinary process. Therefore, disciplinary action may vary from one student to the next due to these factors.

Appeals from students will only be granted on the following grounds:

1. The disciplinary action imposed is grossly disproportionate to the offense
2. The student's rights were ignored and this significantly affected the right to a fair hearing
3. There was not substantial evidence to support the committee or representative's decision
4. Testimony or evidence was false or given fraudulently
5. New evidence has become available since the initial hearing that would have significantly altered the results
6. A Disciplinary Committee member or representative had a serious conflict of interest, which prevented him/her from considering the case in a fair and objective manner. If the VPSA will consider the case in a fair and objective manner if forced to cast the deciding vote.

2. Minor Violations likely to result in warning or Student Handbook

Violations on the first occurrence include, but are not limited to:

- Violation of quiet hour's policy.
- Minor damage to property.
- Violations of any University housing/dorm rules and policies.
- Use of profane language.
- Attitude not meeting expectations.
- Gambling on or off campus.
- Late on curfew, or sneaking out at night.
- Non-destructive pranks.
- Showing movies and playing music that violate policy, immodest dress, and room décor that are inappropriate.
- Illicit sexual dancing and patronizing dance clubs.
- Cursing/Cussing
- Violation of dress code
- Failure to pass room inspection
- Littering
- Inappropriate R-rated movies or M-rated video games (at discretion of Director of Residential and Student Life or VPSA)
- Excessive noise
- Failure to complete guest request form
- Curfew violation of 1-30 minutes
- Public Display of Affection (PDA)
- Chapel Violation
- Failure to complete overnight request form
- Under certain circumstances, actions listed in the minor violation section may be considered a major violation. The VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee reserve the right to make this judgment.
- Any other actions considered inappropriate by VPSA, faculty, staff and/or University Disciplinary Committee.

A student can be issued a Student Handbook Violations from RA's/RC's, staff, faculty or administrator for **minor violations**. Such citations will clearly state the offense, the date and time of the offense, and the signature of the person issuing the citation. Student Handbook Violations seek to correct student behavior and provide accountability. Minor violations (Student Handbook Violations) will count against a student for the entire academic year (fall to spring).

Student Handbook Violations:

1st SHV- Student receives a warning, meets with RA.

2nd SHV- Student receives another verbal warning, meets with RA and receives a SHV.

3rd SHV- Student meets with RA and Director of Residential and Student Life for counsel, sign a "change of behavior covenant", possible fine up to \$25, community service and any other consequences deemed appropriate by the Director of Residential and Student Life.

4th SHV- Student meets with the VPSA, Director of Residential and Student Life, RA for counsel, possible fine up to \$50, community service and any other consequences deemed appropriate by the VPSA.

5th SHV- meeting with the VPSA, disciplinary contract, fine, community service, possible disciplinary probation, and any other actions deemed appropriate by the VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee

6th SHV – FOLLOW 1ST MAJOR VIOLATION SANCTIONS PROTOCOL

VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to keep a student at a certain SHV level under certain circumstances.

Ex: New student receives two violations during the first week of school, and goes two months without receiving another SHV. The student then receives a 3rd SHV, the VPSA and/or University Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to utilize consequences under the proceeding SHV arena.

Minor Violation Appeals

The Vice President of Student Affairs, Resident Director, or Resident Assistants will handle violations that are considered to be **minor offenses** of the university standard. A student may appeal the disciplinary action of minor violations to the Vice President of Student Affairs. Appeals must be made in writing within seven days from the time the disciplinary notice or Student Handbook Violation was issued to the student. **The Vice President for Student Affairs is the first and final level of appeal for minor violations.** The decision of the Vice President for Student Affairs will be final. Any student placed on disciplinary probation has the right to appeal to the University Disciplinary Committee. Any student placed

on disciplinary suspension or disciplinary dismissal has the right to appeal to the President's Cabinet.

Important:

Students must follow the Major Violations Appeals Process.

Redemptive Discipline

Although SCU is committed to correct students when they display actions that are contrary to the standards of the community and institution, the university will help individuals who are struggling with personal issues, relationships or an issue that would normally be handled through the disciplinary process.

The administration, faculty, staff and RD take great pride in assisting students who desire help dealing with real life issues.

Therefore, when a student comes to an administrator, faculty or staff member on his own initiative, there will be no formal disciplinary action.

However, that student will need to comply with the redemptive discipline process. The university will develop a plan of objectives that will be used to aid the student in overcoming his/her area of struggle.

This policy does not apply to individuals who are facing disciplinary action due to an impending investigation or individuals who are confronted by the institution and its representatives for inappropriate behavior.

As a part of the Redemptive Disciplinary process, the student will submit to, but is not limited to, the following guidelines:

- Agree to sign a "Redemptive Discipline Contract"
- Agree to ongoing mentoring relationship with a faculty or staff member
- Agree to a personal counseling with staff from the Office of Student Life if required by the Vice President of Student Affairs, or if necessary, an off campus facility at the student's expense
- Agree to sign waiver of confidentiality so that the designated officials can monitor the counseling attendance and progress
- Agree to stop the behavior that is contrary to university policy
- Agree to any sanctions that may be imposed to help the student or provide restitution to any victims involved (fines, campus/community service, books, reflection papers, etc.)
- If a student refuses to accept or agree to the redemptive discipline process, the student is subject to further Disciplinary Action up to probation, suspension, or dismissal. The VPSA or University

Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to render a decision if student does not comply.

Fair and Impartial Process

It is Southwestern Christian University's desire to treat all students equitably when there is a situation that warrants confrontation which could lead to a disciplinary response. All students will receive a fair and impartial hearing, an oral and/or written summary of the reported behavioral infraction, and an oral and/or written determination of the case in question. Students, as noted, do have the right to appeal official disciplinary decisions.

University Resources

Campus Ministries (x3457)

SCU campus ministries seek to provide a worship environment that minister to the SCU community through programs, activities and initiatives encouraging students to develop the total person (spiritual, social, physical, and intellectual). If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Student Life.

Disability Services

SCU does not discriminate against qualified individuals with a disability in admission or access to its programs or activities. Prospective and admitted students who need information about programs, services and accommodations should contact the Student Affairs office. *The Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee is the Disability Officer for Southwestern Christian University.*

Fitness Center

Located in the Pickens/Springer Gymnasium, the fitness center offers a variety of cardio options, weights and strength training equipment to meet physical health needs. Hours of operation are extensive during the school year. Located to the south of the university is a 1.5 mile jogging trail that offers cardiovascular options for SCU students.

Food Services

Food service is provided on-campus. The dining hall is located in the Patrick Center/Cafetorium offering breakfast, lunch and dinner options. A variety of meals exist from a salad and soup bar, to sandwiches and hot meal options.

Health Services

Many of the major medical facilities of Oklahoma City are located in the northwest part of the city. For your convenience only, we have listed below several hospitals and medical facilities within minutes of the SCU campus. SCU assumes no liability, financial or otherwise, for the student's use of these facilities.

Hospitals:

Baptist Medical Center
3300 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 949-3011

Deaconness Hospital
5501 N. Portland Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 604-4000

Medical Centers:

Falls Park Christian Medical Center
6102 N.W. 63rd Street
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 728-8450

MedPlus
4510 NW 39th Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK
(405) 495-5841

Counseling Services

Although SCU does not have an onsite counseling clinic, students can utilize the Family Christian Counseling Services. The people of Family Christian Counseling are professional counselors who care about you. They are a non-

denominational, non-profit organization, established to offer God's healing plan to the emotionally wounded. As Christian counselors, they are members of the body of Christ and are committed to providing Godly guidance and Biblical truth to those seeking counsel. Their goals include providing emotional support and helping people live a healthy and productive life.

FAMILY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Jamestown Office Park
3035 NW 63rd Street, Suite 202
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Intercollegiate Athletics

Southwestern Christian University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). SCU offers 13 opportunities for collegiate athletic participation

Fall Sports:

Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country
Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Women's Volleyball, Bowling, Cheerleading

Winter Sports:

Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Indoor Track, Bowling, Cheerleading

Spring Sports:

Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Bowling, Outdoor Track and Field