

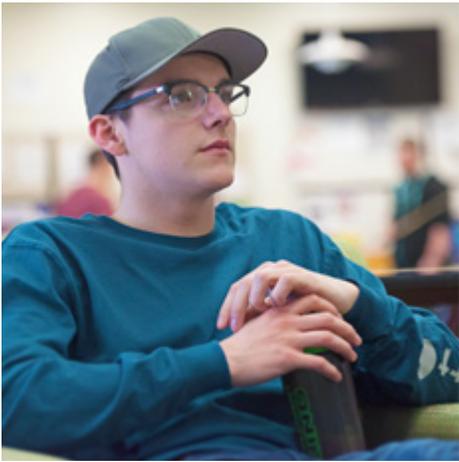


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Great Plains College Student Handbook

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Welcome to Great Plains College!

VISION

Growth, prosperity and quality of life through education and training.

MISSION

To build careers, partnerships and communities in Saskatchewan.

VALUES

Great Plains College is accessible, committed to excellence, collaborative, responsive and supportive.

Strategic Directions & Goals

1. Optimize Student Success

- Improve pathways to meaningful employment or further education
- Enrich student learning experiences
- Enhance student life

2. Deliver Education to Meet Labour Market Development

- Identify and deliver quality programs and training to meet regional industry needs
- Engage with external stakeholders to define labour market needs and trends

3. Value Employees

- Promote a safe, collaborative and respectful work environment
- Encourage professional growth to build organizational capacity
- Recognize employee contributions

4. Build and Enhance Partnerships

- Increase external funding to assist with institutional operations
- Provide input to all levels of government on college growth and accountability

Great Plains College will continue to build its performance and relationships with stakeholders through enhanced services to students and increased understanding of incoming student needs, increased student retention, external investment and partnerships, along with targeted programs that meet regional needs and maximize program capacity through our staff's strengths.

Fees and Tuition

Payment of Fees

Great Plains College accepts fee payment by cheque, money order, debit, Visa, MasterCard or cash at all office locations. Please refrain from sending cash through the mail. A student's registration becomes effective upon payment of the required fees. A student cannot attend courses or programs until all fees are paid unless prior arrangements have been made with the Student Services office or the Director of Programs. Great Plains College reserves the right to withhold service or marks until all outstanding fees are paid. Please contact the Student Services office for more information.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Great Plains College boasts one of the most competitive scholarship programs among regional colleges in the province. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, more than \$2 million has been distributed to students enrolled in full-time student loan-eligible programs since 2009, including more than \$155,000 in the 2019-20 academic year.

Great Plains College is pleased to offer a number of scholarship opportunities for students applying to full-time student loan-eligible programs, including:

- ABE Persistence Awards
- Athletic Scholarships
- Entrance Scholarships - \$500-\$5,000
- External Awards
- Grade 11 Early Entrance Scholarship - \$1,000

Student Associations

Great Plains College Student Associations are established at the Kindersley, Swift Current and Warman Campuses. The student associations are led by students that work hard to enhance the education experience and quality of life throughout the college.

Students have been involved in casino nights, the Olympic torch relay, mock accidents, community tree plantings, chili cook-offs, ball hockey challenges, Halloween costume and ugly sweater contests, the Relay for Life, scavenger hunts, fundraising auctions, campus luncheons and bowling and pizza nights, among many other activities.

Students are needed to fill executive and member positions on the Student Association. Please ask your student adviser, program coordinator, or instructor how you can get involved and become a leader at Great Plains College. Recruitment and elections begin in early September and at the beginning of each program.

Great Plains College Services

In Case of Emergency

Your instructor will review Great Plains College emergency procedures at the beginning of your program. You will be made aware of what to do in case of emergencies (such as fires, tornados, lockdowns, etc.), where to assemble outside and who to report your presence to.

Visitors

All visitors should report to reception and state the nature of their visit. Visitors are not allowed to enter classrooms without prior arrangement.

Campus Hours

Biggar: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Maple Creek: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Kindersley: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Swift Current: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Business Office hours)

The Swift Current Campus is open for general use from:

Monday–Thursday: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Warman: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Student Parking

Biggar: Students are permitted to park on the north side of the college in the lot labeled GPC Student Parking or in the BES2000 parking lot. Once that area is full, students can park on the street.

Kindersley: Student parking is permitted on the adjacent streets surrounding the college (Main Street and 5th Avenue). Parking is also permitted in the public lot on the far side of the United Church. Students are NOT permitted to park on Main Street in front of buildings other than the College, on 5th Avenue in front of the Town Office, in the parking lots in front of Hanger's Dry Cleaners, Saskatchewan Pension Plan or the Red Lion or in the Great Plains College staff parking lot.

Maple Creek: Students can park at the back of the building or on the street in front of the building.

Swift Current: Student parking permits are available for purchase for on-campus parking or for the 1st Avenue NE lot (beside the Legion Hall). You may contact the Business Office to request a permit. Parking permit stalls will be assigned based on first come first serve. Parking permits allow you to park Monday to Friday from 6 a.m.–6 p.m. in your designated spot.

- On-campus parking, August to July: \$200
- 1st Avenue NE lot, September to June: \$100 or \$50 per semester (September to December, January to April, or May to August)

Warman: Students are permitted to park on the west side of the college in the lot labeled GPC Student Parking. Once that area is full, students can park on the street.

Student Lounge and Food Services

Biggar: A student lounge is situated in the classroom area of the college. Students have access to a fridge, microwave, coffee machine and a vending machine.

Maple Creek: Breakfast is provided to those students who are in attendance and on time for their classes each day. Students at Maple Creek Program Centre can also access the kitchen for coffee and also have access to the usage of the microwave and fridge for storage of food. There are soft drinks and water available at a nominal fee.

Kindersley: A student lounge is situated in the lower level. Students may use the fridge, access free coffee, socialize and play a game or two.

Swift Current: A student lounge and the SunDogs Café is located on the main floor providing beverages, snack and light lunches. Students are encouraged to use the games, TV, vending machines and furniture provided.

Warman: Students may access the high school cafeteria but must return to the college after their purchase. The sitting area is for high school students only.

Lockers

Swift Current: The locker rental fee is \$25. Students must provide their own lock and agree to vacate their lockers by June 30. Great Plains College does not assume any liability for personal items left in lockers, and reserves the right to remove a lock when deemed necessary.

Phone Calls and Messages

Privacy laws require that Great Plains College cannot confirm whether or not a person is on site. In case of an emergency, the caller must disclose the nature of the emergency so that staff can determine the best management case. In no circumstance do we guarantee delivery of personal messages. Exceptions may be made if prior arrangements are made with the Student Services office.

Lost and Found

Please give any items found or notification of lost items to the instructor in charge of your course, reception or after hours to the campus attendant. Lost and found items will be kept for one program year. Unclaimed items will either be donated to a charitable organization or discarded at the end of the year.

Exam Invigilation

Students can write exams by arrangement in the examination room during designated times. Other members of the community needing an exam supervised can also access these services on a limited basis. Exam invigilation fees may apply. Please contact the specific college location to make the necessary arrangements. All items not required to write the exam must be left at the front of the classroom. This includes pencil or pen cases and cell phones.

Non-Smoking and Non-Tobacco Use

In an effort to create a healthier atmosphere for the college community, Great Plains College seeks to protect its students, clients, staff and visitors from the health risks associated with tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke. One of our goals is to promote and reinforce a tobacco free lifestyle. In the process Great Plains does not seek to force or require cessation of tobacco products use by its students, staff or visitors. Great Plains College seeks to uphold the personal rights and decision making processes of all people involved. Anyone who chooses to smoke is requested to use the designated smoking area only.

Smoking and tobacco use is prohibited in the following locations:

- Inside campus buildings
- On campus grounds; including parking lots
- In all college-owned or leased vehicles

Offences will be dealt with in the same manner as violations of other college policies and may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Conduct Policy. Sanctions and disciplinary actions could include: reprimand, probation, suspension and expulsion.



Computer Use

All students who are accepted to a Great Plains College program are given a Great Plains College computer account. This account gives you login access to all computers at the college as well as an email account. When using the computers do not save information in the documents folder. Save to the "U" drive. The "U" drive can be accessed from any computer on campus. If you require help accessing college computers or your email account, please contact the front desk. Please ensure that you log onto the computers using your individual login and that you log out when you are done.

Students must:

- Use the computers in a responsible and lawful manner
- Avoid using the facilities for personal financial gain
- Recognize that the computers are intended for educational use only
- Use only the programs that are installed on the computers and are available for student use
- Avoid using the lab during a scheduled class, unless permitted by the instructor
- Respect the rights of other users and the policies of sites and networks

Please remember:

- Downloading of any type from the Internet is strictly prohibited without prior permission
- No food or beverages are allowed in lab facilities
- Computer printers shouldn't be used in lieu of a photocopier
- All full-time students are allocated a \$5 (50 copies) print credit along with their computer ID
- Additional credits may be purchased at any time during the year (sold in \$5 increments)
- To report any problems to an instructor or the IT assistant immediately

Great Plains College Clothing

Great Plains College sells an assortment of college clothing and other items. Quantities are limited. Purchases can be made through reception at any college location.

Alumni

Your college activity and involvement as a student at Great Plains College will not end with your program completion. You continue to be an important part of the Great Plains College alumni family. As an alumni member you will have the opportunity to remain involved in the strategic direction of the college with connections in areas such as scholarships and various college events. For more information, please contact the Development Office at development@greatplainscollege.ca.



Student Services

Students are encouraged to make an appointment to access the assistance provided by Student Services. Students can access services free of charge and are encouraged to seek solutions to issues using the services provided. Instructors and program coordinators reserve the right to refer students to the Student Services office if it is felt that personal issues are impairing the student's performance.

The services available include:

- Career advising
- Financial advising
- Academic advising
- Exam invigilation
- General advising (i.e.: attendance, performance, issues impairing success, etc.)
- Sponsoring agency issues/difficulties
- Financial aid
- Confirmation of enrolment
- Referrals to outside agencies
- Incoming referrals from instructors and-or program coordinators
- Special needs programming
- Student assistance and advocacy
- Student employment opportunities (employment opportunities are shared with Great Plains College students throughout the year in a variety of ways)

Great Plains College Advising Team

Biggar Program Centre

Post Secondary Adviser – Ryan Spence 306.657.1851

Adult Basic Education Adviser – Vanessa Belyk 306.651.1510

Kindersley Campus - Adviser – Shanna Petersen 306.463.1353

Maple Creek Program Centre - Adviser – Kim Wellings 306.662.3829

Swift Current Campus

Adviser – Diana Molyneux 306.778.5454

Adviser – Mary Jane Benesh 306 778 5497

Martensville Program Centre

Adviser – Vanessa Belyk 306.651.1510

Warman Campus

Adviser – Ryan Spence 306.657.1851

International Students

Adviser – Kristy Sletten 306.778.5460



Student Policy - Late Fees

- Full-time post-secondary programs
- University
- Adult Basic Education

The deadline for payment of tuition and other fees is the first day of the program. Upon failure to pay a letter and email will be issued alerting students of the \$50 late fee assessed on their account. Payment of all college fees, including late fees, must be made within 15 businesses days from the date on the letter.

Failure to pay will result in a final letter and email and an additional \$50 late fee that is due within 10 days of the date on the letter. Students who have not paid the tuition and college fees in full by the final deadline date specified will be discontinued from Great Plains College programs and services.

A student may not register in another course until all outstanding fees are paid.

If a student is discontinued, the student will not be eligible for readmission, to any program, in the same academic year.

International students will incur a \$500 late fee if fees are not paid within \$15 days of payment deadline.

Sexual Assault Policy

References: Sexual Assault Procedures

Canadian Human Rights Act
Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Regulations
Occupational Health and Safety Act
Criminal Code of Canada
Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Protocol
Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Procedures

Purpose - Philosophy

All members of the Great Plains College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. This document sets out our policy and response protocol to sexual violence and ensures that those who experience sexual violence are treated with dignity and respect, and are listened to without judgement and with acceptance of the disclosure as true.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of the college community:

- a) whether the sexual assault is alleged to have occurred on or off college property or at a college event; AND
- b) where either the respondent, or both the complainant and respondent, are any of the following: employee, student, visitors, volunteers, contractors, service providers, management, member of the Board of Governors.

An investigation under this policy and corresponding processes will neither replace nor impede a criminal investigation of sexual assault or sexual violence. All persons have a right to pursue legal avenues whether or not they choose to proceed under this policy.

Policy

We are committed to reducing sexual violence and creating a safe space for anyone in our College community who has experienced sexual violence. The College is a safe and positive space where members of the College community feel able to work, learn and express themselves in an environment free from sexual violence.

All reported incidents of sexual violence will be investigated to the best of the administration's ability and in a manner that ensures due process. The College will make every effort to create an environment in which all individuals feel comfortable making a report, in good faith, about sexual violence that he or she has experienced or witnessed.

We recognize that sexual violence can occur between any individual regardless of sexual orientation, gender and gender identity or relationship status as articulated in the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code. We also recognize that individuals who have experienced sexual violence may experience emotional, academic or other difficulties.

We are committed to:

- Assisting those who have experienced sexual violence by providing detailed information and support, including provision of and/or referral to counselling and medical care and appropriate academic and other accommodation.
- Ensuring that those who disclose that they have been sexually assaulted are treated with dignity and respect, listened to without judgement and with acceptance of the disclosure as true, and that their right to dignity and respect is protected throughout the process of disclosure, investigation and institutional response.
- Treating individuals who disclose sexual violence with compassion recognizing that they are the final decision-makers about their own best interests.
- Ensuring that on-campus investigation procedures are available in the case of sexual violence, even when the individual chooses not to make a report to the police.
- Engaging in appropriate procedures for investigation and adjudication of a complaint which are in accordance with College policies and standards, and that ensure fairness and due process.
- Increasing coordination and communication among the various departments who are most likely to be involved in the response to sexual violence on campus.
- Engaging in public education and prevention activities, and providing information to the College community about sexual violence on campus.
- Providing appropriate education and training to the College community about responding to the disclosure of sexual violence.
- Contributing to the creation of a campus atmosphere in which sexual violence is not tolerated.
- Monitoring and updating our policies and protocols to ensure that they remain effective and in line with current best practices.

Student Policy - Academic Progress

References: ABE – Academic Progress-Attendance Procedures
Post-Secondary Brokering Institution Academic Progress Procedures
Student Appeal Policy

Purpose - Philosophy

Great Plains College promotes learning within a supportive environment for all students. Students will be provided with instruction, support and opportunity to achieve their academic goals. Academic goals will be identified by the student and the instructor. Students are responsible for their individual academic progress. The monitoring of student progress is an important enabling and proactive strategy to assist students to achieve their learning potential by:

- Allowing for the early identification of students whose academic progress is less than satisfactory and who may need appropriate learning supports.
- Utilizing internal and external resources and supports.
- Identifying, intervening and possibly discontinuing students who continue to make unsatisfactory progress or fail to meet academic requirements.

Policy

Academic progress refers to the student's movement within a course of study. Progress is not reliant on attendance. However, lack of attendance may be identified as a barrier impacting the student's ability to progress in their course of study. Students may also be required to meet attendance requirements or other conditions specific to a program/course requirement or to an external funder.

Students who are not achieving minimal academic requirements or are not progressing towards their identified academic goals will receive timely assistance to address the issue. Students will:

- be notified of their lack of progress,
- have expectations clarified,
- identify barriers influencing lack of progress,
- develop a plan to remove or rectify the barriers thus improving performance,
- identify resources and supports available to the student, as deemed appropriate,
- identify clear timelines, expectations and consequences for continued lack of progress.

Students who do not meet the expected performance standards may be:

1. required to perform specific remedial work
2. placed on academic probation
3. required to discontinue

Student Policy - Grade Appeal

References: ABE – Academic Progress-Attendance Procedures
Post-Secondary Brokering Institution Academic Progress Procedures
Student Appeal Policy

Purpose - Philosophy

The purpose of this policy is to assure that grades represent a fair and consistent evaluation of student performance and to provide students with a systematic process to follow relating to the appeal of a grade. The grade appeal process strives to resolve a dispute between the student and instructor in the assignment of a grade in a collegial and timely manner. Great Plains College supports open communication as the best means to resolve concerns about grades.

Policy

A registered student may appeal a final grade or grades for work that contributes to a final grade. Students are required to follow an informal resolution process first by discussing the matter with the instructor. If agreement cannot be reached, a formal grade appeal may be filed according to the brokering institutions grade appeal process. In the case where a brokering institution may not have a grade appeal process or the program or course is not brokered, the following procedure should be applied.

Procedure

If the informal appeal process does not resolve the matter to the satisfaction of the student, the student may file a formal grade appeal in writing.

The appeal should be submitted within 30 days of receipt of grade to the Program Coordinator who will then forward the appeal to the Region Manager. The Region Manager will undertake required consultations with the instructor, Program Coordinator and other relevant parties and present all information to the Director or Programs within five business days of receipt of the appeal for final decision. A grade may stay the same, be adjusted downward or be adjusted upward. The Director of Programs decision will be final.

The Director of Programs will ensure all relevant parties (student, instructor, Program Coordinator and Region Manager) are notified in writing within ten business days of receipt of the appeal.

Although maximum timelines are defined, every attempt shall be made to shorten the process. In complex cases the appeal process may continue beyond these deadlines. However, the review shall be initiated within the timelines of this procedure.

Student Policy - Student Appeal Policy

References: Student Appeal Procedures, Post-Secondary Brokering Institution Student Appeal Policy & Procedures

Scope

This policy applies to appeals received through the implementation of Great Plains College policies and procedures. Student wishing to appeal a decision made by a brokering institution shall be referred to that institution's student appeal policy and procedures.

Purpose - Philosophy

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the rights of students to be treated in a fair and reasonable manner. We also acknowledge our staff's ability to implement policies and make decisions related to student academic and non-academic misconduct as well as decisions related to student progress, attendance and harassment investigations. The Student Appeal policy is designed to ensure such decisions made by staff are held to standards of procedural fairness and allow for due process consistent with the principles of natural justice. Students have a right to be fully informed of any allegations against them, the right to respond to the allegations and the right to appeal disciplinary rulings. Great Plains College shall respond to student appeals in a fair and systematic manner.

Policy

A student at Great Plains College may appeal any college disciplinary or academic ruling in which the student feels that he/she has been treated unjustly, unfairly or in a prejudicial manner and which has a negative impact on his/her academic career. This would typically include rulings made through the application of the Student Conduct and Academic Progress policies.

NOTE: Decisions related to grade appeals are not subject to this policy and procedure. (See Grade Appeal Policy.)

The rendering of a decision that impacts the academic standing of a student is not in itself grounds for appeal. Reasonable grounds for hearing an appeal would normally be restricted to:

- alleged misapplication of procedural regulations or policy
- alleged inconsistent, discriminatory or arbitrary use of a regulation and/or determination of a penalty
- new evidence that has emerged and that was not considered at the time of the decision, but could impact the findings

Rulings, decisions, policies and procedures of partner institutions are not subject to this policy unless specifically described in formal agreements.

The application of principles of procedural fairness at the time of initial investigation and ruling by the original decision maker will reduce the number of appeals.

A student who has initiated the appeal process will continue in their program until the conclusion of the appeal process, unless the immediate out-of-scope Director decides the student's presence is detrimental to the campus community, the learning environment, the student's personal safety or the safety of others.

Student Policy - Internet and Email Access

Policy Statement:

Great Plains College wishes employees and students to be Internet literate and to have access, wherever possible, to email.

Policy Guidelines:

1. It is intended that every location having a college owned computer should have access to the Internet.
2. The Internet and email should be used for the benefit of the College and its programs and services.
3. While the Internet contains a wealth of information, it also contains information which may be offensive, inappropriate, and illegal.
4. We should encourage appropriate use and practice that helps to protect against viruses and other threats to the integrity of the system.

Policy Procedures:

1. Where email accounts are provided by the College as a means of communication by the general public or other government departments and agencies as a general point of access, i.e. the email address is generic, no personal communications should be transmitted to or from this address.
2. Personal communication should take place outside of regular working/classroom hours.
3. No employee or student may access any material, which might be construed as offensive to another; which is by its nature or content inappropriate in a college setting; or which is illegal.
4. Any user who violates the rules of good conduct on the Internet will lose their privileges to use the Internet or have an email account.
5. Internet users must understand that copyright laws continue to be in force and care should be taken in copying any original works without the author's permission.

Internet and Email Access

6. The College reserves the right to monitor Internet and email communications by employees and students.
7. Users will exercise procedures for managing and archiving data and emails on a regular basis.
8. Students will be required to sign the Students' Computer Use Agreement.

Student Policy - Student Conduct

References: Harassment, Abuse and Discrimination Policy, Student Conduct Procedures

Purpose - Philosophy

Great Plains College strives to provide a positive and safe learning environment that supports students in achieving academic success. To that end, Great Plains College expects all members of its community to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes high standards of professional and personal conduct, academic integrity and personal accountability.

Scope

This policy applies to all students at all Great Plains College campuses, training facilities, events, programs (including practicum placements and cooperative work placements) and college-led activities.

Definitions

Academic Integrity the standards and expectations for quality and integrity of academic work. It helps to create a fair, productive and honest learning environment that contributes to the credibility and quality of our programs.

Academic Misconduct conduct that undermines academic integrity by using illegitimate or dishonest means to achieve academic success.

Non-Academic Misconduct conduct that is inappropriate, disrespectful, unsafe or unlawful. It also includes the misuse or damage of college property or resources.

Policy

Academic and non-academic misconduct include, but are not limited to:

1) Academic Misconduct

a) Cheating: dishonest behaviour or the attempt to behave dishonestly to achieve academic success. For example:

- unless explicitly authorized by the instructor, using books, notes, diagrams, electronic devices, or any other aids during an examination, either in the room itself or when permitted to leave temporarily
- copying from the work of another student
- communicating with others during an examination to give or receive information, either in the examination room or outside of it
- commissioning or allowing another person to write an examination on one's behalf
- not following the rules of an examination
- using for personal advantage, or communicating to other students, advance knowledge of the content of an examination
- altering answers on an assignment or examination that has been returned
- removing an examination from the examination room unless authorized by the instructor

b) Plagiarism: a form of academic misconduct in which one person submits or presents the work of another person as his or her own, whether from intent to deceive, lack of understanding, or carelessness. It is allowable and expected that students will examine and refer to the ideas of others, but these ideas must be incorporated into the student's own analysis and must be clearly acknowledged through citations, references or other practices accepted by the academic community.

A student's use of others' expression of ideas, whether quoted verbatim or paraphrased, must also be clearly acknowledged according to acceptable academic practice. It is the responsibility of each student to learn what constitutes acceptable academic practice. Students who are uncertain of what plagiarism is should discuss the concept and practices with their instructors.

c) Participation in an Academic Offence: inappropriate collaboration whereby one person knowingly helps or encourages others to commit academic misconduct. For example, writing a test or paper for someone else.

d) Misrepresentation: may include a variety of inappropriate behaviours including:

- padding a bibliography with works not read or used
- providing false or incomplete information or supporting documents/materials on an application for admission, readmission, or transfer
- providing false information to obtain a deferral of work or examination
- altering or falsifying, or attempting to alter or falsify, grade information or other records of academic performance whether they be one's own or someone else's

2) Non-Academic Misconduct

a) Disrespect

- subjecting any person to indignity, injury, degradation and bullying
- abusive, vulgar or violent language, gestures, etc.
- inappropriate display of vulgar, obscene, abusive, illegal, pornographic or discriminatory materials, clothing or actions
- any form of discrimination because of race, colour, age, disability, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation
- violence and harassment
- use of recording devices, without appropriate permission, inside or outside the classroom

b) Educationally or Socially Disruptive Behaviour

- disturbing, disrupting or otherwise interfering with the educational activities (studies, laboratory/shop/practical exercises, lectures, etc.) of fellow students and instructors
- bringing illicit drugs, unapproved alcohol or other intoxicants to college facilities or events for personal use or for use by others
- attending training, educational, laboratory, practicum, cooperative placement or other services or training activities while under the influence of drugs, alcohol or other intoxicants
- neglect of workplace safety and health procedures or practices, or the creation of safety hazards

c) Misuse of College Resources

- use of computing or network resources to access, create, view, listen to, store or transmit material that is harassing, obscene, abusive, illegal, pornographic, discriminatory, or that otherwise violates applicable laws, Great Plains College policies or community standards
- willful damage of facilities, resources or equipment
- theft and unauthorized use of college property
- use, possession or storage of any weapon, or any device that any reasonable person would believe is a weapon

d) Violation of College Policies

- knowingly or unknowingly violating Great Plains College policies

Any student who is found to have engaged in academic or non-academic misconduct may be subject to disciplinary action. When making disciplinary decisions, Great Plains College uses processes that ensure procedural fairness and allow for due process consistent with the principles of natural justice. Students have a right to be fully informed of any allegations against them, the right to respond to the allegations and the right to appeal disciplinary rulings. The Great Plains College Harassment, Abuse and Discrimination Procedures outline processes for these specific types of non-academic misconduct. The Great Plains College Student Conduct Procedures outline processes for all other forms of academic and non-academic misconduct.

Student Policy - Fit for Learning Policy

References: Canadian Human Rights Act, Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Regulations, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Student Conduct Policy

Purpose

Great Plains College is committed to providing a safe, productive and healthy environment for its students, staff and visitors. This policy establishes a consistent framework to prevent and address situations where individuals, while on College property or acting as College representatives, are affected by the inappropriate use of drugs, alcohol, medication or any other substance that may jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.

Scope

This policy applies to all students while on College property or when participating in events as a College representative.

Definitions

Fit for Learning not under the influence of any drugs, alcohol, medication or any other substance that will hinder performance or compromise the safety to the student or others.

Policy

To help ensure a safe and healthy educational environment, Great Plains College reserves the right to prohibit certain items and substances from being on college property.

The college policy is that:

- Students are expected to abide by all governing legislation pertaining to the possession and use of drugs and alcohol.
- The possession, use, distribution and sale of drugs, alcohol and drug paraphernalia on College property is prohibited.
- Students shall ensure they are fit for learning and shall remain fit for learning while on campus and when assigned to be a college representative at off-campus events.
- Students are prohibited from being on campus while under the influence of recreational substances that may impair their performance or compromise safety to themselves or others.
- Students on medically approved substances that may impair their performance or compromise safety to themselves or others, must inform their Student Adviser or Program Coordinator. Proof of medical authorization may be required.
 - o The Student Adviser and Program Coordinator will work together to coordinate assistance and accommodation, as required.
- Students who present as unfit for learning will be sent home via safe transportation.
 - o The incident shall be reported to the Program Coordinator for further follow up.

Disciplinary Action

Violations of this policy will be addressed in accordance with the College's Student Conduct Policy and Student Conduct Procedures.

Violence Threat Risk Assessment - Fair Notice

Great Plains College is committed to creating and maintaining an educational environment in which students, staff and community members feel safe. The college cannot ignore any threat of violence.

What is a threat?

- an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture

Duty to Report

To keep our college locations safe, staff, parents / guardians / caregivers, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours to a Great Plains College staff member, VTRA Lead or call 1-866-296-2472.

What is the purpose of a Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

- to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the individual making the threat, and others
- to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- to understand the factors that contribute to the threat maker's behaviour
- to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- to promote the emotional and physical safety of all

What is the purpose of a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

A Violence Threat Risk Assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- verbal / written threats to harm or kill self/others (clear, direct and plausible)
- online threats to harm or kill self/others
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- bomb threats (making and / or detonating explosive devices)
- fire starting
- sexual intimidation or assault
- gang related intimidation and violence

What You Need to Know

- Any threat must be reported to a GPC staff member, who will inform the GPC-VTRA Lead
- Investigation may involve the GPC-VTRA committee, the police of jurisdiction, or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the threat maker and other individuals who may have information about the threat
- Threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action
- An intervention plan may be developed for the threat maker and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

The information in this brochure reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.

The complete Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol may be found on Great Plains College website at www.greatplainscollege.ca.

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Student Guidelines for Posting, Scanning or Copying

The copyright law of Canada governs the copying and communicating of copyright-protected material. Certain copies and communications may infringe copyright law. These fair dealing guidelines are provided for your information. You are solely responsible for knowing your rights and responsibilities under the Copyright Act. Great Plains College is not responsible for infringing copies made by the users of these machines.

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1. A student may copy and communicate, in paper or electronic form, a single copy of a short excerpt from a copyright-protected work for the purpose of research, private study, criticism, review, news reporting, education, satire or parody.
2. Copying for the purpose of news reporting, criticism or review must mention the source and, if given in the source, the name of the author or creator of the work.
3. A single copy of a short excerpt from a copyright-protected work may be posted to a learning or course management system that is password protected or otherwise restricted to students of a particular course.
4. A short excerpt means any one of a to g:
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 - b. one chapter from a book
 - c. a single article from a periodical
 - d. an entire artistic work (including a painting, print, photograph, diagram, drawing, map, chart, and plan) from a copyright-protected work containing other artistic works
 - e. an entire newspaper article or page
 - f. an entire single poem or musical score from a copyright-protected work containing other poems or musical scores
 - g. an entire entry from an encyclopedia, annotated bibliography, dictionary or similar reference work
5. Copying or communicating multiple short excerpts from the same copyright-protected work, with the intention of copying or communicating substantially the entire work, is prohibited.

Campus Location Emergency Services

KINDERSLEY

Emergency Services

Fire/Ambulance/Police.....	911 (emergency only)
RCMP.....	463-4642
West Central Crisis Services.....	463-6655
Kindersley Hospital.....	463-1000

Service Agencies

Mental Health/Addictions.....	1 (866) 268-9139 / (306) 463-8052
Health Line.....	1 (877) 800-0002 (www.healthlineonline.ca)
Kindersley Clinic.....	463-2621

Canada-Saskatchewan

Labour Market Services.....	446-8705
Social Services.....	463-5470
Kindersley Food Bank.....	460-7022
Salvation Army Family Services.....	463-1717
Matrix Treatment Center (Addictions).....	463 - 6655

Other Important Numbers

Town of Kindersley.....	463-2675
Kindersley Public Library.....	463-4141
Highway Hotline.....	1 (888) 335-7623

WARMAN

Emergency Services

Fire/Ambulance/Police.....	911 (emergency only)
RCMP.....	975-1670
Gama Integrated Health Centre.....	382-5554

Other Important Numbers

City of Warman.....	933-2133
Wheatland Regional Library.....	933-4387
Highway Hotline.....	1 (888) 335-7623

SWIFT CURRENT

Emergency Services

Fire/Ambulance/Police.....	911 (emergency only)
RCMP.....	778-4870
Southwest Safe Shelter.....	778-3692

Southwest Crisis Services

Women's Outreach.....	778-3684
Men's Outreach.....	778-3433
Swift Current Regional Hospital.....	778-9400

Service Agencies

Addiction Services.....	778-5280
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	773-7494
Big Brothers/Big Sisters.....	773-1643
Christian Counseling Centre.....	773-0614
Community Health Services.....	778-5280
Gamblers Anonymous.....	773-6271
Human Resources Canada.....	778-4372
Legal Aid.....	778-8272
Mental Health Services.....	778-5280
Salvation Army.....	778-0515
Social Services.....	778-8219
Victim Services.....	778-4898

Other Important Numbers

City of Swift Current Tel-A-Bus.....	773-1448
City of Swift Current.....	778-2777
Swift Current Comprehensive High School.....	773-2801
Swift Current Public Library.....	778-2752
Swift Current Housing Authority.....	778-3218
Highway Hotline.....	1 (888) 335-7623

MAPLE CREEK

During the summer months, meetings with student advisers and Great Plains College staff are by appointment only.

Emergency Services

Fire/Ambulance/Police..... 911 (emergency only)
RCMP..... 662-5550

Service Agencies

Hospital..... 662-2611
Mental Health/Addictions1 (866) 786-2510
(after hours 778-9522)
Public Health1 (866) 786-2510
Health Line.....1 (877) 800-0002 (www.healthlineonline.ca)
Salvation Army..... 662-3871

Other Important Numbers

Nekaneet Band Office662-3660
Highway Hotline..... 1 (888) 335-7623
Town of Maple Creek662-2244 (after hours 662-7333)

BIGGAR

Emergency Services

Fire/Ambulance/Police..... 911 (emergency only)
RCMP.....948-6600
Biggar Health Centre 948-3331
Biggar Hospital948-3323

Other Important Numbers

Town of Biggar948-3317
Biggar Library..... 948-3911



College Contacts

Biggar Program Centre: (306) 948-3363 or biggar.office@greatplainscollege.ca

Kindersley Campus: (306) 463-6431 or kindersley.office@greatplainscollege.ca

Maple Creek Program Centre: (306) 662-3829 or maplecreek.office@greatplainscollege.ca

Swift Current Campus: (306) 773-1531 or 1-866-296-2472 swiftcurrent.office@greatplainscollege.ca

Martensville Program Centre: (306) 242-5377 warman.office@greatplainscollege.ca

Warman Campus: (306) 242-5377 or warman.office@greatplainscollege.ca

Need help paying for post-secondary studies?

You can apply for financial assistance to help pay for post-secondary education. When you apply, the government will assess your financial situation and offer you grants and loans based on your need.

What's New?

In response to concerns about COVID-19 and the resulting slower labour market, a number of changes have been made for the 2020-21 student loan year which will increase student financial assistance eligibility.

- The previously expected contributions from students and spouses/common-law partners are exempted in students' needs assessments for this student loan year.
- The maximum weekly Canada Student Loan amount that can be provided to a student for the 2020-21 loan year has been raised to \$350.
- Doubling the Canada Student Grants (CSGs) for all eligible full-time (FT) and part-time (PT) students, as well as the CSGs for students with permanent disabilities (PD) and students with dependents (DEP), for the 2020-21 loan year;
 - CSG-FT is now up to a maximum of \$750 per month of study, or up to \$6,000 for a standard 8-month academic year;
 - CSG-PT is now up to a maximum of \$3,600 for the loan year;
 - CSG-FTDEP is now up to a maximum of \$400 per dependent, per month of study, or up to \$3,200 for a standard 8-month loan year;
 - CDG-PTDEP is now up to a maximum of \$3,840 for the current loan year;
 - CSG-PD is now a maximum of \$4,000 for the current loan year.

Request grants-only funding

When you apply for a Student Loan, you are assessed for a mix of non-repayable grants and repayable loans. You can choose to decline the loans and receive only grants.

For example,

- A student whose income is below the low-income threshold may be assessed for up to \$22,500* in combined federal and provincial financial assistance (\$15,500 in loan funding and \$7,000 in grants). If grants-only funding was requested, this student would receive only grant funding of \$7,000.

* The amounts referenced above are only an example and will not apply to all students. Your loan and grant amounts will be based on your individual circumstances.

Did you know?

- A grant is money that you do not need to pay back. If you withdraw from school, some or all of the grant funding you receive will convert to a loan.
- A loan is money you must pay back.
- You can apply for financial assistance if you are a fulltime or a part-time student.
- In addition to helping with the costs of tuition, loans and grants can be used for living expenses like rent, food, transportation and child care.
- Additional financial assistance is available to support the unique circumstances of Indigenous students, students with disabilities and adult learners. Check out our website for more information.
- If you have challenges repaying your loan, depending on your income, you may be able to defer or reduce your payments by accessing the Repayment Assistance Program.
- Loans are interest-free while in school and you don't have to start repaying them until six months after you complete your studies.

Where can I get more information?

Online: saskatchewan.ca/studentloans

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca

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Student Financial Assistance for Students with Disabilities

2020-21

Students with permanent disabilities are eligible to access all student loan and grant programs.

Some features of the Student Loan program are specifically for students with permanent disabilities.

What's New?

Changes in Response to COVID-19

In response to COVID-19 and recognition of the slower labour market, a number of changes have been made for the 2020-21 student loan year to increase student financial assistance eligibility. A summary of changes including details about the increased Canada Student Loan Grants including a grant specific to students with disabilities is available here.

What's important?

Financial supports for students with disabilities

Specific eligibility criteria apply. For details about eligibility and what your application must include, please see our contact information at the bottom of the page.

- If you are a student with a permanent disability who is eligible for student loans, you will be eligible to receive the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities. You will be automatically considered for this grant in your student loan application. This grant provides \$4,000 per school year to assist with educational or living costs.
- If you are a student with a permanent disability, you may take a reduced course load and be eligible for loans and grants for a longer academic period.
- If you are a student with a permanent disability enrolled at a post-secondary educational institution, you may be eligible to receive the Canada Saskatchewan Student Grant for Services & Equipment. This grant provides up to \$22,000 per program year including \$20,000 for the Canada Grant and \$2,000 for the Saskatchewan Grant. Examples of eligible costs include: tutors, interpreters, computer software and specialized transportation.

Additional money for full-time students who have been out of high school for at least 10 years.

The Government of Canada provides a Skills Boost top-up to the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students.

- If you qualify for the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students and you have been out of high school for at least 10 years, you will receive \$1600 per year (\$200 per month of an eight-month school year) in additional grant money.

Request grants-only funding.

When you apply for a Student Loan, you are assessed for a mix of non-repayable grants and repayable loans. You can choose to decline the loans and receive only grant.

Grants for students enrolled in adult basic education.

If you are a student with a permanent disability enrolled in adult basic education or an apprenticeship program, you can apply for the Canada Saskatchewan Student Grant for Services & Equipment without applying for a student loan. You may also be eligible for the Provincial Training Allowance.

Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship

Beginning in 2019, students must apply for a student loan to access the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship. If you are a Grade 12 graduate (2012 or later) and enrol in a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution, you may be eligible to receive this scholarship of \$500 each year (maximum of \$2,000).

Did you know?

Students with disabilities are not required to make the fixed student contribution of \$3,000.

There is no fixed student contribution for students with permanent disabilities, Indigenous students, students with children and students who are, or were, Crown wards. In fact, for the 2020-21 student loan year due to concerns about COVID-19, the fixed student and spousal contributions have been removed for all students.

Where can I get more information?

Online: saskatchewan.ca/studentloans

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca

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