

# Siena College

## COLLEGE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

### DISORDERLY OR DISRUPTIVE CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

<b>Policy Title:</b>	<b>Policy Title:</b> Disorderly or Disruptive Classroom Behavior.
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#### ***Brief Overview of the Policy***

*This policy outlines procedures to follow and consequences of disorderly or disruptive classroom behavior.*

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## **Reason for Policy**

When students are disorderly or disruptive in classrooms, faculty members need guidance as to how to respond, whom to call, and possible sanctions to impose.-

## **Scope of the Policy: Entities or Individuals affected by this policy**

- Faculty members
- Academic administrators
- Dean of Students office
- Public Safety

## **The Official Policy**

Disorderly or disruptive classroom behavior violates the Siena College Student Code of Conduct. Faculty members have the discretion to require disorderly or disruptive students to leave the classroom, or any other academic space including academic offices, hallways, the library, and off-campus experiential learning sites. Failure of a student to abide by the faculty member's request to leave the academic space may result in the summoning of Public Safety. If a student is requested to leave the academic space, the faculty member will report the conduct violation to the appropriate School Dean or AVPAA (for First Year Seminar), the Dean of Students Office, and file a report with Public Safety. Egregious violations may result in removal from the course and the student receiving the final grade of "F."

Faculty may report lesser conduct violations, not resulting in being removed from the class, to the appropriate School Dean/AVPAA, the Dean of Students Office, or file a report with Public Safety.

Following the report of a conduct violation, whether or not the student may return to the academic space will depend upon further discussion, investigation, or resolution of concerns with the faculty member and the School Dean/AVPAA. The Dean of Students may be consulted. If it is determined that the student may return to the academic space, the student will be required to submit a statement to the faculty member and the School Dean/AVPAA acknowledging the conduct violation and an understanding that a second violation will result in the student's removal from the course and a final grade of F. A student may appeal the final grade of F using the Appeal of Assigned Grades policy. The final determination of the appeal rests with the Provost.

<https://www.siena.edu/offices/academics/academic-policies-and-procedures/appeal-of-assigned-grades/>

Disorderly or disruptive classroom behaviors include, but are not limited to: violence, abusive and/or threatening behavior, using abusive or obscene language, making an obscene or lewd gestures, harassment, disrespectful behavior, refusal to abide by the faculty member's and College policies, including violations of the Covid protocols or policies.

## **Resources**

**See the student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook :**

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<https://www.siena.edu/files/resources/siena-life-student-handbook.pdf>

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