

## Community Covenant

Lee University is a Christian community dedicated to the highest standards of academic achievement, personal development and spiritual growth. Together the community seeks to honor Christ by integrating faith, learning and living while its members' hearts and lives mature in relationship to Jesus Christ and each other. Faith in God's Word should lead to behavior displaying His authority in our lives. Scripture teaches that certain attributes such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control are to be manifested by members of the Christian community (Galatians 5:22-23)

With this purpose and spiritual foundation, students are expected to comply with these lifestyle standards:

1. Community life at Lee University should be marked by personal stewardship of abilities and resources and sensitivity to the God-given worth and dignity of each individual. Respect for the worth and dignity of each individual regardless of any differences is a foundational tent of the Christian community of faith. The University does not allow and will not condone discrimination or harassment of another person because of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religious background, age, gender or disability.
2. Corporate worship aids in community building and support of the body of Christ. We gather as a community at special times for nurture and instruction in the truths of God's Word. These activities include required attendance at chapel and spiritual emphasis weeks. Personal devotions and local church involvement are encouraged.
3. Scripture condemns such attitudes as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, needless anger, an unforgiving spirit, harmful discrimination and prejudice. Furthermore, certain behaviors are expressly prohibited by Scripture. These include theft, lying, cheating, plagiarism, gossip, slander, profanity, vulgarity, adultery, homosexual behavior, premarital or extramarital sex, sexual promiscuity, pornography, drunkenness, gluttony, immodesty and occult practices. (Galatians 5:19-21, I Corinthians 6:9-10)
4. Scripture teaches that all our action (work, study, play) should be performed to the glory of God. We endeavor, therefore, to be selective in the choices of clothes, entertainment and recreation, promoting those which strengthen the body of Christ and avoiding those which would diminish sensitivity to Christian responsibility or promote sensual attitudes or conduct.
5. Since the body of the Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit, it deserves respect and preservation of its well-being. Therefore, the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco in any form and the abuse of prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs violates our community standard.