

Physical Systems and Applied Mathematics, 2016-17

Program Covenant – Fall Quarter

In this upper-division science program, we will study the deep connections between mathematics and physics. Each student will bring unique background and goals to our studies, and it is our collective goal to build on those strengths at the same time as we stretch our learning in new directions. These goals and the activities we undertake to reach them support students' work towards meeting the expectations of an Evergreen graduate. The following describes the procedures to be employed in the interactions between faculty and students and outlines faculty expectations of students in the PSAM program.

General Expectations: It is our expectation to actively create and support a bias-free classroom. All students have a right to be heard, respected, and valued. We expect students and faculty to be aware of socio-cultural privilege dynamics and how that may impact student learning and the classroom environment. It is expected that all participants in this program will be socially responsible and enter into the program in a spirit of good will.

This means, among other things, that they will be on time and prepared for all their classes (with all appropriate textbooks, notebooks, calculators and handouts at lectures, workshops, laboratories, etc.); that they will consider the effects of their actions on others as well as themselves (for example, failure to participate actively in program activities such as workshops, labs, and discussions seriously undermines the effectiveness and morale of other students); that, should problems arise, they will deal directly with the parties involved with civility and tolerance.

With regards to general conduct, please read and follow the Students Rights and Responsibilities (www.evergreen.edu/studentaffairs/rightsandresponsibilities.htm). Be sure to read the Evergreen Social Contract, the Student Conduct Code, and the Campus Sexual Harassment Policy.

Students are expected to work co-operatively in program activities except when taking tests or other activities indicated to be individual efforts. When reporting on collaborative efforts students must give credit to their collaborators and indicate their contributions

Students should not expect faculty to evaluate work received late or in the wrong format, nor should they expect to receive credit for such work.

Check college email and the program website regularly. If you miss class, find out from another student what you have missed and catch up on all assignments.

Be proactive and communicate. If you have questions or concerns about your work or the program, contact faculty directly.

Take care of yourself. If you become ill, stay home and recover quickly rather than extending your illness by over-exertion. While protecting your privacy, let the faculty know by e-mail or voice-mail as soon as possible when you miss class because of illness.

Conduct program activities in a responsible manner. This includes: cleaning up after yourself so that overworked janitorial staff or others don't have to do so; using College equipment, facilities, and other shared resources responsibly; acting in compliance with all relevant College policies.

Special Needs: Students who require accommodations for academic work should contact Access Services (<http://evergreen.edu/access/> ph. 360-867-6348/TTY: 360-867-6834). Information about such accommodations is confidential and protected by legal and ethical considerations.

Program Content and Design: The nature and extent of material covered in the program is the responsibility of the faculty. Students are expected to participate in **all** portions of the program, unless specifically registered for a particular portion of the program.

Credit and Evaluation: See syllabus.

Cause for Dismissal: A student may be dismissed from the program if the faculty team agree that the student is acting in a fashion that impairs the learning community of the program. Cheating and/or plagiarism are grounds for dismissal with loss of all credit. Faculty will inform the Campus Grievance Officer of any misconduct or rudeness to fellow students or to the members of the faculty as these tend to develop into more challenging issues if left unchecked.

Alcohol and Drugs: We want you to thrive academically in this program and in your time at The Evergreen State College. The use of alcohol and other drugs often has a negative effect on students' academic success. If we are concerned that you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol during class meetings or activities, we will express our concerns to you. Use of alcohol or marijuana in an illegal manner and use of illegal drugs is prohibited on field trips. Behavior that may be a violation of the [Student Conduct Code](#) will be reported to the Senior Conduct Administrator in the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. A special note on marijuana—because The Evergreen State College receives federal funding (e.g. students receiving federal financial aid) the possession and use of marijuana on campus remains illegal. And may impact your ability to work for certain companies or agencies after graduation.

Sexual Violence: The Evergreen State College is committed to an educational environment free from sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. In order to connect students with the best possible services and all available options, members of the faculty are required to report disclosures of sexual harassment and sexual misconduct made by students to Evergreen's Title IX Coordinator. Students may contact the Title IX Coordinator, Kelly Schrader at schradek@evergreen.edu or 360-867-6900 for information about their rights and options at Evergreen, to access support services, or begin a formal complaint. Members of the faculty are also required to report abuse of minors. Confidential support is available to students affected by sexual misconduct in Student Wellness Services, Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Response, Seminar 1, 2110, (360) 867-6200. Find out how you can help stop sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking by joining Green Dot, <http://blogs.evergreen.edu/evergreendot/>. Evergreen has an affirmative consent policy with regard to sexual violence.

Evergreen Wellness Resources: The quarterly student health fee covers office visits for medical and counseling services at Student Wellness Services, Seminar 1, 2110. Services include screening and treatments for cold, flu, reproductive & sexual health, depression, anxiety, and drug and alcohol use. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact Student Wellness Services at (360) 867-6200. If we are concerned about your wellbeing, we will express our concern to you and offer to help you connect with Student Wellness Services. We welcome students asking for assistance with medical and counseling concerns. Please consider asking for assistance at the earliest possible point.

Phones, Laptops, Tablets: In general, students will not be able to use their phones, laptops, or tablets during class, unless specifically authorized by the faculty.

Grievance: Should an unresolved disagreement occur between a student and the faculty team, students have the right to follow the normal college grievance procedures described in the student handbook.

By signing below, I certify that I have read the Physical System and Applied Mathematics Fall Quarter Covenant and agree to abide by it, and that I have placed this copy in a secure location with my program handouts.

By checking the box, I certify that I signed the community version of this Covenant.