



The Buzz

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Important Reminder about Alcohol and Other Drug and Illegal Substances Policies

Alcohol

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is forbidden. (Refer to Gwynedd-Mercy College 2009-10 Student Handbook on-line). Therefore the following are prohibited in the residence hall community:

- **being present** in a room and/or being the resident of a residence hall room in which alcohol is found
- possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a residence hall
- presence of empty alcohol containers and/or cartons in a residence hall room (this includes any "decorative" alcohol containers and/or cartons used as a decoration in a student's room)
- * intoxication and/or drunk and disorderly conduct

**Definition: a person who, having consumed alcoholic beverages regardless of age, experiences a loss of the normal use of his/her mental and/or physical faculties. This includes (but is not limited to) incomprehensible speech, loss of motor coordination, aggression, abusive behavior, or loss of consciousness.*

Repeated violations of the alcohol policy will result in removal from the residence halls, suspension or dismissal from the College (please review and note the Mandatory Minimum Judicial Sanctions for Alcohol/Other Drug Violations in the Range of Sanctions Section of the handbook.)

Drug and Other Illegal Substances

Possession and/or use of illegal substances is against College policy as stated in the Gwynedd-Mercy College Handbook. Violations may result in immediate removal from the residence halls.

Health and Safety Inspections

Health and Safety Inspections will be occurring on Friday, September 25th. The Resident Life Staff will be entering all student rooms between the hours of 2:30 – 5:30 pm to conduct health and safety inspections. Staff will be checking for fire safety, sanitation, and other safety conditions. Resident Life staff can and will confiscate items not allowed in the Residence Halls. They will also document any discovered policy violations. See the "Room Condition" section in the Resident Life Handbook (on-line) for additional information or contact any member of the Resident Life Staff. Please note that the Office of Resident Life is not responsible for any confiscated items that are lost, broken or damaged in any way.

Room and Board Refund Policy Per Semester

Withdrawal date from the residence halls is based upon official notification by the student to the Office of Resident Life and official check-out of the residence halls.

- 100% refund prior to the first day of the semester
- 75% refund through end of the drop/add period
- 50% refund through first week after drop/add period
- 25% refund through second week after drop/add period
- 0% refund after end of the second week after drop/add period

The residence facilities are designed to accommodate individual students and not a student's family members. Students with special family needs are welcome to review the off-campus housing listing available through the Office of Resident Life.

Did You Know?

In the most recent and nationally recognized resident study (ACUHO-I) Gwynedd-Mercy College students ranked GMC Resident Assistants **"3rd"** out of the 269 participating colleges and universities across the nation to the question, "How satisfied you are with the student staff member on your floor regarding availability."

Phone & Internet Assistance

Is your telephone not working? Are you having problems with your computer or connecting to the internet? Is your internet or phone outlet not working?

The IT Service Desk (formerly known as the Help Desk) can assist you with these problems. Please contact them by phone at x444 or via e-mail at IT@gmc.edu for assistance. The IT Service Desk is open from 8am–8pm, Mon.–Thurs.; 8am–4 pm Fri.

Mid-Semester (Fall) Break

The college's mid-semester break is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 12-13. Regular classes will not be held. Accelerated classes **are** in session. The residence halls **will not be closed** for mid-semester break. Dining hours will operate on a weekend hour schedule Saturday through Tuesday. During this time, students should anticipate limited access to entry doors and use the St. Brigid front entrance.

From the GMC Wellness Committee

Welcome to a new academic year at Gwynedd-Mercy College! As you are walking around campus, please observe the areas where smoking is **not permitted**. Smoking receptacles are placed around the campus, and these are to be used for smoking waste. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to create a clean and healthy campus community for all to enjoy.

Comcast Cable

Students interested in upgrading their cable service must contact Comcast directly at 1-800-COMCAST. Please remember that you must be present to allow Comcast access to your room.

Door Reminder

Please help us keep the Residence Halls safe by remembering not to prop open exterior entranceway doors. In addition, you should always keep your residence hall room door locked even when you are just going down the hall to visit friends.

Campbell Solution Center

The Campbell Solution Center (CSC) located in Campbell Hall. It was created exclusively to get your questions answered and provide "One Stop Shopping". If you have needs regarding ***billing, financial aid, registration, IDs, parking/auto registration*** there is staff on hand to assist you. No appointment necessary.

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8am–6:30pm
Friday, 8am–3:30pm

Contact information:

campbellsolutioncenter@gmc.edu, x: 595

Upcoming September Common Hour Programs Wednesdays 1:30 – 2:30 pm

9/16 "Constitution Day Program"- JBA
Risa Vetri Ferman, Montgomery County
District Attorney

9/23 "Creative Arts Therapies
Demonstrations"- Various Locations
Music Drum Circle-Waldron Board Room
Drama - Student Lounge @ Pepperazzi
Dance - TBD
Art – Cafeteria

9/30 "GMC in Italy"- Merck Auditorium
Study in Italy! GMC is offering a one-month
summer study abroad program in Italy. You
can earn credits from GMC faculty while
residing in the down town area of a northern
Italian city. Come and hear more about it!

9/30 "Academic Convocation"- JBA
Cultivation of Compassion: Improving the
Human Condition.



HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!