

# **Summer Journalism Institute**

The University of Florida  
Department of Journalism

## **Student's Responsibility / Behavior Contract**

The participant and parent(s)/guardian(s) have read and understand the following rules and policies of the Summer Journalism Institute. They understand that violations of these rules and policies may result in participants being placed on probation, their parents notified and a letter sent to their school principal noting the misconduct. A serious violation of this behavior contract will result in expulsion from the institute.

First violations of the following are grounds for immediate expulsion: causing property damage, fighting, intoxication, illegal drug use, sexual misconduct or violation of any university rules or municipal, state and federal laws.

SJI rules and policies include the following:

- Participants must not damage any dorm room or journalism room or furnishings in those rooms. When checking out, students must see that all supplies and furnishings are left in their proper places in the condition in which they were found.
- Class attendance is mandatory and roll will be taken at the start of each class period. Being tardy to lecture or lab is a violation.
- Sleeping in lecture or lab is a violation and will not be tolerated.
- Nametags must be worn at all times – to class, meals, lectures and social events. The name cards posted on dorm room doors are not to be removed or switched. (This is for the protection of the participants during an emergency.)
- Use, possession or delivery of any alcoholic beverages, firearms or other weapons, illegal drugs and/or other illegal or potentially hazardous substances/materials is forbidden and grounds for immediate expulsion.
- Students must check-in with their dorm resident assistant at 10:30 p.m. and must be in their rooms by 11 p.m. each day of the workshop. Institute staff members will check rooms at 11:30 p.m. each day.
- Men are not allowed in women's rooms. Women are not allowed in men's rooms at any time. During recreation and study time, students may socialize and study together in dorm lounges, lobby and recreation rooms and in the study-hall areas of the journalism building.
- Participants are not allowed off campus at any time during the institute, except for worship services, with the approval of the workshop directors.
- Participants driving to the institute must park their cars for the duration and car keys must be given to the SJI staff. Keys will be returned at the end of the workshop.
- Participants must not walk around campus alone at any time. Always walk in groups of two or more.

- Other summer camps will be sharing our dorm. Any disruptive behavior involving students in those camps is ground for dismissal and students will be sent home.
- Participants must not prop dormitory hall doors open after curfew to facilities illegal entry. Uniformed security guards patrol the dorm area at night and check the dormitory exits / entrances.

If SJI's directors reasonably believe a participant has violated the rules, the student will have an opportunity to discuss and explain fully the alleged misconduct to the directors. The discussion will take place prior to a final determination of misconduct and prior to sanctions being enforced. In all instances, the directors' final determination regarding any violation and imposition of sanctions shall be binding.

If – for any reason – a decision is made to expel a student from the institute, the student and the directors will call the participant's parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss the violation and determine how the participant will return home. *The participant's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for paying for the student's transportation home if the student is expelled.*