

<p style="text-align: center;">STUDENT COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE & CODE OF CONDUCT FIRE & GRACE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY</p>

Fire & Grace School of Ministry students should possess a commitment to excellence in every area of life, possessing a level of maturity that enables God to entrust them with the calling to which He has appointed them. Each FGSM student is expected to commit to pursue a standard of excellence by doing the following:

- Spend time daily in God’s presence through prayer, the Word of God, worship, and devotion.
- Pursue academic excellence and integrity.
- Cultivate positive social relationships.
- Act in ways that edifies the body of Christ.
- Respect the rights and property of others.
- Conduct oneself in moral, ethical, and spiritual purity according to God’s Word.
- Abide by established FGSM standards, including dress code and attendance policies, and help others to abide by these same standards.

Our conduct and moral standard as Christians should be governed first and foremost by the New Testament. The following Fire & Grace School of Ministry Code of Conduct is in place to ensure we avoid any confusion and to make certain that FGSM students abstain from sin and even the “appearance of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22).

1. No drinking any alcoholic beverages, no using illegal drugs (this includes marijuana), and no abuse of prescription drugs in public or private.
2. No smoking, vaping, dipping, chewing or any other form of tobacco/synthetic legal drug intake.
3. No sexual immorality of any kind which includes premarital sex, adultery, homosexuality, pornography, crude sexual language or jokes. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated. No student will be accepted to FGSM who is living with a person of the opposite sex without being legally married (with a marriage license).
4. No student of FGSM may be a practicing member of any secret society, fraternity/sorority or false religion such as the Freemasons, Eastern Star, Shriners, Sigma Chi, Islam, Roman Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, New Age, Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses, Judaism, Wicca, Christian Science, and so forth.
5. No student of FGSM will practice Yoga, eastern meditation, visualization, mantras, chanting, astral projection, or any other occult thing such as acupuncture, essential oils, Reiki, or charms, fetishes, or any form of divination. Visiting fortune tellers, mediums, or playing with Ouija boards are also forbidden by Scripture and FGSM.
6. Threats of violence or any type of physical assaults on anyone will NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion.

7. Stealing, lying, or cheating on tests or class assignments will result in dismissal from FGSM. Plagiarism (the practice of taking the work or ideas of someone else and passing them off as one's own) is a form of theft and lying and will not be tolerated. Every FGSM student should always list sources and give honor to whom honor is due.
8. FGSM students should respect and obey civil laws and authorities unless they violate the Word of God.
9. Dress code: FGSM students are expected to dress modestly in all public places. Shorts should be modest and reach close to the knees. NO tank tops, low cut tops, high cut tops, low cut or sagging pants, see-through clothing or tight clothing will be allowed in school, church, while recording school videos or FGC/FGSM activities. Modesty should be the rule in a Christian's life even outside of church.
10. Disrespectful or argumentative speech toward faculty, staff, or guests of FGSM will NOT be tolerated. Using curse words or derogatory comments to demean fellow students or those in authority is also forbidden.
11. Social Media: No foul language or inappropriate content (anything that violates the FGSM Code of Conduct) is to be posted or shared on social media while a student of FGSM.

Examples: Memes/videos/posts with cussing, men/women wearing clothing that violates the FGSM dress code, or sexual in nature.

12. Local FGSM students are required to attend all services and events hosted by Fire & Grace Church of Opelika, Dean Odle Ministries and Fire & Grace School of Ministry. FGSM students who are not local are required to attend all services and events hosted by Fire & Grace Church of Opelika, Dean Odle Ministries and Fire & Grace School of Ministry on-line. This includes a monthly student Zoom call.

AGREEMENT

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have read the Fire & Grace School of Ministry Student Commitment to Excellence & Code of Conduct. I agree to live by these standards and understand that FGSM has the right to dismiss any student who is considered to be in violation of this commitment. I agree to notify FGSM staff/faculty if at any time I violate this agreement or feel I can no longer adhere to it.

Signature Required

Date