

Patterson Court Standards Program

The mission statement for Patterson Court reads:

Patterson Court aims to provide a social and educational outlet for students at Davidson College. We provide a safe environment for social interaction and enjoyable dining opportunities. We strive to be a responsible community, fostering scholarship, service, leadership and life-long friendship. Recognizing these common beliefs among our organizations, the Patterson Court Council is established to facilitate and coordinate our efforts.

In support of this mission, all Patterson Court organizations are expected to meet standards of operation and behavior. Each group is reviewed annually on the following standards and points are assigned according to that group's compliance with the standard.

Standard Area One: Academics

Patterson Court embraces and encourages academic excellence. It is expected that Patterson Court organizations will be supportive of strong academic performance on the part of their members. House membership should not be detrimental to a student's academic success.

1.1 The average grade point average of the house membership should exceed the Davidson College all campus average. (100 points possible)

Standard Points assigned by GPA (assuming the all-campus average is 3.0)

GPA	Points
At or above all-campus average (3.0)	100
2.99	99
2.90	90
2.70	70
2.50	50
2.00	0
Below 1.0 of the all-campus average	0

Improvement of .1 over last semester: +10 points

Improvement of .2 over last semester: +20 points

Bonus points are available for exceptional academic performance.

GPA	Bonus Points
.1 > PCC Average	1
.15 > PCC Average	2
.2 > PCC Average	3
Greater than 3.5 GPA	4

Standard Area Two: Finances

Financial responsibility is a life skill taught by membership in a Patterson Court organization. Through consistent bookkeeping, qualified supervision, and fiscal responsibility, students learn about individual and collective financial management. Houses should be financially responsible, debt-free, and exhibit good business practice in order to provide a higher quality social, dining, and educational experience for their members.

- 2.1. A house budget should be prepared by the treasurer and executive board each semester, reviewed by the house advisor(s), and submitted to the Patterson Court Advisor. The treasurer must also meet with a representative from Business Services twice each semester to discuss the house's financial status with the college. (50 points possible; 30 points for the budget requirement and 10 for each meeting with the Controller's Office)**

In order to receive full points, a house must submit a finalized house budget, including the appropriate signatures, no later than one month following the first day of classes each semester. Meetings with Controller's Office will be verified with a sign-in sheet, which is maintained by that office.

- 2.2. The house's account should be paid in full each semester and if the house is in debt to the College, a payment plan should be arranged between Business Services and the organization. (50 points possible)**

No debt for semester: 50 points

Debt but with payment plan: 35 points

Debt and no payment plan: 0 points

Bonus points are available for exceptional fiscal management

Enter the semester with no existing debt: 2 points.

Standard Area Three: Programming

The health and safety of individuals is of utmost importance to the Patterson Court Council and its member organizations. Effective risk management and education serve to make Patterson Court a better environment for Davidson students and the campus community. It is important that each organization's practices are in compliance with federal, state and local laws as well as the Davidson College Code of Responsibility and the Honor Code.

- 3.1 The house should demonstrate compliance with the Davidson College Code of Responsibility and Honor Code, including the Risk Management Guidelines and Alcohol Policy. (60 points)**

Ability to follow social guidelines set forth by the College shall be commended. Each house should strive to avoid sanctioning for risk management or alcohol policy violations by the Patterson Court Council, Residence Life Office, Dean of Students Office, or other authorities. This standard rewards groups that have not received sanctions or been found in guilty in any judicial hearing. Organizations that are found not guilty in judicial cases will not be penalized. Should an organization be found guilty, points will be deducted at the discretion of the Judicial Board.

3.2 The house has one educational or developmental program for its members per semester. (20 points)

The subject of which is to be determined by the individual house. A summary of the program and attendance must be submitted to the Patterson Court advisor to receive credit. A minimum of 60% of the organization must be in attendance at this event to receive full points.

3.3. The house has a minimum of 30 members or 50% of its membership who have participated in the college approved risk management training (whichever number is lower). (20 points)

By having a substantial portion of the house trained in risk management skills, each house will be more prepared in preventing and incident. The Patterson Court Advisor will maintain records of all appropriately trained members.

Bonus points are available for exceptional programming.

At the Patterson Court Advisor's discretion: up to 2 points based upon review of educational program.

Standard Area Four: Facilities

The facilities maintained by each organization reflect not only on the individual group, but also on Patterson Court and Davidson College as a whole. Responsible housekeeping displays pride in one's house as well as pride in Patterson Court. Cleanliness in both the house and kitchen area provide a safer environment in which members can eat and socialize.

4.1 Physical condition of the house should receive at least an average grade of 80% on weekly inspections for the semester. (50 points)

Feedback will be provided to the house after each inspection in order to assist the organization in making improvements. Houses will be informed of inspection dates in advance. **If a house scores below 75% for two weeks in a row, no**

meals may be served until successful re-inspection, to be scheduled as soon as possible. The house under sanction must continue to pay its cook during this period.

- 4.2 The house should have a health and cleanliness checklist posted in a visible location in both the kitchen and dining area. (5 points)**

The Patterson Court Advisor will provide this checklist to each house.

- 4.3 The house should have a written system for assuring that the building is maintained in a safe, and healthy condition on a daily basis, and submit this system to the Patterson Court Advisor. (10 points)**

This system must be updated annually and submitted to the Patterson Court Advisor by the first Friday of each academic year.

- 4.4 Kitchens will be inspected by a representative of the College each semester. The house should pass both inspections. (25 points)**

Such an inspection will ensure each of the houses are operating with a clean kitchen, thus minimizing the incidence of illness or food poisoning. Houses will be informed of the inspection dates in advance.

- 4.5 The house's cook(s) should be certified in a Safe Serve class for food preparation and handling. (10 points)**

This class will help inform the cooks of current food-safety practices used in state-regulated dining facilities. Davidson College will pay for the registration fee for each cook to be certified.

Bonus Points are available for exceptional facilities management.

Inspection Average	Bonus Points
≥ 85%	1
≥ 90%	2
≥ 95%	3

Standards Area Five

The Patterson Court Council believes that joining one of its member organizations should be a positive experience for both the individual and the house. Among the purposes of any Patterson Court organization are to inform, challenge, and prepare its members to be effective citizens and leaders. A strong member education program is essential to the positive development of the individual, the organization, and ultimately, the entire

Patterson Court system. Hazing, as defined by Davidson College and North Carolina State Law is totally unacceptable.

5.1 The house should have a written new member education program detailing the activities in which new members are expected to participate and explaining the purpose of such activities (15 points)

This document is to be reviewed by the house advisors and submitted to the Patterson Court Advisor as well as given to every single one of the house's new members. Note: This education program needs to take the form of or at least include dates in a calendar type format.

5.2 The house should participate in a joint hazing educational session to take place in each house during the beginning of the new member education period. (30 points)

At this meeting the Patterson Court advisor will discuss with the members of the house as well as the new members of the house what constitutes hazing, how it can be prevented and how to report it.

5.3 The period of new member education or "pledging" must be completed in no more than eight weeks following the Court-Selection weekend (including Spring Break). (15 points)

5.4 New members must attend a minimum of three movie sessions of the "Bean Bag" Movie Series. (40 points)

Bonus points are available for exceptional programming.

House's new members attend an average of 4 movies: 1 point.
House's new members attend an average of 5 movies: 2 points.

Standard Area Six: Community Relations

The Patterson Court Council expects that Patterson Court organizations will be an integral part of the College and greater community. This is achieved through cooperation with faculty, staff, and other student organizations on campus and service within the greater community.

6.1 The house should appoint a service chairperson who is responsible for monitoring members' service involvement and arranging special programs to encourage service learning among house members. (10 points)

This person should be elected or appointed by the house and reported to the Patterson Court Advisor and the Patterson Court Council Service Chair along with the rest of the organization's officers.

6.2 The house should complete and submit a written summary of service projects undertaken each semester, including number of members involved, number of hours volunteered and amount of money donated. (20 points)

This summary will indicate to the community the organization's role in community service. Copies of each house's service summary will be kept on file by the Patterson Court Advisor, and be distributed to the house's advisor(s) and inter/national organization (if applicable).

6.3 The house should participate fully in the Patterson Court joint service project service project each semester. (30 points)

The minimum number of members from each house required at the service project will be determined on a per-event basis by the Patterson Court Service Chair.

6.4 The house should have at least one faculty/staff advisor. (10 points)

Having a faculty/staff advisor enables more individualized contact between members of Patterson Court houses and the faculty and staff of Davidson College. Faculty and staff may be elected to consecutive terms if they agree.

6.5 The house must submit material satisfactorily for the annual report to the community. (30 points)

This annual report will be compiled and released by the PCC public relations chair and the Patterson Court Advisor.

Bonus points are available for exceptional community service:

Bonus awards are based on number of hours contributed to a house service project or projects as a function of number of total hours divided by the number of house members. Hours should be tracked in spreadsheet format and submitted to the Patterson Court Advisor by the house service chairperson.

Top House: 3 points
Second House: 2 points
Third House: 1 point