

How We Work With New Students

The Office of Student Conduct fosters student development and upholds community standards. We help new students understand their personal and community responsibilities.

Fast Facts

- 1) The most common violations of the student code of conduct that we see are noise violations and underage alcohol use or possession.
- 2) If a violation of the student code of conduct occurs, students will meet with a University hearing officer. Because some conduct violations are also in violation of local, state, or federal laws, you can also be involved in other legal proceedings.
- 3) One violation that students should be especially aware of is covering the smoke detector in your room. This can result in an immediate loss of housing.

Key Takeaways

The transition to independent living that students face when starting college is a normal time for them to test their boundaries. Research shows that a parental "no use" expectation can provide a braking mechanism for dangerous alcohol and drug use. Parents should not hesitate to share their expectations with their student, and students should familiarize themselves with the student code of conduct.

- What happens if a student receives a letter from the Office of Student Conduct?
 - We work to help students understand the policies and procedures of the University. This meeting is the first opportunity for students to have a discussion about our expectations for them. If you receive a letter and are called in for a meeting, be open, honest, and inquisitive.
- What is the easiest way for a parent to "fix" a student's conduct issues?
 - Parents cannot "fix" a student's conduct issues. FERPA allows us to give parents very limited access to student information. We welcome any questions from parents on our processes, but we cannot answer any questions about specific cases without the student's written permission.
- What sanctions are used when a student is found responsible for a policy violation?
 - Sanctions include a disciplinary reprimand which serves as a warning, a period of disciplinary probation, disciplinary suspension when a period of reflection or therapy may be required, or disciplinary expulsion for the most egregious violation(s).

Acronyms and Definitions

FERPA – The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Who to Know

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