

Student Code of Conduct

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I. Introduction

As an institution of higher learning, the university affirms certain basic principles and values that are, in the fullest and best sense of the word, educational. The university is also a community and in that regard, upholds certain basic principles and standards of behavior that underlie its educational purpose. These include the recognition and preservation of basic human dignity, the freedom of expression, equal opportunity, and civil discourse, a sustained atmosphere of safety, respect for policies, rules, regulations, and standards set forth by the university, its academic divisions, and the federal, state, and city governments.

The Student Code of Conduct is designed to protect and promote these principles and standards of behavior that are in keeping with our educational mission. Formal disciplinary proceedings and penalties have a role subordinate to informal conversation and discussion, constructive advice and counsel, and supportive guidance. The Student Code of Conduct supports an environment where sensitivity, tolerance, and respect are sustained for members of the university community and its neighbors. All students at the university are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct.

II. Conduct violations

A. University-wide Violations

The following actions are considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct and are subject to sanctions imposed in accordance with the Non-Academic Disciplinary Procedures of the university.

1. GENERAL MISCONDUCT

Conduct unbecoming of a student member of the university community.

2. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Disorderly conduct includes, but is not limited to, lewd, indecent or obscene behavior on university owned or controlled property or at university sponsored functions; conduct that is unreasonable in the time, place, or manner in which it occurs; and/or obstruction or disruption of university sponsored activities; or conduct which adversely affects the student's suitability as a member of the university community or which is inconsistent with the mission of the university.

3. HARASSING CONDUCT

Verbal or written actions that are abusive to any person, or any other conduct which threatens or endangers the physical, emotional health, or safety of any person on university owned or controlled property or at university sponsored functions.

4. PHYSICAL HARASSMENT

Physical harassment, includes but is not limited to inappropriate touching, of any person or similar conduct that threatens or endangers the physical or emotional health, or safety of any person on university owned or controlled property or at university sponsored functions.

5. FRAUD

Knowingly furnishing false information to the university administration, faculty, or staff.

6. FORGERY

Forgery, alteration or misuse of university documents, records or identification.

7. FALSE ALLEGATIONS

Filing and/or sharing of knowingly false information about another member of the community with faculty, staff, or other members of the university community.

8. THEFT

Possession of or involvement with stealing of property belonging to another member of the university community.

9. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Damage to property of the university, or that of a member of the university community or campus visitor, while on university property or at university sponsored activities including, but not limited to, walls, classrooms, and residence halls.

10. VANDALISM

Intentional damage, destruction, or defacement of property including, but not limited to walls, classrooms, and residence halls.

11. DRUGS

Use or possession of narcotics or dangerous drugs or of any illegal or controlled substances, except as expressly permitted by law, on university owned or controlled property or at university sponsored functions. Furthermore, students are prohibited from the on-campus possession of any type of paraphernalia associated with the use of drugs (i.e., scales, bong, pipes, etc.).

12. DRUGS - DISTRIBUTION

Distribution or the manufacture of narcotics or dangerous drugs or of any illegal or controlled substances, except as expressly permitted by law, on university owned or controlled property or at university sponsored functions. Furthermore, students are prohibited from the on-campus possession of any type of paraphernalia associated with the use, distribution, or sale of illegal substances/narcotic drugs (i.e., scales, bong, pipes, etc.).

13. ALCOHOL

Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, except when authorized by the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs for a particular function, on university owned or controlled property or at university-sponsored functions is prohibited. Furthermore, the sale, distribution, or procurement of alcoholic beverages for anyone who is under the age of 21; the use of false identification to procure alcohol; and the possession on campus of any type of paraphernalia associated with the consumption of alcohol is expressly prohibited. Alcohol possession and use is prohibited in the Residence Halls by those students under the age of 21 and in dry residences as outlined in the Residence Hall Handbook. This pertains to empty bottles used for decoration, academic projects, or other purposes.

14. PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Public disruption due to intoxication or drunkenness from consumption of alcohol, narcotics, or dangerous drugs.

15. HAZING

Recklessly subjecting any person to the risk of bodily harm, or severe emotional distress, or causing or encouraging any person to commit an act that would be a violation of law or university regulations, for the purpose of initiating, promoting, fostering, or confirming any form of affiliation with a student group or organization. The express or implied consent of the victim is irrelevant in determining whether or not there has been a violation.

16. UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

Unauthorized entry or use of university facilities.

17. RESTRICTED/UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

Students are not allowed on the roof, ledges, or fire escapes of any university building or residence hall.

18. KEYS

Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys or key cards to university facilities including residence halls. Giving of keys and key cards to another individual including other residents and guests.

19. WEAPONS

Possession, display, use or distribution of any weapon such as a firearm, knife, etc., or any item used as a weapon or of such a nature that it is intended for use as a weapon, except with expressed university authorization, on university owned or controlled property or at university sponsored functions.

20. FIRE SAFETY

Tampering with or misuse of fire alarms, fire exits, fire-fighting equipment, smoke/heat detectors, sprinkler systems, and other safety devices on university grounds; causing or creating a fire; and the use of all open flame devices such as, but not limited to, sterno, incense, kerosene lamps, and barbecue grills; failure to evacuate a building at the sound or activation of the fire alarm system; and the use of any and all fireworks.

21. NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with directions of university officials acting in the performance of their duties.

22. UNIVERSITY IDENTIFICATION

Misuse or transfer of university identification documents. This includes but is not limited to, the transfer of university identification documents to gain entry to university buildings, and/or to procure any university services. Failure to obtain and provide an up-to-date, official student ID for entry to university buildings.

23. GAMBLING

Gambling in any form anywhere on campus.

24. SMOKING

Smoking cigarettes, cigars, etc. is prohibited in all university buildings.

25. PETS

All pets are prohibited on university property, including residence halls.

26. UNREASONABLE AND EXCESSIVE NOISE

Creating noise as deemed unreasonable or excessive by university staff on university owned or controlled property, including but not limited to noise that can be heard beyond a student's room or suite. The playing of musical instruments in areas other than those deemed appropriate by the university for such activities.

27. UNAUTHORIZED POSTING

Posting of announcements and other publicity items at the university that are not in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Office of Student Development and Activities (OSDA) and/or the appropriate department within the school or division. Announcements and publicity items to be posted on Residence Hall bulletin boards must be submitted to the Residence Hall Director for approval prior to posting. Approved items may only be posted in designated locations.

28. UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITATION AND BUSINESSES

Soliciting or canvassing on university owned or controlled property without prior approval. Authorization for canvassing in the Residence Hall is given only to recognized university groups or organizations. Solicitation is not permitted in the Residence Hall without the advanced written permission of the Office of Student Housing and Residence Life. If a solicitor disturbs a resident, a member of the residence life staff must be contacted immediately. Students are not allowed to conduct businesses on campus or in the residence halls. Businesses, as defined by the Student Code of Conduct, pertain to any service provided in exchange for cash, services, or any other form of benefits.

29. SAFETY OF OTHERS

No person shall create conditions that endanger or threaten others or their property, or create a health hazard or nuisance.

B. Residence Hall Specific Violations

All violations listed in Section A. apply to students residing in residence halls as well as their guests. The following additional actions are also considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct and are subject to sanctions imposed in accordance with the Non-Academic Disciplinary Procedures of the university.

Definitions: As used in this document, the term "Residence Hall" means

any building, room, facility, or premises owned and/or operated by the university for use as a dormitory, whether by lease or by contract, to students enrolled at the university.

"Resident" means any student, whether undergraduate or graduate, occupying a space in a Residence Hall.

1. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH HOUSING CONTRACT & REGULATIONS

Failure to comply with regulations set forth in the Residence Hall Handbook, the Housing Contract, and as set forth by the Office of Student Housing and Residence Life. Failure to comply with official requests from university staff, including but not limited to housing and security staff, in the performance of their duties.

2. GARBAGE AND OTHER HEALTH HAZARDS

Failure to keep rooms and shared common areas reasonably neat and orderly as determined by university staff. Failure to keep such areas free of excessive trash and floor space free from debris and other hazards. The creation of an environment that presents a health and safety risk to other members of the community and/or that endangers or threatens others or their property, or creates a health hazard or nuisance.

3. GUEST POLICY VIOLATIONS

Failure to abide by the University Student Housing Guest Policy as set forth in the Residence Hall Handbook.

4. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

a. Windows

No person may place objects on the outside, or inside of windowsills. No objects of any kind are to be thrown from or at the windows. Removal of screens, window locks, or window guards, is prohibited.

b. Prohibited Items

The following are NOT permitted in the Residence Hall: cooking appliances with exposed elements (open coil); hot plates; candles of any kind; incense and incense burning devices; use of roller blades/skates, skateboards, or bicycles in the hallway or on any university property; mopeds or motorcycles; live trees of any kind; changes to electrical wiring, heating, or alarm systems; and other items as deemed not appropriate by university staff.

c. Cooking

In accordance with New York State Health Codes, students may not cook in their bedrooms. In certain Residence Halls, kitchenettes are provided for this purpose. Where provided, cooking equipment must be properly maintained and cleaned.

C. Academic Dishonesty

1. DEFINITION

Academic Dishonesty is any act, which allows a student to gain an unfair advantage over other students. This includes, but is not limited to, copying,

plagiarism, collaboration, alteration of records, use of restricted aids, unauthorized use of proprietary material, bribery, and lying.

2. DIVISIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

- a. The academic division in which the student is enrolled has primary responsibility for the adjudication of all infractions involving Academic Dishonesty.
- b. It is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with the Academic Dishonesty policy in effect in the division in which the student is enrolled.

D. Rights and Expectation of The New School

1. The university reserves the right to enter rooms at any time without a search warrant for the purpose of maintaining safety and security standards, to enforce health regulations, to follow through with disciplinary action, to maintain the orderly operation of the Residence Halls, and to respond to emergency situations.
2. The university reserves the right to require students to change rooms or Residence Halls, without notice, when necessary.
3. The university reserves the right to notify parents of a student's violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
4. The university reserves the right to hold students financially responsible for all losses and damages to university property.
5. The university expects each student to be responsible for securing his/her personal property. The university will not be responsible for the loss, theft, or damage to personal effects of students and their guest(s). Residents are strongly advised to obtain the appropriate homeowner or renter insurance coverage on valuables.
6. The university expects students to comply with any instruction from a clearly identifiable university official, performing his or her duties in the enforcement of application of university policy. Students are expected to show their university identification card upon request to any Residence Hall staff person and other appropriate university official, performing his/her duties in the enforcement or application of university policy.
7. The university reserves the right to amend the Student Code of Conduct and the Non-Academic Disciplinary Procedures at any time.