# JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Policies, Procedures, Code of Conduct, and Judicial Processes

#### STUDENT HANDBOOK

- Student Life Policies (pages 43-72)
- Academic Policies (pages 72-84)
- Code of Conduct (pages 86-99)
- Residence Hall Procedures (pages 100-134)

# STUDENT LIFE POLICIES

- General Definitions of Policies
  - Alcohol
  - Drugs
  - Hazing
  - Gambling
  - Parking
  - Service and Assistance Animal Policy
  - Tobacco Policy
  - Solicitation
  - Weapons
- Personal Violence
  - Campus Security Report
  - Security Procedures
  - Sexual Harassment
  - Sexual Misconduct
  - Stalking
- Campus Events and Organizations
  - General assemblies, Protests, etc.
  - Conduct at events
  - Recognized Student Organizations

### ACADEMIC POLICIES

 All academic policies and violations are in the jurisdiction of the Office of the Provost, College Dean, Program Director or Department Chair.

- Preamble
  - Purpose of the code
- Article I Definitions
  - Definitions of commonly used terms
- Article II Student Code Authority
  - Role of Judicial Coordinator

- Article III Proscribed Conduct
  - A: The Jurisdiction of the Code
    - On-campus behaviors
    - Off-campus behaviors
      - Standard of practice for off-campus behaviors addressed by on-campus will include:
        - Violence threats, bullying, harassment, acts of violence
        - Drugs possession, use, or distribution
        - Alcohol that poses a foreseeable danger to the campus community.
  - B: Conduct Rules and Regulations
  - C: Violation of Law and University Discipline
    - Judicial process can be initiated based on charges alone, the outcome of court/legal system is not relevant because of differences in rules of evidence
      - Preponderance of the evidence on campus (more likely than not)
      - Beyond a reasonable doubt in court system

- Article IV Student Code of Conduct Procedures
  - Charges and Judicial Board hearings
    - Any member of campus can file charges
    - Judicial Coordinator conducts an investigation to determine merit and administrative response.
    - Charges presented in written form with five days notice of judicial meeting/hearing and within twenty five days of the notification.
    - Judicial Board hearing process
  - Sanctions
    - Warning
    - Probation
    - Loss of Privileges or Full Restrictions
    - Fines/Restitution
    - Discretionary Sanctions (Educational or Community Service)
    - Residential Suspension or Expulsion
    - University Suspension or Expulsion
    - Revocation of Admission or Degree; Withholding Degree

- Article IV Student Code of Conduct Procedures (continued)
  - Interim Suspension
    - Pending a judicial proceeding the Dean of Students or his designee may determine that an interim suspension (either University or Residential) is necessary to protect the safety of the University and its community members.
    - This does not replace the judicial process, but is enacted pending the outcome of the judicial process.
    - Full Restrictions may also be imposed with Interim Residential Suspension
  - Appeals
    - First step appeal goes to Judicial Board
    - Second step appeal goes to Dean of Students. If Dean of Students upholds appeal, it is sent to a new Judicial Board hearing. If he upholds original decision, most cases are closed at this time.
    - In cases of University suspension or expulsion, students can appeal next step to the President.
    - In cases of University expulsion, students can appeal final step to the Board of Governors.
- Article V Interpretation and Revision
  - Reviewed annually by Judicial Coordinator

### RESIDENCE LIFE HANDBOOK

- Basic information and tips
- Description of residential facilities and staff
- Outline of processes
- Community Living Standards

# RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY LIVING STANDARDS

- Five Sections
  - Academic Environment
  - Facility Issues
  - Safety/Security
  - Alcohol/Drug
  - Residential Procedures

# DOCUMENTATIONS AND JUDICIAL PAPERWORK

- Accuracy is important. Spell names and information correctly. Check your work before submitting the forms.
- These documents can be subpoenaed so always be professional
- Prioritizing violations for paperwork
  - First, check Code of Conduct for violation
  - If the specific violation is not in the code of conduct but is located elsewhere in policies, the violation would be Article III.B.8.
  - Check Student Life Policies, Residential Community Living Standards and Residential Procedures
- Online Form

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CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'RE ALIVE.
IF THAT'S NOT SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT,
THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS.

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