

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Formerly the Student Due Process Policy

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT?

The primary purposes of the Student Code of Conduct are to promote campus civility and academic integrity and to provide a framework for the imposition of discipline in the University setting. The code gives general notice of prohibited conduct and of the sanctions to be imposed if such conduct occurs. The code specifies the rights of the student and the rights of other parties to the procedure.

The code is designed to assure that students who are alleged to have engaged in unacceptable behavior receive fair and impartial consideration. It is important that each of us become familiar with the Student Code of Conduct and share the responsibility for maintaining a reputable University committed to academic excellence.

WHAT TYPES OF CONDUCT ARE PROHIBITED AT THE UNIVERSITY?

The following conduct is subject to disciplinary action when it occurs on University premises, or in connection with a University course or University documents, or at a University-sponsored activity.

Academic Misbehavior

Academic misbehavior means any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the institution or subvert the education process.

Examples of academic misbehavior include:

- plagiarism - to take and use another's words or ideas as one's own;
- cheating - intentionally using or attempting to use, or intentionally providing or attempting to provide unauthorized materials, information or assistance in any academic exercise;
- fabrication - intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation;
- other - includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized use of resources, enlisting the assistance of a substitute in the taking of examinations, and violation of course rules as contained in the course syllabus or other written information.

Furnishing False Information

- Knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
- Forgery, unauthorized alteration or unauthorized use of any University document or instrument of identification.

Disorderly Behavior

Any intentional and disorderly conduct that interferes with or obstructs the orderly functions and activities of the University including:

- physical abuse of another person, or conduct that threatens or endangers another, or verbal or physical threats that cause unreasonable apprehension of harm;
- any form of sexual misconduct;
- interference with the freedom of expression of others;
- interference with activities, authorized, sponsored or permitted by the University such as teaching, research and administration;
- maliciously initiating charges against an individual when the initiator knows that the charges are baseless.

Failure to Comply

- Violation of the terms of any disciplinary sanction imposed in accordance with the code.
- Failure to comply with the direction of any authorized institutional representative, acting in the performance of his/her duties.
- Failure to comply with published University regulations or policies including but not limited to:
 - statutes prohibiting discrimination and sexual harassment;
 - regulations relating to entry and use of University facilities;
 - regulations relating to sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;
 - regulations relating to use of vehicles and amplifying equipment;
 - regulations relating to campus demonstrations;
 - regulations relating to misuse of identification or parking cards;
 - regulations relating to residing in the University's residence halls and apartments.

Theft

Theft of property or services of the University, any member of, or visitor to the University.

Damage of Property

The intentional destruction or reckless damage to any property belonging to the University, or a member of, or visitor to the University.

Illegal Drugs

Illegal use, possession, manufacture or distribution of drugs.

Weapons on Campus

Unauthorized use, unauthorized possession, or unauthorized storage of a weapon.

False Report of Emergency

Intentionally initiating a false report or false warning of fire, explosion, or other emergency.

Violation of Criminal Law

Conduct that is a crime under the criminal law of the State of Michigan or the United States.

WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS TYPES OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS?

Violators of the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to one or more of the following sanctions depending on the seriousness of the violation. Attempts to commit acts prohibited by this policy are punished to the same extent as completed violations.

Disciplinary Reprimand

Notification that the student has committed an act of misconduct, and a warning that another offense may result in the imposition of a more serious sanction.

Disciplinary Probation

A disciplinary status that does not interfere with the student's rights to enroll and attend classes, but includes specified requirements and/or restrictions.

Suspension

A denial of the privilege of continuing as a student anywhere within the University, and denial of all student rights and privileges for a specified period of time.

Expulsion

A permanent denial of the privilege of continuing or enrolling as a student anywhere within the University and permanent denial of all student rights and privileges.

Restitution

The student is required to pay the University or another person for damage caused as a result of acts violating the Student Code of Conduct.

Transcript Disciplinary Record

An entry onto the student's transcript, permanently or for a specified period of time, indicating the violation and sanction imposed.

Other Sanctions

Other sanctions may be imposed instead of or in addition to those specified above.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT WRONGDOING?

Anyone can initiate charges against a student or group of students believed to have violated the code by writing and filing charges with the Student Conduct Officer. If you know or suspect any individual, groups, or organizations of misconduct, please contact the Student Conduct Officer, a staff member of the Dean of Students Office. The Student Conduct Officer is responsible for directing and coordinating matters involving student discipline and is available to answer questions concerning the procedure. The Student Conduct Officer can be reached at 577-1010. The Office of the Ombudsperson, 577-3487, is available to advise accused students at any stage in the proceedings.

Interim Suspension: Whenever there is evidence that the continued presence of a student on University premises poses a substantial threat to that student or to others, or to the stability and continuance of normal University functions, the student may be suspended for an interim period pursuant to these disciplinary procedures.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS IF ACCUSED OF A VIOLATION?

- The right to be notified in writing of the charges and the Student Code of Conduct procedures.
- The right to know the nature and the source of the evidence to be used against you.
- The right to speak on your behalf, present evidence on your behalf, and question opposing witnesses.
- The right to select an informal disciplinary conference with a Dean instead of a formal hearing if the Dean decides the case serious enough for a hearing panel.
- The right to bring an advisor or an attorney to a formal hearing or to an informal disciplinary conference. However, the role of the advisor or attorney is solely to counsel and not to participate actively.
- The right not to testify against yourself.
- The right to appeal the panel's decision.

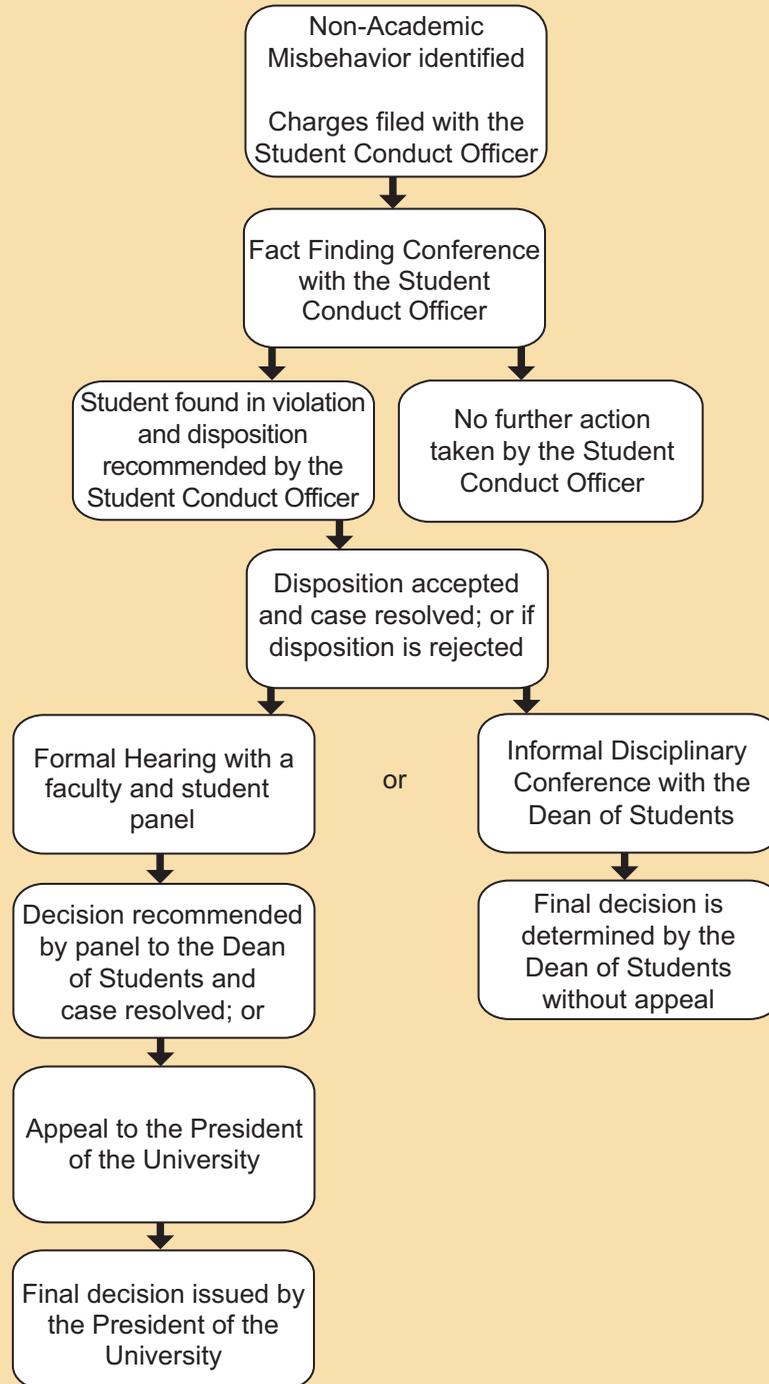
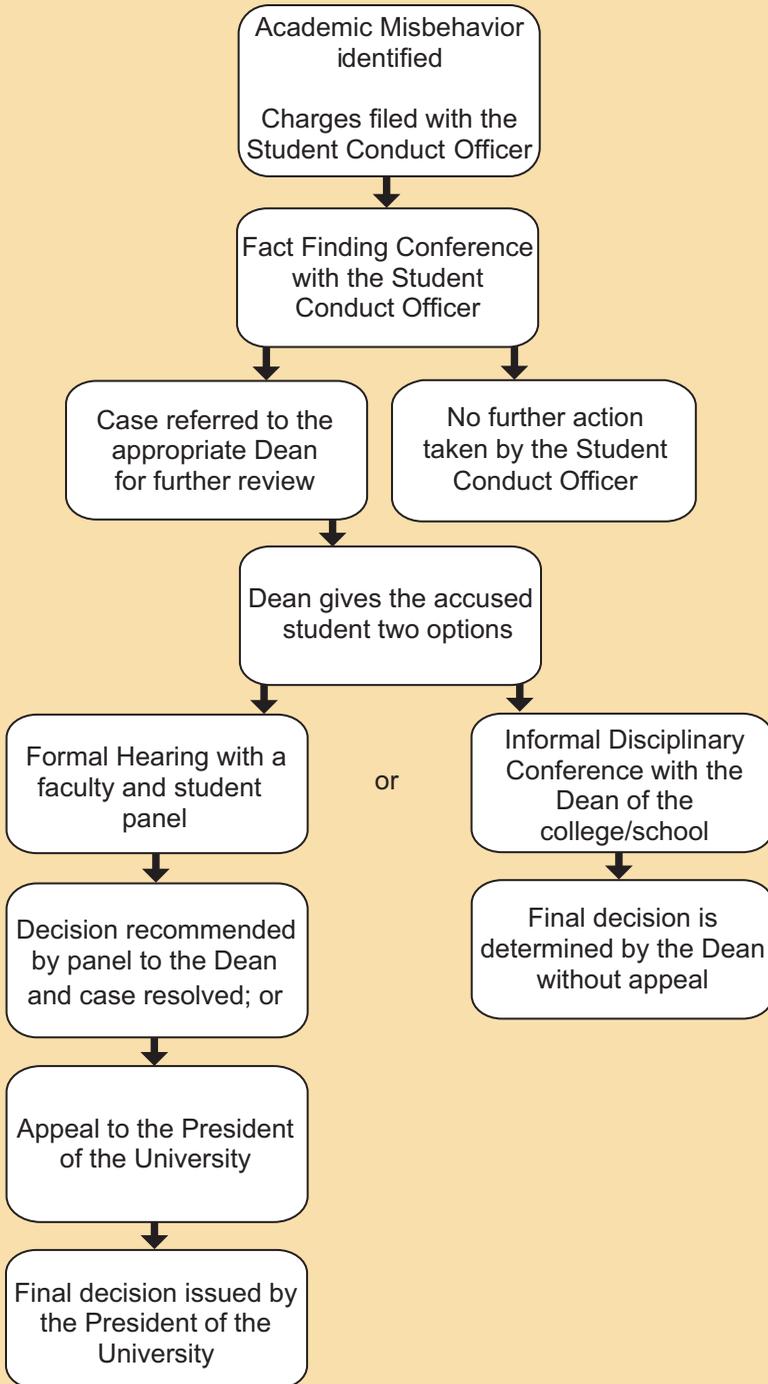
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The information contained in this brochure has been edited from the Student Code of Conduct. Anyone with specific questions regarding prohibited conduct, disciplinary sanctions or the code's procedures at Wayne State University should consult the source document. If the provisions described in this brochure differ in any way from the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, then the provisions of the code shall prevail.

For additional information, contact the Student Conduct Officer at 577-1010 in the Dean of Students Office (DOSO), 351 Student Center or view the entire code at www.doso.wayne.edu/codeofconduct.pdf on the DOSO website: www.doso.wayne.edu.

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