

Student Conduct at WVU:

First-Year Seminar Instructors



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Campus Student Code

- What is it?
 - establishes written rules, regulations, and procedures concerning student conduct and discipline for the main campus of West Virginia University
 - Authority given by the Board of Governors
 - This code applies to **all students** associated with the main campus of West Virginia University under the authority of the West Virginia University Board of Governors.

Jurisdiction

- on University premises
- at University sponsored activities
- conduct that **does not** occur on University premises but adversely affects or interferes with the educational or orderly operation of the University, its mission, or the pursuit of its objectives
- conduct that **does not** occur on University premises but, in light of all of the facts and circumstances, would endanger the health, safety, or property of the University, the University Community, or its neighboring communities
- conduct that occurs on or off of University premises or property which violates federal, state, or local laws, policies of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, institutional or campus rules or regulations, directives of University officials, including failing to observe standards of conduct which are appropriate for an academic institution.
- (TL;DR – Everywhere)

Types of Cases

- Individual
- Student Organization
- Title IX
- Conflict Resolution

The Process

- Notice
- Opportunity to be heard
- Resolution Options
- Appeal

Standard of Evidence

- Preponderance
 - More likely than not
 - 50% plus a feather
 - Something must tip the scales in one direction or the other

Student Rights

- Notice: To know what violations you are alleged to have committed
- Opportunity to Respond: To have a meeting to share your perspective about what occurred or remain silent
- Advisor: serve as a support person throughout the process

Student Rights (continued)

- Attorney: Actively represent you in cases where suspension or expulsion could result.
- Notice of Outcome: written notification of decision detailing the rationale.
- More due process rights when facing suspension/expulsion.

Alcohol and Other Drug Amnesty

- (1) **Remains with the person** who reasonably appears to be in need of emergency medical assistance due to an overdose until such assistance is provided;
- (2) **Identifies himself or herself**, if requested by emergency medical assistance personnel, law-enforcement officers, or University officials;
- (3) **Cooperates with and provides any relevant information** requested by emergency medical assistance personnel, law-enforcement officers, or University officials needed to treat the person reasonably believed to be experiencing an overdose; and
- (4) **Completes any additional conditions imposed** on the student or student organization by the Student Code Administrator.

What has changed recently?

- FERPA
- Single Adjudicator
- Medical Amnesty

Workshops

- Mediation
- Conflict Resolution
- Anger Management
- Strengths and Goals

Presentations

- The Student Conduct Process
- Conflict Transformation
- Dealing with Difficult People
- New Student Intro to the Code
- Student Group/Athletics/Greek Life Etc. Focused
- Mediation

QUESTIONS?

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