



Student Code of Conduct Policies and Procedures

POLICY ON OFF-CAMPUS DISORDERLY AND DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

- I. Policy Statement:** Under the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, the University may bring judicial charges against a student or group of students whose “off-campus behaviors affect the university community or the university’s pursuit of its mission, policies or procedures” (*Student Code of Conduct*). Off-campus behavior which is disorderly and disruptive to others in the community or the neighborhoods surrounding the University may fall under this category.

When addressing the off-campus behavior of its students, the University is primarily interested in responding to students who demonstrate a pattern of behavior over time that is disruptive to others in the community and involves disorderly conduct that is a violation of local, state or federal laws or the University’s Student Code of Conduct.

Conduct that is disorderly and disrupts others in the community is prohibited and is subject to discipline through the University’s judicial process. Students who lease off-campus residences shall be held accountable for the disorderly and disruptive actions of others occurring within the leased premises and shall be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct. Students who live in off-campus residences leased by the University shall be held accountable to the University’s Housing Agreement, and for disorderly and disruptive actions of others occurring within those premises and shall be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct. It is not necessary for students to receive a criminal or civil citation in order for their behavior to be subject to discipline through the University’s judicial process.

- II. Reason for Policy:** The University is interested in addressing the off-campus conduct-of students who demonstrate a pattern of behavior over time that is disorderly and disruptive to others in the surrounding neighborhoods of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

III. Definition:

- A. Disruptive, disorderly, or reckless conduct includes indecent exposure, lewd behavior, bomb threats, false fire alarms, and other actions which disrupt normal University functions, activities, and processes of the University community.

When disorderly or disruptive conduct occurs in class, a faculty member may file a complaint of misconduct with the Judicial Administrator, and after a hearing, if that complaint is upheld; the student may be administratively withdrawn from said class, and may then appeal. Disruptive, disorderly, or reckless conduct includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Threats, physical abuse, harassment, or hazing which threatens or endangers the health, safety, or welfare of a member of the University community;
- b. Fighting or physically assaulting another person (see fighting/battery);
- c. Recklessly causing physical harm or causing reasonable apprehension of such harm;
- d. Obstructing or disrupting teaching, research, administrative and public service functions;
- e. Obstructing or disrupting disciplinary proceedings or other authorized University activities;
- f. Intentional participation in campus demonstrations which disrupt the normal operations of the University and infringe on the rights of other members of the University community;
- g. Leading or inciting others to disrupt scheduled and/or normal activity in any campus area, causing infringement on the rights of members of the University community; or,
- h. Playing loud music, within a residence hall or in a vehicle (moving or parked);
- i. Trespass or unauthorized entry to any University premises, facility, property, or at a University-sponsored event or activity;
- j. Disruptive to others; conduct which is likely to disrupt the activities of a reasonable person going about his/her daily life in the communities surrounding the University or one's home.