
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING REGULATIONS

Subject: Student Conduct

Number: UW Regulation 11-1



I. PURPOSE

The University of Wyoming is a community of scholars in which the ideals of freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, and freedom of expression are sustained. The exercise and preservation of these freedoms require a respect for the rights of all in the community. Willful disruption of the educational process, destruction of property, interference with the orderly process of the institution, and interference with the rights of other members of the University will not be tolerated.

When students are admitted to the University, they assume responsibilities and obligations, including satisfactory academic performance and social behavior consistent with the University's mission. Student conduct is an integral part of the educational process, and students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and regulations of the University.

II. AUTHORITY FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A. Authority

Authority for student discipline is vested in the Board of Trustees. Disciplinary authority is delegated to the President of the University. The Dean of Students administers student discipline through a Student Code of Conduct ("Code"). Nothing in the Code is meant to prohibit any University official from acting within the scope of his or her designated responsibility and authority in addressing student misconduct.

B. Jurisdiction

The University's jurisdiction over student misconduct shall be limited, in general, to conduct that occurs: (1) on University property, or (2) off University property, if in connection with a University or University-recognized program or activity, including but not limited to, internships and study abroad programs. Additionally, the University may have jurisdiction over student misconduct that occurs off University property, outside of a University or University-recognized program or activity if the misconduct has an adverse impact on a member of the University community. Proceedings pursuant to the Code may be conducted prior to,

simultaneously with, or following any civil or criminal proceedings. Students, as well as student organizations, are subject to this jurisdiction.

C. Dean of Students

The President and the Vice President for Student Affairs shall designate the Dean of Students as responsible for the administration, maintenance, and revision of the Code. The Dean of Students may delegate this responsibility.

D. Employee Participation in Student Discipline Hearings

Through the course of their duties, employees of the University of Wyoming may witness acts which violate the Student Code of Conduct, and may be obligated to participate in investigations, conduct meetings, and/or hearings at the discretion of the Dean of Students or designee.

III. STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT CONTENT

The Code shall include, but is not limited to the following: (a) definitions, (b) student rights and responsibilities, (c) authority for student discipline, (d) prohibited conduct, (e) judicial policies and procedures, including policies regarding student records related to disciplinary proceedings, (f) sanctions, and (g) an appeals process.

IV. HEARING OFFICERS FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

A. Designation of a Hearing Officer

Through the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students Office has primary authority and responsibility for the administration of student discipline and the appointment of Hearing Officers. For the purposes of this Regulation, a Hearing Officer may be a member of the University staff or faculty or may be an independent attorney or other professional at the Dean of Students' discretion. If the student disciplinary proceeding involves an allegation of sexual misconduct, the Hearing Officer shall have experience in handling sexual misconduct complaints and in the operation of the University's disciplinary procedures. The Dean of Students, or designee, may appoint Hearing Officers on a continuing basis or for a specific case only.

B. Duties and Functions

If any member of the University community alleges misconduct by a student, as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, the Dean of Students, or designee, shall review the complaint to determine whether the allegations are supported by sufficient evidence. If the Dean, or designee, determines there is sufficient evidence

of a violation of the Code, the Dean, or designee, shall appoint a Hearing Officer to conduct a hearing and to impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions according to the Student Code of Conduct.

V. REVISION, APPROVAL, AND EFFECTIVE DATE

The Code shall be reviewed and revised as needed under the direction of the Dean of Students. In consultation with the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government and pursuant to applicable UW Regulations and Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures, the Dean of Students or designee shall recommend revisions to the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall review the revisions in consultation with the Office of General Counsel. Any revisions to the Code are effective from the date of their approval by the President of the University.

VI. DISTRIBUTION/STUDENT NOTIFICATION

The Student Code of Conduct shall be published and distributed by the Dean of Students Office, and shall be available through the University's electronic information system.

VII. OTHER UNIVERSITY POLICIES, RULES, AND STANDARDS

Students at the University of Wyoming may be subject to additional University policies, regulations, rules, and professional and ethical standards that supplement the Student Code of Conduct. These include but are not limited to the following:

Academic Dishonesty (UW Regulation 2-114)

Apartments and Residence Halls Policies

College of Law Honor Code

Disrimination and Harrassment (UW Regulation 4-2)

Drug and Alcohol Policies

Professional Program Standards (individual departments and programs)

Proper Use of Computing and Data Communications (UW Regulation 8-1)

Research Misconduct and Responsible Conduct of Research

Sexual Misconduct (UW Regulation 4-3 and Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures)

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and Sexual Violence Policy

Use of Buildings, Grounds, and Services and Use of Bicycles and Non-Motorized Vehicles (UW Regulations 6-4 and 6-5)

Responsible Division/Unit: Division of Student Affairs

Source: None

Links: <http://www.uwyo.edu/regs-policies>

Associated Regulations, Policies, and Forms: Student Code of Conduct

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