

1. Pursuant to the Regents Rules, the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) has developed its policy regarding student conduct and discipline in accordance with The University of Texas System (UT System) model policy. Each student is charged with notice and knowledge of and compliance with the contents and provisions thereof. Reporting to the Dean of Students, the Office of Community Standards and Conduct seeks to support the mission of The University of Texas at Dallas by promoting integrity, civility, and community on campus. Recognizing that students make mistakes, we strive to help them acknowledge their personal responsibilities as members of the University community through fairly and consistently upholding the Student Code of Conduct. By doing so, we help bring student actions into congruence with the expectations set forth by the University while challenging them to demonstrate ethical decision making and personal integrity.
2. As members of the UT Dallas community, all students are expected to uphold the Comet Creed: *As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.* Additionally, students are required to obey federal, state, and local laws and to comply with UT System and University rules and regulations.

The Student Code of Conduct review process is an administrative

1. Unless the context requires a different meaning, the definitions following apply to this policy.
 1. A _____ means Monday through Friday except for days on which the University is officially closed or when regularly scheduled classes are suspended due to emergency situations.
 2. _____ means Dean of Students and refers to the administrative officer or officers responsible for the administration of the disciplinary process. The Dean of Students may designate individual(s) to administer disciplinary cases under this policy.
 3. _____ means the Vice President for Student Affairs

18. _____ means non-faculty employees of the University.
19. _____ means enrolled students who make up a common interest group that may or may not be registered through the Student Organization Center, sponsored by a campus school or department, or who officially represent the University.
20. A _____ means someone who may have information related to an alleged violation of this policy.
21. An _____ is a person who provides support to the student(s) throughout the conduct process. An advisor may be an attorney. The advisor may only confer with and advise a student. The advisor may not verbally advocate to the Dean or Hearing Panel/Hearing Officer on behalf of a student.

1. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), a student's disciplinary files are

was witnessed or reported by students or others, the staff person should inform their supervisor and refer the matter and the witnesses to the Dean. The Dean shall proceed under Section E.

1. The University of Texas at Dallas has rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business, and each student is accountable for knowledge of and compliance with the Student Code of Conduct and other University policies.
2. Because the value of an academic degree depends on the absolute honesty, integrity, and character of the student, the University expects all students to maintain a high level of responsibility with respect to their behavior. As a member of the University community, it is imperative that a student maintain a high standard of individual responsibility and civility.
3. The Dean may initiate disciplinary proceedings under Section E against a student accused of a violation of the Code of Conduct upon complaint by a faculty member, staff member, student, or other source.
4. Any behavior which may have been influenced by the use of drugs or alcoholic beverages shall not in any way limit the responsibility of the student for the consequences of their actions.
5. Instructors are encouraged to set clear expectations regarding collaborations that are permitted to occur and materials that can be used on work done outside the classroom (homework, take home exams, etc.). Students should assume any external assistance is prohibited unless clearly noted otherwise by the instructor.
6. Disciplinary action may be initiated for misconduct which includes:
 1. The adoption or reproduction of ideas, words, statements, images or works of another as one's own or work offered for credit without appropriate attribution. This includes self-plagiarism which occurs when a student submits academic work, exact or substantially similar, that was used to satisfy requirements in a different class and fails to use proper citation or approval from their professor.
 2. Includes but is not limited to the use, attempted use, or providing of unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise; the use of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in completing any academic exercise. Any type of discussion about questions and answers on assignments/tests, including those held in social media platforms and other electronic chat groups, may be considered cheating. Failure to submit a test within the timeframe allocated by the professor, whether in the classroom or in the University testing center, may be considered cheating. Academic exercise includes all forms of work submitted for credit or hours.
 3. The falsification or creation of information, data, or citation in an academic exercise or on a document.
 4. Seeking or providing aid to another student in

complet on of any assignment submit ed for academic credit without explicit authorizat on from the faculty member.

- 5. Unless authorized by law, possession or use of any type of explosive, firearm, imitation weapon, ammunition, hazardous chemical, weapons or object(s) that are dangerous, flammable, or could cause damage to property, while on campus or on any property or in any building owned or controlled by the UT System or the University.
- 6. Any conduct that endangers the health or safety of another; this includes but is not limited to physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, and coercion.
- 7. Any act or attempted act of theft, misappropriation, or unauthorized possession of property, stolen property, or sale of University property, services, or property belonging to another.
- 8. Any act of vandalism, damage, destruction, or misuse of University property or that of another.
- 9. As defined in Subsection D.
- 10. The unauthorized use or possession of alcoholic beverages unless permitted by law and/or University policy. This includes improper use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, including but not limited to underage possession of alcohol, underage consumption of alcohol, providing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication, and/or driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.
- 11. Unless authorized by state and federal law, the use, possession or manufacture of any drug or controlled substance or sale or distribution of any such drug or controlled substance, including unauthorized prescription medication.
- 12. The use or possession of equipment, products, or material used or intended for use in manufacturing, growing, using or distributing any drug or controlled substance.
- 13. Engaging in illegal gambling.
- 14. Any interference with or obstruction of any institutional program, activity, event, or facilities, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. any unauthorized occupancy or entry of institution or institutionally controlled facilities or blockage of access to or from such f

5. interference with the instructor's ability to teach class or the ability of other students to participate in instructional activity.
15. Any student who engages in conduct that violates the Regents' Rules and Regulations, University rules and regulations, specific instructions issued by an administrative official of the institution or the UT System acting in the course of their authorized duties, or federal, State, or local laws is subject to discipline. A student is subject to discipline for prohibited conduct that occurs on or off campus, including but not limited to University or UT System sponsored off-campus activities such as field trips, internships, rotations, study abroad, or clinical assignments, regardless of whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.
16. Any forgery, alteration of, or unauthorized use of documents, forms, records, identification cards, doctor's notes, or attendance records, including the giving of false information to University personnel or the withholding of necessary information in connection with a student's admission, enrollment, or status at the University. This violation includes a student who knowingly gives another individual their Comet Card.
17. any violation of the Sexual Misconduct Policy [UTDSP3102]. These violations include but are not limited to, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, sex-based harassment, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The term also includes "other inappropriate sexual conduct" defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature directed towards another individual that does not rise to the level of sexual harassment but is unprofessional and inappropriate for the workplace or learning environment. Sexual misconduct can be committed by any person, including strangers or acquaintances.
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6. failure to comply with the sanctions imposed by the Dean, Hearing Panel, or Hearing Officer.

21. Using skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, or bicycles inside University facilities or in unauthorized outdoor areas. Use of motorized scooters or motorized personal transportation devices on University sidewalks, streets, parking lots or parking structures is prohibited unless authorized by the Office of Student Accessibility. Motorized scooters or motorized personal transportation devices are wheeled devices designed for transportation with a deck designed to allow a person to stand or sit, and is propelled by an electric or gas motor.

22. Attempts, aids, abets, conspires, hires, has knowledge of, or is present during the planning or commission of any offense listed

- risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- 4. any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that involves a violation of the Penal Code;
- 5. or involves coercing, as defined by Section 1.07, of the Texas Penal Code, a student to consume:
 - 1. a drug;
 - 2. or an alcoholic beverage or liquor in an amount that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student is intoxicated, as defined by Section 49.01, Texas Penal Code.

The above includes hazing that is with or without the consent of participants. The University charges each student with notice and knowledge of full Texas State laws regarding hazing which can be found in Texas Statute Title 2, Subtitle G, Chapter 37, Subchapter F. Any person with knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred on or off campus must immediately report the incident to the Dean.

- 1. Per Texas Statute Title 2: "Any person who voluntarily reports a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the Dean of Students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the reported hazing incident if the person:
 - 1. reports the incident before being contacted by the institution concerning the incident or otherwise being included in the institution's investigation of the incident; and
 - 2. as determined by the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution designated by the institution, cooperates in good faith throughout any institutional process regarding the incident.
- 2. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report.
- 3. A person is not immune if the person:
 - 1. reports the person's own act of hazing;
 - 2. reports an incident of hazing in bad faith or with malice".

If there is a more specific policy that specifies the proceedings for investigation, such as the Sexual Misconduct policy [UTDBP3102], that policy will govern; however, all the powers provided herein to the Dean for investigations involving student witnesses, including summons, interim disciplinary action, and withholding transcripts, grades, and degrees may be delegated to the investigator designated to that policy.

- 1. All allegations and information relating to a violation of this policy shall be given to the

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terms of the administrative disposition and thus waive the hearing and appeals.

1. The University of Texas at Dallas has a Discipline Committee that consists of faculty, staff, and students. In those cases in which the respondent disputes the facts and/or allegations upon which the alleged conduct violations are based, or at the discretion of the Dean of Students, such allegations shall be heard and determined by a fair and impartial Hearing Officer or a Hearing Panel, consisting of an appropriate number of faculty, staff, and students drawn from the Discipline Committee. UT Dallas faculty serving on the Discipline Committee are appointed by the academic senate, staff are named through a selection process, and students are selected through an application process.
2. The Dean decides whether the case will be heard by a Hearing Panel or a Hearing Officer. If a Hearing Panel will preside over the hearing, the following members of the Discipline Committee will serve:
 1. Academic Dishonesty: At least three members, consisting of faculty and students, and chaired by a faculty member;
 2. Misconduct violations: At least three members, consisting of faculty, staff, and students, and chaired by a faculty or staff member;
 3. Violations of the Sexual Misconduct Policy [UTDBP3102]: At least three members consisting of faculty and staff.
3. If a Hearing Officer will preside over the hearing, the following members of the Discipline Committee will serve:
 1. Academic Dishonesty: One faculty member;
 2. Misconduct violations: One faculty or one staff member;
 3. Violations of the Sexual Misconduct Policy [UTDBP3102]: One faculty member or one staff member.
4. A Hearing Panel or Hearing Officer is entitled to have the advice and assistance of legal counsel from the Office of the General Counsel of the UT System and may request legal representation.
5. A Hearing Panel or Hearing Officer shall:
 1. maintain an orderly hearing and permit no person to be subjected to abusive treatment and may eject or exclude anyone who refuses to be orderly;
 2. render and provide the Dean and the respondent a written decision that contains findings of responsibility to the University.

6. A Hearing Panel chair abstains from voting unless a decision by the committee results in a draw.

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merely repetitive. The Hearing Panel Chair or Hearing Officer has the discretion to determine when further evidence on an issue becomes repetitive.

7. The Dean has the burden of going forward with the evidence and has the burden of proving the charges by the greater weight of credible evidence.
8. Any party has the right to appeal.
9. The hearing will be recorded and becomes a part of the official record of the hearing.
10. Such hearings shall be closed to all persons other than the respondent, the Dean, an advisor for each of them, the Hearing Panel members or Hearing Officer, witnesses while they are presenting evidence, and the hearing advisor. In hearings involving violations of the Sexual Misc

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retained for a period of five (5) years after date of act on unless sanctions or the Dean specify that they should be retained for a longer period. As appropriate and in accordance with the The Jeanne Clery Act, statistical information and required supporting documentation will be maintained for the time specified in the Act.

3. A disciplinary record shall reflect the nature of the charge, the disposition of the charge, the sanction assessed and any other pertinent information. This disciplinary record shall be maintained by the Office of Community Standards and Conduct. It shall be treated as confidential, and shall not be accessible to or used by anyone other than the Dean or University officials with legitimate educational interests, except upon written authorization of the student or in accordance with applicable state or federal laws, court order, or subpoena.
4. The academic transcript of a student suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons shall be marked with the term "Suspended – ineligible to reenroll" or "Expelled – ineligible to reenroll" as appropriate. Students who are currently enrolled will be administratively withdrawn from all courses and refunds will not be issued. In the case of suspension, the notation can be removed upon the request of the student when all conditions of the suspension are met. In the case of expulsion, a student may have an opportunity to request removal of the notation by providing a detailed email to the Vice President of Student Affairs outlining reasons the removal should be considered. The Vice President of Student Affairs will consider the request and make a final determination.
2. The Dean may notify the Registrar and/or other appropriate administrative offices of disciplinary sanctions in compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act regulations.
1. Sanctions that may be imposed include, but are not limited to:
 1. The student will be notified that continuation or repetition of the specified conduct may be cause for further disciplinary action.
 2. Requires a student or members of an organization to satisfy conditions related to the violation, which will explore alternative behaviors and encourage learning and development.
 3. An educational sanction may include the requirement to complete or attend educational activities, seminars, programs, presentations, or any other learning experience deemed necessary.
 4. Disciplinary probation identifies a specified period of time during which the student or organization is not in good standing and required to comply with terms and conditions that include not engaging in further conduct in violation of this policy. Any conduct in violation of these regulations while in a probationary status may result in the imposition of a sanction of suspension or

expulsion or the removal of an organization's official registration.

5. May be imposed until all disciplinary processes are complete and sanctions, if any, are fulfilled. The Dean may take such action pending a hearing and/or exhaustion of appellate rights when in the Dean's opinion, the best interests of the UT System or the University would be served by this action.
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7. Reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of University or individual property. Reimbursement may take the form of appropriate service to repair or otherwise compensate for damages.
8. A student or organization may have specific privileges removed or restricted as a way to learn from the consequences of their behavior. During the period of suspension, the student or organization may be prohibited from participation in athletic or extracurricular activities; taking part in a registered student organization's activities and attending its meetings or functions; denial of use or access to facilities, living in on-campus housing or representing the University in any way.
9. Academic sanctions, including failing grades, may be given to a student for a course or assignment in which he or she was found responsible for academic dishonesty. If a student withdraws from a course in which disciplinary action is pending and is ultimately found responsible for academic dishonesty, the grade sanction ("F" in the course or lowered course grade), determined by the Discipline Committee or Hearing Officer will replace any withdrawal notation on the transcript.
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11. A student may be required to complete a specified number of community service hours. Location must be approved by a staff member in the Office of Community Standards and Conduct.
12. Suspension from the University is for a specified amount of time and prohibits, during the period of suspension, the student from entering the University campus, except in response to an official request. The student must comply with all conditions imposed prior to reenrollment. Suspension creates a notation on the student's academic transcript.
13. Permanent separation of the student from the University. Expulsion creates a notation on the student's academic transcript.
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2. No former student who has been suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons from an institution of the UT System shall be permitted on the campus of any UT System institution during the period of such suspension or expulsion without the prior written approval of the chief student affairs administrator of the institution at which the suspended or expelled student wishes to be present.

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1. If a student elects to not dispute the facts upon which the charges are based (as outlined in Subsection 13), the student may appeal only the sanction assessed.
2. Either party may appeal a decision and/or sanctions assessed by the Hearing Panel or Hearing Officer to the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee by following the procedures set forth in this section.

1. The appealing party must submit their appeal to the Vice President of Student Affairs through email to appeals@utdallas.edu and provide an additional copy to the Dean at OCSC@utdallas.edu. The document should state the specific reasons for the appeal. The appeal must be received by the Vice President for Student Affairs no later than seven (7) days after the appealing party has received notice of the sanction(s) assessed by the Dean, the decision of the Hearing Panel, or the decision of the Hearing Officer. If the notice of sanction assessed by the Dean or the decision of the Hearing Panel or Hearing Officer is sent by email, the decision will be considered to have been received on the second day after sending. The date of receipt will initiate the seven day appeal period. The non-appealing party and in sexual misconduct cases, the alleged victim, may submit a response to the appeal, which must be received by the Vice President's Office no later than five (5) days after the receipt of the appeal with a copy to the respondent.

2. The appeal will be reviewed by the Vice President for Student Affairs () and the

through email to the student(s) and the Dean within fourteen (14) days after the appeal and related documents have been received. The decision of the Vice President is final.