

9. Fundamental fairness

Students have the right to fundamental fairness before formal disciplinary sanctions are imposed by the University for violations of the Code of Student Conduct, as provided in the published procedures of the University Judicial System or other official University publications. Students have the right to written notice and the opportunity for a hearing before any change in status is incurred for disciplinary reasons unless a significant threat to persons or property exists.

10. Confidentiality

Students have the right to access and control access to their education records as provided in the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, also known as the "Buckley Amendment." These include the rights to review and challenge the content of educational records, to control disclosure of personal and academic information to third parties, and to limit the routine disclosure of all or some information defined as "directory information" by the act.*

**The above statement is also true for international students and scholars, except where specified by the legislation, rules, and regulations governing the particular visa status.*

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Students at Syracuse University are expected to conduct themselves in a manner supportive of the educational mission of the institution. Integrity, respect for the person and property of others, and a commitment to intellectual and personal growth in a diverse population are values deemed fundamental to membership in this University community.

Syracuse University considers the following behavior, or attempts thereof, by any student or student organization, whether acting alone or with any other persons, to violate the Code of Student Conduct:

1. Physical harm or threat of physical harm to any person or persons, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual abuse, or other forms of physical abuse.
2. Harassment, whether physical or verbal, oral or written, which is beyond the bounds of protected free speech, directed at a specific individual(s), easily construed as "fighting words," and likely to cause an immediate breach of the peace.
3. Conduct which threatens the mental health, physical health, or safety of any person or persons, including, but not limited to, hazing, drug or alcohol abuse, and other forms of destructive behavior.
4. Academic dishonesty,* including, but not limited to, plagiarism and cheating, and other forms of academic misconduct, for example: misuse of academic resources or facilities, or misuse of computer software, data, equipment, or networks.
5. Intentional disruption or obstruction of lawful activities of the University or its

members, including their exercise of the right to assemble and to peaceful protest.

6. Theft of or damage to personal or University property or services or illegal possession or use of the same.

7. Forgery, alteration, fabrication, or misuse of identification cards, records, grades, diplomas, University documents, or misrepresentation of any kind to a University office or official.

8. Unauthorized entry, use, or occupation of University facilities that are locked, closed, or otherwise restricted as to use.

9. Disorderly conduct, including, but not limited to, public intoxication, lewd, indecent or obscene behavior, libel, slander, and illegal gambling.

10. Illegal manufacture, purchase, sale, use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances, or any other violation of the Syracuse University Policy on Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Tobacco.

11. Failure to comply with the lawful directives of University officials who are performing the duties of their office, especially as they are related to the maintenance of safety or security.

12. Unauthorized possession or use of any weapon, including firearms, BB guns, air rifles, explosive devices, fireworks, or any other dangerous, illegal, or hazardous object or material, and improper use as a weapon of any otherwise permitted object or material.

13. Interference with or misuse of fire alarms, blue lights, elevators, or other safety and security equipment or programs.

14. Violation of any federal, state, or local law that has a negative impact on the well-being of Syracuse University or its individual members.

15. Violation of University policies, rules, or regulations that are published in the Student Handbook, or any other official University publications or agreements.

Culpability is not diminished for acts in violation of this code that are committed in ignorance of the code or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or improper use of controlled substances.

** Cases involving academic dishonesty are handled by the Academic Integrity Office, 315-443-5472, AIO@syr.edu.*

DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

Disciplinary files of the University Judicial System are retained by the Office of Judicial Affairs, or the dean of your school or college, depending on the nature of the case. Access to disciplinary records is provided in accordance with the