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Following the procedures of due process, if the WKU Student Code of Conduct is violated, responsible parties will go through the University's judicial process, which is intended to be fair and educational experience. Any WKU student may be expelled, suspended, placed on probation or given a lesser sanction for one or more of the following causes:

1. **Dishonesty.** Dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, misrepresenting of oneself or an organization, knowingly furnishing false information to the University, or omitting relevant necessary information to gain a benefit, to injure, or to defraud is prohibited.

2. **Drugs.** Use, possession, production, manufacture, sale, possession with intent to sell, trafficking or distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs or controlled substances, as defined in KRS Chapter 218A, including marijuana, or other drug related activities, including those involving anabolic steroids, except as expressly permitted by law is prohibited. The manufacture or distribution or attempted manufacture or distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances on or off University property is prohibited. a. Any student with a violation of the Drug Policy while enrolled at the institution may be removed from student housing and suspended from the University. Any student who is found to be manufacturing or distributing drugs on or off campus may be suspended or expelled from the University.

3. **Alcohol. Western Kentucky University complies with the alcohol regulations of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.** Violation of any federal, state and local laws governing the possession of alcoholic beverages, including off-campus. Examples may include but are not limited to Driving under the influence (DUI), being assessed as intoxicated in public (AI) or underage consumption. The University prohibits the possession, furnishing or use of alcoholic beverages (including wine and beer) by student residents of campus housing and/or guests of students in residence halls. The University prohibits the use of rapid consumption devices or drinking games including, but not limited to, kegs, bongos, funnels and beer pong. A student found in violation of the Alcohol Policy three times in any one-year period may be suspended from the University for a minimum of one semester.

4. **Sexual Misconduct.** Non-consensual sexual contact, including but not limited to sexual abuse, rape, acquaintance rape, or sodomy. (Please refer to the Sexual Offense Policy)

5. **Weapons.** Possession or use of firearms, explosives (including fireworks), dangerous chemicals or other dangerous weapons or the brandishing of any weapon or any other object in a menacing or threatening manner on institutionally owned or controlled property is prohibited. Weapons may be defined as an object, instrument, device, or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury or incapacitate. Weapons may include, but are not limited to all firearms, pellet guns, stun guns, paintball guns, air guns, slingshots, martial arts devices, switchblade knives and clubs. Weapons will be confiscated and placed in the possession of University Police for proper disposal.

6. **Identification.** Refusal to provide proper identification upon request. Students are expected to carry their valid student identification at all times and to present it upon request by University officials including, but not limited to University Police, faculty, residence life staff, and other staff of the institution. The University may confiscate any ID card that has been misused, duplicated, altered. Cards may be retained temporarily while their validity is checked. A student may possess only one ID card. Use of the ID card by any person other than the person to whom it was issued or use of the card under false pretenses is a violation of the Code of Conduct.

7. **Theft.** Theft and/or possession of stolen property. Such property may include, but is not limited to, parking decals, personal or university property. a. Theft of property having substantial value may result in serious disciplinary action for a first offense.

8. **Hazing.** Hazing refers to practices which are a part of initiation into or affiliation with an organization. Hazing is considered a serious violation of The Student Code of Conduct and is prohibited in all forms. This code of conduct is based on fair and equal treatment with consideration and respect for all students and applies to organizations and individuals alike. Any person receiving bodily injury by hazing or mistreatment shall have a right to sue, civilly the person or persons guilty. Western Kentucky University defines hazing as any action, physical or mental, or creation of a situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of a participant by any person. A participant is defined as a university student, or any pledge. A person is defined as a university student, member, alumnus, affiliate alumnus, guest of any campus organization, or other individuals.

Physical Abuse:

v Forced or coerced use or consumption of liquor, drugs, or any other vile substance

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