

Code of Student Conduct



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The University of West Alabama expects all students and organizations to be knowledgeable of the **Code of Student Conduct**, and they should be aware that they are expected to conform to that order.

The **Code of Student Conduct** governs the conduct of students and organizations in all behavioral matters. Any questions regarding the **Code** should be directed to Danny Buckalew, the Vice President for Student Affairs, or Luther Gremmels, the Director of Student Life and Housing.

By enrollment at the University, a student or organization neither relinquishes rights nor escapes responsibility for compliance with local, state and/or federal laws and regulations. Additionally, the University has a responsibility to maintain a campus environment conducive to its educational mission while protecting the safety, health, and well-being of all students and other persons on campus. Students and organizations are thus obligated to abide by the rules and policies promulgated by the University.

Interference, injury or the intentional attempt to injure or interfere with the personal or property rights of any person, whether a student, another member of the University community, visitor, or the University itself, is strictly prohibited by the Code of Student Conduct.

Article I: Application

The **Code of Student Conduct** applies to individual students as well as to formal and informal groups of students and describes the duties of University officials and outlines the procedures to be followed in the disciplining of students and organizations. The Code is applicable to behavior of students and organizations on and off the University campus which is determined to be incompatible with the educational environment and mission of the University. The right to proceed in accordance with this **Code** shall in no way be affected by the filing of criminal or civil charges in any court by any person or governmental entity against the accused student or organization.

Article II: Misconduct

Each student and organization is expected to conduct his/her/its activities in accordance with standards of common decency and decorum and with recognition and respect for the personal and property rights of others and the educational process. Violators of the **Code of Student Conduct** may be disciplined for the following:

- Academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, theft of examinations, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
- Forging, altering or misusing any University documents, records, or identification. A meal ticket may only be used by the student to whom it was issued.
- Public intoxication or public display of alcoholic beverages and the use or display of such in public areas of the residence halls and all other public areas of the campus.
- Use, possession, sale, distribution, or in the presence of narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs except as prescribed by a licensed physician.
- Destruction, theft, or possession of University property or property of any member of, or visitor to, the University community. In addition to disciplinary action a student will be held financially responsible for property damaged or stolen.
- Participation in any form of gambling.
- Substantial disruption of classes or other campus activities, or the inciting of such disruption by others.

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8. Use or possession of fireworks, firearms, air rifles or pistols of any type on campus.
9. Threatening and/or committing physical violence against another person or inciting violence.
10. Intentional misuse of any University fire alarms, fire fighting equipment, or other safety devices, including entering false fire alarms.
11. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, service, disciplinary procedures, other University activities, or other activities on University premises by either University or non-University persons or groups.
12. Conduct in violation of federal or state statutes or local ordinances that threatens the health and/or safety of the University community or that adversely affects the educational environment of the University, regardless of whether such conduct has resulted in a conviction under such statute or ordinance.
13. Conviction of any misdemeanor or felony that adversely affects the educational environment of the University.
14. Repetitious issuance of worthless checks made payable to The University of West Alabama or its agents.
15. Behaving in a manner that a reasonable person would find alarming or intimidating, including, but not limited to, slander, libel, bullying and stalking.
16. Lewd, obscene, licentious or indecent conduct or the verbal or written threat of such action against another person.
17. Any violation of policies, rules, or regulations of University Housing.
18. Unauthorized duplication of University Residence Hall keys or keys to other University property. Also, unauthorized entry into University buildings at any time.
19. Hazing, i.e., any mental or physical requirement or obligation, or threat of such obligation, placed upon one or more organization members or toward prospective members that causes or could cause mental or physical discomfort, humiliation, pain, or injury, or that violates any legal statute or University rule, regulation or policy.
20. Violation of any University policies or regulations that may be specified in other University publications.
21. Any other activity or conduct not specifically stated herein that impairs or endangers any person, property, or the educational environment of the University.
22. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Student Affairs if they contract a communicable and/or contagious disease which presents a significant degree of health risk to other members of the University community.
23. Students who alter their class registration without the approval of their advisor or Dean may be subject to disciplinary action. (refer to #2)
24. The University reserves the right to discipline its students for felonies/misdemeanors and other violations that may occur off campus. Such behavior often has the potential to be brought onto the campus thus disrupting the educational atmosphere and mission of the University; thus, it has to be addressed.
25. Depositing or discarding trash or litter on campus in other than appropriate trash and waste containers. No person shall throw or discard, except in appropriate trash and waste containers, paper, bottles, cans, or any substance deemed as litter inside buildings or on campus property including all streets, walks, lawns, etc.
26. Causing any type of false alarm, disaster, fire, threat of bomb, or deliberate misuse of fire equipment; for the protection and welfare of the students of UWA, any student who shall give, or cause to be given, any type of false alarm of fire, and/or threat of bomb, or who shall deliberately misuse firefighting equipment, shall, upon being found guilty, be subject to action by the University resulting in possible suspension. Any non-student involved in the above offense will be referred to the civil authorities.
27. Failure to comply with the written or oral direction of the faculty, staff or University Police and other authorized personnel. (A student is expected upon request to surrender his/her proper identification).
28. Blocking the entrances or exits of any campus buildings.
29. Failure to ensure the proper accepted conduct of guests. (A guest is defined as any person who is present at the invitation of a student or any person who is received by a student or any invited or uninvited non-student who is accompanied by a student).
30. Failure to observe University-wide quiet hours. Because of the large number of student, faculty and staff residences on the campus, students and visitors are to observe University-wide quiet hours on the campus and on the streets bordering the campus from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. This includes loud talking, shouting, loud radios, fireworks, explosive noises, loud engines, noise group activities, etc.
31. Student organizations are also governed by the procedures and rules outlined in the [Social Fraternities and Sororities Handbook](#) and/or the [Student Organizations Handbook](#). Organizational leaders are

required to be aware of these policies.

32. Conduct unbecoming a student of The University of West Alabama.
33. Violation of the Facilities Conduct Policy or the Loitering Policy.
34. Violation of the Policy on the Use of Computer Software, the Chat Room Policy and/or other misuse of information technology such as the Internet.



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