

UCF-5.007 Office of Student Conduct; Scope; Student Conduct Records

(1) Scope

- (a) The Rules of Conduct shall apply to all undergraduate students, graduate students and students pursuing professional studies, including those attending its regional campuses and/or off campus instructional sites. The Rules of Conduct shall be deemed a part of the terms and conditions of admission and enrollment of all students. The right of all students to seek knowledge, debate ideas, form opinions, and freely express their ideas is fully recognized by the University of Central Florida. The Rules of Conduct apply to student conduct and will not be used to impose discipline for the lawful expression of ideas. Specific restrictions on time and place of meetings and assemblies are found in other University regulations or policies.
- (b) These Rules of Conduct apply to all student conduct that occurs on University premises or online, or at activities officially approved by the University of Central Florida or which are sponsored or conducted by University groups and organizations, regardless of location.
- (c) Off-Campus Conduct. The University may take action against a student for off-campus conduct if the conduct is specifically prohibited by law or the Rules of Conduct; or if the conduct poses (or demonstrates that the student's continued presence on University premises poses) a danger to the health, safety or welfare of the University community; or if the conduct is disruptive to the orderly processes and functions of the University.
- (d) Failure to comply with duly established laws or University regulations may subject violator(s) to appropriate civil authorities.

(2) Authority

- (a) The Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.0105 requires each university to establish a Student Disciplinary System, including a code of conduct, to apply to student disciplinary proceedings.
- (b) These regulations are designed to ensure fairness and due process in student disciplinary proceedings.

- (c) Generally, authority necessary to enforce the student conduct regulations is vested in the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. Selected functions of this authority are shared with faculty, staff and students. Some functions of student conduct administration are assisted through review boards or committees.

(3) Violations of Law and Rule of Conduct Violations. A student who commits offenses against the laws of municipalities, states, or the United States, is subject to prosecution by those authorities and may be subject to disciplinary action under University rules when the conduct violates institutional standards. Student shall not be forced to present self-incriminating evidence; however, the University is not required to postpone disciplinary proceedings pending the outcome of any civil or criminal case. The student conduct review process is not a criminal or judicial proceeding and is designed to address student behavior; therefore, alleged violations of the Rules of Conduct will be addressed independently of any penalty imposed by the courts for the criminal offense.

(4) Student Conduct Records

- (a) Maintenance of Records. A student's conduct case record will be maintained in the Office of Student Conduct and if applicable, the Office of Institutional Equity. The case record of a student found responsible for charge(s) against them, with sanctions less than disciplinary suspension, dismissal and/or expulsion, will generally be maintained in the Office of Student Conduct (and, if applicable, the Office of Institutional Equity) for seven years from the calendar year of record, after which they are destroyed. The case record of a student who has been placed on disciplinary suspension, dismissal and/or expulsion will be permanently maintained as official records by the Office of Student Conduct.
- (b) Release of Records. The release of student disciplinary records will be governed by applicable federal and state laws regarding the privacy of educational records.
- (c) Sealing of Records: For information regarding sealing of records, please see UCF-5.010(4).

(5) Evaluation of Student Conduct Review Process. The Student Conduct Review Process will be evaluated periodically by the Golden Rule Review Committee. All proposed changes shall be evaluated for approval by the appropriate administrative body.

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