UCF-5.007 Student Conduct Scope; Student Conduct Records; Medical Emergencies (Alcohol & Drug)

(1) Scope

(a) The Code 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 Code 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 Code 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) The Code of Conduct applies 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 Code 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) 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 Success and Well-Being 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 Code 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
   Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) 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 SCAI (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 SCAI.
   (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.

(6) Medical Emergencies. The University of Central Florida highly encourages students to call
for medical assistance whenever an individual experiences severe intoxication or serious injury
after consuming alcohol and/or other drugs. Students may be reluctant to call for help for
themselves or others due to potential involvement from law enforcement officials or SCAI. Due
to the serious or life-threatening nature of these medical emergencies, the University of Central
Florida urges students to contact emergency medical services or law enforcement officials if
alcohol-related and/or drug-related medical emergencies arise. The University’s primary goal is
to create a safe environment for its students.
   (a) University of Central Florida students who receive medical attention due to drug
   and/or alcohol related emergencies may be exempted from disciplinary action by
   the Director of SCAI following the Director’s review of the circumstances.
   Students exempted by the Director from disciplinary action in this manner will be
   referred for assessment and follow-up services in lieu of the student conduct review
   process.
   (b) Students who receive medical assistance for drugs and/or alcohol emergencies may
   receive exemption for violations of the Code of Conduct Section 11(a)-11(d) and/or
   12(a)-12(c); however, exemption for other Code of Conduct violations may not be
   granted. The Director of SCAI or designee reserves the right to review each
   incident individually to determine whether the student will be exempt from
   disciplinary action. The Director of SCAI or designee maintains the right to
   recommend additional requirements for students who are referred for assessment
   and fail to meet the requirements of their assessment. For subsequent incidents,
   appropriate interventions will be handled on a case by case basis.
   (c) Students who seek medical assistance on behalf of another student impaired by
   drugs and/or alcohol may be exempted by the Director of SCAI from disciplinary
   action for violations of the Code of Conduct Section 11(a)-11(d) and/or 12(a)-
   12(c). However, exemption for other violations of the Code of Conduct will not be
   granted.
(d) For parental notification regarding alcohol and/or other drug-related incidents, refer to the Parental Notification Policy on SCAI website: https://scai.sdes.ucf.edu/parental-notification/.

(e) Additional information regarding alcohol and/or other drug-related emergencies can be found on the SCAI website at https://scai.sdes.ucf.edu/medicalemergencies/.