A Guide to Conduct at the University

What you need to know about the Code of Conduct as explained by YoUDee

What’s the Code of Conduct and why do I need to know about it?

The Code of Conduct is an explanation of how the University expects all members of the community to act. It’s based on respect for others and the desire to create an environment where all students can be successful, in all aspects of their college lives. We want all students to have fun and experience all UD has to offer, but not so much that other students are negatively affected by your behavior or you’re affected by theirs.

So, where can I find the Code of Conduct?

The Code of Conduct, like most everything else, is available on the Web at www.udel.edu/stuguide. You can read it online or print a PDF version to read any time, any place.

Am I required to read the Code of Conduct?

You’re not required (there won’t be a quiz or anything like that!), but it is recommended. As a member of the UD community you are expected to know and follow all parts of the Code. Ignorance of a policy is not an excuse if you violate it. At the beginning of the year, your Residence Life staff will highlight some parts of the Code, but it won’t be exhaustive. If you have questions at any time, you can contact the Office of Student Conduct.

What are the most important parts of the Code of Conduct I should know?

Every part of the Code is important, and you should know all of it. However, the most frequent violations of the Code involve the Academic Honesty, Alcohol, Disruptive Conduct, Drug, Guest, and Off Campus Conduct Policies.

If I’m off campus, I won’t have to worry about the Code of Conduct, right?

Wrong! The Code of Conduct applies at all times, not just when you are on campus. Students are a reflection of the University community, and it’s important to be good University representative, both on and off campus.

If you are arrested in the city of Newark, after the case has been resolved in court, the University is informed and you will be charged with violating the Off Campus Conduct Policy. More information can be found at www.udel.edu/stuguide/13-14/code.html#conduct.

Not saying that I will, but what happens if I do violate the Code of Conduct?

If you are charged with violating the Code, you will receive an e-mail with the charges, a description of the incident, and directions on what you should do to resolve the case. Usually, this will include attending a meeting (known as a pre-hearing) in the Office of Student Conduct. During the pre-hearing, you will have a chance to ask questions about the case, talk about the situation from your standpoint, and learn about the options available to you if you agree or disagree with the charges or the sanctions.

What are the penalties for violating the Code of Conduct? Do sanctions ever go away?

While each case is unique, there are typical sanctions applied for violations of certain policies. Sanctions are determined after reviewing a variety of considerations, including the type and number of violations associated with the incident, the severity of the student’s behavior and any prior incidents the student may have.
Sanctions may include educational interventions, disciplinary consequences, and in some cases, academic penalties.

Sanctions are cumulative and student conduct files are not destroyed until you graduate. Students are expected to learn from any incident, and avoid repeat violations.

Academic penalties? When would that happen?

When a violation of the Academic Honesty Policy occurs, the faculty member for the course will determine the academic penalty to assess for the dishonest behavior. This can range from re-doing an assignment to failing the entire course.

Educational interventions for Academic Honesty Policy violations may include an eight-week academic integrity seminar. Disciplinary sanctions will also be applied, and will serve as a reminder for the student to avoid further violations not only of the Academic Honesty Policy, but of the entire Code of Conduct.

So what would the consequences be if I violate the Alcohol Policy?

A variety of education and disciplinary sanctions may be applied in an alcohol case. They are listed on the back panel. As noted above, decisions about sanctions are determined after considering a number of criteria.

For example, a student who gets extremely intoxicated would receive different sanctions than a student who had only a few drinks. Likewise, a DUI, the most serious alcohol-related violation, would likely result in suspension from the University, because of the extreme severity of the violation.

What if my friend is really drunk, and I think he or she needs help, but am afraid of him or her getting in trouble? What if I’m drunk and need help?

The **MEDICAL AMNESTY/GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY** is in place as a response to these concerns.

Student health and safety are of primary concern at the University of Delaware. In cases of extreme intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning, you are **strongly encouraged to seek medical assistance** for yourself or others.

If you seek medical attention (meaning you call 9-1-1), you may not receive student conduct sanctions against you for a violation of the Alcohol Policy.

If you assist an intoxicated friend in obtaining medical attention (meaning you call 9-1-1), you may not receive student conduct sanctions for violations of the Alcohol Policy.

What if I’ve been drinking and am sexually assaulted? If I report the assault, will I get in trouble for drinking?

No. The Office of Student Conduct grants Amnesty to students who may have violated the Code of Conduct’s Alcohol Policy at the same time of the incident when he or she became a victim of sexual assault. Therefore, no alcohol charges are applied to a student who reports that he or she was under the influence of alcohol at the time of a sexual assault.

Possible Sanctions for Alcohol Policy Violations

The italicized sanctions below are the typical sanctions associated with a first-time minor violation.

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Where can I go for more information and resources?

- **Office of Student Conduct**
  218 Hullihen Hall
  302/831-2117
  www.udel.edu/studentconduct
- **Dean of Students Office**
  101 Hullihen Hall
  302/831-8939
  www.udel.edu/studentlife/deanofstudents.html
- **Student Wellness & Health Promotion**
  231 South College Ave.
  302/831-3457
  www.udel.edu/studentwellness
- **Office of Residence Life and Housing**
  310 Haines St.
  302/831-1201
  www.udel.edu/reslife/index.html
- **Department of Public Safety**
  413 Academy St.
  302/831-2222
  www.udel.edu/PublicSafety/

Other helpful websites

Student Guide to University Policies:
www.udel.edu/stuguide

Academic Honesty Policy:
www.udel.edu/stuguide/13-14/code.html/#honesty

Alcohol Policy:
www.udel.edu/stuguide/13-14/code.html/#alcohol

Medical Amnesty:
www.udel.edu/medicalamnesty

Sexual Assault Resources:
www.udel.edu/sexualassault