


# A Guide to Conduct at the University

What you need to  
know about the  
Code of Conduct  
as explained by  
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? 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 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](http://www.udel.edu/stuguide). You can read it on-line or print a PDF version to read any time, any place.


? Am I required to read the Code of Conduct?

 While that's not required (there won't be a quiz or anything like that!), it would be a great idea. 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. During floor and building meetings 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 Policy, 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 as a whole, and it's important to be good neighbors in the Newark community, too.

If you are arrested in the city of Newark for a criminal violation, after the case has been resolved in court, the University is informed and you will be charged with a violation of the Code of 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 minimum sanctions applied for each violation. Sanctions are determined based on a variety of things, including the type and number of violations associated with the incident, the severity of the student's behavior and prior student conduct record (if any.)

For example, a violation of the Academic Honesty Policy would result in an academic penalty, ranging from re-doing an assignment to failing the entire course. The student is often required to attend an eight-week academic integrity seminar. In addition, there would be a disciplinary sanction (such as Probation or Deferred Suspension), which will serve as a reminder for the student to avoid further violations of the Code.

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, which will ultimately result in Suspension from the University.

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

 The minimum sanctions applied for a violation of the Alcohol Policy are described on the next page. Please realize, though, you will receive *at least* what's listed. As noted above, decisions about sanctions are determined after considering a number of criteria.

For example, a student who gets so drunk he needs medical attention (but none is sought) would receive Deferred Suspension, even if it's his first case. A DUI violation would result in Suspension from the University, because of the extreme severity of the violation.

## Minimum Sanctions for Minor Violations of the Alcohol Policy

First Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disciplinary Probation for two semesters</li> <li>• Alcohol education program</li> <li>• \$250 disciplinary fine</li> <li>• Parental notification</li> </ul>
Second Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred Suspension from the University for two semesters</li> <li>• Substance abuse assessment</li> <li>• \$400 disciplinary fine</li> <li>• Parental notification</li> </ul>
Third Violation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension from the University for two semesters</li> <li>• Successful completion of substance abuse treatment prior to re-application</li> <li>• \$500 disciplinary fine</li> <li>• Parental notification</li> </ul>

? What if my friend is really drunk, and I think he or she needs help, but am afraid of the sanctions above? 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) due to your level of intoxication, the Office of Student Conduct **may not pursue conduct sanctions against you for a violation of the Alcohol Policy.**

The Dean of Students Office staff may issue educational requirements such as an alcohol education class and/or an alcohol and substance abuse assessment.

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.**

? Where can I go for further information and resources about the Code of Conduct and behavior?

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