



# Office of Student Conduct

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## SANCTION GUIDE

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# Introduction

A sanction is a requirement or status that is imposed as a result of either accepting responsibility or being found responsible for violating the College's Code for Student Conduct.

Each campus conduct case is unique and, therefore, it is not possible to establish a list of prescribed sanctions covering every possible violation of the Code for Student Conduct. This guide is designed to cover many, but not all, possible behaviors that would violate the Code.

This guide is intended to cover a range of sanctions that would be considered appropriate for first-time offenses; subsequent and/or recidivist violations of this Code may result in suspension or expulsion from the residence halls, or suspension or expulsion from the College. **Moreover, the College's response and imposition of sanctions is NOT restricted to the sanctions listed in this guide.** Sanctions are determined on a wide variety of factors, including but not limited to, the severity and seriousness of the Code violation, the violation's impact on the College and local community, the number of violations that occurred during an incident, a student's prior conduct disciplinary history, etc. It should be noted that a student with no prior disciplinary record may be assigned a sanction, commensurate with the violation, up to and including expulsion from the residence halls, suspension, or expulsion.

The sanctions outlined in this guide describe a student's status (reprimands, probations, suspension, and expulsions). However, other sanctions listed in the Code for Student Conduct can also be applied in addition to those mentioned in this guide, for example, educational workshops, reflection and research papers, community service, etc.

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Minimum Sanction

Maximum Sanction



Code	Behavior	Verbal Reprimand	Written Reprimand	Disciplinary Probation	Residence Hall Suspension	Residence Hall Expulsion	College Suspension	College Expulsion
Fire Safety	Failure to Evacuate	✓	✓	✓				
	Tampering			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Setting a Fire				✓	✓	✓	✓
	False Pull or Extinguisher Discharge			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weapons & Dangerous Objects	Possession of a Knife				✓	✓	✓	✓
	Possession or use of Fireworks				✓	✓	✓	✓
	Possession of BB, Paintball, or Airsoft Guns			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Possession of a handgun or long gun	✓					✓	✓
	Use of any type of weapon to harass or intimidate							✓

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	Use of any object as a weapon							✓
Threatening or Abusive Behavior	Verbal Altercation		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Physical Fight			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Verbal or Physical Abuse				✓	✓	✓	✓
	Threat of physical harm				✓	✓	✓	✓
Harassment	Harassment			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Intimate Partner Violence	Physical and/or sexual abuse						✓	✓
	Psychological, verbal, and/or emotional abuse						✓	✓
Stalking	See definition in the Code						✓	✓

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Endangerment	See definition in the Code			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sexual Harassment	See definition in the Code						✓	✓
Rape, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation	Sexual Assault						✓	✓
Hazing	Hazing						✓	✓
Forgery, Fraud, Dishonesty	Altered Identification		✓	✓				
	Providing false information		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Altering official documents (i.e. transcripts, U.S. currency, electronic records, etc.)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Property Damage	See definition in the Code		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Theft	See definition in the Code			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unauthorized Entry or Use	See definition in the Code	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drugs	Possession or use of drug paraphernalia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Possession or use of controlled substances and prescription medication not prescribed to you			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Distribution of any drug							✓
Alcohol	Alcohol consumption and/or possession		✓	✓	✓	✓		
	Distribution of alcohol to persons under the age of 21			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Obstruction or Disruption	Unauthorized demonstrations		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Student Group Violations	Affiliating with a group that has had its recognition revoked by the College (i.e. Greek-lettered organization)			✓			✓	✓
Compliance	Not providing identification to or following directives of College, local, state, federal officials on or off-campus	✓	✓	✓				
Parking and Vehicle Violations	See definition in the Code		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smoking	See definition in the Code	✓	✓	✓				
Residence Hall Regulations	Failing to comply with Housing License Agreement or Guide to Campus Living	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Disruptive Conduct	Hosting a loud party	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
	Being disruptive in a classroom setting	✓	✓	✓			✓	
	Noise complaints (i.e. quiet/courtesy hours, local noise ordinances)	✓	✓	✓				
Responsible Use of Electronic Communication	Illegal downloading and sharing of copyrighted material	✓	✓	✓				
	Unauthorized access of another person's e-mail, SUNY OW Portal, etc.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hate or Bias-Related Crime	See definition in the Code						✓	✓
Gambling	See definition in the Code			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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Abuse of the Student Conduct System	Failure to complete or comply with assigned sanction(s)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Failure to Abide by Federal, State, or Local Law	See definition in the Code		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Solicitation and Posting	Selling and soliciting of merchandize and services, including advertising of solicitation or sales, without the College's permission		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓