

- G. **Interim Suspension:** When the president of the university or a designated administrator determines that the presence of a student would reasonably constitute a clear and present danger to the university community or property, he or she may take swift and immediate action to suspend such a student from university enrollment on an interim basis. Whenever suspension occurs under this provision, the student shall be accorded review by the student judicial system at the earliest possible date following the suspension. If, at any time of review, the judicial authority determines that the suspension of the student is inappropriate, it may recommend to the president that the student be reinstated to university enrollment and be allowed to complete any academic work missed as a result of this suspension.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

In order to protect the university's educational purposes and the university community, a student may be formally referred to the Office of the Dean of Students whenever it is brought to the attention of the dean of students that there is reasonable basis to believe that the student's conduct has resulted in at least one of the following:

- A. **Evidence of Felony:** Significant evidence exists that the student has committed a felony of such a nature that the student's continued presence at the university is potentially dangerous to the health or security of other university students and their belongings, faculty, staff, or visitors, even though the civil authorities have not yet brought formal charges.
- B. **Felony Charges:** The student has been formally charged by civil authorities with the type of felony described in code A.
- C. **Felony Conviction:** The student is convicted of the type of felony described in code A.
- D. **Disruption of University Sanctioned Events and Activities:** Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedure, or any other activity or of other authorized activities on university-controlled property
- E. **Parking and Traffic Violations :** Obstruction of the free flow of traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, on university-controlled property
- F. **Physical Assault, Abuse, or Detention:** Acts of violence of any kind on university property at a university-sponsored or supervised function
- G. **Threats of Violence:** Against another person
- H. **Harassments:** Stalking of any kind if such conduct reasonably causes another person to fear that his/her safety or privacy is endangered
- I. **Reckless Conduct:** Conduct that unreasonably creates a substantial risk that the student or other persons may be injured or that property belonging to another person or the university may be damaged
- J. **Vandalism:** Malicious destruction, damage, or misuse of public or private property, including library materials
- K. **Theft and Embezzlement:** Any unauthorized taking (whether temporary or permanent) of property belonging to another person or entity
- L. **Burglary:** Unauthorized entry into or use of university facilities, including buildings, grounds, automobiles, or any property belonging to another person or entity
- M. **Disorderly Conduct:** Breach of the peace, or inciting to breach the peace
- N. **Residence Hall Violations:** Violation of rules governing university-controlled residence facilities, including visitation violations
- O. **Academic Dishonesty:** Academic cheating or plagiarism
- P. **Deception:** Furnishing of false information to the university with the intention of deceiving the university and its officials
- Q. **Forgery and Misrepresentation:** Alteration or misuse of university documents, records, or identification cards
- R. **Bad Checks and Debts:** Intentionally issuing a bad check to the university or one of its departments or ignoring and failing to comply with legally binding financial obligations to the university

- S. **Obscenity:** Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct, including expression of profanity, which exceeds the normal standards of decency prevailing in the general Hattiesburg community at large
- T. **Firearms Violations:** possession on campus of firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, other projectiles, explosives, fireworks, dangerous weapons, or dangerous chemicals, including possession of validly licensed hunting weapons
- U. **Drug Violations:** Illegal manufacture, possession, sales, distribution, or use of narcotics, barbiturates, central nervous system stimulants, marijuana, sedatives, tranquilizers, hallucinogens, or any other illegal drugs, substances, or drug paraphernalia
- V. **Gambling:** Violation of the state of Mississippi's gambling laws
- W. **Alcohol:** Sale, consumption, or evidence of consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus in violation of local, state, or federal law
- X. **Lack of Appropriate Cooperation with University Administration or Law Enforcement:** Failure to comply with the directions or instructions of university officials or any law enforcement officer acting in his/her official capacity, including failure to present a valid ID upon request
- Y. **Violation of Other Published Regulations and Policies:** Violation of any other university regulation or policy that is established and publicly disseminated to the university community at least once a year, including such regulations and policies in the Student Handbook, the Faculty Handbook, the Safety Compliance Document, and the Substance Abuse Policy for Students and Employees.
- Z. **Student Organization Violations:** Any breach of Student Activities policies or university regulations of the chartered organizations will be subject to university organization sanctions.

UNIVERSITY ALCOHOL POLICY

The University of Southern Mississippi prohibits the unlawful possession, consumption, and distribution of alcoholic beverages by students and employees on its campus. Further, any possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind in plain view shall be considered in violation of campus policy. Privacy rights of students in their residential space will be respected, but any public nuisance coming from private space related to the consumption of alcohol shall bring the full force of this policy and applicable state law into play. The concealment of illegal alcohol consumption from plain open view does not preclude the enforcement of state laws or this policy for other just cause.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION POLICY

The Dean of Students Office reserves the right to notify the parents of students under the age of 21 who violate alcohol and other drug provisions of the student code of conduct, or who, in our professional judgment, are considered to be a danger to themselves or others. Upon receipt of an alcohol or other drug violation by a student under the age of 21, the dean of students will staff the case and make a decision regarding parental notification based on the particular circumstances of the offense and the student's history. Parents will be notified by letter or phone, depending on the circumstances of the case.

SANCTIONS

University students who violate articles of the rules will be subject to disciplinary actions that range from probation with educational sanctions through suspension and expulsion. Students accused of violating these policies and rules are afforded full due process under the University Code of Student Conduct. The university reserves the right to assign disciplinary sanctions based on the particular circumstances of each individual case.

Sanctions against Southern Miss employees range from a letter of reprimand to termination of employment. The university may refer violators for prosecution to the appropriate officials. The university may impose multiple sanctions.