

Observance of quiet hours

In keeping with the academic mission of the University and to maintain an environment that is conducive to learning, quiet hours are in effect 24 hours a day. At no time should the volume of a stereo or other electronic sound amplification device disturb classroom instruction or the sleep or study of others in the residence halls. Moreover, sustained boisterous behavior in and around classroom buildings and residence halls, either by individuals or groups, is prohibited. Failure to observe such standards may result in facility access restrictions and/or denial of University housing privileges. Exceptions to these standards may be granted with prior approval by the Dean of Students for programs and activities sponsored or coordinated by MSU.

Administrative action in disciplinary matters

Disciplinary action involving an individual or an identified student group may be administered by the Vice President for Student Life or the Dean of Students. The student or student group retains the right of appeal as specified below. Disciplinary situations that are related to an identified group or part of a community may be directed to the following:

- Student Court
- Panhellenic Council
- Pan-Hellenic Council
- Interfraternity Council

Decisions of the above groups are subject to review by the Vice President for Student Life, the Dean of Students, or the Student Disciplinary Committee. Additionally, the Student Disciplinary Committee serves as the appellate body for students wanting to appeal administrative actions or action of the above-mentioned groups when such actions do not involve suspension or dismissal.

Peremptory Suspension

The Vice President for Student Life or his/her designee may peremptorily suspend a student in cases of flagrant or repeated violation of the Student Conduct Code, University policies or procedures, and/or federal, state, or civil law, especially when occurring under crisis or emergency circumstances. The student retains the right of a hearing as outlined below. Appeals must be filed in writing with the Dean of Students within five class days following the date of peremptory suspension. Under the terms of peremptory suspension a student may be asked to leave the campus immediately.

Disciplinary Procedures

Student members of the University community may have charges brought against them by individual students, faculty, staff, academic departments, or administrative offices of the University (i.e., Registrar, Library, Police Department, etc.). Charges must be in writing and filed with the Dean of Students. In cases where a department or office is bringing a charge against a student, the unit head will designate a representative who will file charges with the Dean of Students.

Student Conduct Code

The purpose of publishing this conduct code is to give students general notice of expected and prohibited behavior. The code is not written with the specificity of a criminal statute, and similarities in vocabulary between criminal statutes and the Student Conduct Code are unintentional. Students found responsible for committing the following misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanctions as outlined in the section of the *Eagle Student Handbook* labeled "Sanctions".

Academic Misconduct:

- a. Dishonesty:
Assisting or participating in cheating, plagiarism, violating copyright laws, and other forms of dishonesty in an academic setting. Please refer to Appendix A for further information.
- b. Disruption:
Engaging in behavior that disrupts or obstructs the peaceful and orderly conduct associated with teaching, research, or other activities related to the academic mission of the university. Please refer to Appendix B for further information.

Aiding and Abetting

Assisting with, having knowledge of without reporting, or inciting violations of the Student Conduct Code or other University policies and/or regulations.

Alcohol

Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages in public or on University-owned or controlled property, or while participating in University related activities which include student teaching, internships, class trips, etc., or providing alcoholic beverages to others. Exhibiting drunken behavior on University-owned or controlled property. Possession of alcohol related paraphernalia (i.e., kegs, beer bong, empty containers, etc.). Please refer to Appendix F for further information.

Assault

- a. Physical:
Causing or threatening physical injury to any other person.
- b. Verbal:
Having a verbal altercation with another person which reasonably causes them to be fearful or intimidated.

Civility

Engaging in behavior that is contrary to University expectations that students treat others with dignity and respect. Examples include, but are not limited to, directing obscene or derogatory language or gestures toward another person, disrupting the reasonable activities of another person or group, failing to respect the rights of another person, or interfering with the lawful freedom of others to express their views.

Computer Infractions

- a. Fraud:
Using a computer or related equipment to disseminate, transfer, enter, alter, or gather data by using another person's or organization's access code or computer equipment without their permission. Please refer to Appendix O for further information.
- b. Misconduct:
Using University-owned or provided equipment or Internet access systems to transfer obscene, abusive, threatening, or other messages deemed to be inappropriate by the University. Using University-owned or provided equipment or Internet access systems to illegally download music, videos, programs, games, or other items. Using web cameras or other equipment to send images or view others without their knowledge and consent. Please refer to Appendix O for further information.