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## Community Standards of Behavior

### 2. Respect for the Health, Safety, and Rights of Community Members

**2.0** All members of the community share the responsibility for protecting and maintaining community health and safety and the rights of other persons. Concentrated housing, varied activities, and the needs of students, faculty and staff for freedom to pursue their own educational tasks and complete job-related responsibilities free from hazards and intrusions, requires the cooperation of all in maintaining these standards.

A student is expected and required to:

**2.1** respect the integrity and personal rights of individuals. The University will not tolerate any behavior that intimidates, threatens, harasses, physically harms (ex: hitting, pushing, or physical altercations/violence of any kind - see also [Section 6](#) on Harassment), invades personal privacy, or otherwise endangers the health, safety or welfare of any other person or oneself on or off campus. Due to the seriousness of any integrity or personal rights accusations and accompanying issues that may impact the Brandeis community, any student involved in such an incident may be placed on campus restriction or interim suspension pending the outcome of any investigation or conduct process.

**2.2** comply with instructions of University officials.

**2.3** conform to the final decision of a conduct board or administrative action.

**2.4** refrain from using computer, cellular phones, pagers and other electronic devices in any manner that causes disruption to or invades another individual's privacy in a classroom, library or other campus facility or any campus event. This includes misuse of computer and/or cellular devices with photographic, video, or text messaging capability.

**2.5** use safety equipment and/or initiate safety procedures only when it is necessary (this includes, but is not limited to, fire equipment, fire alarms, fire drills, and exit lights). Initiating a false fire alarm or submitting a bomb threat is strictly prohibited.

**2.6** avoid and refrain from discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, or genetic information (see also [Section 6](#)).

**2.7** recognize and allow for the legitimate functions of the University. Obstructing or disrupting teaching, research, administrative, public service, disciplinary or other authorized functions is unacceptable.

**2.8** avoid and refrain from hazing: initiating or disciplining fellow students, often in the nature of forced alcohol consumption, humiliating or painful ordeals (see Appendix A for related Massachusetts law).

**2.9** observe the fact that the on-campus possession of firearms (including blank pistols and replicas), explosives, knives, fireworks, nun-chuks, paintball guns, and other articles or substances usable as weapons is prohibited.

**2.10** obtain clearance from the Department of Student Activities for the use of loud

speakers or other sound amplification equipment at outdoor events.

**2.11** refrain from bringing any dog onto the University campus without a leash. Students are prohibited from allowing any unrestrained animal to enter any campus building, or allowing any restrained or unrestrained animal (other than guide and service animals) to enter dining service buildings, campus centers, residence halls, or libraries.

**2.12** assume responsibility for the actions, damage or injuries caused by, or costs incurred for the services related to hosting a guest on campus. The University reserves the right to impose requirements related to the safety or security concerns of a visit by a guest, and to assess the host for the costs of meeting these requirements.

**2.13** comply with the regulations enumerated in other official University publications and documents (e.g., library policies, computer use policies, dining services policies, residence halls and dining services license, parking policies, and financial aid policies).

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