

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The Office of Student Conduct supports Georgetown University's Catholic and Jesuit educational mission by enforcing regulations designed to promote an environment in which students can develop intellectually, morally, spiritually, and socially while exercising a balance of partnership and autonomy within the campus community. The mission of the Office of Student Conduct is to promote concepts of fairness and due process in judicial settings while striking a balance between community standards and individual behavior through the educational development of its students.

Ideally, as a result of a focus on education of the whole person, students will come to view their campus with a sense of community and will actively contribute to the development of that community. Such a setting reinforces an individual's innate value as a human being, while generating his/her recognition of the same value in others. It is this basic tenet upon which Georgetown University's adjudication process is founded.

College campuses function as a microcosm of society; and, as in society, members of the campus community possess certain rights and responsibilities. The University's *Ethos Statement* was written to outline the values that stand as the foundation upon which the **Code of Student Conduct (Code)** is supported. These documents are used to assist students in their understanding of expectations for members of the campus community.

Inherent in the University's adjudication process is the commitment to serve, equally, all involved parties in an unbiased and fair manner. When a student has his/her rights violated and/or fails to meet prescribed responsibilities, as in society at large, consequences will follow. The Office of Student Conduct is commissioned with the task of detailing the rights and responsibilities of students, adjudicating disciplinary matters and, when necessary, imposing sanctions for violations in accordance with the **(Code)**.

The Office of Student Conduct serves as a resource to the entire University community through its efforts to meet the educational and developmental needs of students related to community standards, conflict management and resolution, civility, respect for self and others, and the love of truth.

ETHOS STATEMENT

Choosing to come to Georgetown University means joining a distinctive community. As a Catholic and Jesuit University, Georgetown places special emphasis on the dignity and worth of every person and the love of truth. Membership in this community carries with it high expectations regarding the ways in which each person will act both within and beyond Healy Gates. In particular, students are expected to honor the following commitments in all their actions:

- A commitment to the highest standards of honesty and personal integrity both inside and outside the classroom.
- A commitment to treat others in a respectful manner, regardless of differences such as race, religion, nationality, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.
- A commitment to open discourse and the free exchange of ideas.
- A commitment to exercise mutual care and responsibility in all relationships.
- A commitment to an active concern for the safety, security, and well-being of each individual and a respect for individual, communal and university property.