



THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

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“As a member of the University of Alabama community, I will pursue knowledge; act with fairness, integrity, and respect; promote equality and inclusion; foster individual and civic responsibility; and strive for excellence in all I do.”

PREAMBLE

The University of Alabama aspires to transmit knowledge, to develop its students, and to promote the quality of society. In seeking these goals, the University recognizes the significance of student rights. These rights include freedom of expression, autonomy, procedural protection, and the integrity of people and their property. By ensuring these individual rights, the University fosters an environment conducive to student success and well-being. The Code of Student Conduct fully respects student rights.

Of course, students have obligations in addition to their rights. As members of an academic community, students must observe rules that benefit their classmates, their community, and their University. Students must practice personal integrity. By so doing, they respect the dignity, rights, and property of others. The University has a vital interest in the character of its students and, therefore, regards behavior at any location (on-campus or off-campus) as a reflection of a student’s character and fitness to be a member of the student body. The Code of Student Conduct thus creates an expectation of behavior that the University deems acceptable. By fulfilling these expectations, students can enjoy their own rights, while also respecting the rights of others and furthering the University’s goals.

The University community, however, must have a system to deal with those instances when a member fails to adhere to the expectations of the community. The Code of Student Conduct describes the actions that fail to meet expectations, the process for determining when a failure has occurred, and the sanctions that may be imposed for such failure. Unless ultimately proven otherwise pursuant to the standards and processes contained herein, individuals accused of violating the Code of Student Conduct are presumed to be not responsible for any alleged violation.

It is the responsibility of each University student to become and stay familiar with the Code of Student Conduct.

I. ARTICLE I: CONDUCT AUTHORITY

The conduct authority for students at the University rests with the Division of Student Life. The President has designated the Vice President for Student Life to be responsible for the administration and operation of this Code of Student Conduct (“Code” or “Student Code”). The Vice President shall designate a Conduct Administrator who shall be responsible for the operation of this Code.

A. Jurisdiction of the University

Generally, unless otherwise modified by another University policy, University jurisdiction and discipline shall be limited to conduct that occurs on University premises or conduct that adversely affects or is detrimental to the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives, which can occur anywhere. A student will be subject to the Code of Student Conduct for any action that violates