

without regard for the geographic location of the alleged violation, at the discretion of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. This may include violations which occur partly or entirely through electronic means.

Students should be aware that the student conduct process is quite different from criminal and civil court proceedings. Procedures and rights in student conduct procedures are conducted with fairness to all but do not include the same protections of due process afforded by the courts. Due process, as defined within these procedures, assures written notice and an administrative conference before an objective decision maker. No student will be found in violation of the Code without information showing that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred, and any sanctions will be proportionate to the severity of the violation and to the cumulative conduct history of the student.

The University reserves the right to initiate disciplinary proceedings for allegations of violations of the Student Conduct Code whenever the University has jurisdiction, regardless of whether criminal or civil proceedings have been commenced. Disciplinary actions by the University are independent of any criminal or civil proceedings and the University will not consider any decision, settlement, judgment or other outcome of a criminal or civil proceeding in the adjudication of alleged violations of this Code. The disciplinary process will not be delayed pending the outcome of any legal proceedings.

Academic dishonesty allegations in the School of Law will be administered through the Professional Ethics Policy of the School of Law.

Academic dishonesty allegations in the School of Medicine will be administered through the School of Medicine Student Progress System.

Law students and medical students charged with alleged non-academic violations of this Code may be subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined in this Code, in addition to being charged under their respective school-specific policy or system. The outcome of any administrative conference under a school-specific policy will not be considered in the adjudication of alleged violations of this Code, though it may be considered in determining appropriate sanctions.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following rights and responsibilities are the foundational principles upon which the Student Conduct Code is based.

Rights

All students have the right to engage in a free exchange of ideas. University policies are intended to safeguard the rights of free inquiry, expression, and assembly.

All students have the right to freely express their views and examine all questions of interest.