

abroad behavior as a reflection of a student's character and his/her fitness to be a member of the student body, even if the student does not pose a direct risk to the University community. Therefore, off-campus behavior that indicates disregard for the health and safety of people or their property, including, but not limited to, criminal conduct, may be subject to disciplinary action by the University.

GENERAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Student Responsibilities

1. Students are responsible for informing themselves of their responsibilities as described throughout this student handbook and in other university publications, and of their rights under the student judicial system.
2. Students have the responsibility to comply with the university's policies, regulations, and rules that apply to students and student conduct.
3. Students are expected to conduct themselves with propriety and uphold the reputation and high standards of the university.
4. Students must respect the rights and opinions of others.
5. Students are expected to preserve healthful, wholesome physical and hygienic conditions.
6. Students have the responsibility to attend classes punctually and regularly and to devote themselves earnestly to their studies in order to learn.
7. Students have the responsibility to assist and take pride in the maintenance and preservation of university property.
8. Students have the responsibility to adopt positive patterns of behavior and values in order to develop a wider understanding of themselves and society.
9. Students are expected to use their varied abilities to make their years at Delaware State University a meaningful experience.

Decorum

1. Students are expected to conform to recognized university standards of conduct, behave with decency, and dress appropriately (including, but not limited to: revealing undergarments and saggy pants) while on university premises and during University activities, including academic settings, social events, extracurricular activities, and other public functions.
2. Male students are required to remove hats and any other form of headwear or covering when the Alma Mater is being sung or played, or prior to entering any University premises, including the dining hall, library, classrooms, and any other campus buildings, with the exception of the student center and student housing when head coverings are worn for religious or medical reasons.
3. All students are expected to stand when the Alma Mater is being sung or played.
4. Students are expected to refrain from using four-letter words, obscenities, and non-verbal behavior that is not acceptable under Delaware State University's standards of decency when communicating (verbally, nonverbally, or in writing) with parents, students, visitors, professional staff, and others on university premises or during University activities. This policy does not extend to private conversations where no one present is offended by the language, but does include any communication in public where others may overhear and be offended by the conduct or behavior. Nor does this policy extend to any communications protected by the First Amendment. Violations may be subject to

Violations for details).

- 5. No Cellular Telephone Usage in Classroom** – Because of the Emergency Alert System, students should put their cellular telephones on vibration whenever they are in class. **Students should not respond to or make telephone calls in class or go outside the class to respond to or make telephone calls. Students should not text whenever they are in class.** A student will be ordered out of the class and suspended from the class for one week if he or she is caught violating these rules for the first time. During the suspension period, a suspended student will not be allowed to take part in any class activities including examinations, quizzes, papers, assignments, presentations, and other class activities. A student who violates the above telephone usage rules for the second time will be expelled from the class.

Integrity

Integrity must be practiced in all endeavors and relationships on University premises and during university activities. Students found to have engaged in acts of dishonesty, such as: cheating on tests or examinations; plagiarism, alteration or misuse of University documents, records or identification cards; forgery, misrepresentation or any other form of deceit, may lead to dismissal from Delaware State University.

Violence and Criminal Behavior

Students who commit criminal behavior, acts of violence, threats, or conduct that demonstrates lack of respect for the property of others, may lose the privilege of attending Delaware State University, or be subject to other disciplinary measures. In addition to the specific infractions of community life and criminal law proscribed in this handbook, shoplifting, drug violations, violent acts, use of a weapon on or off-campus, conveying bomb threats, or other obvious violations of criminal law, may be dealt with through both the criminal court system and the University's disciplinary system.

Students are expected to report all off-campus arrests to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Failure to do so will be considered a violation of University policy. The University does not assume responsibility for posting bail or bond for students who are arrested. The University will notify parents or guardians of students who are arrested.

MOST SEVERE VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS

The University will not tolerate and prohibits all illegal or unauthorized possession and/or use of weapons, drugs, fighting or other forms of assault and battery on university premises or during University activities. In addition, the University may take action when such conduct occurs outside of university premises or during University activities if it adversely affects the vital interests of the University. Under normal circumstances, policy violations will result in a **minimum sanction of one year of suspension** however, the judicial council may consider special mitigating circumstances and recommend a lesser sanction. This recommendation must be unanimous and accompanied by a detailed justification.