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CORE STANDARDS AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Core Standards for Student Conduct at OU

- **Integrity:** Students should exemplify honesty, honor and a respect for the truth in all of their activities.
- **Community:** Students should build and enhance their community.
- **Respect:** Students should show positive regard for each other, for property and for the community.
- **Responsibility:** Students should be given and accept a high level of responsibility to self, to others and to the community.

Violations of the Core Standards of Conduct

The following sections generally describe the types of behavior that violate OU's core standards of conduct. Students and student organizations who attempt to violate, conspire to violate and/or violate any of these standards, any OU Policies and/or any Applicable Law are subject to sanctions as described in this SCC.

The SCC will not be applied or construed to prohibit or restrict conduct or activities to the extent that they are protected by the United States Constitution, the State of Michigan Constitution or Applicable Law.

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Community

2. Community Responsibility: Students and student organizations should build and enhance their community. Conduct that violates this standard includes, but is not limited to:

- a. **Disruptive Behavior.** Conduct that has the purpose or effect of disrupting, or interfering with the requirements or operations of any OU academic or non-academic activities or operations, including without limitation teaching, learning, research and/or administration. Disruptive behavior also includes causing, inciting or participating in any disturbance that endangers the health or safety of any person, causes physical harm to any person, or threatens or causes damage to and/or destruction of any property.
- b. **Failure to Vacate.** Refusing to vacate an OU building, property, sidewalk, street, or other facility or area when directed to do so by an authorized OU official.
- c. **Trademark.** Unauthorized use (including misuse) of OU or organizational names, logos, trademarks, copyrights and/or images.
- d. **Damage and Destruction.** Intentional, reckless and/or unauthorized damage to or destruction of OU real or personal property and/or the personal property of another.
- e. **IT and Acceptable Use.** Any violation of [OU's University Acceptable Use and Computing Policy \(/Assets/Oakland/policies/files-and-documents/information-technology/Policy%20890.2.pdf\)](#).
- f. **Gambling.** Gambling as prohibited by the laws of the State of Michigan, including without limitation unlicensed or illegal raffles, lotteries, games of chance, sports pools and online betting activities.
- g. **Weapons.** The possession, use, or distribution of explosives (including fireworks and ammunition), guns (including air, BB, paintball, facsimile weapons and pellet guns), or other weapons or dangerous objects, including the storage of any item that falls within the category of a weapon in a vehicle parked on University property, in violation of OU Policies and/or Applicable Law. No person shall possess a toy weapon on the campus with the intention or effect of using such a toy weapon to threaten, assault, intimidate or otherwise injure any other person.

h. **Fire Safety.** Violation of OU Policies and/or Applicable Law regarding fires or fire safety including, but not limited to:

- i. Intentionally or recklessly causing a fire;
- ii. Failing to evacuate OU buildings or facilities during a fire alarm or evacuation drill;
- iii. Improper use of fire safety equipment; and/or
- iv. Tampering with or improperly engaging a fire alarm or fire detection/control equipment while on OU property (such action may result in a local fine in addition to OU sanctions).

i. **Animals.** Bringing an animal on campus except as expressly permitted by University Policies or Applicable Law.

j. **Wheeled Devices.** Using skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles or similar wheeled devices in violation of OU Policies and/or Applicable Law, inside University buildings and/or residence halls, on tennis courts, and/or on railings, curbs, benches, or any other fixtures or areas that may be damaged by these activities (individuals may be liable for damage to OU property caused by these activities). There are exceptions to this policy for students utilizing mobility devices due to a disability, further information can be found on the [Disability Support Services website \(/dss/policies/index\)](/dss/policies/index).

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