

# Student Governing Association

## Student Code of Conduct

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### The Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch is responsible for reviewing matters of non-academic disciplinary complaints, violations of the K-State SGA Constitution, the Student Code of Conduct, interferences with students' rights and freedoms, and appeals of K-State Parking Services parking citations.

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**This legislation came into effect on January 1, 2021, after passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President.**

***Neither this nor any other university policy is violated by actions that amount to expression protected by the state or federal constitutions or by related principles of academic freedom.***

#### Student Code of Conduct

The following described conduct is prohibited by this Code and subject to sanctions by the University:

1. Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Providing and/or supplying false information to any University official, faculty/staff member, or office.
  - b. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any University document, record, or instrument of identification.
  - c. Tampering with the election of any organization or student governing body.
2. Conduct that substantially disrupts or interferes with teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other University-sponsored activities.
3. Conduct directed towards another person(s) that is intended to and does substantially disrupt or interfere with another's educational or employment opportunity, peaceful enjoyment of residence, or physical security.
4. Attempted or actual theft of property.
5. Intentional damage to property or vandalism.
6. Hazing, which is defined as an act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization. Consent by the person hazed shall be no defense to the hazing.
7. Telephone or Internet harassment, which shall include: (KSA 21-6206)
  - a. Making calls containing or making or transmitting any comment, request, suggestion, proposal, image or text which is lewd or obscene remarks.
  - b. Making or transmitting calls, whether or not conversation ensues, or any comment, request, suggestion, proposal, image or text with intent to substantially interfere with another person's educational or employment opportunity, peaceful enjoyment of residence, or physical security. Transmission of comments, requests, suggestions, proposal, images, or texts may include any

transmission utilizing electronic means, including but not limited to sending text, picture, video, or audio messages over social media websites, social media applications, instant messenger or chat services, message boards or any other electronic format.

8. Failure to comply with directions of University faculty, staff, or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.
9. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys, or other devices that provide access to any University property or services.
10. Unauthorized presence in or use of University premises, facilities, or property.
11. Use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages in an unlawful manner or otherwise in violation of a university policy.
12. Use, possession, distribution of a controlled substance in an unlawful manner or otherwise in violation of a university policy.
13. Possession or use of in violation of the [University's Weapons Policy \(/policies/ppm/3700/3770.html\)](/policies/ppm/3700/3770.html).
14. Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated, any false report, warning or threat of fire, explosion or other emergency.
15. Participation in a campus demonstration which unreasonably disrupts the normal operations of the University included but not limited to the following examples:
  - a. infringing on the rights of;
  - b. inciting others to disrupt scheduled and/or normal;
  - c. intentional obstruction which unreasonably interferes with freedom of movement, either pedestrian or vehicular;
  - d. inciting another person to breach the peace.
16. Intentionally engaging in conduct that prevents another person from exercising freedom of expression protected by law.
17. Conduct that is disorderly, lewd, or obscene; breach of peace; or inciting another person to breach the peace.
18. Any violation of "[KSU Information Technology Usage Policies \(/it/policies/\)](/it/policies/)."
19. Abuse of the SGA Judicial Program, including but not limited to:
  - a. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information.
  - b. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a judicial proceeding.
  - c. Knowingly initiating a complaint without cause.
  - d. Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the judicial system.
  - e. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a judicial board prior to, or during the course of, the judicial proceeding.
  - f. Verbal, written, phone, or physical harassment, and/or intimidation of a member of a judicial board.
  - g. Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the judicial program.
20. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under this Code.
21. Any illegal or unauthorized taking, selling, or distribution of class notes.
22. Violation of [University policies, rules, or regulations \(/policies/\)](/policies/).
23. Violation of federal, state or local law that causes a substantial disruption to university operations.

# Undergoing a Code of Conduct



# Violation?

All potential Code of Conduct violations are reviewed by the Judicial Branch of K-State's Student Governing Association. Below is a general outline of the process of how a potential violation of K-State's Student Code of Conduct is resolved.

## STEP 01

### A Complaint is Filed

A report of a potential Code of Conduct violation is made by a student, faculty member, administrator, or the campus police.



## STEP 02

### Administrative Meeting

Both the complainant and the individual who is potentially in violation may meet with a member of the Judicial branch to discuss the next steps.



## STEP 03

### Student Review Board or Administrative Hearing

A hearing is held to determine if the individual is in violation, and a sanction is decided. Sanctioning can range anywhere from a



warning to a recommendation for expulsion depending on the severity of the violation.

## **STEP 04**

### **Optional Appeal**

Any decision reached through a primary judicial board hearing may be appealed by the complainant or respondent to Student Tribunal for a final decision.



Learn more at:  
<https://www.kstate.edu/sga/judicial>

**Judicial Branch Jurisdiction**

**File a Complaint**

**Other K-State Policies**

# File a Complaint

[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?KansasStateUniv&layout\\_id=10](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?KansasStateUniv&layout_id=10)

# Campus Resources

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