

Students are expected to respond promptly to all correspondence from the University and its officials and are expected to maintain current addresses, both for U.S. mail and e-mail, on file with the Registrar's Office.

**4. Hazing.** Hazing, being hazed, and/or failing to report hazing incidents. "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include, students at an educational institution.

**5. Identification.** Purchasing, possessing and/or using false identification or another person's identification. SMU IDs may not be used by anyone but the student pictured on the ID card for the use of SMU facilities. ID cards may not be altered. Likewise, personal accounts programmed onto SMU ID cards are for use at the discretion of the student on campus or at authorized locations off campus, pursuant to the rules under which the accounts were formed, including Pony Express Accounts.

**6. Interference.** Interfering with or disrupting a University teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service, learning, or other authorized activity in person or in online formats.

**7. Trespassing.** Unauthorized entry into or on University property.

**8. De-Recognized Student Organizations.** To knowingly affiliate with groups, teams, or organizations that have had their University recognition or registration withdrawn, suspended or permanently revoked by the University for disciplinary reasons. The definition of affiliation includes joining, rushing, pledging or being involved in any activity that would normally be associated with being a member of such an organization. This applies to organizations that were created by members of a de-recognized organization in an attempt to continue its presence on campus. Individual students and/or student organizations may be held responsible for providing assistance to or in any way perpetuating the activities of a group/organization that has lost university recognition.

## **C. SINCERE RESPECT AND REGARD FOR OTHERS**

**1. Assault.** Engaging in physical abuse, fighting, threats, intimidation, coercion, or any other conduct that threatens or endangers the health, safety, or welfare of any person.

**2. Discrimination.** Harassing any member of the community related to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression. Due to the University's commitment to freedom of speech and expression, harassment is more than insensitivity or conduct that offends or creates an uncomfortable situation for certain members of the community. (See <https://www.smu.edu/policy> for University Policy 3.1, "Nondiscrimination, Affirmative Action, and Equal Opportunity Policy.")

**3. Harassment.** Engaging in harassment, whether physical, psychological, verbal, written or digital-based, which is beyond the bounds of protected free speech, and directed at a specific individual(s), and likely to cause an immediate

breach of the peace; conduct which threatens the mental health, physical health or security of any person or persons including stalking, intimidation, or threat that unreasonably impairs the security or privacy of another member of the university community.

**4. Sexual Misconduct.** Violating the University's sexual misconduct policy (University Policy 3.3). Sexual misconduct encompasses all forms of sexual harassment to include sexual violence and sexual assault. It is any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. (See <https://www.smu.edu/policy> for University Policy 3.3, "Title IX Harassment Policy.")

**5. Theft.** Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to property of Southern Methodist University or property of the Southern Methodist community or other personal or public property, on or off campus.

**6. Bias.** An act of hostility, harassment, vandalism, or intimidation, beyond the bounds of protected speech, targeted against an individual or group's legally protected personal identity. Bias is behavior that could reasonably be considered to cause an impact to the individual or group, regardless of intent.

#### **D. ACADEMIC HONESTY** (as defined in the SMU Honor Code)

- **Academic Sabotage.** Intentionally taking any action which negatively affects the academic work of another student.
- **Cheating.** Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise.
- **Fabrication.** Intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information related in an academic exercise.
- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty.** Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of the Honor Code.
- **Plagiarism.** Intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise.

### **V. CONDUCT REVIEW PROCESS**

#### **A. General Information Pertaining to Conduct Hearings**

1. The standard of proof in all conduct hearings is the greater weight of the credible evidence.
2. The appropriate SMU official may extend timelines in this process, as warranted.
3. A student participating in a conduct hearing may not be actively represented by an attorney at any time during the Conduct Review Process. Parents or family members who are attorneys may not be present in a lawyer capacity.
4. All conduct hearings shall be closed to the general public. University staff in training may attend hearings. The Vice President for Student Affairs and/or the Dean of Students will have the authority to permit attendance of one or more University observers at any time during the course of the hearing.
5. If an incident involves more than one respondent, the Conduct Officer, at their discretion, may conduct a separate hearing for each respondent.
6. Any change in the allegation against a respondent shall be regarded as a new complaint subject to the conduct review process.
7. If a respondent fails to attend a conduct hearing, the Conduct Officer or Hearing Panel may conduct a hearing in the absence of the respondent.