

**Violation:** A breach, infringement, disobedience or disrespect of a university policy, rule or regulation.

**Withdrawal:** When a student, either voluntarily or involuntarily, is no longer enrolled in the university, therefore is no longer a student.

**Witness:** A person who is called to give evidence

**Working Day:** Each day that the university is open for business.

## **GENERAL POLICY**

- All students, by act of registration, agree to conform to all policies and regulations of the university.
- Students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately by obeying all city and county ordinances and state and federal laws. Enrollment at AUM does not exempt a student from penalty when in violation of public law.
- Any member of the university administration, faculty, staff, or student body may report a violation of the Student Discipline Code based on that individual's direct knowledge or information from other sources.
- Violations of the Housing and Residence Life Community Standards will be referred to the Housing and Residence Life Review Board.
- Any question of interpretation or application of the Discipline Code shall be referred to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or his or her designee for final determination.

## **VIOLATIONS OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE**

The following are violations of the Student Discipline Code whenever the conduct occurs on the AUM campus or any other property owned by AUM, including that leased to others; at university-sponsored activities, including activities/events conducted at sites away from the AUM campus; or at official functions of organizations registered by the university. Action may be initiated by the university or by any member of the university community. Sanctions may be imposed upon any student or student organization found in violation of the code. Even the most severe sanction, including suspension, denial of a degree or expulsion, can be imposed upon the first violation of any of these rules and regulations:

1. Academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating and plagiarism. (See Academic Dishonesty Policy on p. 65)
2. Physical, mental or verbal abuse, including assault and/or battery, by any person who poses a clear and present threat to the health, safety or well-being of any person in the AUM community. This may be a single incident or a series of incidents.
3. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome, gender-based verbal or physical conduct which is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it has the effect of unreasonably interfering with, limiting or denying someone the ability to participate in or benefit from the university's educational program. The

unwelcome behavior may be based on power differentials (quid pro quo), the creation of a hostile environment, or retaliation.

4. Discrimination defined as any distinction, preference, advantage for or detriment to an individual based on their actual or perceived protected status that is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with or limits a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the university's educational program or activities.
5. Discriminatory harassment is defined as detrimental action based on an individual's actual or perceived protected status that is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with or limits a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the university's educational program or activities.
6. Retaliatory harassment: Intentional action taken by an accused individual or allied third party, absent legitimate non-discriminatory purposes, that harms an individual as reprisal for filing or participating in a protected activity.
7. Hazing, defined as initiation rites involving physical abuse or mental anguish (see Hazing Policy, p. 31).
8. Disrupting/endangering the safety of the AUM community: e.g., tampering with elevators, tampering with fire safety equipment, falsely reporting a bomb or fire or engaging in behavior that creates a fire or safety hazard.
9. Possession, use, or threatened use of dangerous items including but not limited to firearms, weapons, fireworks or any gas liquid or other substance or instrumentality, which in the manner used, is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
10. Participating in campus demonstrations that disrupt university operations or infringe on the rights of others, including, but not limited to, noting or inciting a riot.
11. Vandalism, malicious destruction, damage, or misuse of university or private property, including but not limited to university housing facilities.
12. Unauthorized use or misuse of university property, including but not limited to, the university computer facilities: e.g., access to facilities and/ or rooms; access to computers, software, systems, data bases; making false entries; unauthorized transfer of a file; unauthorized use of another's password or ID number; defacing or destroying computer information or stored records.
13. Manufacture, distribution, sale, possession or use of illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia violates the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.
14. Forgery, alteration or misuse of university documents, records or identification card.
15. Intentionally failing to meet financial obligations to any authorized university office, including issuing bad checks or falsely reporting vending machine losses.
16. Dishonesty by providing inaccurate, incomplete or information which is deceiving, including admission application and/or financial aid information.
17. Theft, fraud, shoplifting, embezzlement or possession of stolen property (including buying and receiving stolen property).
18. Failure to follow any university housing policy and/or regulation.