

## Code of Conduct

Each student is responsible for knowing and adhering to all student life policies and this Code of Conduct. While the policies and code outlined in this handbook provide students with an effective set of guidelines for personal conduct, the University retains the right to instate additional policies and regulations or to modify existing ones as needs may dictate. Updated policies and regulations can be found under the Student Handbook section of the Seaver College Student Affairs Web site: [seaver.pepperdine.edu/studentlife/handbook](http://seaver.pepperdine.edu/studentlife/handbook).

### ***GENERAL CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS***

In keeping with Pepperdine University's Christian mission and its heritage in Churches of Christ, all members of the University community are encouraged to respect the teachings of Jesus and historic, biblical Christianity. It is expected that all students will adhere to biblical teaching regarding moral and ethical practices. Engaging in or promoting conduct or lifestyles inconsistent with biblical teaching is not permitted. It is expected that students will maintain the highest standards of personal honor, morality, and integrity. The University reserves the right to refuse admittance to, or dismiss any person who violates these principles.

### ***OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES***

Off-campus rights and freedoms of students involve the responsibility to display conduct and behavior that reflect favorably on them, the University, and the community. Although the University is not responsible or liable for student off-campus events or behavior, it does reserve the right to take disciplinary action in response to behavior off campus that violates University expectations and policies or adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives. Students living off campus are expected to be a positive influence in their community and follow all applicable laws, ordinances, and homeowners' association regulations.

### ***MISCONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION***

The following examples of misconduct are not exhaustive but are intended to give students an idea of the types of behaviors that may result in disciplinary action:

1. Violation of Federal, State, or local law on or off campus.
2. Violation or attempted violation of published University policies, rules, or regulations.
3. Violation of Housing and Residence Life policies by residential, special program, or commuter students.
4. Dishonesty in any form, including but not limited to, knowingly furnishing false information, forgery, alteration, or misuse of

documents, records, or identification cards.

5. Academic dishonesty, including but not limited to plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty. See the Code of Academic Integrity for more information.
6. Manufacture, sale, distribution, promotion, possession or attempt to obtain false identification.
7. Failure to comply with written or verbal directives of University officials or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so. This includes avoiding or resisting documentation by a University official, including student resident advisors.
8. Failure to possess at all times a valid student identification card and/or failure to surrender ID card to a University official upon request.
9. Misuse or disregard of the policies regarding parking and driving on campus, including, but not limited to: failure to properly register a vehicle, accessing or parking in unauthorized areas, tailgating another car into a parking lot, and using or obtaining a parking permit not assigned to you. See the policy statement on Vehicles for more information.
10. Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, or other University activities, including its public service functions on- or off-campus, or other authorized non-University activities when the activity occurs on University premises.
11. Soliciting, advertising, or inviting a reporter to campus without prior approval from the appropriate University office.
12. Actions or communications that constitute disrespect, harassment, retaliation, the use or threat of physical violence, intimidation, stalking or hate violence directed toward a member of the Pepperdine faculty, staff, student body, toward a visitor to the campus or toward a member of the community.
13. Any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video record of any person without his/her prior knowledge, or without his/her effective consent.
14. Harassment or sexual harassment. See the policy statement on Harassment/Sexual harassment for more information.

15. Activities that may cause damage or constitute a safety or health hazard or interfere with the educational process. Such activities include, but are not limited to, entering or exiting buildings through the windows; throwing, projecting, or dropping items that may cause injury or damage; and pranks that create safety and health hazards for others and/or cause damage to University or personal property.
16. Sexual assault. See the policy statement on Sexual Assault for more information.
17. Sexual activity outside a marriage between husband and wife including, but not limited to, premarital, extramarital or homosexual conduct. See the policy statement on Sexual Relationships for more information.
18. Exhibition, possession, distribution or viewing of material or representations deemed to be obscene or contrary to the mission of the University and the moral standards to the University community, including but not limited to pornography.
19. Lewd behavior, nudity, or indecent exposure of any kind.
20. Smoking anywhere on campus other than non-restricted outdoor areas. See the policy statement on Smoking and Tobacco Use for more information.
21. Hazing, 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. See the policy statement on Hazing for more information.
22. Participation in a student organization that has lost University recognition.
23. Possession and/or use of all types of weapons, including but not limited to, firearms, air and spear guns, knives, martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, swords, paint/pellet guns, toys that replicate or could be mistaken for real guns, explosives of any type, ammunition, and dangerous chemicals. All individuals in possession of self-defense items, including pepper spray, must comply with applicable California State law regarding training and permit to use.
24. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys or entry device to any University premises or unauthorized entry into or use of University premises.
25. Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to University property, property of a member of the University community, or other personal or public property on or off campus. This regulation covers the unauthorized appropriation or "borrowing" of property for personal use or the possession of stolen property.

26. Vandalism, disrespect, destruction, or defacement of University property.
27. Misuse of the disciplinary procedures, including but not limited to:
  - a. Failure to respond to the summons of a judicial body or University official.
  - b. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a judicial body.
  - c. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a judicial proceeding.
  - d. Institution of a judicial proceeding knowingly without cause.
  - e. Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the judicial system.
  - f. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a judicial body prior to, and/or during the course of, the judicial proceeding.
  - g. Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a judicial body prior to, during, and/or after a judicial proceeding.
  - h. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed by a judicial body.

***VIOLATION OF LAW AND UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINE***

University disciplinary proceedings may be instituted against a student charged with violation of a law. Disciplinary proceedings may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off campus.

***INTERPRETATION AND REVISION***

Any questions regarding interpretation of this Code of Conduct should be referred to the Dean of Student Affairs Office. The Code will be reviewed every year. In the revision of this Code of Student Conduct, we gratefully acknowledge the use and adaptation of model codes of student conduct published by the National Association of College and University Attorneys in Student Disciplinary Issues: A Legal Compendium and Student Handbook Policies.

