Student Conduct and Community Standards is responsible for upholding University disciplinary and discrimination grievance policies and procedures, while promoting individual student growth and development.

Student Conduct and Community Standards supports the University’s educational mission and goals by promoting growth through individual responsibility and a positive university climate. Students are encouraged to assume self and social responsibility, to learn conflict resolution skills, to enhance decision-making ability and to advance ethical values development.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Generally, schools must have written permission from a student in order to release any information from a student’s educational record. While certain exceptions apply, in most instances educational records will only be shared with those who are deemed to have an educational need to know in the incident.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen if I am referred to Student Conduct & Community Standards?
You will receive a letter asking you to make an appointment to meet with a staff member within five days. This meeting is your opportunity to share your account of what transpired.

What is this about? I received a letter by certified mail but the letter just said to make an appointment, there were no details.
For confidentiality reasons, details of an incident leading to a referral to Student Conduct & Community Standards will only be discussed in person at the scheduled meeting time.

Will potential employers have access to my conduct record?
Employers requiring a background investigation or security clearance will request access to your conduct record. You will have to sign a release authorizing access.

What violations of the Student Code of Conduct are most likely to result in mandatory separation from the University?
Basically, any incident involving (but not limited to) sexual misconduct, violence, weapons, drugs, hazing, stalking or repeated violations of University policy may be grounds for mandatory separation; however, each case is reviewed independently and decided on an individual basis.

Important Numbers

Campus Police - (314) 516-5155
Counseling Services - (314) 516-5711
Student Affairs - (314) 516-5211
Academic Affairs - (314) 516-5371

Student Conduct & Community Standards

www.umsl.edu/~studentconduct/
studentconduct@umsl.edu
(314) 516-5211

University of Missouri–St. Louis
Office of Student Affairs
301 Woods Hall
St. Louis, MO 63121-4400
Types of Conduct that are prohibited at the University

The following conduct is subject to disciplinary action when it occurs on or off of the University premises, in order to protect the physical safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

**Academic Misconduct**
Cheating, plagiarism, and/or sabotage.

**Furnishing False Information**
Forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.

**Disruptive/Disorderly Conduct**
Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, conduct proceedings, or other University activities, including its public service functions on or off campus.

Disruptive or disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression.

**Failure to Comply**
Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys to any University facilities or unauthorized entry to or use of University facilities.

Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties.

Misuse in accordance with University policy of computing resources.

**Illegal Possession**
Manufacture, use, possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance without proper prescription or required license or as expressly permitted by law or University regulations, including operating a vehicle on University property, or on streets or roadways adjacent to and abutting a campus, under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance as prohibited by law of the state of Missouri.

The illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms, explosives, other weapons, or hazardous chemicals.

**Damage to Property**
Attempted or actual theft of, damage to, or possession without permission of property of the University or of a member of the University community or of a campus visitor.

Violation of University policies, rules or regulations or of campus regulations including, but not limited to, those governing residence in University-provided housing, or the use of University facilities, or the time, place and manner of public expression.

**How to make a report to Student Conduct & Community Standards**
Reporting parties may use the student conduct referral form provided on our Web site, or may simply provide a detailed description of the suspected misconduct with the accused student’s identifying information and contact information for the reporting party. Please mark all reports “CONFIDENTIAL” and retain, in a safe location, copies of all documents submitted to Student Conduct.

**Note:** Issues involving threats or fear of safety should be first directed to Campus Police for immediate attention; then forwarded to Student Conduct & Community Standards for additional attention. Issues involving academic misconduct should be forwarded directly to Academic Affairs.

Reports of social misconduct may be sent to Student Affairs, c/o Student Conduct & Community Standards by any of the following means:

1. Fill out a student conduct referral form and deliver or mail to: Office of Student Affairs
   Student Conduct & Community Standards
   University of Missouri-St. Louis
   301 Woods Hall
   St. Louis, MO 63121-4400

2. Fax form to: 314-516-5221

3. Email: studentconduct@umsl.edu

4. Phone: 314-516-5211

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**The Student Conduct Process**

**Notification**
The student will receive a letter requesting a meeting to discuss an incident which has been referred to Student Conduct & Community Standards.

The student must then schedule an appointment to meet within five (5) business days of receipt of the letter.

**The Appointment**
The charges will be explained to the student.

The student will be granted the opportunity to respond to the charges.

The student’s rights will be discussed.

The student conduct process and procedures will be explained.

**The Decision**
The student will be informed of the decision regarding the charges.

If the student is found not responsible, the process ends here.

If the student is found responsible, a sanction will be assigned.

The student may then accept or reject the decision.

**The Options**
If the student chooses to accept the decision, the process ends here.

If the student chooses to reject the decision, the case will then be referred to the Student Conduct Committee.

**The Student Conduct Committee Hearing**
The Student Conduct Committee will convene to determine the student’s responsibility.

The student will present his/her case and the hearing officer will present the University’s case.

The sanction assigned by the committee may be more, the same, or less severe than that originally assigned.

**The Appeal Process**
The student may appeal the decision of the Student Conduct Committee to the Chancellor or Designee. The appeal must be in writing and within ten (10) calendar days after notification of the decision of the committee.

The Chancellor or Designee may affirm, reverse, or remand the case for further proceedings.

The action of the Chancellor or Designee shall be final unless it is to remand the matter for further proceedings.