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, faculty and staff at the University are asked not to disclose information related to a student’s educational record, including alleged misconduct, with any person other than their immediate supervisor. If additional members of the campus community need to be made aware of an incident, Student Affairs and/or Academic Affairs will make the appropriate notifications.

Services provided by Student Conduct & Community Standards

The services below are developed to maintain a University environment that is conducive to academic success, protects the rights of all members of the University community, provides interventions for the resolution of conflict, and creates opportunities for individual growth and development.

- Classroom observation
- Informal mediation
- Student conduct workshops and trainings
- Consultation on options for addressing misconduct

Important Numbers

Campus Police- (314) 516-5155
Counseling Services- (314) 516-5711
Student Affairs- (314) 516-5211
Academic Affairs- (314) 516-5371
Center for Teaching & Learning- (314) 516-4508

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.

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.

Physical abuse or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.

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 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

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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

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.