Administrative Authority

Maintaining and implementing the Code of Student Conduct is the responsibility of every member of the University community. Students, staff and faculty should, through their behavior, reinforce the ideals expressed by the Code, and encourage every student to do likewise. Administratively, the Dean of Students Office, the Office for Residence Life, and the Department of Public Safety are primarily responsible for assuring compliance with the Code. In most instances, Residence Life staff, the Department of Public Safety, or police jurisdictions will report potential violations of the Code to the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office is responsible for reviewing student conduct in general, educating students to appropriate community standards, and assigning sanctions for the purpose of encouraging compliance with those standards. Students will be treated with care and respect and in a non-discriminatory manner throughout the resolution process.

For some incidents involving alcohol policy violations, the Conduct Review Officer may determine that the matter is more appropriately resolved external to the Code of Student Conduct and may refer the issue to the Community Standards Coordinator in the Office of Health Promotion.

While an alleged violation is being investigated and at any time during adjudication of the matter, the Conduct Review Officer may, at their discretion, put in place appropriate administrative measures to ensure the safety and well-being of the community, to preserve evidence, and to maintain the integrity of the Code of Student Conduct process.

When a report is filed and the investigation complete, the procedures set forth in this Code shall constitute the University’s grievance procedures for alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct. The Special Procedures Governing Proceedings Involving Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment and Other Sexual Misconduct are located in the Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy.