Sanctioning

After the finding or admission of responsibility, the Conduct Review Officer will impose sanctions after considering the following:

1. The nature of the violation and the circumstances surrounding it, including the actual or potential impact on the individuals involved and/or the community as a whole;
2. Statements made or evidence presented during disciplinary proceedings;
3. Prior disciplinary record of the student;
4. Disciplinary precedent;
5. Guidelines in the Code of Student Conduct.

The Conduct Review Officer may consult with other University officials as they deem appropriate.

Sanctions for Violations of the Code

Sanctions serve to reinforce that students are held responsible and accountable for their behavior. This is accomplished by measures to educate, to deter future misconduct and to provide consequences for one’s actions.

Villanova University reserves the right to notify parent(s)/legal guardian(s) about the disciplinary status of their student, to the extent consistent with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The following disciplinary sanctions shall comprise the range of official actions which may be imposed for violations of regulations. Any violation of the Code of Student Conduct may result in the full range of sanctions outlined below, and one or more may be imposed in response to a given situation.

Non-Reportable Sanctions

The following sanctions provide notice to a student that a particular action or behavior is in violation of University policies, and therefore unacceptable. Continuation of similar behavior or future violations may result in more severe disciplinary action, including Reportable Sanctions. Non-Reportable Sanctions are not disclosed to external third-parties, except when required by law.

Conduct Notice

A Conduct Notice is a written notification to a student that a particular action or behavior is in violation of University policy, and that future violations may be cause for additional disciplinary action. This notification is typically delivered via University email and requires no in-person meeting with a Conduct Review Officer.

Verbal Warning

A Verbal Warning is an official notice to a student that a particular action or behavior has violated the standards and expectations of the University. Future violations will likely result in additional disciplinary action.

Housing Status Advisory

A Housing Status Advisory is an official notice to a student that a particular action or behavior has put their on-campus housing status in jeopardy. Future violations of University policies may result in a disciplinary room change, restrictions on housing selection, ineligibility to participate in a housing lottery, loss of campus residency, or more severe sanctions.

Probationary Warning

Probationary Warning is an official notice to a student that a particular action or behavior has violated the standards and expectations of the University and that continued non-compliance with University policy will likely result in Disciplinary Probation or more severe sanctions.
Reportable Sanctions

The following sanctions are typically the outcome of serious or repeated violations of the Code of Student Conduct. These sanctions impact a student’s disciplinary status with the University, as well as impose other restrictions and/or conditions of membership. Reportable Sanctions are disclosed to authorized external third-parties for a stated period of time, in accordance with the Disciplinary Records policy.

Disciplinary Probation

Disciplinary Probation is a defined period of time during which a student is not in good disciplinary standing and serves as an official notice that a student's continued membership at the University is in jeopardy. Additional offenses or violations of the conditions of Disciplinary Probation will result in more severe sanctions, including suspension or expulsion from the University. Eligibility for certain academic or extracurricular organizations or programs may be restricted while a student is on Disciplinary Probation.

Disciplinary Probation with Loss of Privilege

Disciplinary Probation with Loss of Privilege is a defined period of time during which a student is not in good disciplinary standing and serves as an official notice that a student's continued membership at the University is in jeopardy. Additionally, for the defined period of time, this sanction excludes a student from all extracurricular University privileges, including, without limitation: membership in student organizations; participation and/or attendance in non-academic activities, programs, and events; representing the University in intercollegiate and athletic teams and clubs; holding any elected or appointed office in a University recognized organization; and selection for extracurricular committees or programs. Eligibility for certain academic programs may also be restricted. This sanction permits a student to pursue their academic course work and is the strongest sanction short of suspension. Additional offenses or violations of the conditions of this sanction will result in suspension or expulsion.

Suspension

Suspension is a defined period of time during which a student is excluded from class registration, class attendance, residence on campus, use of University facilities, and the award of any degree. Suspended students are not permitted on the campus without prior approval from the Dean of Students Office. Upon completion of the period of suspension, a student will be considered for readmission if:

1. The student is academically eligible for readmission; and
2. The student has complied with all conditions for readmission placed upon the student by the Dean of Students and/or their designate.

Expulsion

Expulsion is an action which permanently excludes a student from class registration, class attendance, residence on campus, use of University facilities, and the award of any degree. Expelled students are not permitted on the campus for any reason, and those who enter the campus are subject to arrest.

Other Disciplinary Measures

In conjunction with the sanctions above, students may be subject to one or more of the following. These measures are not disclosed to external third-parties except when required by law.

1. Disciplinary Fines: Payment by the student of reasonable monetary fines to the Bursar’s Office. These monetary payments may be for punitive purposes or for purposes of restitution because of damage to persons or property, or misappropriation of property.
2. Disciplinary Residence Hall Room Change: An action which requires a student to vacate their current room and relocate to another room because of disciplinary reasons.
3. Restrictions on Housing Selection: An action which may exclude a student from participation in a particular housing lottery, or affect his or her ranking within a particular lottery, or affect eligibility
to live in certain residence halls.

4. Exclusion from University Property, University Buildings, University Events, Intramural Sports, Extracurricular and/or Residence Hall Activities for a stated period of time.

5. Community Service: An action that requires a student to give a specific number of hours of uncompensated service to some task recognized as valuable to the University community. The Conduct Review Officer will make the particular assignment of duties. The person under whose direction the work is done shall certify to the Conduct Review Officer when the work has been completed. Failure to complete the service within a specific period of time will result in additional disciplinary action. The Conduct Review Officer has the discretion to assign work in the community-at-large or on-campus service.

6. Dean of Students Hold on Records: A hold may be placed on the academic records of any student who fails to comply with any requirements imposed following a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. A hold may prevent, among other things, class registration, the release of transcripts, and the award of a diploma. Students who are suspended or expelled from the University are subject to a hold to prevent class registration.

7. Educational Measures: An action that requires the student to complete an educational task as assigned by the Conduct Review Officer or the Dean of Students. Failure to complete this assignment within a specific period of time will result in additional disciplinary action. They include but are not limited to research and educational written assignments, alcohol and drug education, and anger and behavioral management classes.

8. Loss of Campus Residency: An action which excludes a student from residence on campus, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

9. No Contact Directive: This is an official notice to a student that they may not communicate or interact with another individual. This directive may prohibit contact of any kind including, but not limited to, in-person, by phone, text message, social media, or any other electronic means. This also includes contact through third-parties.

10. Withholding a Degree – The University may withhold awarding a degree otherwise earned for a stated period or until the completion of the Conduct Review Process set forth in this Code, including the completion of any sanction imposed.

11. Other Administrative Measures, as appropriate.