

H. "University Official" means a person in an official university capacity, including regents, officers, faculty, and staff.

I. "University property" means property owned, controlled, used, or occupied by the university, including property physically removed from Sam Houston State University campuses.

1.03 Awareness of Policies

Each student is expected to be fully acquainted with all published university policies, copies of which are available to each student for review online at shsu.edu/doso. The university will hold each student responsible for compliance with these published policies. A violation occurring off campus while participating in a university-sponsored program may be treated as if the violation occurred on campus. Students also are expected to comply with all federal, state, and local laws. Any student who violates any provision of those laws is subject to disciplinary action, notwithstanding any action taken by other legal authorities. This principle extends to conduct off campus that is likely to have an adverse effect on the university or the educational process.

2) STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

2.01 Conduct Required

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the University's mission as an educational institution. Students who conduct themselves in a manner that violates the Code may be subject to disciplinary actions.

2.02 Prohibited Conduct

Specific examples of conduct that are violations of the Code include, but are not limited to, involvement or attempted involvement in the following:

- A. committing an act that would constitute a criminal offense under state, federal or municipal law;
- B. violating any published University Policy;
- C. failing to comply with a directive from a University Official, including reporting to the office of an administrative officer at a designated time;
- D. providing false information, testimony, or evidence to the University;
- E. issuing a check to the university without sufficient funds or otherwise failing to meet financial obligations to the University;
- F. endangering the health or safety of other persons, with or without intent;
- G. misusing fire extinguishers or other safety equipment on University Property;
- H. interfering or disrupting university teaching, research, or other activity, including administrative, disciplinary, or public service activities, or violating the University's Expressive Activity Policy;

I. intentionally, recklessly, knowingly, or negligently causing injury or endangering the health or safety of any person;

J. possession of or use of University keys without authorization;

K. any act or omission that would constitute personal or organization hazing under the Texas Education Code;

L. possessing, providing, using, or distributing alcoholic/intoxicating beverages in a manner that violates TSUS or University policies or that would constitute an offense under appropriate federal, state, or municipal law;

M. gambling on university property;

N. possessing, using, selling, or distributing any illegal drug or controlled substance;

O. unlawfully carrying, possessing, transporting, transferring, or using a weapon as set forth in Chapter 46 of the Texas Penal Code;

P. possessing, igniting, or detonating an explosive device, firework or flammable object on university owned or controlled property that could damage a person or property;

Q. stealing, destroying, damaging, or misusing the property of the university or that of another person;

R. forging, altering, misrepresenting, or misusing university documents, forms, records, student identification cards or admission documents; violating a published university policy governing residence life or breaching a Housing and Residential Life contract it to such action as opposed to abstractly espousing the moral propriety of such action;

S. entering university buildings or facilities or using university equipment or resources without authorization;

T. failing to maintain a current official mailing address in the Registrar's Office or giving a false or fictitious address to a university official;

U. initiating, communicating, or circulating a false report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that would cause action by an agency organized to deal with emergencies; placing a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or preventing or interrupting the occupation of a building, room, vehicle or other mode of conveyance;

V. action against any person that causes or intends to cause annoyance, harassment, alarm, abuse, torment, or embarrassment;

W. engaging in academic dishonesty as described by the Academic Affairs Dishonesty Policy;

