

Washington and Lee University

Student Handbook

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The policies of Washington and Lee University are under continual examination and revision. This Student Handbook is not a contract; it merely presents the policies in effect at the time of publication and in no way guarantees that the policies will not change. For more updated policies and information see www.wlu.edu.

This Student Handbook and the policies contained herein remain in force and effect in between terms of the academic year and during holidays and other periods of the academic year when classes are not in session.

This Student Handbook and the policies contained herein apply to all students enrolled at Washington and Lee University, including those auditing courses at Washington and Lee University and the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

I. Policy Statement Relating to Campus Life

(As adopted by the Board of Trustees May 25, 1985)

The Board of Trustees believes that one of its primary responsibilities is to encourage the development and maintenance of an environment within the University community, which best permits the realization of our institutional goals. Those goals, according to the University's Statement of Institutional Philosophy, include the pursuit of our educational purpose in a climate of learning that stresses the importance of the individual, the personal honor and integrity of all students and their harmonious relationships with other members of the greater community. In this context, the institutionalized extracurricular and social life of students should contribute to these goals.

It is our desire that student self-government should be encouraged and that a proper balance between student privilege and responsibility should be sought and achieved. We recognize that all members of the student body will spend a portion of their life apart from the institution and outside its governance. Students must nonetheless remain aware that they are members of a University community whose traditions, image and reputation can be harmed by negative actions and behavior as well as being helped by positive contributions. This awareness is especially important because the University, lodged as it is within a larger community, must encourage respect for local ordinances and law enforcement and honor the claims of non-University persons for quiet and safety. In all of its expression, the spirit of this Campus Life statement places emphasis on concepts of

honor, integrity, standards of value, leadership, good character, respect for traditions and personal responsibility. We do expect that individual and group actions and behavior will be measured against these concepts. It is our intention to hold accountable for the successful implementation of this policy the administration, the faculty, the students and, indeed, this Board of Trustees.

As provided in the University By-Laws, the Faculty shall be responsible for the academic regulation of students, for entrance and graduation requirements, for the approval and supervision of courses of study, and for the recommendation of students for degrees. The Faculty may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the discharge of its obligations.

II. Executive Committee of the Student Body

The Executive Committee is a 13-member body of representatives elected by students from each undergraduate and law class. The Executive Committee is entrusted with administration of the Honor System by the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee also serves as the student government organization, which maintains the student activity fee and is responsible for allocation of funds, other than the Student Bar Association fee, to student organizations.

III. The Honor System

The Honor System at Washington and Lee University

Honor is the moral cornerstone of Washington and Lee University. Commitment to honor is recognized by every student, faculty member, administrator, and staff member of the University. Honor provides the common thread woven through the many aspects of this institution and creates a community of trust and respect affecting fundamentally the relationships of all its members. The centrality of honor at Washington and Lee is contained in its Honor System. The Board of Trustees has granted to students the privilege of overseeing the administration of the Honor System. This privilege includes the responsibilities of (1) defining dishonorable acts that the current student generation views as breaches of the community's trust; (2) investigating possible violations of the Honor System; (3) administering closed hearings where possible Honor Violations are suspected; (4) writing and revising the White Book, the Honor System policy and procedures manual; and (5) reporting directly to the Board of Trustees on the administration of the Honor System. The sole penalty for an Honor System violation is dismissal from the University. These responsibilities are administered by the Executive Committee of the Student Body, a group of students elected annually by their peers. Academic life is essentially shaped by this commitment to honor. Assuming that students will behave honorably, the faculty grants flexibility in the scheduling of most final examinations and all are taken without supervision. Take-home closed book examinations are a common occurrence. The pledge, "On my honor, I have neither given nor received any unacknowledged aid on this (exam,

test, paper, etc.),” expresses the student’s promise that the work submitted is his or hers alone. Students’ dedication to honorable behavior creates a strong bond of trust among them and between them and the faculty. This student dedication and the bond that it engenders also provide the basis for the faculty’s commitment to accepting a student’s word without question.

The dedication to behave honorably is not confined to academic life. It is expected that students will respect each other’s word and intellectual and personal property in the residence halls and the Greek houses, on the playing field, in the city of Lexington, or wherever Washington and Lee students take themselves. This principled expectation provides the foundation for the community of trust which students seek to create not only in the academic sphere but in life outside it as well. The Honor System has been a unique feature of Washington and Lee University for well over a century. Thousands of students have lived under it while in residence, have been morally shaped by it and, as alumni and alumnae, continue to be guided by it in their professional lives. Current students are as committed to it as were those who lived and studied here before them, and they maintain with firm conviction this distinctive ideal of the University.

Students attending Washington and Lee must realize that our commitment to the principle of honor is firm. This commitment stems from a long tradition of trust and honesty in a community that respects those traits. Under this system, students must not lie, cheat, steal or misrepresent themselves in any way that is considered dishonorable by the student generation involved. Students found guilty by their peers of a breach of the Honor System are dismissed permanently from the University.

A Community of Honor

The Honor System of Washington and Lee is based on the fundamental principle that a spirit of trust pervades all aspects of student life. This spirit of trust makes Washington and Lee a unique educational institution. Students enjoy unparalleled academic and social freedom. The system is one of mutual trust---trust among students, faculty, administrators, and townspeople that students attending Washington and Lee will conduct themselves honorably at all times, on or off campus. Students are expected to do their own work, represent themselves truthfully, and claim only that which is their own. No violation of this trust is more egregious than another or too small to be ignored.

The Honor System governs only acts that indicate a student is not worthy of trust by his or her peers. The System is not structured to work against students, but rather for students. It is not structured to frighten honest students, but rather to encourage them. The System is mutually reinforcing. The more students live by the System, the stronger the System becomes.

The notion of an honorable community is closely related to the University's educational objectives, for the learning process flourishes best in an environment where mutual trust

and respect shape the bedrock of relationships within the community. Every student at Washington and Lee, thus, has a duty to the Honor System.

Implications of our System

A student at Washington and Lee is presumed to act honorably at all times. A sense of mutual trust and respect surrounds all aspects of a student's life at Washington and Lee. Professors rely on the integrity of their students and expect that all work submitted is exclusively their own. All work at Washington and Lee, unless otherwise stated, is considered pledged.

The form of the pledge is: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received any unacknowledged aid on this (exam, test, paper, etc.)."

Open Exam Policy

One of the truest expressions of trust and honesty found on our campus and one of the most tangible privileges of the Washington and Lee Honor System is the open examination policy. Under this policy, it is the general practice of The College, the School of Law, and the Williams School, not to have exams proctored by University officials.

Undergraduates are allowed to schedule their exams on any day of the six possible exam dates. Students are required to make their selections the week before the examination period begins. Only in rare instances are there stated times for a particular examination.

At the School of Law, only first-year course exams are given at one stated period. Generally, second and third-year law students have a choice between two stated times and dates.

This policy reinforces the great amount of trust placed in Washington and Lee students. In order for students to continue to exercise such academic freedom, they must accept the responsibilities and challenges of governing themselves. Part of the open exam policy is an agreement that no one will discuss any aspect of an exam with anyone else until the examination period has ended. Even a casual remark as to the difficulty of an exam is not allowed. Experience has proven such remarks may give some students an unfair academic advantage over their peers. Therefore, it is imperative to the freedom and trust placed in Washington and Lee students that no aspect of any exam be discussed or commented upon until the examination week is concluded. To do so would place a great strain on the privilege. Discussing exams is considered a serious honor violation.

Plagiarism

"Plagiarism" describes the use of another's words or ideas without proper acknowledgment. The students of Washington and Lee University have considered plagiarism a violation of the Honor System in the past; therefore, all forms of plagiarism including Internet plagiarism are taken very seriously. Students at Washington and Lee must be aware of the

nature of plagiarism. Plagiarism takes many forms, including the wholesale copying of phrases or texts, or the use of ideas without indicating the source. Certain facts must also be properly acknowledged.

Examples of possible plagiarism can be found in the Executive Committee's Plagiarism Pamphlet. This is available to the entire W&L community on the Executive Committee's website at ec.wlu.edu. In addition, Leyburn Library has a helpful site on avoiding plagiarism: <https://libguides.wlu.edu/plagiarism>.

A Brief Synopsis of Procedure

The Honor System at Washington and Lee is administered exclusively by the Executive Committee of the Student Body. The authority for the Honor System comes directly from the Board of Trustees of the University and is in no way influenced by the University's administration or faculty.

Being completely student administered means that the students have a great responsibility in preserving this unique aspect of the community. As a result of previous students' dedication, the Honor System has remained strong. See The Honor System "White Book" published by the Student Executive Committee at ec.wlu.edu.

Hearing Advisors

Hearing Advisors who show exceptional ability and a strong desire to uphold the Honor System may be selected to serve as members of the investigative team and as advisors for the respondent. The Executive Committee selects a student (undergraduate or law) to serve as head hearing advisor and a student to serve as assistant head hearing advisor.

The Head Hearing Advisor administers the Hearing Advisor Program. These advisors are also available to assist in other conduct matters.

Reporting Possible Violations

Anyone with knowledge of a possible Honor Violation should seek clarification from the student suspected of the Violation and ask for an explanation of the incident. Should this explanation convince the inquiring person that no honor offense exists the matter should be dropped.

If the inquiring person still believes that an Honor Violation may have occurred, then the matter should be brought to the attention of a member of the Executive Committee. A person not wishing to confront a student suspected of an Honor Violation should bring the matter to the immediate attention of a member of the Executive Committee.

Upon receiving information that an Honor Violation might have occurred, the President of the Executive Committee will appoint a team to investigate the allegation and prepare a report of their findings. If, after hearing the investigative team's report and recommendations, the Executive Committee believes that there is sufficient evidence of an

Honor Violation, an Executive Committee Hearing shall be held, during which the accused student will be assisted by Hearing Advisors if he or she so chooses. If the Executive Committee finds the accused student did not commit an Honor Violation, all charges are dropped and the student remains an active part of the University. If the Executive Committee finds that the accused student committed an Honor Violation, the accused student may either withdraw from the University or appeal the case to a Student Body Hearing. The Hearing, which is open to all members of the W&L community, is conducted before a jury of twelve students selected at random from the student body. If the jury returns a verdict of "not guilty," the student shall remain a member of the University. If the jury returns a verdict of "guilty," the student is dismissed from the University. The decision of the student jury is final and cannot be appealed.

IV. University Policies and Procedures — Academic

Academic policies are set by the faculty. The University Catalog on the web, along with the notifications of changes, is the most complete and up-to-date information about these policies. Please check the most current version on the University Registrar's web page at catalog.wlu.edu.

Class Attendance

Participation in the work of a course is clearly a precondition for a student receiving credit in that course. Because of the wide variety of courses and teaching methods at Washington and Lee, the University recognizes that the nature of a student's participation in the work of a course cannot be prescribed on a University-wide basis. For this reason, classroom attendance is not a matter subject to regulation by the University. Attendance in class and laboratory is usually a matter between the student and the professor in that class or laboratory. Faculty members may require a previously registered student to drop a class if the student misses the first meeting of the term without the prior approval of the instructor. In such cases, the student is responsible for submitting the appropriate forms.

If a situation arises that requires a student to be away from campus for more than two consecutive weeks, the student must petition FEC for permission. In such instances, the student may be required to take a leave of absence for the remainder of the term. See the [leave of absence policy](#) for information on returning from a leave of absence. A student taking an unauthorized underload or maintaining an unapproved extended absence from classes (two weeks or more during the fall or winter term and one week or more during the spring term) may be required to withdraw from the University for the term in which that conduct occurs, forfeiting all academic credit, tuition and fees for that term. The appropriate Dean will inform the student of the withdrawal, along with the steps that the student must take to apply for reinstatement.

Religious Holidays

Washington and Lee University values diverse religious perspectives and beliefs. Our students celebrate and value a variety of religious traditions. We are committed to supporting our students in observing their religious holidays, while also maintaining their commitment to their academic efforts. The catalog states the following university policy:

Any student who is unable, because of his or her religious holiday(s), to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, athletic, or work requirement on a particular day shall be provided an opportunity to satisfy the requirement in a timely manner or shall be excused from the requirement. Specifically,

- Undergraduate students should reach out to their faculty member, adviser, supervisor, or coach, within the first two weeks of class in fall or winter term, two days in spring term, and again prior to the religious holiday to discuss how best to make up the missed requirement.
- Law students should reach out to their faculty member within the first two weeks of class in the relevant semester and again prior to the religious holiday to discuss how best to make up the missed requirement.

No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student who makes use of this provision of university policy.

The faculty (including coaches) receive annual reminders of this policy and are encouraged to work carefully with students in anticipating and resolving conflicts to their mutual satisfaction.

As stipulated in the Faculty Handbook, apart from absences for observance of religious holidays, faculty may set their own attendance policies and have discretion to designate absences for other reasons as "excused" or "unexcused" based upon their professional judgment.

Class Absence Policy and Procedure for Athletes

Intercollegiate athletic competition provides young men and women with opportunities for character development and learning that are not necessarily available in the classroom context. This is particularly true at the Division III level, where athletics remain unsullied by the pressures imposed by scholarships, high exposure, and the need to promote revenue-generating events. As a consequence, Washington and Lee University encourages students to take maximum advantage of opportunities at the University to engage in intercollegiate athletics. This is part of their education. At the same time the University and the Department of Physical Education and Athletics recognize that the primary goal of a university education is intellectual development. As a consequence, student-athletes are fully expected to devote themselves to their courses and to their intellectual development in no less a fashion than they would were they not engaged in intercollegiate competition.

To accommodate these twin goals of intellectual development and athletic participation, the Department of Physical Education and Athletics makes every effort to schedule “the time, place, and duration of team practices and contests” in a manner that avoids conflicts with students’ class schedules (Mission Statement of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics). With respect to practices and team meetings, the faculty and coaching staff understand that class attendance takes precedence over participation in athletics. Furthermore, full class participation in courses that may cause students to miss occasional practices will not, in itself, prejudice the coaches in the selection of team participants.

On occasion, University-sanctioned athletic events may unavoidably conflict with academic schedules. In those situations, student-athletes are not automatically entitled to exemptions from class attendance. However, given the Athletic Department’s commitment to the academic mission of the University, professors are encouraged to accommodate those conflicts whenever doing so will not damage the individual student-athlete’s academic performance. In this regard, students who participate in intercollegiate athletics should review their calendars to see which athletic contests, if any, conflict with their academic schedules. Each student is responsible for discussing any scheduling conflict with his or her professors at the beginning of the term or as soon as possible after the student learns of the conflict. The ultimate goal is a reasonable accommodation of academic and athletic pursuits.

Progress Toward Degree

All students at Washington and Lee are expected to make steady progress toward completing their degree requirements. Their progress is judged by the quality of their academic work as measured by their grade-point averages. Withdrawal from courses, repetition of courses, incomplete courses, and transfer courses may have an effect on a student’s grade-point average, total credits attempted, or number of terms completed toward degree requirements. Eligibility for federal Title IV aid is determined by the Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines listed in the [financial aid section](#) of the catalog.

Failure to make the minimum progress as defined below for undergraduate students will result in academic probation or in the students being suspended under the Automatic Rule.

Academic Probation

The Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement places students on academic probation whenever their term GPA or cumulative GPA falls below 2.000.

Students placed on academic probation are warned of their precarious position and advised to limit their participation in extracurricular activities during the period of their probation. Students who do not resolve their probationary status within the timeframes described below receive academic suspension under the Automatic Rule. Term specific information follows.

A. *At the end of the fall term, a student is put on probation if:*

1. the fall-term grade-point average is below 2.000 and/or
2. the cumulative grade-point average is below 2.000.

These students will be on probation during the following winter term, at the end of which they must have a term and cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.000 to avoid academic suspension under the Automatic Rule.

B. *At the end of the winter term, a student is put on probation if:*

1. the winter-term grade-point average is below 2.000 and/or
2. the cumulative grade-point average is below 2.000.

These students will be on probation during the following spring and fall terms. A spring-term grade-point average at or above 2.000 will not remove the student from academic probation, even if the cumulative grade-point average is over 2.000 at the end of the spring term. Rather, probation extends into the following 13-week fall term when the probation is either removed (via cumulative and term grade-point averages at or above 2.000) or converted to academic suspension.

C. *At the end of the spring term, a student is put on probation if:*

1. the spring-term grade-point average is below 2.000 and/or
2. the cumulative grade-point average is below 2.000.

These students will be on probation during the following fall term, at the end of which they must have a term and cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.000 to avoid academic suspension under the Automatic Rule.

Automatic Rule (Academic Suspension)

At the end of any academic term, the Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement suspends students who are on probation if they fail to meet either the term grade-point average or cumulative grade-point average standards described above. Suspension from the university severs all connections and privileges associated with being a student at Washington and Lee.

The following also fall under the Automatic Rule:

1. First-year students whose first-term grade-point average falls below 1.000; or
2. Those students who have been reinstated on probation and who have failed to meet the grade-point standard required by the Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement; or
3. Those students withdrawing from the university during any term for reasons other than medical and having a cumulative grade-point average below 2.000; or

4. At the end of the winter term, those students unable to remove their probationary status by attempting no more than four credits during the spring term; or
5. Continuing education students (University employees taking courses for credit) with a failing grade in two concurrent or consecutive courses.

A student who has been suspended from the university under the Automatic Rule may apply for reinstatement after a minimum absence of one year (see the details and requirements for this process at "[Reinstatement](#)" or in the [Reinstatement](#) section of this handbook below). Such students are placed on academic probation if reinstated. Though rarely granted, a student may appeal for immediate reinstatement. Students petitioning for immediate reinstatement may appeal in writing to the Dean of Student Life, Chair of the Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement, by 12 noon US Eastern time on the Friday following release of grades for fall, winter, or spring terms. (See the application at <https://intranet.wlu.edu/registrar/FormsUnivReg/reinststate-app.pdf>.)

Student Disability Accommodations

It is the policy of the Washington and Lee University and its School of Law to provide equal access to educational opportunities to qualified students with physical or mental disabilities, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students requesting accommodation will need to provide appropriate documentation of: (1) a disability, which is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; and (2) a need for accommodation, by virtue of the specific functional limitations of the disability, to have equal access to educational opportunities. The University and the School of Law intend to provide an interactive process of dialogue and timely exchange of information between either the Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources, Commons 237, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia 24450, (540) 458-4055 (undergraduate students) or the Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging, Sydney Lewis Hall 417, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia 24450, (540) 458-8162 (law students).

It is the responsibility of a student (undergraduate or law) with a physical or mental disability who may require any type of accommodation to make the accommodation request in a timely manner. In order to allow sufficient time for the eligibility and accommodation decision process and to make arrangements for appropriate accommodations, the student should contact the relevant contact person (Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources for undergraduate students and Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging, for law students) and submit the documents required for consideration of disability accommodations in accordance with the applicable timelines and documentation guidelines set forth in the relevant policy and/or protocol ([Undergraduate Disability Accommodation Policy](#); [Law Student Disability Accommodation Policy](#)). The Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources or the

Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging will inform the student of further specific procedures and any additional required documentation.

Leave of Absence

Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students who wish to leave the University temporarily for academic, medical, religious or military-service reasons, may request a Leave of Absence for a specified period of time by petitioning the Committee on Automatic Rule and Reinstatement. Students on academic or conduct probation are not eligible for leaves, except for medical leaves. Leaves are normally approved for up to one academic year. The application (<http://registrar.wlu.edu/forms>) must be submitted to the Dean of Student Life, who is the Chair of the Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement. International students should also contact the Center for International Education to discuss eligibility and potential visa issues.

Leaves planned in advance must be requested at least three weeks before the beginning of the term during which the student wants to be absent from W&L. Requests for unexpected (e.g., health-related) leaves must be made immediately and are not considered retroactively.

Medical leaves must be supported by Student Health and University Counseling. Students must submit medical documentation in support of the leave with their application and/or in support of readiness to return, as feasible under the circumstances. Students must also submit with their application consent for the Director of the Student Health Center and/or Interim Director of University Counseling to communicate with the health care and/or mental health care provider in order to make an informed, individualized, objective recommendation to the applicable University administrators on the appropriateness of the leave of absence, readiness to return, and follow up treatment needs.

Academic leaves of absence are normally granted only for the purpose of academic enrichment. Students taking courses elsewhere while on leave of absence must request departmental approval in advance for any course to be used for degree credit, particularly major or FDR requirements.

Other types of leaves will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For the purpose of federal or other official government enrollment statuses only (federal loans, international visas, etc.), students on Spring Option will be reported as being enrolled Less Than Half-Time and, if they do not return to W&L, as Voluntarily Withdrawn effective with the end of winter term. This withdrawal date will affect the terms of repayment for any federal student loans students may have received. Graduating seniors' grace period would thus begin in April and repayment would normally begin in October.

Return is contingent upon approval of a Return from Leave of Absence application and good conduct in the interim. Return is also contingent on an acceptable academic record during an academic leave and/or on readiness to resume full-time academic and campus life after a medical leave, with or without reasonable accommodation, as determined by the University. The University reserves the right to request appropriate documentation, determined on a case-by-case basis, to confirm that the student is qualified and/or ready for return. Students found to be not ready or academically qualified to return in the judgment of the University, after an individualized assessment based on best available current information, will be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn. Such students may apply for reinstatement (see go.wlu.edu/ugr-reinstate).

Students who do not return for the specified term will be withdrawn retroactive to their leave date and may face financial consequences. Leaves of longer than 180 days may also have financial consequences.

Student conduct issues arising during a leave of absence may result in referral for discipline prior to or upon return to the University, which could lead to suspension or required withdrawal from the University.

Law Students

Law students wishing to request a leave of absence should contact the Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging.

Note: The University applies this policy and associated procedures in a nondiscriminatory manner, in consultation with qualified professionals, as appropriate, and will make each reinstatement or readmission determination based on an individualized assessment of that student's situation and what is in the best interests of the student, the campus community, and the University.

Appealing Grades

Students who believe their class work has been unfairly evaluated have the right to bring the matter to the attention of the head of the department concerned. The head of the department may then discuss the grade with the faculty member involved. However, the determination of any student's grade remains the responsibility of the faculty member teaching the course.

Voluntary Withdrawal

Undergraduate Students

Students who withdraw voluntarily sever their connection with the University. Students must accomplish withdrawal during a term through the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students (or designee). Those students withdrawing from the university during any term for reasons other than medical and having a cumulative grade-point average below 2.000 will fall under the [Automatic Rule](#). A voluntary withdrawal will have an effect

on academic grades and/or credits, refund of applicable fees, and access to University housing or other facilities. The University will consider students not returning for a subsequent term to have withdrawn voluntarily. Students who withdraw voluntarily may apply for reinstatement (see the details and requirements for this process in the [Reinstatement](#) section below.)

Law Students

Law students who withdraw voluntarily sever their connection with the School of Law. Students must accomplish withdrawal during a term through the Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging (or designee). A voluntary withdrawal will have an effect on academic grades and/or credits, refund of applicable fees, and access to University facilities. The School of Law shall consider students not returning for a subsequent term to have withdrawn voluntarily. Students who withdraw voluntarily may apply for reinstatement (see the details and requirements for this process in the [Reinstatement](#) section below.)

Required Administrative Withdrawal for Academic Reasons

Undergraduate Students

A student taking an unauthorized underload or maintaining an unapproved extended absence from classes (two weeks or more during the fall or winter term and one week or more during the spring term, without contacting the appropriate Dean's office) may be required to withdraw from the University for the term in which that conduct occurs, forfeiting all academic credit, tuition and fees for that term. The appropriate Dean will inform the student of the withdrawal, along with the steps that the student must take to apply for reinstatement.

Law Students

In accordance with the accreditation standards of the American Bar Association, the School of Law requires prompt and regular class attendance. The School of Law also expects its students to prepare for their classes diligently and to complete course assignments in a timely and professional manner. A professor has the authority to reduce a student's grade for poor attendance, lack of preparation, or failure to complete course assignments on time. In extreme or chronic cases of poor attendance, lack of preparation, or failure to complete course assignments on time, a professor has the authority to give the student a failing grade or to deny the student the right to sit for the final exam. In the case of a student's failure to satisfy attendance and other obligations in multiple courses, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, after consultation with the Dean, may impose other sanctions, including withdrawal from a course or courses or withdrawal from school.

Family Notification

The University expects students themselves to notify family members when they withdraw from the University. However, the University retains the discretion to notify parents,

guardians or spouses of student withdrawals, which constitute a change in a student's official enrollment status, with student consent or when the University deems it appropriate to do so and in accordance with the University's student records policy.

Reinstatement

Students who withdraw voluntarily or who are withdrawn administratively from or suspended by the University may apply for reinstatement.

Undergraduate applications for reinstatement are available online at go.wlu.edu/ugr-reinstatement. Undergraduate students must return the completed application, along with all required materials, so that the Dean of Student Life, the Chair of the Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement, receives it by 4:30 p.m. (US Eastern time) November 15 for winter term, March 1 for spring term, and May 15 or August 1 for fall term.

The University will not reinstate an undergraduate student for a spring term unless that student has both: 1) satisfactorily completed at least one fall or winter term at Washington and Lee University, and 2) was registered for a full-time course load through midterm during at least one of the two preceding 13-week terms at Washington and Lee. This means that first-year and new transfer students who withdraw during the winter term are not eligible to apply for reinstatement for spring term unless they have completed the fall term in the same academic year. Undergraduate applications for reinstatement are reviewed and acted upon at the discretion of the Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement ("the Committee"). See <https://catalog.wlu.edu/content.php?catoid=36&navoid=3529&hl=%22reinstatement%22&returnto=search#REINSTATE>.

Law student applications for readmission are available from the Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging or Director of Law Records. Law students must return the completed application, along with all required materials, so that the Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging receives it by November 15 for spring term or July 1 for fall term. The Law School will not readmit a law student unless the student can complete his or her degree within six (6) years of beginning it (see law school catalog for exception for reinstatement after active duty military service). The Dean of the Law School (or designee) will review and act upon applications for law students.

In all reinstatement cases (whether the withdrawal was voluntary or involuntary, including suspensions), the University reserves the right to require sufficient documentation, determined on a case-by-case basis, that the student is qualified and ready to return to full-time academic work and campus life. Depending on the particular circumstances and reasons for the individual student's withdrawal, this may involve an on-campus interview with one or more appropriate university officials and/or submission of a written progress assessment from a treating health professional indicating that the student is qualified and ready to resume the particular rigors and essential requirements of full-time academic work and campus life at Washington and Lee, with or without reasonable accommodation, and

that his/her treatment and care needs, if applicable, can be supported at Washington and Lee.

In cases where the University requires a written progress assessment from a treating health professional, the Director of Student Health and/or the Interim Director of University Counseling will require a release from the student to discuss current treatment and follow-up needs with the treating health professional, in order to assess whether the student is qualified and ready to return to the particular rigors and essential requirements of full-time academic work and campus life at Washington and Lee, with or without reasonable accommodation, and whether the University can provide the follow-up care needed to maintain the student's enrollment. The Director of Student Health and/or the Interim Director of University Counseling will review this information and recommend to the Committee or Dean of the Law School or designee approval (with or without conditions of treatment, education, counseling, or other) or denial of the reinstatement/readmission. Members of the Committee or Dean of the Law School or designee may review the health professional's written progress assessment and/or relevant health care records when needed to inform their decision-making.

After consulting with University health professionals and/or other appropriate university officials as necessary to facilitate an informed decision, the Committee or Dean of the Law School or designee will act on the application. Decisions regarding undergraduate reinstatement are made at the sole discretion of the Committee on the Automatic Rule and Reinstatement or, for law-student readmission, the Dean of the Law School or designee. For more information about undergraduate student reinstatement procedures, consult the University Web page at <https://my.wlu.edu/student-life/policies-and-guidelines/reinstatement>.

Note: The University applies this policy and associated procedures in a nondiscriminatory manner, in consultation with qualified professionals, as appropriate, and will make each reinstatement or readmission determination based on an individualized assessment of that student's situation and what is in the best interests of the student, the campus community, and the University.

Board of Trustees Policy on Withholding of Degrees

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to withhold the degree of any student who has been convicted of a felony by a court in any jurisdiction. Upon the satisfactory completion of that student's court-imposed sentence, including any period of supervised probation, the Board may approve the awarding of such degree.

The Board may postpone approval of a degree for any student who has been charged with a felony in any jurisdiction when such charge is pending at the time the degree is to be awarded.

V. University Policies and Procedures — Non-Academic

Statement on Student Behavior

Admission to the Washington and Lee community carries with it certain expectations concerning personal conduct. These expectations are specifically covered by the Honor System. Other less specific expectations concern the way we treat each other. The community expects civil, decent behavior designed to encourage mutual respect for our individual differences, desires, and ways of thinking.

Instances of uncivil behavior involving students are most effectively dealt with in personal and informal ways, not by formal conduct procedures. Therefore, members of the Washington and Lee community who believe they have been objects of such behavior should first seek resolution by personal consultation with friends, faculty, designated advisers, or others who may intervene in the dispute. If such direct efforts do not resolve the matter, instances of uncivil behavior involving students may be reported to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. The University will take appropriate action by resolving the matter, referring the matter to other resources for informal resolution where appropriate, or to the designated conduct body. One of four conduct bodies may exercise formal procedures:

- The Executive Committee of the Student Body (EC) oversees the Honor System and hears cases of breaches of trust such as lying, cheating, and stealing.
- The Student Judicial Council (SJC) hears allegations of alcohol policy violations and other types of student misconduct, including hazing by individuals or by organizations not under the jurisdiction of the Interfraternity Council.
- The Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board (HSMB) hears allegations of prohibited discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and sexual misconduct.
- The Interfraternity Council (IFC) hears allegations of hazing, retaliation associated with hazing, and other violations of University policy by fraternities that are members of the IFC.

Threat to the Community: Action of the President

Students or student organizations may be required to sever their connection with the University for non-academic reasons by disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Handbook. In cases where the University has reason to believe that a student or student organization represents a threat to the well-being of the University community, the President or designee, may suspend or dismiss the student, suspend a student organization, or take other appropriate action. Students who are suspended may apply for reinstatement after the period of suspension. Student organizations may apply for reinstatement after the period of suspension. Students and student organizations who are dismissed from the University are precluded from returning to Washington and Lee.

Note: The University applies this policy and associated procedures in a nondiscriminatory manner, in consultation with qualified professionals, and will make each determination based on an individualized assessment of that student's situation, observations of student conduct, actions, and statements, and their impact on others and the campus community, not on mere perceptions or speculations.

Required Administrative Withdrawal for Non-Academic Reasons

Washington and Lee University is committed to the well-being and safety of its community members and the integrity of its learning environment. The University may require a student to take an administrative withdrawal if there is a sufficient showing that: (1) the student is engaging or is likely to engage in behavior that presents a significant risk of substantial harm to others that cannot be eliminated or reduced by reasonable accommodation; or (2) is engaging or is likely to engage in behavior that substantially disrupts the learning environment and activities of the campus community; or (3) that the student is not otherwise qualified to participate in university programs or activities, with or without reasonable accommodation, including but not limited to a determination that the student requires a level of treatment and care which the University cannot provide to support the student's continued enrollment and presence on campus. Any of the above circumstances will support a required administrative withdrawal when based on a reasonable, individualized assessment of current objective information, in consultation with qualified professionals, as appropriate.

This policy and associated procedures do not take the place of sanctions associated with a student's behavior that is in violation of University policies, standards, or regulations. This policy is to be invoked in extraordinary circumstances in which, in the discretion of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students or the Dean of the Law School ("appropriate Dean") or designee, the conduct board process cannot be used or is not appropriate.

This policy may be invoked when a student is unable or unwilling to request a voluntary withdrawal and the appropriate Dean or designee deems a withdrawal necessary to protect the health and safety of the campus community or the integrity of the learning environment and campus programs and activities. Examples of such extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to: ongoing substance abuse, threats or acts of harm to others, or bizarre or destructive behavior causing trauma to others and disruption to the campus community. Before a required administrative withdrawal is considered, the appropriate Dean or designee will encourage the student to take a voluntary withdrawal. The procedures related to this policy appear below. A withdrawal form (registrar.wlu.edu/forms) will be filed with the University Registrar's office by the appropriate Dean or designee.

A student who is involuntarily withdrawn may apply for reinstatement under the detailed process and requirements set out above (see also "[Reinstatement](#)" in the catalog).

Note: The University applies this policy and associated procedures in a nondiscriminatory manner, in consultation with qualified professionals, and will make each determination based on an individualized assessment of that student's situation, observations of student conduct, actions, and statements, and their impact on others and the campus community, not on mere perceptions or speculations.

Procedures

Consideration of Required Administrative Withdrawal

The Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students or designee will consider required administrative withdrawal for undergraduates. The Dean of the Law School or designee will consider required administrative withdrawal for law students. Upon learning of a student's behavior from among a variety of sources (such as Student Health Center, University Counseling, Public Safety, Residence Life staff, a student's adviser, etc.), the appropriate dean or designee may initiate the following procedures, as deemed appropriate:

The appropriate dean or designee will notify the student that a required administrative withdrawal is under consideration and will afford the student an opportunity to discuss the behavior and circumstances at the time. The appropriate dean or designee will discuss with the student the implications of a required administrative withdrawal and the relevant procedures and will provide the student with a copy of this policy. Whenever possible and appropriate, the appropriate dean or designee will encourage the student to take a voluntary withdrawal from the University. The appropriate dean or designee may involve a parent, guardian, or spouse in this process with student consent, or when the appropriate dean or designee deems it appropriate to do so and in accordance with the University's student records policy as applicable.

The appropriate dean or designee also will confer as appropriate and feasible with the following University resources, or others as appropriate to the circumstances, regarding the need for a required administrative withdrawal under the policy:

- University Physicians
- University Counselors
- Office of Public Safety
- Residence Life Staff
- General Counsel
- Faculty Adviser
- Academic Deans

The appropriate dean or designee may require an evaluation of the student's behavior and any relevant physical/mental conditions by an appropriate medical professional if the dean or designee believes that an evaluation will facilitate an informed decision. This evaluation may be done by University physicians/counselors, or by outside health professionals, including the student's treating health professional, as indicated and appropriate in the appropriate dean's or designee's judgment.

Following these consultations and the review of all relevant information available, the appropriate dean or designee will make a decision regarding the required administrative withdrawal. At any time prior to the appropriate dean's or designee's decision, the student may choose to take a voluntary withdrawal, subject to a showing of readiness to resume full-time academic work and campus life at the time of any application for reinstatement, under the policy and procedures for reinstatement (see [Reinstatement](#) section).

In cases involving an imminent threat to health or safety, the appropriate dean or designee has the discretion to take immediate action to remove the student from campus pending receipt and review of all relevant information.

Required Administrative Withdrawal Imposed

The appropriate dean or designee will give the student advance written notice of a required administrative withdrawal including the beginning date of the withdrawal and the steps that the student must take to request reinstatement. The appropriate dean or designee will notify a parent, guardian, or spouse of the withdrawal, either with the student's consent or when he/she deems it appropriate and in the student's best interest to do so, in accordance with the University's student records policy.

The student must leave campus within the time frame established by the appropriate dean or designee in the required administrative withdrawal notice. The appropriate dean or designee may ask a parent, guardian, spouse, or other appropriate individual to make arrangements to remove the student from the University. If the student refuses to leave campus after imposition of a required administrative withdrawal, the appropriate dean or designee may implement an enforced administrative withdrawal, equivalent to an immediate suspension. During the duration of the withdrawal, the student may visit the campus only with prior written authorization from the appropriate dean or designee.

A student may appeal a required administrative withdrawal under this policy to the Provost; however, at the discretion of the appropriate dean or designee the withdrawal may remain in effect during the appeal. A student who wishes to appeal must do so in a written letter of appeal delivered to the Provost within three (3) business days of receipt of the appropriate dean or designee's withdrawal decision. The written appeal must state specifically why the student believes the appropriate dean's or designee's decision is not warranted under the circumstances. After reviewing the written appeal, the Provost may meet with the student

and consult with the appropriate dean or designee and/or other University officials, as he or she deems necessary, before reaching a decision. The decision of the Provost is final.

Required Administrative Withdrawal Not Imposed

In the event that a required administrative withdrawal is not imposed, the appropriate dean or designee may impose specific conditions and/or requirements for the student to have continued enrollment and presence at Washington and Lee, after an individualized assessment of the student's situation. One of these requirements may be a behavioral contract. Non-compliance with such conditions/requirements will result in reconsideration of a required administrative withdrawal from the University. The appropriate dean or designee will notify a parent, guardian or spouse of the specific conditions and requirements for the student's continued enrollment, either with the student's consent or when he/she deems it appropriate and in the best interest of the student to do so, in accordance with the University's student records policy as applicable.

Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and Retaliation

Under the University's Nondiscrimination/Equal Employment Opportunity Statement (go.wlu.edu/OGC/NonDiscrimination), students, faculty, and staff have the right to be free from prohibited discrimination, harassment, and retaliation within the University community. Specifically, the University prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, veteran's status, and genetic information in its educational programs and activities and with regard to employment as described and addressed in the [University Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Other Than Sex](#). The University also prohibits discrimination, harassment and retaliation on the basis of sex and gender, including sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity, as described and addressed in the separate [Interim Sexual Discrimination and Misconduct Policy](#). Such conduct violates not only University policy and expectations of personal integrity and respect for others but may also violate state and federal law. Students, faculty, and staff found to have violated either policy will be disciplined appropriately, up to and including termination from employment or dismissal from the University.

The University Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Other Than Sex is available at go.wlu.edu/OGC/DiscriminationPolicy.

The Interim Sexual Discrimination and Misconduct Policy is available in full at [Appendix A](#) to this handbook and at go.wlu.edu/OGC/SexualMisconductPolicy.

Board of Trustees Policy Statement on Substance Abuse

The Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University condemns irresponsible alcohol distribution and consumption. Abusive consumption of alcohol and illegal drug use are

inconsistent with the core values of Washington and Lee University. The Board expects W&L students to act responsibly and to conduct themselves in accordance with the applicable laws and University policies on alcohol and drugs. The Board is committed to combating cultural causes of substance abuse on campus. The Board is committed to reducing substance abuse by students through comprehensive education and counseling programs, and effective discipline requiring individual and organizational accountability for alcohol and drug policy violations.

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs/Controlled Substances/Tobacco Products

Washington and Lee University supports the Commonwealth of Virginia laws on the licensing, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages. A fundamental principle of the Washington and Lee University Policy on Alcohol is that students are adults who are personally responsible for conforming their behavior to state and local laws and University policy.

Washington and Lee Public Safety works with the Lexington Police, the Rockbridge County Sheriff, and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to promote awareness of and adherence to the alcohol laws.

Furthermore, Washington and Lee University supports the Commonwealth of Virginia and federal laws on the possession, use, sale, or transfer of illegal drugs/controlled substances and tobacco products. It is the responsibility of all members of the University community to abide by those laws.

Through the appropriate University administrative offices, committees and organizations, Washington and Lee University conducts on-going educational programs to acquaint students with the Commonwealth of Virginia and federal laws on alcohol and other drugs, the health dangers of the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, and the medical and counseling resources available for students. A student who violates Washington and Lee University's alcohol and/or drug policies will be referred to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students to be handled administratively or by the Student Judicial Council. Resolution of the alleged violation will be handled in accordance with the University Policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Hazing

Washington and Lee University, the [Code of Virginia § 18.2-56](#), and the federal [Stop Campus Hazing Act \(H.R.5646\)](#) prohibits hazing and encourages reporting of alleged violations of this policy. This policy applies to all University students, and student organizations. For the purpose of this policy and institutional conduct processes, hazing is defined by the following state and federal definitions:

The **Code of Virginia § 18.2-56** defines "hazing" to mean "to recklessly or intentionally endanger the health or safety of a student or students or to inflict bodily injury on a student or students in connection with or for the purpose of initiation, admission into or affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in a club, organization, association, fraternity, sorority, or student body regardless of whether the student or students so endangered or injured participated voluntarily in the relevant activity."

The federal **Stop Campus Hazing Act** defines "hazing" to mean "any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that-

"(I) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and

"(II) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including--

"(aa) whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;

"(bb) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;

"(cc) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;

"(dd) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;

"(ee) any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;

"(ff) any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and

"(gg) any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law."

Allegations of hazing or retaliation for reporting hazing or cooperating in a hazing-related investigation made against individuals or student organizations who are not members of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), such as Panhellenic Council (PC) and all NPHC organizations, will be referred to the Student Judicial Council. Allegations of hazing or retaliation for reporting hazing or cooperating in a hazing-related investigation against IFC fraternities, whether national or local, will be handled by the IFC.

Reporting Potential Violations of This Policy

There are multiple avenues for students, parents, faculty, staff, and community members to report hazing. If you see or hear something that concerns you, please report it to support the health and safety of our students. The University is best positioned to respond to hazing concerns when we receive accurate, timely, and factual information. Please do not assume others have reported the concern - we would rather receive multiple reports than none at all.

While all cases of suspected hazing or retaliation for reporting hazing or cooperating in a hazing-related investigation should be reported to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, other ways to report a hazing or retaliation concern include:

- If there is immediate concern for safety, please call 911 before taking any next steps.
- Submit a report through [Silent Witness](#) or the Live Save App [[Google Play](#) | [App Store](#)]
- Contact Public Safety directly 540-458-8999
- Talk with a member of the community who can assist you with reporting. Some of these people might include: a Student Affairs dean, adviser of your organization, coach, trainer, member of student affairs staff, RA or CA.

Retaliation is prohibited against any individual who, in good faith, reports allegations of hazing, or cooperates in an investigation or adjudication under this policy. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, physical, verbal, or written harassment, threats, or intimidation of any person(s) who in good faith reports an alleged violation of this policy, or cooperates in an investigation or adjudication under this policy.

Additional information about hazing prevention, education, and reporting is available on our [Hazing Prevention](#) website.

Computing Resources, Network and Email Use Policy

Please see go.wlu.edu/OGC/AcceptableUse for the most current version of this policy.

Introduction

Policy Statement

Washington and Lee University provides computing and network resources to its students primarily for educational purposes and to its faculty and staff primarily for work purposes. The University may provide access to other users at its discretion. Use of the University's computing and network resources is a privilege. All users are expected to exercise personal and professional responsibility and integrity when using these resources.

Applicability

This policy applies to all users of University owned or managed computer-related equipment, computer systems, and interconnecting networks, as well as all information

contained therein.

Definitions

There are no definitions applicable to this policy.

Policy

The University enforces necessary restrictions, which may be revised from time to time, to protect its computing and network resources, including the revocation of use privileges for unauthorized or inappropriate use. The Chief Technology Officer or designee is authorized to temporarily suspend use privileges in any case he or she deems appropriate until final resolution of the matter. While the University desires to maintain user privacy and to avoid the unnecessary interruption of user activities, and while the University does not monitor the content of user activities, the University reserves the right to investigate concerns of unauthorized or improper use of University resources, as appropriate.

The campus network, including its servers and associated software, is the property of Washington and Lee University. Neither the network pathways nor W&L-owned computer systems are to be used:

- for purposes incompatible with established University policies, procedures, protocols or applicable laws;
- for unauthorized commercial enterprise;
- for harassing, fraudulent, or threatening purposes; or
- for pirating software, music or images.

The following activities are nonexclusive examples of those that are not permitted and that may lead to suspension or revocation of use privileges and other penalties or discipline:

- unauthorized access, attempts to gain unauthorized access, unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, or violation of the University's Confidentiality Policy (go.wlu.edu/OGC/Confidentiality) involving the University's computing and network resources;
- misrepresenting or attempting to misrepresent one's identity;
- altering or tampering with the configuration of computers in student labs and other common areas, or installing unauthorized games or other programs on their hard disks or on the shared-files area of the file servers;
- any network activity that impedes the flow of network traffic, significantly diminishes the availability of resources to other users, or imposes avoidable burdens on other users (for example, sending mass e-mails instead of using the appropriate services available for communicating with the entire community or large sub-groups); or
- the unauthorized physical or virtual extension or re-configuration of any portion of the campus network by such means as routers (wired or wireless), wireless access points, network wiring, or other methods.

Students, faculty, staff, and volunteers with access to confidential data are reminded of the University's Confidentiality Policy (go.wlu.edu/OGC/Confidentiality). Among other things, the policy states that electronic documents and files containing confidential information are to be accessed, used, and disclosed only with explicit authorization and only on a need-to-know basis for either an employee's job functions or volunteer's service.

Social Media Guidelines

Social media have become powerful communications tools with significant advantages in telling the University's story to both internal and external audiences. With such tools as Facebook, Twitter, Google+, YouTube, Vimeo, LinkedIn, and blogs along with such image-sharing sites as Flickr and Picasa, members of the University community can provide instantaneous content on the Internet to individuals around the world. With the power of social media come responsibilities. These guidelines provide best practices under which members of the W&L community should operate when using these tools. **The basic principle is that members of the community are expected to adhere to the same levels of civility in their online conversations as in their face-to-face conversations. The same laws, University policies, guidelines, and personal and professional expectations for interacting with all University constituents apply online as in the real world.** For example, posting hate speech or confidential information about university students may constitute a violation of existing university policies and would be handled as such.

Since social media are constantly changing, these best practices may be updated frequently. The Digital Communications office is available to offer support and advice in efforts to establish a social media presence and in exploring new social media tools.

Nothing in these guidelines prohibits employees from discussing the terms and conditions of their employment as authorized by law.

Best Practices for All Social Media Users

Social media has the ability to send your message around the world instantaneously. Consider these tips before getting started - <https://my.wlu.edu/communications-and-public-affairs/content-marketing-and-media/social-media/social-media-guidelines/best-practices-for-all-social-media-users>.

Best Practices for Individuals Posting on an Official University Account

When you manage a social media presence for a department, office or organization at Washington and Lee, you are no longer representing yourself, but the University. Consider these tips before getting started - <https://my.wlu.edu/communications-and-public-affairs/content-marketing-and-media/social-media/social-media-guidelines/best-practices-for-individuals-posting-on-an-official-university-account>.

Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

In August, 2003, the University implemented a ban on the use of peer-to-peer file-swapping software on computers attached to the University network. The programs, including KaZaA, Morpheus, iMesh, Gnutella, LimeWire, Grokster, and other descendants of Napster, are used nearly exclusively to download and allow the uploading of copyright-protected music, movies, software, and other works, likely in violation of federal law.

Sharing protected works by unauthorized copying is not only a violation of copyright law but also a violation of the University's Computer and Network Use Policy, which forbids use of the network "for purposes incompatible with established University codes and regulations or applicable laws."

Agents of copyright owners have become increasingly aggressive in pursuing violators on university networks, filing suits seeking tens of thousands of dollars in damages from some students and other users. The ban seeks to protect users from exposure to such liability, to adhere to the copyright laws, and to protect network capacity for educational uses.

The use of peer-to-peer computer file sharing programs (e.g., KaZaA, Morpheus, LimeWire, iMesh, Gnutella, Grokster, and all similar programs and their successors) that are primarily employed to share copyrighted works is prohibited on the campus network. Where possible, banned file swapping will be intercepted and blocked by network control systems. The use of methods designed to evade that blocking is prohibited. For help in removing file swapping software from a computer, call the Information Desk at xHELP (x4357). Specific exceptions to this policy may be approved by the Chief Technology Officer in instances where such programs will be used exclusively for educational/research purposes and in a manner that complies with all US copyright laws.

Copyright

It is the policy and intent of Washington and Lee University that all members of the University community adhere to the provisions of United States copyright law. A copyright grants to its owner the right to control an intellectual or artistic creation, to prohibit others from using the work in specific ways without permission, and to profit from the sale and performance of the work. Copyright protection extends beyond copies of the written word and recordings of sound to include visual and animated images, and encompasses "hard copy" and electronic use and duplication of protected works. Each member of the University community must take some individual responsibility for copyright compliance. The University has developed extensive guidelines to assist and direct faculty, students, and staff in their compliance obligations. The full University Policy for the Use of Copyrighted Works can be found at go.wlu.edu/OGC/CopyrightPolicy. Conforming to this policy may in some cases result in additional costs to the student for course materials and some additional inconvenience and time delay in the preparation procedure of those materials. Members of the University community who willfully disregard the copyright policy do so at their own risk.

Whatever gray areas there may be in copyright law, offering for sharing over the network a recording, movie, text, software, graphic image, or other work without the authorization of the owner of that work's copyright is unambiguously offering to "distribute" that work and subjects one to serious legal consequences. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act and other statutes require the University to cooperate in eliminating such activity.

Users must protect themselves and the University by not making copyrighted materials available over the Internet without the owner's authorization. Students must ensure that their computers are not offering to share copyrighted works. Faculty and staff may not use their University-owned computers to run file-sharing programs.

Federal Penalties for Copyright Infringement

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or "statutory" damages set at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For "willful" infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorney's fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505.

Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.

For more information, please see W&L's Peer-to-Peer File Sharing Policy (<https://go.wlu.edu/OGC/P2P-Policy>), W&L's Plan to Deter Illegal Peer-to-Peer File Sharing (<https://go.wlu.edu/OGC/P2P-Deterrence>), and/or the website of the U.S. Copyright Office (www.copyright.gov), especially their FAQs (www.copyright.gov/help/faq).

Audio/Video Recording of Classes

Students may not make audio or video recordings of classes without the advance written permission of the instructor. Students may use such recordings only for course purposes, may not distribute them outside the class, and are expected to destroy the recordings at the conclusion of the course term. The full policy is located at go.wlu.edu/OGC/RecordingOfClasses.

Public Performance of Copyrighted Works – Showing Movies

The Copyright Act protects audiovisual works such as films, videos, and DVDs and controls the showing of movies to any public group. Among the rights of a copyright holder is the right to authorize public performance (showing) of videotape or DVD copies of films subject to "fair use." Showing of copyrighted films, videotapes, or DVDs generally is permissible in conjunction with teaching activities.

If a videotape or DVD is labeled "For Home Use Only," the showing must fall under the face-to-face classroom teaching exemption, be licensed or be permissible as "fair use." Unless a license is acquired, most performances (showings) of films, videotapes, or DVDs in a public room, or in a university building (including public areas of fraternities, sororities, and other university housing), for entertainment, whether a fee is charged or not, is an infringement.

If a performance license is needed, the University's libraries will assist you in seeking permission by helping you locate the address of the producer's permissions department. You will then need to fax or send a letter giving full details of what, where, when, how many times, admission policy, advertising, etc. Add a line for the permission agent's signature and include a self-addressed stamped return envelope or a return fax number. Student organizations showing films for entertainment purposes are responsible for paying royalties.

The showing of a protected work for a legitimate educational purpose may qualify as "fair use" or fall within the exemption of classroom teaching and not require permission. More information is available in the University's Policy for the Use of Copyrighted Works (go.wlu.edu/OGC/CopyrightPolicy), especially Section IV.

Use of W&L Names, Logos and Other Marks

Faculty, staff, and students may use the University's names, logos, and/or other marks (e.g. W&L, the W&L crest) where necessary to identify themselves on matters of official University business. Use of the University name for private purposes is limited to use purely for identification by a current or former member of the faculty, staff, and/or student body (e.g. "John Doe, Professor of Physics, Washington and Lee University," or "John Doe, Class of '79, W&L"). W&L names, logos, and other marks shall not be used by individuals or entities otherwise in a manner that implies University endorsement or responsibility for particular activities, products, or publications involved, or by any individual or group promoting itself, without the express written permission of the Provost or designee. Any and all use of the University names, logos, and/or other marks for commercial purposes is prohibited unless approved by the Treasurer or designee.

For more information, consult the University Policy on Intellectual Property at [go.wlu.edu/OGC/IP- Policy](http://go.wlu.edu/OGC/IP-Policy).

Smoking

All faculty, staff, students, vendors, and visitors to the University are expected to comply with Virginia law regarding the minimum age for persons purchasing or possessing tobacco products, nicotine vapor products and alternative products (21 years of age as of July 1, 2019, with an exception for active duty military personnel).

Smoking, including e-cigarettes/nicotine vapor products and alternative nicotine products, is not permitted inside classroom buildings, administrative buildings, student residential buildings (including Greek and theme housing), dining areas, University Store, athletic facilities, or University owned or rented vehicles or within 25 feet of residential buildings (including Greek and theme housing). Smokers are asked to refrain from smoking in entranceways to buildings, or adjacent to open windows or air intakes, or in other outdoor areas where environmental smoke is not rapidly dispersed. All members of the University community are expected to treat each other with courtesy and respect in honoring this policy.

Weapons

Washington and Lee University is committed to providing a safe and secure learning and working environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors on all campus properties. The use, possession and storage of firearms, components of firearms, live ammunition, crossbows, lowguns, BB guns, air guns, stun weapons, explosives, machetes, electric shock devices, knives (except pocket knives having a folding metal blade of less than three inches) or other dangerous articles are prohibited on all properties owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by Washington and Lee University. Law enforcement officers duly authorized to carry such instruments are excepted.

Any person violating this policy will be subject to conduct sanctions including suspension or dismissal from the University or termination of employment. Student violations will be dealt with through the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Any suspected violations should be reported to the Director of Public Safety.

Missing Student Notification Policy

This policy is established by Washington and Lee University in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and applies to all students at the University.

For the purposes of this policy, a student may be considered to be a "missing person" if the student's absence from campus is contrary to his or her usual pattern of behavior and W&L has reasonable belief that the unusual circumstances may have caused the absence. Such circumstances may include, but not be limited to, a report or suspicion that the student may be a victim of foul play; the student has expressed suicidal thoughts, may be drug dependent or in a life-threatening situation; or if the student is overdue returning to campus and is not heard from after giving a specific return time to friends or family.

If a member of the University Community has reason to believe that a student is missing, whether or not the student resides on campus, that individual should contact the University's Public Safety Office. Public Safety will collaborate with the Student Affairs staff to make an effort to locate the student and determine his or her state of health and well-being. Public Safety will gather pertinent information about the student from the reporting person. Such information may include description, cellular phone number, clothes last worn, vehicle description, information about the physical and emotional well-being of the student, an up-to-date photograph, etc.

University officials will also endeavor to determine the student's whereabouts through contact with friends, associates, and/or employers of the student, and determine whether the student has been attending classes, scheduled organizational or academic meetings, and work. If the student is an on-campus resident, Public Safety may make a welfare entry into the student's room. If the student resides off-campus, Public Safety will informally enlist the aid of the neighboring police agency having jurisdiction.

If a residential student is reported missing and cannot be located, certain notices will be made as follows:

- Parents/Guardians will be notified within 24 hours (after Public Safety receives the initial missing person report) to determine whether they know the whereabouts of the student.
- Local law enforcement will be notified within 24 hours after Public Safety determines that the student is missing.
- The student's designated emergency contact (if any) will be notified once Public Safety or local law enforcement personnel make a determination that the student has been missing for more than 24 hours.

If the student is an off-campus resident, Public Safety will notify appropriate family members or associates within 24 hours of receiving the initial report. These individuals will then be encouraged to make an official missing-person report to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. Public Safety will cooperate, aid, and assist the primary investigative agency as appropriate.

After the student has been located, Public Safety will attempt to verify the student's state of health and intention of returning to the campus. When and where appropriate, a referral may be made to the Counseling Center and/or the Student Health Center.

Designation of Emergency Contact Information

Students will be given an opportunity during the fall-term matriculation process to designate an individual to be contacted by the University if the student is determined to be missing. Returning and transfer students will be given an opportunity to provide this information during the fall term. The designation will remain in effect until changed or

revoked by the student. The form provided for the designation will state the circumstances in which the designated emergency contact information will be used, and will include a statement that the University is required by law to also notify the student's custodial parent or guardian if the student is under 18 at the time he or she is discovered to be missing.

Communications about Missing Students

In accordance with established University emergency procedures, the Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs will be part of the University's administrative response team and is the designated spokesperson to handle media inquiries concerning a missing student.

The local law enforcement agency in charge of the investigation and Public Safety will be consulted by the Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs prior to any information release from the university so as not to jeopardize any investigation.

Information provided to the media to elicit public assistance in the search for the missing person will be handled by the local law enforcement agency.

Required Health Insurance

By University policy, all students are required to provide evidence of health and hospitalization insurance coverage each year, to supplement the health care provided by the University. This coverage may be in the form of an individual policy already in effect, inclusion in a family policy, or enrollment in the optional student health insurance plan offered to all Washington and Lee students. An online waiver must be completed annually for those who choose not to participate in the University-sponsored student health insurance plan. A Health Insurance Information Form must be completed by each entering student and returned to the University, along with a copy of all health insurance cards. Enrollment information for the student health insurance plan will be sent to all students during the summer. International students are required to purchase coverage through the University-sponsored student health insurance plan. The Administrative Assistant in the Student Health Center will assist students in filing claims for coverage under this plan. Students are responsible for updating their Student Health Center record with any changes in insurance coverage.

VI. Contacts for Student Grievances and Concerns

Students who wish to bring a grievance or concern pertaining to University policies, procedures, or operations are encouraged to address their concern to the appropriate department head or official who oversees that area of University operations.

Undergraduate students with disabilities who need assistance in addressing a grievance or concern should contact the Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources. Law

students with disabilities who need assistance in addressing a grievance or concern should contact the Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging.

If a student has any doubt as to whom to direct a concern, the following officials may be contacted:

Student Life Concerns

Alex Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dave Leonard, Dean of Students

Tamara Futrell, Dean of Student Engagement and Leadership

Maria Saez Tatman, Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging (law students)

Housing concerns (including assignments, roommate issues, and residence hall maintenance concerns)

Chris Reid, Director of Residence Life

Financial Aid Concerns

James Kaster, Director of Financial Aid

Financial Charges/Payments Concerns

Irma Bailey, Associate Treasurer and Controller

Harassment/Discrimination Concerns

Lauren Kozak, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources

Disability Accommodations Concerns

Lauren Kozak, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources (undergraduate students)

Maria Saez Tatman, Associate Dean of Law Student Affairs, Community, and Belonging (law students)

Student Employee Concerns

Kim Austin, Deputy Director of Human Resources and Director of Benefits

All other non-academic concerns (including student conduct, public safety, and other campus life issues)

Alex Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Academic Concerns

Grade Appeals

Undergraduate Students - - Chair of the Academic Department (for the particular course)

Grading, Academic Course Policy, and Fair Treatment by Faculty

Concerns about grading, academic course policy, and fair treatment by faculty should be addressed to the department head of the department in question, and/or to the academic dean who supervises that division:

College: Chawne Kimber, Dean of the College

Williams School: Rob Straughan, Dean of the Williams School

Law School: Melanie Wilson, Dean of the Law School

Academic concerns can also be conveyed to the Provost of the University, Lena Hill.

Distance Learning

Concerns relating to distance education covered by the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) should be addressed to the Provost of the University, Lena Hill. If all available internal grievance procedures have been exhausted, complaints regarding distance education covered by SARA may be filed with the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV). Contact information for the Virginia SARA can be located at <https://www.schev.edu/institutions/virginia-sara>.

Any concerns or inquiries regarding general academic policies should be addressed to the appropriate academic dean and/or to the University Registrar, Melissa Neal.

VII. Student Judicial Policies and Procedures

Statement of Goals for the Student Conduct System

Washington and Lee is, above all else, an educational institution. The purpose of all our institutional activities, including conduct hearings, is to protect and promote our educational objectives. The training of conduct board members, the hearing procedures that are tailored to address specific types of misconduct and the overall structure of each conduct body are designed to create a system that upholds the University's standards-- honor, integrity and civility--while providing fair process and judgment for students and student organizations.

1. The authority of the University to sanction students is independent of any criminal or other external legal action. University discipline is neither demanded by external legal efforts, nor is it precluded by the absence or failure of the state to act.
2. At the final faculty meeting before the respective graduation, there shall be only two conditions required for faculty recommendation for a degree: (1) that the candidate has met the academic requirements for a degree, attested to by the University

- Registrar for undergraduates or by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for law students; and (2) that there are no Washington and Lee conduct proceedings or criminal charges pending against a candidate, attested to by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students for undergraduates and the appropriate student affairs dean for law students. If student misconduct occurs between the faculty meeting and graduation, the matter will be handled administratively through the Office of the Provost.
3. The Student Judicial Council (SJC), a wholly student group, shall have primary, first-instance responsibility for deciding most misconduct cases and imposing penalties with the exception of cases involving the Honor System (adjudicated by the Student Executive Committee), or student acts of prohibited discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and sexual misconduct, which will be heard by the Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board (HSMB). The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is responsible for deciding cases of hazing and retaliation by fraternities under their jurisdiction. The President has independent conduct authority consistent with University policies. A student may appeal a finding and the sanction imposed by the Student Judicial Council or the Interfraternity Council to the University Board of Appeals consistent with University policy.
 4. Violations of the Honor System are adjudicated by the Executive Committee of the Student Body. A student found in violation of the Honor System is subject to a single sanction--dismissal from the University. A student may appeal the finding by the Executive Committee to an open Student Body Hearing.

Student Conduct System

Washington and Lee University has developed four conduct bodies designed to address specific areas of student misconduct:

- The Executive Committee of the Student Body (EC) manages the Honor System and hears cases of breaches of trust such as lying, cheating, and stealing.
- The Student Judicial Council (SJC) hears allegations related to alcohol, drugs, hazing by individuals or by organizations not under the jurisdiction of the IFC, and a history or pattern of student or group misconduct.
- The Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board (HSMB) hears allegations of prohibited discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and sexual misconduct.
- IFC hears allegations of hazing, retaliation associated with hazing, and other violations of University policy by fraternities under its jurisdiction.

Student Judicial Council (SJC)

The SJC acts upon complaints of alleged student misconduct, except for dishonorable acts that involve the general categories of lying, cheating, stealing, or other breaches of trust (which are under the jurisdiction of the EC); or acts that involve discrimination,

harassment, retaliation, or sexual misconduct (which are under the jurisdiction of the Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board); or hazing, retaliation associated with hazing, or other violations of University policy by a fraternity under the jurisdiction of IFC. The University's jurisdiction extends to all conduct committed while a member of the Washington and Lee community, including but not limited to study abroad programs, pre-orientation, pre-season athletic practices, campus summer programs and camps, and summer research programs. Students who return to Lexington, Buena Vista, or Rockbridge County for the purpose of enrolling in classes, even if they do not reside in University housing, are under the jurisdiction of the SJC as well as the other University conduct systems. The SJC is designed to affirm the student's obligation to individual responsibility and to see that obligation fulfilled.

The SJC believes that honorable behavior is a University Community Standard ("Standard") that must be upheld. Students are bound to this Standard just as they are bound to the Honor System. Any person who believes a student has deviated from this Standard may bring a complaint to the SJC. Violations of the Standard are not limited to findings or convictions of criminal conduct, except those expressly tied to criminal convictions. Violations of the Standard include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any conduct disruptive to the life of the University, other universities and colleges or the surrounding community.
- Violations of residence hall regulations or other University policies or regulations.
- Vandalism or destruction of property.
- Actions which endanger person or property.
- Violations of the University Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs for Individuals.
- Hazing by individuals or by organizations not under the jurisdiction of the IFC.
- Conduct unbecoming of a Washington and Lee student.
- A history or pattern of student misconduct.

Note: Voluntary intoxication shall not excuse any misconduct. Intoxication means impairment by alcohol or other substances. Addiction shall not excuse possessing, possessing with intent to distribute, or distributing any drug.

Student Judicial Council Procedures

Composition

The SJC shall be comprised of ten elected justices--one from each undergraduate class (four), one from each law class (three), one elected at-large from the School of Law, and the SJC Chair and SJC Secretary, both elected by the student body. Alternate justices will be appointed by the SJC Chair at the beginning of the academic year in consultation with the Administrative Advisor,^[1] by first trying to draw from students who have served on judicial committees, and if no students are available from that pool, from students in the community who the chair believes can serve as an objective and fair justice. If the SJC

cannot meet quorum for a case, which is seven members, the SJC Chair shall appoint student Alternates. Alternates may also be appointed by the chair in cases where the chair determines that a panel greater than seven (7) justices is desired.

Reports of Violation, Forms of Resolution

A person wishing to report an alleged violation of the Standard against a student may submit relevant information to any SJC Justice or the Administrative Advisor who will then submit the information to the Chair of the SJC and the Advisor. The Chair and Administrative Advisor will determine initially whether the alleged misconduct falls within the jurisdiction of the SJC. If so, they (or designee) will request an additional investigation, if deemed necessary by the Chair, to determine whether sufficient evidence exists that the respondent may have violated the Standard. If there is insufficient evidence to support the allegations, the matter will be closed with no further action. If there is sufficient evidence to believe the respondent violated the Standard, the respondent will be notified of a pending charge and investigation and how the complaint will be resolved -- whether administratively or through a SJC hearing. A respondent who proceeds to a SJC hearing will be notified of the right to have the assistance of a Hearing Advisor.

Administrative Resolution

For those cases where the respondent admits to the misconduct and/or there is a record or information provided to the Administrative Advisor that confirms the misconduct, the respondent may accept responsibility and accept a sanction that falls within the parameters set forth in these procedures. Administrative resolution is typically utilized for first time violations that are less egregious in nature. If a student rejects proceeding with an administrative resolution, the case will be referred to the SJC for a hearing.

Hearings

In cases that proceed to a SJC hearing, the SJC Chair and Administrative Advisor will gather relevant information and documentation for distribution to the SJC members hearing the case. The respondent will receive copies of documents that are provided to the SJC. The SJC Secretary shall notify the respondent of the charge(s) and hearing date in writing, which will be held no earlier than 72 hours from the notice, and refer respondent to the SJC policy and procedures that are set forth in the Student Handbook. The SJC Secretary shall also notify the respondent and complainant, if applicable, of the confidential nature of the proceeding and the obligation to observe confidentiality as set forth further below. If the respondent, after receiving proper notification of the hearing, fails to attend, the hearing may be conducted in the student's absence.

The SJC will conduct hearings according to the following guidelines:

1. The SJC Chair shall, as presiding officer, regulate and determine the order of the proceedings, the relevancy of witnesses and evidence, and the nature of questioning. The Chair shall exercise reasonable discretion in dealing with all matters not formally

- covered in these procedures and all procedural questions are subject to the final decision of the Chair.
2. The respondent and complainant, if applicable, may choose to be advised by a Hearing Advisor. The responsibilities of the Hearing Advisors are to advise the respondent and complainant on SJC procedures, to assist the respondent and complainant in developing an opening and closing statement, and to advise the respondent and complainant on the specifics of a written appeal, if necessary. Advisors are also available to provide information about resources that the parties may wish to contact to obtain support until resolution.
 3. When the respondent is one of two or more allegedly involved in a joint misconduct, the hearing may be held jointly or separately, as determined by the SJC. In the case of a joint hearing, the verdicts will be presented separately.
 4. The SJC and parties have the right to request witnesses bearing relevant information to testify. Witnesses may not be present in the hearing other than to provide testimony and shall not discuss the case with other witnesses. It is the SJC's expectation that any students with relevant information cooperate with the SJC, including appearing to testify, if requested.
 5. Requests by parties to interview witnesses before a hearing should be directed to the Administrative Advisor who will arrange for the appropriate persons to meet.
 6. The parties shall provide the Administrative Advisor a list of witnesses whom they intend to call to provide testimony prior to the hearing. The respondent and complainant, if there is one, may be present at the hearing while witnesses testify and to question them. The Advisors have the same rights as the respondent and complainant, if applicable, to be present at the hearing and to question witnesses. The respondent, Hearing Advisors and complainant may remain present throughout the hearing except during SJC deliberations.
 7. The SJC hearing will begin with the Chair reading the charges to the respondent after which the respondent may make an opening statement, as may the complainant, if applicable. The SJC Justices may then question the respondent and complainant.
 8. Witnesses will be called to testify in the order determined by the SJC Chair and may be questioned by the parties, the Hearing Advisors, and members of the SJC.
 9. Pertinent records, exhibits, and written statements may be accepted as information for consideration by the panel. Formal rules of evidence do not apply.
 10. If during the hearing, a majority of the SJC determines that they need more information or want to call a material witness(es) as a result of the testimony received, they may suspend the hearing for no more than 72 hours in an attempt to gather that information or call said witness(es). The SJC shall then re-convene the hearing within 72 hours from the recess. Any such information or witnesses will be disclosed to the respondent prior to the convened hearing.

11. After the respondent and complainant, if applicable, has had an opportunity to present his/her case, including a closing statement, and after all testimony has been heard, the SJC shall adjourn into executive session and begin deliberations. Deliberations are closed to the respondent, the Hearing Advisors, and the complainant.
12. After deliberations, the panel will determine by two-thirds vote of the SJC justices present whether it is more likely than not (greater weight of the evidence) that the respondent has violated the Standard. If a student is found responsible, the SJC shall impose appropriate sanctions by a vote of at least two-thirds of the SJC justices present. The SJC Chair shall inform the respondent, the complainant, and the Hearing Advisors of the SJC decision.
13. The SJC Secretary shall prepare a written hearing report that summarizes the results of the hearing, including the finding and sanction and the basis for both, if applicable.

Retaliation

Any student, who retaliates against, harasses or attempts to influence a person with respect to that person's participation in an investigation or hearing will be subject to conduct charges by the SJC. Retaliation includes intentional acts (by respondent, complainant, allied third party) that harm an individual as reprisal for bringing forth a complaint or being involved in the SJC process.

Confidentiality

SJC hearings are confidential. The facts about individual cases and their dispositions are to remain confidential to the extent possible, except for notification of the results to the community. In order to protect privacy and the effectiveness of the process, no one involved in a complaint process should discuss any information regarding the case except with those with a need to know, with the respondent, with the complainant, with their families, or with those to whom they need to disclose information necessary to obtain support until resolution, including a Class Dean.

Sanctions

The sanctions the SJC may impose on individuals or organizations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A formal, written warning - additional misconduct may result in more severe penalties.
- A monetary fine.
- The payment of restitution for property damage.
- Specific task(s) related to the nature of the misconduct.
- Community service on or off campus.
- Educational programming.
- Removal from University housing.
- Limitations or cessation of the recruitment and/or initiation of new members to an organization.

- Conduct Probation - length may vary and typically includes a formal warning that additional misconduct may result in more severe penalties.
- Suspension - length may vary and is determined by the appropriate body of student conduct. Suspension results in separation from the university and if an individual or organization desires to return, must apply for reinstatement consistent with university procedures.
- Social probation - prohibits all social events sponsored by or for the organization, regardless of location.
- Critical probation - prohibits all activities in a chapter house by those who are not residents. Excludes mealtimes and weekly meetings (this sanction applies specifically to Greek life).
- Dismissal from the university and ineligibility to apply for reinstatement.

The SJC may not impose a sanction that requires action by a third-party or entity. In addition to the sanction, education and counseling may be recommended.

Violation

Suggested Sanction for Finding of Responsibility

Driving under the Influence of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs (this does NOT include driving after illegally consuming alcohol by a person under age 21)	Suspension or Dismissal
Physical Assault	Suspension
Activity that Endangers a Person	Suspension
Sale of Illegal Drugs/Controlled Substances	Suspension
Felonious Possession/Use of Illegal Drugs/Controlled Substances (Cocaine, Ecstasy, LSD, GHB)	Suspension
Non-Felonious Possession/Use of Illegal Drugs/Controlled Substances (Marijuana)	Conduct Probation; Possible suspension if multiple offenses
Tampering with or activating a fire alarm	Immediate \$250 Fine, Suspension, and Conduct Probation
Vandalism	Restitution for Damage and Conduct Probation
Violation of SJC Sanctions	Suspension

Note: Failure to complete or fulfill any SJC sanction in the allotted time frame or otherwise may result in the finding and sanction becoming part of the respondent's disciplinary record.

University Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs for Individuals

The Student Judicial Council (SJC) enforces an incident system with specific consequences for violations of University alcohol/drug policies by individuals. Students who intentionally aid any violation of the University's Policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs may be held responsible by the SJC as an accessory to the violation occurring.

The SJC is advised by a professional staff member from the Division of Student Affairs appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

First incidents that result in a conviction of an alcohol- or drug-related violation of the law in the City of Lexington, City of Buena Vista, or Rockbridge County shall be handled administratively. Arrests or convictions related to Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs (including arrests or convictions for Driving After Illegally Consuming Alcohol under the age of 21) are an exception as outlined below. Conviction of possession/use of illegal drugs within any campus residence may result in removal from the residence without refund in addition to other sanctions.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Other Drugs

Independent of the incident system, the SJC may suspend or dismiss a student found to have driven a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs (including driving after illegally consuming alcohol by a person under age 21) in the City of Lexington, City of Buena or Rockbridge County. Students who are convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or driving after illegally consuming alcohol (for individuals under the age of 21) will appear before the Student Judicial Council. There is a presumption of suspension as the sanction for one or more academic terms for a student of legal drinking age (21 in Virginia) convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a "DUI" with a blood alcohol content (B.A.C.) of .15 or greater. There is a presumption of suspension as the sanction by the Student Judicial Council for students under age 21 who are convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a "DUI" with a B.A.C. of .08 or greater. For purposes of clarification, the presumption of suspension does not apply to students under age 21 who are convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of driving after illegally consuming alcohol pursuant to Virginia Code Section 18.2-266.1, but this shall not prohibit the SJC from imposing a sanction of suspension or dismissal if it deems such sanction appropriate under the circumstances. There is a presumption of suspension as the sanction by the Student Judicial Council for students who are found guilty of a violation of Virginia Code Section 18.2-268.3 ("Refusal") when arrested for a DUI offense. A student who is suspended will be eligible to apply for reinstatement for the academic term following the final term of the suspension. In the case of any DUI, the Student Judicial Council has the discretion to impose the sanction of dismissal, which would make the student ineligible to apply for reinstatement. Factors warranting dismissal could include, but are not limited to, putting other students or individuals at risk of bodily harm, such as driving under the influence with passengers or involvement in an accident.

A court's imposition of First-Offender's Status, or deferred adjudication, including any continuance of the case under advisement for an alcohol or drug-related offense where the student admits to the misconduct, enters a plea of nolo contendere or "did not contest," and where an affirmative sanction is imposed by the court (i.e., a fine and community

service), will result in a violation under these guidelines and shall be handled administratively (other than DUI, which are handled by SJC as described above).

The following violations of the University alcohol and other drug policies and standards may or may not be determined by the University's administration or the Student Judicial Council to constitute an "incident":

- A violation of University residential alcohol or drug policies (handled administratively).
- Misconduct that violates other University alcohol or drug policies.
- Drunkenness, when it results in behavior that draws attention to oneself or endangers self or others.
- Alcohol or drug violations within first-year residence halls, including possession of alcohol or other drugs (handled administratively and not heard by the Student Judicial Council).

Possible Sanctions for Violation of University Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs for Individuals (other than DUI)

- **First Incident** (Student Affairs administrative hearing): Written warning, educational assessment, and/or conduct probation.
- **Second Incident** (within a year of the first incident): Student Affairs administrative hearing or possible referral to the SJC. Sanctions may include educational assessment, conduct probation, community service, and/or letter home to parents or legal guardian(s).
- **Third Incident** (within a year of the first incident): Referral to the SJC. Sanction up to and including suspension from the University for a full term. Educational assessment for those students not suspended, community service, and/or letter home to parents or legal guardian(s).

Students who are suspended for any alcohol/drug-related reason, whether administratively or by the Student Judicial Council, are required to participate in alcohol/other drug education prior to their application for readmission and consideration for reinstatement to the University.

Lying about one's involvement in any alleged violation of student conduct policies may result in referral to the Executive Committee of the Student Body.

Appeal

Student Judicial Council decisions that would create a disciplinary record may be appealed to the University Board of Appeals consistent with University policy. See section on Records of Student Conduct Referrals.

Criminal Charges

If criminal charges have been filed against a student, the Chair of the SJC will consult with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students to determine if SJC action should be postponed until resolution of the criminal case.

Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board (HSMB)

Washington and Lee University does not tolerate prohibited discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, or retaliation of any kind. The University, by providing resources for prevention, intervention, education and a fair conduct process, seeks to eliminate all forms of prohibited discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, or retaliation.

Jurisdiction

The Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board (HSMB) has jurisdiction over the following matters:

- Allegations of student conduct in violation of the University's Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Other Than Sex ("Policy") at [go.wlu.edu/OGC/DiscriminationPolicy](https://www.wlu.edu/OGC/DiscriminationPolicy).
- Allegations of student conduct and Title IX complaints in violation of the Interim Sexual Discrimination and Misconduct Policy at [go.wlu.edu/OGC/SexualMisconductPolicy](https://www.wlu.edu/OGC/SexualMisconductPolicy).

Applicable University Policies

When reviewing complaints of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, veteran's status, and genetic information, the HSMB will refer to the University's Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Other Than Sex ([go.wlu.edu/OGC/DiscriminationPolicy](https://www.wlu.edu/OGC/DiscriminationPolicy)). When reviewing complaints involving sexual misconduct, which includes Title IX sexual harassment and non-Title IX sexual misconduct, it will refer to the Interim Sexual Discrimination and Misconduct Policy ([go.wlu.edu/OGC/SexualMisconductPolicy](https://www.wlu.edu/OGC/SexualMisconductPolicy)). Students should refer to those policies for detailed information about what conduct is prohibited, confidential and reporting resources, and resolution procedures for hearings and appeals.

University Board of Appeals (UBA)

Option for Appeals

Requests for appeals to decisions by the Student Judicial Council or the Interfraternity Council Conduct Board may be made by the complainant, the respondent, or designated University Official to the University Board of Appeals (UBA) if the action taken by the body would create a disciplinary record or if, in the case of the University official, the action taken by the judicial body could have created a disciplinary record. "University official" is the Director of Public Safety or other Student Affairs Administrator designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students (hereinafter "Dean of Students"). Requests for appeals must be made in writing to the Chair of the UBA within 72 hours of

receipt of the written decision by the applicable judicial body, setting forth all relevant facts supporting the grounds for appeals. Appeals, if granted, do not constitute a re-hearing of the case and the UBA will defer to decisions of the underlying conduct body unless one or more of the reasons for granting the appeal are satisfied.

Composition

The pool of four Faculty members are elected by the faculty and six students are appointed to the UBA. The Chair of the UBA is the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students (VPSA/DoS) or his or her designee. In the event that the VPSA/DoS determines he or she may have a conflict of interest, the VPSA/DoS shall appoint an alternate Chair.

A pool of four Faculty members (two Undergraduate Faculty and two Law Faculty) is elected by the respective Faculty for staggered two-year terms. A pool of student representatives of the UBA (six total: three undergraduate and three law) is appointed by the Executive Committee of the Student Body for a one-year term. The Executive Committee of the Student Body appoints one junior and two seniors for the undergraduate representatives, and one second-year and two third-year students for the Law School representatives.

The Chair of the UBA will select one Faculty member and one student from this pool to constitute a panel, who, with the Chair, will review a specific case.

When possible, appeals arising from law students or organizations should typically be heard by a panel consisting of a Law Faculty member and a law student; appeals arising from undergraduate students or organizations should typically be heard by a panel consisting of an undergraduate Faculty member and an undergraduate student.

Procedure

The UBA may grant or reject a request for appeal based on one or more of the following grounds if it reasonably determines the ground(s) would more likely than not impact the underlying decision: (1) no reasonable basis/reasonable basis for sanction; (2) new relevant information/no new relevant information; (3) procedural defect or error/no procedural defect or error; or (4) extraordinary circumstances/no extraordinary circumstances. If the UBA decides to grant an appeal, it may decide the case based solely upon the record of the conduct body, the written appeal and other documents it deems relevant, or the UBA may determine to hold a hearing and seek additional information from: i) any person who provided first-hand information to the student conduct body; ii) any person who may have new, relevant information; and/or iii) the Chair of the conduct body, before reaching its final decision.

The UBA has the option to remand the case to the original conduct body in cases in which there is new information presented, where there has been a procedural defect or error, or where there are extraordinary circumstances. The UBA may modify the sanction of the original conduct body only if the original conduct body lacked a reasonable basis in

imposing the sanction. In such cases, the UBA may impose a different sanction, reduce the sanction, or vacate the sanction. If the UBA finds no ground to modify the sanction, the UBA will uphold the sanction.

Role of Chair

The Chair will determine the proper composition of the panel for any appeal, and oversee the process. The Chair has discretion to accommodate any conflicts that may arise with students or Faculty in constituting the panel. The Chair will also serve to provide information regarding precedence of similar appeals. If the two members of the panel are unable to agree on a decision, the Chair will vote to break the tie.

Hearing Advisor Program

Student Advisors in the Hearing Advisor Program play an integral role in the proceedings of the Executive Committee, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Board, and Student Judicial Council. The goal of a Hearing Advisor is to help ascertain the truth. Advisors counsel students by explaining the options available and by assisting in the preparation and presentation of cases. Advisors also provide information about support resources and provide support themselves. Advisors deal with serious matters and must understand and abide by the University's confidentiality policy. Even though Advisors serve as advisors and counselors, they are not attorneys; thus, the attorney-client privilege is not applicable.

Recusal and Conflict of Interest Guidelines Pertaining to University Conduct

1. Any person on a hearing board, investigating a complaint, or integrally involved in a complaint against a member of the W&L community or a student organization who was also involved in the alleged conduct or who is a member of an organization that is the subject of an investigation or action against it, is disqualified from participating as a conduct member. Disqualification in the case of any conduct body member means that a person shall not participate in any way in the case, including not being present at the conduct board meetings where the case is being addressed.
2. Individuals should recuse themselves from any case in which they believe they cannot be completely impartial in their consideration of an accusation against any member of the W&L community or student organization.
3. Alleged conflicts of interest, if challenged, shall be decided by the Provost.

Violation of Conduct Sanctions

An alleged violation of the terms of a conduct sanction (conduct probation, fines, community service hours, etc.) will be referred to the conduct body that imposed the sanction. The conduct body will hear the case and determine if the sanction was violated and, if so, what sanction should be imposed.

Records of Student Conduct Referrals

Washington and Lee University defines "disciplinary records" for undergraduate students as all records related to a student conduct matter resulting in a sanction of dismissal, suspension, or more than one calendar year (52 weeks) of conduct probation. Disciplinary records will be retained permanently as part of a student's education record.

Records related to an undergraduate student conduct matter resulting in any lesser sanction, up to and including conduct probation for 52 weeks, are not considered "disciplinary records" for purposes of record retention and disclosure, but are considered "educational-conduct records." Following the expiration of one calendar year from final resolution of such a conduct matter without further conduct referrals, the "educational-conduct records" will be removed from a student's individual education record but may be maintained separately thereafter by the University for up to seven (7) years from the date of final resolution, in accordance with federally required recordkeeping to support statistical reporting of certain criminal offenses. Following removal from the student's individual education record, such "educational-conduct records" could be subject to external disclosure under certain circumstances, including but not limited to court order or Department of Education investigation or audit.

Records of all law student conduct matters, regardless of the sanction imposed, will be considered disciplinary records and retained permanently as part of a student's individual education record.

VIII. Housing & Residence Life

The Office of Housing & Residence Life not only provides a "home away from home," but offers a challenging and engaging environment that promotes self-discovery, citizenship, future planning, and academic success. The residential experience is based on the tradition of honor whereby trust, respect, and civility are important cornerstones. It is in this environment of close association that each individual must learn to balance autonomy and individual decision-making within the context of a community and the rights of others. In keeping with the traditions of student life at the University, living in the residence halls and houses is based on the principle of student self-governance. Except for regulations related to health, safety, alcohol and drugs, and other University policies, the day-to-day aspects of the residential experience are established by students and staff within the community. The system under which the students establish practices that govern their residential experience stresses the importance of student initiative and a sense of shared responsibility and respect. Students learn that they are accountable not only to themselves but also to their fellow students and to the University community as a whole. The concepts of self-governance and individual responsibility, however, do not insulate student conduct from the legal sanctions of the larger community beyond the campus.

Violations of housing & residence life policies shall initially be handled by the Resident Advisors in the first-year residence halls and Community Assistants in upper-division

housing, with the appropriate student conduct referral. Our well-trained and diverse team members serve as role models and act as a resource within the residence halls and University community, promoting the celebration of differences, supporting students' academic success and overall achievement.

Housing & Residence Life Regulations 2024-2025

The following regulations have been enacted in the best interest of residential students. Resident Advisors, Community Assistants, Fire Safety and Public Safety officers are primarily responsible for enforcing these regulations.

1. The members of each residential community will reach a consensus on the standards of social responsibility by which they will abide during the academic year. The statement of social responsibility includes standards of responsible conduct which reflect a sense of appropriateness and decorum, and a concern for the rights and sensibilities of others, be they residents, guests or visitors. Statements of social responsibility MUST include a provision for quiet hours daily from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.
2. The University provides a card-access exterior security system in the first-year residence halls, Woods Creek Apartments, Village apartments and townhouses, and many of the fraternity, sorority, and theme houses, in addition to key entry doors for individual rooms. Students should never prop open exterior doors or manipulate locking/latching mechanisms in any way (\$250 fine). Students are expected to lock the doors to their rooms and assume individual responsibility for their personal property and general safety and security.
3. Students are expected to carry their university-issued identification card (i.e., "ID" or "swipe") at all times, which allows access to appropriate residential facilities and dining venues. If requested by a university official including, but not limited to public safety officer, health and safety official, or housing and residence life staff member, students are expected to accurately identify themselves preferably by form of ID. Providing false identification (e.g., fake ID, verbally providing a false name, etc.) to officials may result in a referral to the appropriate body of student conduct.
4. Students must respect the rights of their roommates, housemates and neighbors
5. The following regulations pertaining to University property and to the health and safety of residents are outside the scope of statements of social responsibility and remain effective throughout the academic year for all residence halls, including Woods Creek, the Village, fraternity, sorority, and theme houses:
 - A. All Washington and Lee housing facilities are **smoke-free**. This includes, but is not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes such as Juul, vapors, oils, hookahs or any other smoking devices. Smoking is not permitted in any areas of the residence halls or houses, including student rooms, hallways, balconies, porches, stairwells and breezeways. Smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of any building containing residential units.

B. Room Assignments

1. Students are required to reside in the apartment/townhouse/room to which they have been assigned. No Student may change rooms or move to other University housing without prior approval from Residence Life. Any Student violating this policy will be referred to the Dean overseeing Student Conduct and may be assessed a \$100 fee. Absent extenuating circumstances, Students may not change rooms during the first two weeks of the fall or winter terms. Room changes are allowed only at the discretion of Residence Life staff or the Class Deans.
2. Unassigned/vacant rooms in housing facilities are to remain locked at all times. No Student may use unassigned rooms for storage or for any other use.

C. Guests

Guests are permitted to stay in University housing no longer than three consecutive nights without permission of a Residence Life staff member. These visits should not exceed six days within a four-week period and must be pre-approved by all residents of the room. Guests, non-students, or students visiting a facility to which they are not formally assigned or from off-campus, must abide by all University policies and regulations. Host students may be responsible for policy violations and/or all damages to the premises caused by their invited guests. It is the responsibility of the host student to inform his or her guest(s) of all applicable University policies.

D. Health, fire and life safety systems

- i. These systems are designed to protect people and property. These items are of critical importance and are maintained and monitored by the University. Tampering with or disabling such equipment puts lives at risk.
- ii. Any student who deliberately activates the fire alarm system, for reasons other than that of fire prevention, will receive an automatic fine of \$500 and will be referred to the Student Judicial Council (SJC). Defacing, destroying or inappropriate use of life safety equipment is considered a violation of University policy and depending upon the violation, could be considered a felony offense in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Examples include but are not limited to, tampering with fire alarm panels or pull alarms, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads, exit signs and emergency lights.
- iii. Types of violations and associated fines:
 - a. Smoke Detectors - disabling or removal, putting the device in a bag, or placing tape or other material over the smoke sensor is prohibited. Fine - \$250

- b. Sprinklers - covering the device with anything or hanging items from sprinkler heads and sprinkler piping is prohibited. Fine - \$250
- c. Fire Extinguishers - Discharging a fire extinguisher as a prank or removing a fire extinguisher from its location. Fine - \$250
- d. Failure to vacate a building during a fire alarm. Fine - \$250
- e. Vandalism to fire extinguisher cabinet. Fine - \$100
- f. Exit Signs - Vandalism, taking or possessing a University exit sign. Fine - \$500
- g. Fire Rated Doors - Disabling door from closing or latching properly. Fine - \$250
- h. Smoking in University housing, including apartments, townhouses, residence halls, fraternity, sorority or theme houses. Fine - \$250
- i. Smoking on porches or balconies of residence halls, fraternity, sorority, or theme houses. First offense - warning. Subsequent offenses - Fine - \$250 and conduct referral as appropriate.
- j. Only fire-rated curtains are permitted on residential windows. No flags or tapestries are permitted. Fine - \$100
- k. Candles (used or unused) or other open flames such as torches are prohibited.
 - 1. First Offense - warning and items confiscated
 - 2. Subsequent Offenses - fine of \$250, items confiscated, and/or conduct referral as appropriate
- l. Use of Extension Cords
 - 1. First Offense - warning and items confiscated
 - 2. Subsequent Offenses - fine of \$100, items confiscated, and/or conduct referral as appropriate
- m. The use of decorations or other materials that are not fire retardant or has the ability to damage facilities are prohibited. Examples include but are not limited to: sawdust, bales and/or loose hay or straw, bamboo, Styrofoam peanuts, cloth materials, plastic materials, fog/smoke machines, and any pyrotechnics or cold spark machines. Fine - \$250.
- n. The use of sand or water is not permitted within 50 feet of a facility. Fine - \$250. Questionable items should be brought to the attention of the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.
- o. Roof access is strictly prohibited on all buildings including residence halls, apartments, townhouses, fraternities, sororities, and theme houses. Only authorized W&L employees are approved to access roofs. Fine - \$250
- p. Ledges/Windows - Sitting on ledges or dangling out of windows is strictly prohibited. Fine - \$250

- q. Means of egress (e.g., hallways, stairwells, unit entrances/exits, breezeway, porch stairs, etc.) need to be maintained free of all obstructions including, but not limited to trash, athletic equipment, furniture, or other personal items. First offense - written warning. Subsequent offenses - the items will be removed by facilities. Fine - \$100 and referral to student conduct.
 - r. Wall coverings of flammable or combustible material cannot exceed 50% of wall space. Fine - \$100
 - s. Storage of Flammable Liquids (gasoline, lighter fluid), propane cylinders or charcoal inside of an apartment or on a wooden porch or balcony is strictly prohibited. Fine - \$250
 - t. Flammable or combustible materials used as decorations on fire-rated bedroom doors cannot exceed 25% of door facing. Fine - \$100
 - u. All incidents of this nature will be thoroughly investigated. The University has a zero-tolerance policy pertaining to tampering with fire and life safety equipment. Repeat offenders will be fined double for a second violation.
- E. Students are prohibited from painting or covering walls with wallpaper and/or contact paper. Any damage to facilities (caused by nailing, decorating, breaking windows, damaging furniture, etc.) is charged to room occupants who damage the property. Charges for damage done to common areas will be apportioned equally among residents of the particular hall, apartment, or house involved in cases in which a responsible party is not known.
- F. University furniture may not be removed from university housing at any time, including placement on patios or balconies.
- G. Bunked and lofted beds should never be placed next to windows.
- H. Window screens may not be removed from windows. Throwing any object, solid or liquid, out of a residence hall window or off any balcony or landing is strictly prohibited. Food, plants, or other items are not permitted on outside windowsills, landings, or ledges.
- I. Clothing, posters, banners, flags, or any other form of messages, may not be displayed from windows or placed on columns, banisters, balconies, porches, or railings on the exterior of a campus facility including, but not limited to campus housing. There are limited exceptions for some theme and Greek houses where only an organizational flag, Virginia state, and/or national flags may be hung from the porch ceiling; this requires prior approval from Housing & Residence Life and a work order to University Facilities who will ultimately determine feasibility, safety, and installation needs (charges for labor will apply). Neither Student Affairs nor University Facilities will provide flags. Approved flags must be always in good condition, and it is the responsibility of the organization to request

removal or replacement of flags when they become tattered, unsightly, or present a safety issue. Failure to maintain the flags may result in removal of the flag at the expense of the organization..

- J. Students are prohibited from climbing onto outside ledges, accessing roofs, and leaning out balconies and windows.
- K. Objects are not to be hung from any pipes, pipe chases, and sprinkler heads.
- L. Students must be present when holiday lights are on. Only non-flammable or fire-retardant decorations may be used. Curtains, clothing, paper, and other flammables must be kept away from all wires. Banners and sheets must not be placed over any lights or hung from ceilings. Decorations may not be hung from ceilings.
- M. Live Christmas trees must be installed and cared for in accordance with University guidelines. Contact Housing & Residence Life staff for a copy of the Guidelines.
- N. No luggage, storage containers, or similar personal items (including athletic gear) are allowed in hallways, attics, balconies, patios, breezeways or commons areas. Limited storage for these items may be available in the indoor bicycle storage room in Gaines, the basement of Woods Creek and certain theme houses.
- O. In-room refrigerators and microwaves must fit W&L's size and energy-use specifications - see letter P. There is a limit of one microwave per Village apartment/townhouse and Woods Creek apartment kitchen. Electrical appliances such as stereos, televisions, computers, hair dryers, gaming consoles, etc. may be used within the electrical usage guidelines stated in these regulations. All appliances/electronics should have an Energy Star rating, if possible.
- P. Use of electric outlets is subject to reasonable standards of safety. Maximum wattage for double outlets is 1500 watts. Only 1363 UL approved power strips with circuit breakers are approved. Up to 6 items may be plugged into a power strip, but not to exceed 1500 watts. Extension cords or multi-prong wall adapters; plugging a multi-prong adapter into a power strip; daisy chaining extension cords; daisy chaining power strips, etc. are all prohibited.
- Q. Prohibited items in ALL University housing include extension cords, electric space heaters, portable dishwashers, ceiling fans, refrigerators larger than 3.1 cubic feet, freezers, portable or window air conditioners, deep fryers, and indoor/outdoor propane/charcoal/smoker grills. The following cooking appliances are allowed ONLY in theme house, Village apartment/townhouse and Woods Creek apartment kitchens (they are prohibited in individual bedrooms or other common spaces): toasters, air fryers, coffee machines with automatic shut-off, panini/sandwich press, and small toaster ovens. ONLY the following appliances are allowed within bedrooms (singles, doubles, and triples) of all housing facilities: small coffee machine with automatic shut-off, one microwave per room,

no more than two refrigerators no larger than 3.1 cubic feet ([MicroFridge](#) rental is recommended; discuss room space with roommate(s) before purchasing more than one fridge); no other cooking appliances are allowed in individual bedrooms anywhere on campus.

R. The following are also strictly prohibited:

- i. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all first-year residence halls. In the upper-division residences, students who are 21 years of age or older may use and possess alcoholic beverages in accordance with the Commonwealth of Virginia laws within their assigned room.
- ii. Any illegal drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to smoking devices and water pipes.
- iii. Any type of weapon, including but not limited to firearms, components of firearms, explosives, live ammunition, blowguns, BB guns, airsoft guns, stun weapons, sling shots, swords, machetes, hunting or other knives (except pocketknives having a folding metal blade of less than three inches). Students may have cutlery for the sole purpose of cooking or preparing meals, or at approved university activities where cutlery is used to prepare or serve food. Cutlery, including but not limited to paring or steak knives, must never be used as a weapon, prop, or toy.
- iv. Possession or use of fireworks, pyrotechnics, cold spark machines or explosives of any kind on campus. Fine - \$250.
- v. Water bombs, water fights, or water beds.
- vi. Pets, except fish (one five-gallon tank maximum per resident) and emotional assistance animals approved by the Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources in advance pursuant to University policy and protocol as a reasonable accommodation for a qualifying disability. Service animals will be allowed in accordance with the University's Policy on Use of Service Animals on Campus.
- vii. Hall sports or horseplay. This includes the indoor use of athletic/recreation equipment. This includes but is not limited to soccer balls, basketballs, lacrosse balls, baseballs, darts/dart boards or any other equipment that could cause bodily injury, damage to facilities, fire safety concerns, etc. within university housing. The use of hard balls (baseballs, lacrosse balls, etc.) in the Washington Street Park, Graham-Lees, and Gaines quads is also prohibited.
- viii. Hall sports and horseplay in University housing.
- ix. Loft beds (except those assembled and approved by W&L Facilities staff). No cinder blocks or personal loft kits.
- x. Incense or candles (used or unused), halogen lights or lamps, or any open flame or other incendiary agent.

- xi. Use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) in or near University housing or on University property.
 - xii. Use or storage of any flammable liquids and solvents (gasoline, kerosene, propane, etc.) in or near student rooms or living areas.
 - xiii. Portable appliances such as space heaters, washing machines, dishwashers, deep fryers, electric grills, or indoor air conditioners.
 - xiv. Use or storage of mini-bikes, self-balancing two-wheel motorized boards, self-propelled electric scooters, and similar devices, also known as Hover boards, Segways, IO Hawks, Skywalkers, etc.
 - xv. Extension cords and multi-prong adapters except power strips with a circuit breaker that are UL 1363.
 - xvi. Use or storage of digital/3D printers in student rooms or elsewhere in campus housing living areas.
 - xvii. Hot tubs inflatable or otherwise, indoors or outdoors. Inflatable pools and slip and slides are also not permitted.
 - xviii. Fog or bubble machines.
6. Violation of the statements of social responsibility or any of the above regulations may result in temporary or permanent removal from housing and discipline consistent with applicable University policies. Vandalism and deliberate destruction of University property are included.
 7. If a student violates the University Policy on illegal drugs/controlled substances in University housing and is a resident of University housing, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students or designee may remove the student from housing without refund. If the student resides in a University fraternity or sorority and violates the University Policy on Illegal Drugs/Controlled Substances in a fraternity or sorority house, the House Corporation, in accordance with the Standards for Fraternities/Sororities, may remove the student from the house without refund.
 8. The terms and conditions of each student's Housing Agreement with the University are incorporated by reference within these Residence Hall regulations.

University Student Housing: Alcohol Policy

The possession and consumption of alcohol in residence halls and their social spaces are privileges for those who are 21 years of age or older. The following policies and guidelines are intended to promote responsible drinking and behavior for the safety and well-being of all students in the community. Students age 21 or older who choose to consume alcoholic beverages are expected to do so in accordance with this policy and in moderation and to observe the individual rights of students to privacy, sleep, and study within their rooms. Loud or disruptive behavior, interference with the maintenance and cleanliness of the halls, houses, apartments and townhouses, or drinking habits and behaviors which are disruptive or injurious to the health or well-being of individuals will not be tolerated and individuals involved in such conduct are subject to sanctioning.

Virginia Commonwealth Laws

The laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia apply in all cases. Individuals who are under 21 years of age may not purchase, possess, or consume nicotine products, beer, wine, or distilled spirits.

Students who are 21 should not purchase for or provide alcohol or nicotine products to anyone under the age of 21. Alcohol should not be served to anyone who is believed to be intoxicated or who is being disruptive.

It is unlawful and therefore prohibited on campus, except under the direction of a practitioner, for any person deliberately to smell or inhale any drugs or any other noxious chemical substances with the intent to become intoxicated, inebriated, excited, or to dull the brain or nervous system. "Noxious chemical substances" include but are not limited to fingernail polish, various glues, chemicals containing ketones, aldehydes, organic acetates, ether, chlorinated hydrocarbons or vapors, fluorinated hydrocarbons or vapors, or hydrogenated fluorocarbons. The recreational inhalation of nitrous oxide, commonly referred to as "whippets" or "N2O", is also prohibited on campus. Evidence of nitrous oxide cartridges or inhalation of other noxious chemicals may result in referral to student conduct.

Alcohol in University Housing

Alcohol may only be possessed by students who are 21 years of age or older. No alcohol or nicotine products may be kept in common spaces or shared refrigerators unless all residents are 21 years or older. Alcohol and nicotine products are prohibited in first-year residence halls.

Events

Organized student events held in residence halls, fraternity, sorority, and theme house common area spaces and social rooms must be registered and approved by Student Affairs. Public Safety officers on duty will conduct their typical walk-throughs of all residential facilities during events.

Additional Policies for Village and Woods Creek Residents and Guests

Proper Use of Appliances

All Village and Woods Creek housing units come equipped with washer/dryer, dishwasher, oven range, refrigerator and microwave. It is essential for you and your roommates to review and know how to properly use all of the appliances. Please don't simply start from scratch without knowing how to utilize the machines. Be mindful of all items left in or on the stove and in the microwave as well. Never leave such items unattended.

Fire safety is everyone's business. Please be alert, awake and cognizant when using appliances. If you have questions on how to use something in your unit, or concerns of a safety nature, please contact your Community Assistant or University Facilities.

Balconies, Porches and Breezeways

Balconies and porches are for your use and enjoyment. The maximum occupancy on balconies is eight (8) people. Please be sure to monitor the number of people on your respective balcony and use common sense for everyone's safety.

Because balconies, porches and breezeways of student apartments and townhouses are in public view they should be kept neat, uncluttered, and safe. University visitors and members of the Lexington community will be walking through the Village and East Denny area; therefore, these areas should be well-kept. The following items are the only items permitted on balconies and porches:

- All-weather porch and patio furniture
- Plants
- Bicycles (note: bikes cannot be left on breezeways)
- Door mats
- All weather rugs
- Outdoor holiday lights at appropriate holiday periods

Prohibited items left on balconies and porches could result in fines and/or conduct referrals if not removed promptly by residents.

Smoking is prohibited in ALL housing units and on ALL balconies, porches and breezeways.

Neither hammocks nor athletic equipment, such as basketball hoops, are to be hung on porches or balconies.

All personal cooking grills, including propane, charcoal, flat-top, and smokers, are strictly prohibited on the interior and exterior of apartments and townhouses. This includes all balconies, porches and breezeways. Permanent charcoal grills are available for your use and enjoyment in designated areas of the Village. Students are not permitted to bring or store their own grills on campus.

Furniture designed for indoor use cannot be used outside on balconies or patios. Only outdoor rated furniture is allowed on porches and balconies and must be removed at the end of the academic year.

Storage of trash or recycling on balconies and porches is prohibited. Students will be provided notice to remove trash. If staff remove trash, there is a charge for removal of trash at \$50 per bag and/or items removed by Facilities. Littering on sidewalks or around the Village or Woods Creek lawns is also prohibited. Residents found to be littering around commons grounds may be fined.

Balconies, porches and breezeways cannot be used for storage or display of items because they may impede egress in an emergency or interfere with a firefighter, police officer or Public Safety staff member performing rescue operations.

Obstructing the view of the balcony from the outside by hanging items (flags, banners, towels, tapestries, etc.) over the railing, on the underside of the balcony, or by propping objects against it is strictly prohibited. Writing or painting on balconies or use of decorative substances such as fake snow, chalk, or window paint is prohibited.

Students who share responsibility for a balcony/porch are encouraged to communicate with one another about items placed on the balcony/porch area. All students who live in a housing unit adjacent to a balcony/porch will be held responsible for splitting fines, or if they choose, reimbursing one another for fines resulting from violations.

Accessing townhouse roofs is strictly prohibited and no objects may be placed on roofs.

Jumping from or throwing items off balconies, porches, breezeways and roofs is prohibited.

Residential Solicitation Policy

In accordance with the [University's Policy Regarding Solicitation/Sale of Goods and Services at Washington and Lee University](#), W&L prohibits for-profit organizations, for-profit individuals, and student organizations that have not been officially recognized by the University from soliciting or selling goods or services on campus or on non-campus property owned or operated by W&L to any individual, including but not limited to, W&L students, staff, and faculty, and from using a W&L student to do so.

Door to door solicitation, selling of goods or services, distribution of pamphlets and advertising is strictly prohibited without prior approval. The Director of Student Activities will make Housing & Residence Life professional staff aware of approved solicitations and reserves the right to deny any solicitation not in accordance with the educational mission and vision of Housing & Residence Life at W&L.

Resident Advisors (RAs) and Community Assistants (CAs) do not need to gain prior approval for solicitation directly relating to their roles.

Approved Posting Locations Include:

Common area hallways, restroom stall doors, and items slid under living unit doors. Bulletin boards are reserved for Housing & Residence Life Staff and other approved organizations. Chalking and stand-alone outdoor signage is allowed with approval per the referenced University Policy. Posting on windows (indoor or outdoor) is prohibited. Flyers/advertisements must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Housing & Residence Life before posting. Unapproved flyers/ads will be disposed of and may be

documented. You may send posting requests along with electronic versions of flyers/ads with at least three days' notice to housing@wlu.edu.

Please note that only masking or painter's tape is approved for the hanging of flyers and posters in residential areas. All other tape including the use of scotch or duct tape is prohibited.

Trash and Recycling

Residents are responsible for removing trash and recycling from their housing units to the designated dumpsters nearby. Please properly dispose of compost, recyclables, and general waste in the appropriate receptacles. This will greatly reduce the sorting time expended by compost and recycling crews. Please be sure to keep balconies and porches tidy AND always clean-up the exterior of your dwelling in a timely manner if you have hosted a social gathering. Food and garbage left for prolonged period of time, indoors or outdoors, attracts unwanted animals and insects. This is an important consideration to take care of on a regular and timely basis. Blue recycling bins are to remain in assigned units.

IX. Standards for Student Organizations

As stated in the Policy Statement Relating to Campus Life, the University desires a community of student self-governance that balances student privilege and responsibility.

Students involved in organizations are expected to adhere to the same standards of conduct to which students are held on an individual basis.

Standards for National Fraternities/Sororities That Are Full Members and Under the Jurisdiction of IFC or PC

Preamble

Washington and Lee University continues to affirm that "fraternities/sororities are a valuable and integral part of both the University and Lexington communities." The University also continues to recognize that fraternity/sorority chapters "have important privileges as well as responsibilities to those communities." In keeping with the letter and spirit of these statements as set forth in the documents adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 25, 1985 - the "Policy Statement Relating to Campus Life" and the "Statement Relating to Fraternities," which incorporates the "Policy Statement on Fraternities" adopted by the University Council on February 25, 1976 - the University has developed the following standards for fraternities and sororities under the jurisdiction of Panhellenic Council (PC) and Interfraternity Council (IFC). Historically Black Greek Letter Organizations under the jurisdiction of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and organizations that are not affiliated with national Greek organizations will be governed by the general policies and procedures for student organizations set forth in this Handbook and on the website, through the Division of Student Affairs.

These standards are established in order to give direction and support to those entities crucial to and responsible for the vitality of national fraternities and sororities that are full members of and under the jurisdiction of IFC/PC:

- I. The University
- II. National Fraternity/National Sorority
- III. Interfraternity Council (IFC)/Panhellenic Council (PC)
- IV. Alumni Greek Council
- V. House Corporation
- VI. Local Chapter of National Organizations
- VII. Chapter Suspension
- VIII. Chapter House Physical Standards (currently maintained by the University)
- IX. Maintenance and Review

The following standards define the privileges, responsibilities, and interrelationships of each of these fraternal entities; they also specify the physical standards to be met for the interior and exterior condition of its chapter house if the local chapter expects to remain an integral part of the University and Lexington communities. The historically black Greek organizations will have a governing body known as the National Pan-Hellenic Council and shall be governed by general University policy and procedures and not governed by this section. Other Greek and social organizations that are not affiliated with IFC and NPC national organizations shall also be governed by general University policy and procedures and are not governed by this section.

These standards provide guidance for construction, renovation, maintenance, and preservation of the chapter houses to support these Greek organizations at W&L. The University realizes that this goal can only be achieved when alumni and student fraternity/sorority members themselves adhere in practice as well as in rhetoric to their fraternal ideals, seek a higher standard of group living, and create a climate of fraternity/sorority life compatible with Washington and Lee's institutional philosophy and objectives.

These standards, then, are not to be construed as optional guidelines, but rather as reasonable requirements necessary for the local chapters of a national organization to realize the University's expectations enumerated in the Board's "Statement Relating to Fraternities":

Chapters ... are expected to maintain adequately the physical appearance of fraternity/sorority property and to assure the structural integrity of chapter houses. Chapter members are expected to conform to standards of honorable conduct and to exhibit a concern for the rights and sensibilities of others.

I. The University

- A. Shall maintain these standards for all fraternity/sorority chapters governed under this section at Washington and Lee.
- B. Shall recognize each local chapter of a national organization upon the recommendation of the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council and the Student Affairs Committee.
- C. Shall recognize each alumni house corporation upon the recommendation of the Alumni Greek Council provided the chapter is in good standing and recognized by the University.
- D. Shall require adherence to the fraternity/sorority standards.
- E. Shall provide:
 - 1. Financial support to individual fraternity/sorority chapters through:
 - a. Programs to generate revenue for construction, renovation, repair and maintenance.
 - b. Loan assistance at favorable rates.
 - 2. Maintenance support and advice.
 - 3. Periodic inspection services.
 - 4. Guidance for the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council.
 - 5. Support for the Alumni Greek Council.
 - 6. Recognition and support of a University and/or Alumni Adviser for each chapter.
 - 7. Recognition and support of a House Director for each chapter.
- F. University will provide a resource contact list to the House Corporation President, House Director, and chapter president.

II. National Fraternity/National Sorority

- A. Shall set forth standards for its local chapter.
- B. Shall recognize the local chapter.
- C. Shall require strict adherence to the National by-laws and regulations. When Washington and Lee's standards and/or policy expectations are in conflict with those of the National organization's, the University's will control.
- D. Shall provide:
 - 1. For the chapter's participation in the National governing structure.
 - 2. Guidance through:
 - a. National and regional leadership training programs.
 - b. Annual visits to the local chapter.
- E. Shall notify the University immediately if local chapter is not in good standing.

III. Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council

- A. Shall serve as the governing organizations of all recognized fraternities/sororities governed by this section.
- B. Shall hold regularly scheduled meetings.
- C. Shall maintain up-to-date constitutions and by-laws which:
 - 1. Set a high standard for chapter conduct.
 - 2. Require each chapter to set a similarly high standard of conduct for its individual members and guests.
- D. Shall elect conduct boards empowered to uphold the constitutions, by-laws, and other rules or agreements necessary for sound governance.
- E. Shall discipline individual chapters through authority derived from the University Administration.
- F. Shall provide a recommendation on whether to approve prospective new or returning chapters to the Student Affairs Committee, which may vote to make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.
- G. Shall have the power to recommend that the University withdraw recognition of a chapter.
- H. Shall promote cooperation among the member chapters and the greater community.

IV. Alumni Greek Council

- A. Shall promote the continued well-being of the fraternities and sororities governed by this section at Washington and Lee University through participation by alumni in fraternity/sorority affairs.
- B. Shall meet not less than twice annually.
- C. Shall be constituted by the presidents of the house corporations or their appointed representatives. House Directors may not serve as representatives nor may they attend the meetings of the Alumni Greek Council.
- D. Shall conduct itself in accordance with its Charter, as amended time-to-time.
- E. Shall establish guidelines to assure that its house corporation members are in good standing. At a minimum, the Alumni Greek Council shall assure that its house corporation members:
 - 1. Are incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
 - 2. Are in good standing with the State Corporation Commission; and
 - 3. Have a minimum of three (3) active directors, two-thirds of whom must be affiliated with the national organization or alumni of Washington and Lee University.
 - 4. Each house corporation will be responsible for maintaining liability insurance.
- F. The Secretary of the Alumni Greek Council shall be responsible for collecting insurance and compliance information and certifying annually to the University, through the appropriate Student Affairs designee, compliance of its members with those

- requirements specifically enumerated in section IV. E 1 through 4 and section V. as necessary.
- G. Shall promote cooperation among its house corporation members.
 - H. Shall provide services and information and act as a forum for the concerns of its house corporation members.

V. House Corporation

- A. Shall write, implement, and periodically update a master plan to insure the perpetuation of the chapter and house corporation.
- B. Shall incorporate in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a minimum of 3 active directors, of whom no more than one-third may be current student officers and preferably a majority should be alumni of Washington and Lee University.
- C. Shall be represented on and be a member in good standing of the Alumni Greek Council. Failure to send a representative to two consecutive meetings may result in loss of status.
- D. Shall meet at least semi-annually at the chapter house with chapter representatives.
- E. Shall hold title and/or lease to all real property and furnishings.
- F. Shall serve as lessee by requiring separate contracts with the chapter and individual resident members. Individual resident members may not sublease rooms to other students or non-students. It is recommended that the House Corporation model its room contracts on those used by the University. The contracts must require compliance with all University policies and procedures.
- G. Shall establish policies that protect the property and require a high standard of conduct among the members.
- H. Shall employ a House Director to represent the interests of the House Corporation and serve as liaison to the University and the Chapter. House Directors shall be required to comply with all University policies applicable to individuals working or living on campus, and shall be required to attend all training/orientation sessions on University policies deemed necessary by the University. House Directors must be physically able to climb stairs within the Chapter House in order to provide adequate supervision of Chapter activities. House Directors should have the ability to manage room assignments, resolve minor conflicts and identify issues that need to be brought to the attention of the University. House Directors may not be students (undergraduate or law). *A chapter may seek a waiver of this requirement by submitting a written request to the appropriate Student Affairs designee. The Vice-President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students may grant a waiver under compelling circumstances, but in no event will a waiver be given to an individual chapter for more than two years in a 10-year period.*
- I. Shall establish financial criteria, approve the chapter budget, designate the dispensation of funds collected by the University, and audit chapter operations.

- J. Shall set fees sufficient to:
 - 1. Meet all debt and tax or related obligations.
 - 2. Provide insurance for property and furnishings at replacement value.
 - 3. Maintain adequate liability insurance for its directors and the chapter.
 - 4. Maintain the property and furnishings at the University standard.
- K. Shall collect and disburse funds in a timely manner.
- L. Shall re-certify compliance with these standards annually to the Secretary of the Alumni Greek Council who will provide that information to the appropriate Student Affairs designee (see section IV. F).
- M. Shall require any other employees of the House Corporation working at the Chapter House, including but not limited to cooks, to comply with all University policies applicable to individuals working or living on campus and to attend all training/orientation sessions on University policies deemed necessary by the University.

VI. Local Chapter of a National Organization

- A. Shall have and abide by written by-laws which:
 - 1. Define the duties and responsibilities of all chapter officers.
 - 2. Require members to behave honorably.
 - 3. Establish parietal regulations for the chapter house.
 - 4. Prohibit the possession, use, and distribution of illegal drugs and controlled substances.
 - 5. Set guidelines for the responsible use of alcohol.
 - 6. Prohibit firearms and weapons (including air guns and fireworks) on the chapter house property.
 - 7. Prohibit smoking within the chapter building or on any decks or porches attached to or adjacent to the chapter house.
 - 8. Provide for regular cleaning of the chapter house and prompt repair of all maintenance problems.
 - 9. Include strict enforcement policies subject to the review of the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council conduct boards.
 - 10. Expect that each chapter fill all beds within the Chapter House with current upper division chapter members.
 - 11. Require all new student chapter officers specified by Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council be elected by the Wednesday after the last possible initiation date.
- B. Shall have a University Adviser to assist the chapter with campus and community relations, as well as academic affairs. (Description attached as Appendix 1)
- C. Shall promote academic excellence and intellectual growth among its members.

- D. Shall conduct a social program that conforms to the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council regulations.
- E. Shall conduct a responsible new member education program that conforms to the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council regulations and that specifically prohibits any behavior that could be construed as hazing.
- F. Shall establish with the House Corporation's approval a financial policy that:
 - 1. Complies with University and National fraternity/National sorority regulations.
 - 2. Requires sound business practices to minimize the chance of fraud.
 - 3. Utilizes the University collection program for charges and requires prompt payment of bills.
 - 4. Includes an annual budget.
- G. Shall have adequate liability insurance.
- H. Shall:
 - 1. Be in good standing with its national fraternity/national sorority.
 - 2. Strictly adhere to its by-laws and regulations.
 - 3. Actively participate in its national governing structure and leadership training programs.
- I. Shall re-certify compliance with these standards annually to the appropriate Student Affairs designee, and through the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council.

VII. Chapter Suspension

- 1. Effective immediately after University or national organization-imposed suspension, chapter members of the suspended chapter may not formally or informally affiliate with a recognized, active chapter. Taking residence in an active chapter's house, organized involvement in registered social events, coordinating meal plans, contributing financially to an active chapter's budget, or involvement with other chapter operations or processes are prohibited.
- 2. The University reserves the right to relocate house residents of a suspended chapter immediately upon suspension.
- 3. Uninitiated potential new members of a suspended chapter may join another organization pursuant to the recruitment guidelines currently in place.

VIII. Chapter House Physical Standards (currently maintained by the University)

- A. The fraternity/sorority chapter shall maintain a residence with an exterior which:
 - 1. Is compatible with the neighborhood.
 - 2. Is kept in excellent condition at all times.
 - 3. Has landscaped grounds conforming to an approved plan.
 - a. The grounds shall be well maintained at all times.

- b. A chapter shall provide, consistent with the needs of the chapter, as much paved, off-street parking as possible, to be connected to the house by paved walkways.
- B. The fraternity/sorority chapter shall maintain a residence with an interior which:
1. Meets or exceeds all applicable code requirements for fire, safety, health, and sanitation plus such additional requirements imposed by the university or its insurers.
 2. Provides bedroom and bath facilities of a quality at least equal to the best residence hall accommodations provided by the University.
 3. Contains living and recreational areas with well-defined uses and which are furnished and maintained in ways appropriate for such uses.
 4. Provides for each fraternity chapter a large social area, isolated from other parts of the house, with adequate exterior access, ventilation, adjacent rest room facilities, and sound absorption design features. It is the intent of this standard that fraternity social events occur only in this room. If the room is to have other uses requiring furnishings or equipment, there should be adequate adjacent storage to permit removal of these items during such events.
 5. Contains a dining room sufficient to provide meal service to membership in a sanitary, attractive, and comfortably furnished area.
 6. Contains a kitchen which is a sanitary and efficient space meeting all code requirements and with separate areas for food preparation and distribution. It shall be possible to restrict access to the kitchen from the rest of the house.
 7. Provides for any special requirements of the national fraternity/national sorority or house corporation.
 8. Is regularly maintained and clean at all times, and complies in all respects with the maintenance requirements of the house corporations and the bylaws of the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council.
 9. Provides an apartment on the premises for the non-student House Director.
- C. In support of these standards, each fraternity/sorority shall have professionally developed plans and specifications for renovation or new construction which assure functional efficiency, durability, and ease of maintenance.

IX. Maintenance and Review

The Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students will be responsible for the maintenance and the periodic review of these standards. The Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students will convene an *ad hoc* committee to review these standards. In addition to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students or designee, the committee will consist of the appropriate Student Affairs designee, the President of the Alumni Greek Council, the President of the Interfraternity Council, the President of the Panhellenic Council, and a fraternity/sorority University adviser. Input from Facilities

Management and the Treasurer's Office will be gathered in the deliberation process for any proposals that might affect those offices.

Following the review of these standards, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students will submit recommendations for any changes to the President of the University or designee for consideration and approval. The President or designee will then promulgate approved revisions to all appropriate parties, the national fraternity/national sorority offices, house corporations, Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Council, and local chapter presidents.

Appendix I. University Adviser to a Fraternity/Sorority Chapter Governed by the Standards for Fraternities/Sororities That Are Full Members and Under the Jurisdiction of IFC or PC

- I. A member of the Washington and Lee University faculty or administration who:
 - A. serves as an adviser to the chapter officers regarding:
 1. University policy concerning fraternities/sororities
 2. Community relations
 3. Campus relations
 - B. promotes academic excellence and intellectual growth among the chapter members
 - C. provides liaison between the chapter, the faculty and the administration
 - D. provides informal advice to the chapter and members on academic affairs
 - E. encourages the chapter through its officers to develop and maintain a positive image within the whole University community
 - F. suggests programs to foster interaction between the chapter and the faculty
 - G. meets several times a year as a group with all University Advisers to exchange ideas and information
 - H. meets regularly with the president or chapter leadership to discuss concerns and plans
 - I. provides continuity of relationship between University and chapter and
 - J. may serve as a chapter adviser or other role as deemed appropriate (or eligible) by the national office or house corporation for the chapter
- II. The University will provide:
 - A. recognition of this work as a positive contribution to the quality of University life
 - B. access to pertinent information in support of the work
 - C. appropriate setting for meetings of the University Advisers as a group

Appendix II. House Director

Role

Establishes and maintains an environment consistent with the needs of the students and the requirements established in the Standards for National Fraternities/Sororities That Are

Full Members and Under the Jurisdiction of IFC or PC.

Develops relationships with members of the chapter and promotes the University Mission.

Expectations

- I. Resides in the chapter house when students are present. W&L expects the House Corporation to provide a substitute House Director if the regular House Director is going to away from the House for more than three consecutive nights. If that is impossible the House Director should notify:
 - respective House Corporation contacts,
 - W&L Public Safety and,
 - appropriate Student Affairs designee
- II. Is required to comply with all University policies applicable to individuals working or living on campus and attend all University orientation/training sessions on such policies deemed necessary by the University.
- III. Supports University initiatives and stays involved in the Campus Community.
- IV. Attends House Director Trainings or other meetings as scheduled by the appropriate Student Affairs designee.
- V. Communicates expectations for use of the chapter house in collaboration with the chapter officers, the University, and the House Corporation.
- VI. Notices when a student appears to need assistance and refers them to the proper resource. If the House Director perceives potentially life-threatening issues they should call 911 and W&L Public Safety (x8999). The House Director should not act as a counselor for issues concerning mental health or substance abuse, but rather refer the individual to a trained University staff member.
- VII. Submits work orders in accordance with Facilities Management guidelines and ensures work orders are completed successfully in a timely manner.
- VIII. Has basic computer knowledge, including the skills necessary to access email.
- IX. Must be physically able to climb stairs within the Chapter House in order to provide adequate supervision of Chapter activities.
- X. Must have the ability to manage room assignments, resolve minor conflicts and identify issues that need to be brought to the attention of the University.

University Policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Washington and Lee University oversees all student organizations and professional staff members through the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students shall advise all recognized undergraduate and law student organizations regarding the use of alcohol for organized/sponsored events.

In conjunction with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, the Department of Athletics shall enforce sanctions for athletic teams that violate University standards and policies on alcohol and other drugs.

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students or SJC shall enforce sanctions for any organization not under the jurisdiction of the Interfraternity Council that violate University standards and policies on alcohol and other drugs.

The Interfraternity Council shall enforce sanctions for organizations under its jurisdiction that violate University standards and policies on alcohol and other drugs.

Absent extenuating circumstances, violations of University standards and policies on alcohol and other drugs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Any violations of social event policies regarding alcohol
- Any violations of dry recruitment or new member education policies
- Excessive damage to property related to alcohol and/or other drug use
- Coercive or pressured drinking related to group activities
- Intoxication, when it results in conduct unbecoming and/or endangers self and/or others
- Violations of University policies related to alcohol or other drugs

Under the circumstances previously described, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students may inform parents or legal guardian(s) of undergraduate students when an undergraduate student violates University alcohol/drug policies. **Keep in mind "Safe Haven:" seeking medical care for an intoxicated student will *not* result in disciplinary action. Parents will not be notified unless there is significant danger of serious harm to self or others.**

Nothing in these regulations shall preclude the President, Provost, or appropriate conduct body from taking action they determine to be justified for both individual and group accountability in accordance with existing University policy and relevant bylaws; however, possible sanctions may include but are not limited to those outlined under the [Student Judicial Council section of this handbook](#). All sanctions that may result in a disciplinary file, as defined by the Records of Student Conduct Referrals section, are subject to appeal to the University Board of Appeals.

Traveller Transit

Traveller Transit serves the community as a safe ride system.

Conduct Policy

Students are expected to abide by the following when they use Traveller:

- Eating, drinking and smoking are not permitted in any Traveller vehicle. (Alcohol and unsealed beverages are not allowed in any Traveller vehicle.)
- Passengers must treat Traveller Drivers, Dispatchers, and Monitors with respect.
- Passengers must show a student ID if requested to do so by a Traveller Driver.
- Passengers must wear seat belts.

- The number of passengers may not exceed the capacity of the vehicle. (No one may stand in the aisles on Traveller Buses.)
- Passengers who soil Traveller vehicles may be asked to pay a \$200 fee for cleanup.
- Roughhousing and fighting will not be tolerated.

Students whose conduct within the Traveller system is not consistent with the values of the University may be referred to the Student Judicial Council for conduct action.

Political Activity

W&L is a long-time proponent of freedom of expression and adopted the [Chicago Statement](#) affirming freedom of expression in December 2015. W&L is unwavering in its commitment to the free and open debate of competing ideas. W&L is also subject to Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) limitations prohibiting tax-exempt institutions from engaging in political activity, such as supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

In order to maintain freedom of expression for Recognized Student Organizations,^[2] while ensuring that the political activity of Student Organizations will not be attributed to W&L, the following shall govern political activity by Student Organizations.

- W&L encourages its students^[3] and Student Organizations to express their political views and participate in the political process. In doing so, Student Organizations shall not affirmatively state or imply that W&L endorses, supports, or opposes any candidate for public office, or use University resources in a way that could imply that the University endorses or engages in prohibited political activity. For example, Student Organizations may not use University:
 - funds to support or oppose a candidate for public office;
 - webpages or sites to support, oppose, or fundraise for a candidate;
 - computers, telephones, mail services, or copy machines, to distribute materials supporting or opposing a candidate;
 - letterhead, or include W&L's name or logos on materials supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.

Partisan Political Activity and Political Campaigns

- When engaging in partisan political activities, such as activities which support or oppose, or may be perceived to support or oppose a candidate for public office, Student Organizations must include the following disclaimer in any written or printed materials, and read the disclaimer at the beginning of any such program or event:

"POLITICAL ACTIVITY DISCLAIMER:

This [program/event/content/publication/display] is sponsored by [Name of Student Organization], and not supported or endorsed in any way by

Washington and Lee University. The views expressed are those of the [Student Organization and/or speaker], not Washington and Lee University. The University does not participate in political campaigns, fundraise for, or support or oppose any candidates for public office."

- Student Organizations may sponsor events or programs with, or speeches by, political candidates or campaign representatives, provided that candidates for the same public office have an equal opportunity to speak at the University, and the Student Organization:
 - clearly identifies itself as the sponsor on all event and program materials (such as announcements, advertisements, agendas or programs) and includes the above Political Activity Disclaimer;
 - ensures no political fundraising will be conducted in connection with the program or event, even indirectly (ex. charging an admission fee, providing University email listservs, or using University resources to solicit donations);
 - pays the associated costs (including any increased security costs as determined by the Department of Public Safety and without using University allocated funds).
- While Student Organizations may invite candidates for public office to campus to educate voters about the candidate's position, they may not invite candidates to conduct campaign rallies.
- Student Organizations may set up tables in connection with their political activities (ex. to display literature or signs, or discuss information or issues with individuals who inquire or express interest by visiting the table) during the times approved and in the places specifically designated by the Office of Student Activities. Such activities shall not impede traffic flow, or interfere with University academic or extracurricular programs, or operations. All materials and signage shall clearly indicate that the table is sponsored by the Student Organization and not endorsed by the University, and include the above Political Activity Disclaimer.

Non-Partisan Political Activity

- Student Organizations may conduct voter registration and education activities on campus, such as voter registration drives, "Get Out the Vote" events, and publishing voter education guides.
- Student Organizations may sponsor events and programs which are non-partisan and educational in nature in which they invite a public figure who is running for a political office to speak in a non-candidate capacity, if they introduce the speaker in a manner that does not mention her or his candidacy in an upcoming election, and obtain assurance that the speaker will not mention her or his candidacy. The Student Organization shall maintain a "non-partisan atmosphere" during such program or event, indicate that the purpose of the event is educational, and include the Political

Activity Disclaimer in any written or printed materials, and read the disclaimer at the beginning of any such program or event.

- [Mock Convention](#) activities are educational in nature and thus not prohibited.[4]

Requirements for Planning Political Activity

- In planning, sponsoring, hosting, or engaging in any political activity on campus, Student Organizations must follow all University policies, procedures, and guidelines (ex. [Facilities Use Policy](#)), which might apply to the particular activity at issue.
- Student Organizations must notify the Director of Student Activities or designee prior to developing political programs or activities so that the Office of Student Affairs can offer guidance and ensure the activity complies with University policies, procedures, and guidance.

Washington and Lee University expressly disavows any political activity that does not comply with its policies; unauthorized or noncompliant activities shall not be attributed to the University.

X. Student Affairs Committee

Composed of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students (Chair), the Dean of Student Life, the School of Law's primary student-affairs administrator, six members elected by and from the University Faculty (undergraduate and law) from among those not already on the University Board of Appeals and including at least one from the Department of Physical Education and Athletics and one elected by and from the Law Faculty. Student members are the President of the Student Body, the Chair of the Student Judicial Council (SJC), the Head Resident Assistant or Community Assistant, the President of the Student Bar Association (SBA), two representatives of the Office of Inclusion and Engagement (OIE) Advisory Board, the President of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the President of the Panhellenic Council (PC), and the President of LIFT.

SAC serves as a University forum for issues affecting student life and as an advisory group to the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

XI. Drug-Free Workplace Act/Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Statement to Students

As a recipient of federal aid and federal grants, the University must certify under the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 that it will take certain steps to provide a drug-free workplace. Unlawfully possessing, using, distributing, dispensing, or manufacturing alcohol or illegal or controlled substances is prohibited on University property, in University vehicles, while conducting University business, or as a part of University activities. Any student employee who is convicted for a

drug statute violation occurring in the workplace must notify his or her supervisor within five days of the conviction. Additionally, a student employee must report any drug-related or alcohol-related conviction to Human Resources. The University will take appropriate action against an employee who violates this workplace rule, up to and including termination and referral for prosecution, in the best interest of the University, and in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act. Employees not terminated may be required to satisfactorily participate in an approved drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program. Student employees should review the full University Alcohol and Drug Use in the Workplace policy at go.wlu.edu/OGC/DrugFree.

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, the University will distribute to students annually information on applicable legal sanctions associated with the unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs, health risks associated with substance abuse, and a description of drug and alcohol treatment programs available to members of the University community.

Separate from the legal requirements, the University is concerned with the health and well-being of its students. Students may contact the Counseling Center, the Student Health Center, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, LIFE, and student peer counselors for referrals or information on available and appropriate substance counseling, treatment or rehabilitation programs. Students can obtain substance abuse assessment and treatment from a member of the Counseling Center staff or may be referred to off-campus treatment centers and programs, including the local Rockbridge Area Prevention Services, the Recovery Choice program at Augusta Health, or other regional or national programs.

Alcohol and Drug Education

In accordance with the Drug-Free and Communities Act of 1989, alcohol and drug education at Washington and Lee University is coordinated by the Office of Health Promotion as part of the Student Affairs program.

Goals of Alcohol and Drug Education

- Inform all students at Washington and Lee University about federal and Virginia laws and University policy regarding the use of alcohol and other controlled substances.
- Involve students directly in comprehensive multidimensional health promotion programs; including planning, development, implementation and evaluation of awareness programs, speakers, harm reduction information, social norms marketing approach (Universal Prevention).
- Provide assessment and education for students who exhibit problem behaviors related to alcohol and other drug abuse (Indicated Prevention). Students who receive a

sanction under the University Policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs for Individuals will receive an educational assessment through the Office of Health Promotion.

- Provide educational programming, resources and referrals to organizations, Greek students, first-year residence halls and athletic teams (Targeted Prevention).
- Include faculty from various academic disciplines to foster critical thinking both in and outside the classroom about social issues on campus including alcohol and other drugs.
- Promote and foster the development of LIFE peer health educators to provide educational programs and model behaviors that demonstrate low-risk drinking behaviors.
- Collaborate with the Student Health Center, Counseling Center, Athletic Department, Greek life, faculty, alumni, parents and other University stakeholders to establish an environment that promotes low-risk use of alcohol.

Health and Behavioral Risks of Alcohol Abuse and the Use of Illegal Drugs

The negative physical and mental effects of the use of alcohol and other drugs are well documented. Use of these drugs may cause: blackouts, poisoning, and overdose; physical and psychological dependence; damage to vital organs such as the brain, heart, and liver; inability to learn and remember information; and psychological problems including depression, psychosis, and severe anxiety. Risks associated with specific drugs are described later in this section.

Impaired judgment and coordination resulting from the use of alcohol and other drugs are associated with acquaintance assault and rape; DUI/DWI arrests; hazing; falls, drowning and other injuries; contracting sexually-transmitted infections including AIDS; and unwanted or unplanned sexual experiences and pregnancy.

The substance abuse of family members and friends may also be of concern to individual students and employees. Patterns of risk-taking behavior and dependency not only interfere in the lives of the abusers, but can also have a negative impact on their friends and family, affecting academics, work, emotional well-being, and student adjustment to college life.

Individuals concerned about their own health or that of a friend should consult a physician or mental health professional. More information and assistance can be obtained by contacting one of the University physicians or counselors, the Employee Assistance Program for faculty and staff, other campus and community resources listed in the University's annual Drug Free Schools and Communities notice, or a community resource listed in the yellow pages of the telephone directory.

Alcohol

Alcohol abuse is a progressive disorder in which physical dependency can develop. Even low doses of alcohol impair brain function, judgment, alertness, coordination and reflexes. Very high doses cause suppression of respiration and death. Chronic alcohol abuse can produce dementia, sexual impotence, cirrhosis of the liver, and heart disease; and sudden withdrawal can produce severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, and life-threatening convulsions.

Marijuana (Cannabis)

Marijuana has negative physical and mental effects. Physical effects include elevated blood pressure, a dry mouth and throat, bloodshot and swollen eyes, decrease in body temperature, and increased appetite. Use of marijuana is also associated with impairment of short-term memory and comprehension, an altered sense of time, and a reduction in the ability to perform motor skills such as driving a car. Marijuana use also produces listlessness, inattention, withdrawal and apathy. It also can intensify underlying emotional problems and is associated with chronic anxiety, depression, and paranoia. Frequent and/or long-time users may develop chronic lung disease and damage to the pulmonary system.

Hallucinogens

This category includes phencyclidine (PCP or "angel dust") and amphetamine variants which have mind-altering effects. Perception and cognition are impaired and muscular coordination decreases. Speech is blocked and incoherent. Chronic users of PCP may have memory problems and speech difficulties lasting 6 months to a year after prolonged daily use. Depression, anxiety, and violent behavior also occur. High psychological dependence on the drug may result in taking large doses of PCP. Large doses produce convulsions, comas, and heart and lung failure.

Lysergic acid diethylamine (LSD or "acid"), mescaline and psilocybin (mushrooms) cause illusions, hallucinations and altered perception of time and space. Physical effects include dilated pupils, elevated body temperature, increased heart rate and blood pressure, decreased appetite, insomnia and tremors. Psychological reactions include panic, confusion, paranoia, anxiety and loss of control. Flashbacks or delayed effects can occur even after use has ceased.

Cocaine

Cocaine stimulates the central nervous system. Immediate physical effects include dilated pupils and increased blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and body temperature. Occasional use can cause a stuffy or runny nose, while chronic use may destroy nasal tissues. Following the "high" of extreme happiness and a sense of unending energy is a cocaine "crash" including depression, dullness, intense anger, and paranoia. Injecting cocaine with contaminated equipment can cause AIDS, hepatitis and other diseases. Tolerance develops rapidly and psychological and physical dependency can occur.

Crack or “rock” is extremely addictive and produces the most intense cocaine high. The use of cocaine can cause kidney damage, heart attacks, seizures, and strokes due to high blood pressure. Death can occur by cardiac arrest or respiratory failure.

Stimulants

Amphetamines and other stimulants include “ecstasy” and “ice” as well as prescription drugs such as Adderall and Ritalin. The physical effects produced are elevated heart and respiratory rates, increased blood pressure, insomnia, and loss of appetite. Sweating, headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, and anxiety may also result from use. High dosage can cause rapid or irregular heartbeat, tremors, loss of motor skills and even physical collapse and possible death. Long-term use of higher doses can produce amphetamine psychosis which includes hallucinations, delusions and paranoia.

Depressants

Barbiturates and benzodiazepines are two of the most commonly used groups of these drugs. Barbiturates include Phenobarbital, Seconal and Amytal; benzodiazepines include Ativan, Dalmane, Librium, Xanax, Valium, Halcion and Restoril. These drugs are frequently used for medical purposes to relieve anxiety and to induce sleep. Physical and psychological dependence can occur if the drugs are used for longer periods of time at higher doses. Benzodiazepine use can cause slurred speech, disorientation, and lack of coordination. If taken with alcohol, abuse can lead to coma and possible death.

Narcotics

Narcotics include heroin, methadone, morphine, codeine, OxyContin, Vicodin, and opium. After an initial feeling of euphoria, usage causes drowsiness, nausea, and vomiting. Effects of overdose include slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma and possible death. Physical and psychological dependence is high, and severe withdrawal symptoms include watery eyes, runny nose, loss of appetite, irritability, tremors, panic, cramps, nausea, chills, and sweating. Use of contaminated syringes may cause AIDS and hepatitis.

Commonwealth of Virginia 2023: Selective Summary of Laws Governing Alcohol and Drugs (Virginia Code sections referenced) [5]

Alcohol

The minimum legal age in Virginia for the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages is 21 years of age.

Violation	Possible Penalty
Possession or consumption under 21 (18.2-323.1, 18.2-11)	Misdemeanor; mandatory loss of driver's license for six months (up to 1 year) AND mandatory minimum \$500 fine or 50 hours community service

Violation**Possible Penalty**

Use of fraudulent driver's license ID to purchase alcoholic beverages (4.1-305)	Misdemeanor -- mandatory loss of driver's license for six months (up to 1 year) AND mandatory minimum \$500 fine or 50 hours community service Up to six months in prison and a fine up to \$1000
Possession of a fraudulent driver's license ID (4.1-308)	
Drinking in Public* (18.2-306) NOTE: The definition of a public place includes any sidewalk adjoining a public street. (4.1-100; 4.1-128)	Misdemeanor; fine not to exceed \$250
Purchase of alcoholic beverages for intoxicated individuals (4.1-306)	Misdemeanor -- mandatory loss of driver's license for up to 1 year AND fine not to exceed \$2500 and/or jail for up to 12 months
Driving after illegally consuming alcohol under age 21-.02% BAC or more constitutes a violation; requires no showing of impaired driving (18.2-266.1, 46.2-391.2)	Misdemeanor - suspension of driver's license for one year and either a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or performance of a mandatory minimum of 50 hours of community service. Attend VASAP educational program.
Purchasing, giving, or assisting in providing alcohol to person under 21 (4.1-306)	Misdemeanor -- mandatory loss of driver's license for up to 1 year AND fine not to exceed \$2500 and/or jail for up to 12 months
Purchase, possession, use, selling, or offering for sale or use powdered or crystalline alcohol (4.1-302.2)	Misdemeanor -- mandatory loss of license for one year AND mandatory minimum \$500 fine (up to \$2500) or 50 hours community service; possible jail for up to 12 months
Consuming alcoholic beverages while driving motor vehicle (18.2-323.1)	Misdemeanor; fine not to exceed \$250
Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (DUI); .08% BAC presumes alcohol intoxication, but can be convicted on lower BAC; specified levels of certain drugs also presume intoxication (18.266-270, 46.2-391.2)	Misdemeanor - fine not to exceed \$2500 (mandatory minimum of \$250 and/or jail for 12 months, and loss of driver's license for 1 year, in addition to automatic, administrative 7-day license suspension upon arrest or refusal to take a breath test and immediate vehicle impound.) Attend VASAP educational program.
Driving on Restricted permit with BAC of .02 or more (18.2-272, 46.2-389/391)	Misdemeanor; fine not to exceed \$2500 and/or jail for 12 months, and loss of driver's license for 1-3 years.
Driving under the influence of alcohol with passenger age seventeen (17) or younger (18.2-270)	Misdemeanor; with additional fine of \$500 to \$1000 and mandatory minimum five days in jail, beyond penalties for DUI
Unreasonable refusal to take breath test (18.2-268.3/4)	Civil Offense; loss of driver's license for 1 year, after first offense may petition the court for restricted license with certain conditions
Maiming (i.e., causing serious bodily injury) of another resulting from driving while intoxicated (18.2-51.4)	Felony; 1 to 5 years prison OR 12 months jail and/or \$2500 fine Under egregious circumstances, penalties may be increased to 2-10 years in prison and up to \$100,000 fine

Note: Virginia law provides for arrest without warrant at any location within three hours of the occurrence of an accident if there is probable cause of driver intoxication.

Drugs

Violation	Possible Penalty
Tobacco, Nicotine Vapor, Alternative Nicotine, Hemp intended for smoking, and Alternative Tobacco Products (18.2-371.2) Purchase/Use/Possession by persons under age 21	1st violation - Up to \$100 fine and/or 20 hours of community service 2nd and subsequent violations - Up to \$250 fine and/or 40 hours of community service
Tobacco, Nicotine Vapor, Hemp intended for smoking, and Alternative Tobacco Products (18.2-371.2) Sale/Distribution to persons under age 21	1st violation - Up to \$100 fine 2nd violation - Up to \$200 fine 3rd and subsequent violations - Up to \$500 fine
Marijuana Possession by persons under age 21 (4.1-1105)	Mere possession of 1 oz or less is legal (presumption that possession of no more than 1 oz is for personal use).
Marijuana Possession by persons over age 21 (4.1-1100)	If over 21, possession of more than 1 ounce of marijuana is a civil offense; no greater than \$25 fine; rebuttable presumption that possession of no more than 1 oz is for personal use.
Marijuana Sale/Distribution (18.2-248.1)	1 ounce or less: up to 12 months jail and/or \$2500 fine. 1 ounce: Felony; 1 to 10 years prison or 12 months in jail and/or \$2500 fine. More than 5 pounds: Felony; 5 to 30 years prison and/or \$10,000 fine.
Cocaine Possession (small amount) (18.2-250)	Felony; 1 to 10 years prison OR 12 months jail and/or \$2500 fine
Cocaine Sale/Distribution (and large amt. possession)	Felony; 5 years to life in prison and \$1,000,000 fine (18.2-248)
Mushrooms (Hallucinogens)	Same as Cocaine
Cannabimimetic Agent Possession	Misdemeanor; 12 months jail and/or \$2,500 fine (18.2-250(a))
Cannabimimetic Agent Manufacture/Sale/Gift/Distribution or Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Sell/Give/Distribute	Felony; 5 to 40 years in prison and \$500,000 fine (18.2-248)
Other Controlled Substances (Including imitation controlled substances and prescription medication not pursuant to a valid prescription for the user)	Same as Cocaine
Anabolic Steroids Sale/Distribution (18.2-248.5)	Felony; 1 to 10 years prison OR 12 months jail and/or \$20,000 fine
GHB (Date Rape Drug) Manufacture/Sale/Gift/Distribution of Possession with Intent to Sell (18.2-251.3)	Felony; 5 to 20 years prison and \$100,000 fine
Inhalants Use	Misdemeanor; 12 months jail and/or \$2,500 fine

Violation**Possible Penalty**

Inhalants Inviting/Inducing use

Misdemeanor; 6 months jail and/or \$1,000 fine

Sale/Distribution, or Possession with Intent to Sell, Give or Distribute, on or Near School Property (Imitation/Controlled Substances or any amount of Marijuana)

Felony; 1-5 years prison and \$100,000 fine

Paraphernalia Possession/Distribution (18.2-265.3, 54.1-3466)

Misdemeanor; 12 months jail and/or fine not to exceed \$2,500. However, when sold to a minor at least three years younger than the accused, the crime becomes a class 6 felony with up to 5 years in prison.

Note: All of these violations carry an additional penalty of loss of driver's license for 6 months. (18.2-259.1)

Note: Virginia allows an affirmative defense to prosecution for simple possession of illegal drugs or paraphernalia, public intoxication, or unlawful possession, purchase, or consumption of alcohol for reporting of overdose. Affirmative defense to prosecution only applies if, in good faith, an individual seeks emergency medical attention for self or another person for a life-threatening condition resulting from the consumption or use of alcohol, a controlled substance, or combination of substances by reporting the overdose to 911, law enforcement or firefighter, or emergency services medical personnel or renders emergency care or assistance to an individual experiencing an overdose while another individual seeks or obtains emergency medical attention. Individual must remain at the scene until law-enforcement responds, identify himself/herself, AND the affirmative defense can apply only if the evidence for the prosecution of an offense was obtained as a result of the individual seeking emergency medical attention or rendering emergency care or assistance. (18.2-251.03)

Update on TEXTING and DRIVING in Virginia

Note: As of July 1, 2013, texting or reading emails/texts while driving is a primary offense, meaning law enforcement can stop you for doing only that. The offense carries a \$125 fine. (Va. Code Section 46.2-1078.1.)

Note: Effective January 1, 2021, it became illegal for any person to hold a handheld personal communications device while driving a motor vehicle. Va Code Section 46.2-818.2. Driver will be fined up to \$2750 depending on the factors described in 49 C.F.R. Section 386.81.

Summary of Federal Drug Penalties

Federal law prohibits the unlawful manufacturing, distribution, use, and possession of controlled substances. Penalties depend on various factors, including the type and amount of the drug involved, and whether there is intent to distribute. Penalties under federal law

range from less than one year to life imprisonment and/or \$1,000 to \$4 million fines for first offenses. Penalties may include forfeiture of property, including vehicles used to possess, transport or conceal a controlled substance, and forfeiture of Federal benefits, including student loans. A drug conviction may also result in future denial of professional licenses.

Note: A special sanction is provided for distribution and manufacturing near universities. Under federal law, any person who distributes, possesses with intent to distribute, or manufacture a controlled substance on or within one thousand feet of a university is subject to double the applicable maximum punishment.

XII. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Statement on Student Educational Records

Policy Statement

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, ("the Act," commonly referred to as "FERPA" or the "Buckley Amendment") is designed to protect the confidentiality of the records that educational institutions maintain on their students and to give students access to their records to assure the accuracy of their contents. The purposes of W&L's Student Education Records Policy are: to inform students of their rights under the Act; to inform employees, student workers, third-party contractors, and volunteers of the University's responsibilities under the Act; and to describe the circumstances under which the University may disclose student education records. The full policy is available at go.wlu.edu/OGC/FERPA. Please visit the University Registrar's website for more information at go.wlu.edu/FERPA.

XIII. Non-Discrimination/Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and all other applicable non-discrimination laws, Washington and Lee University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran's status, or genetic information in its educational programs and activities, admissions, and with regard to employment. Inquiries may be directed to Lauren E. Kozak, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources, Commons 237, (540) 458.4055, kozakl@wlu.edu, who is designated by the University to coordinate compliance efforts and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX, as well as those under Section 504 and other applicable non-discrimination laws.

The Coordinator has designated the following Title IX Assistant Coordinators:

- **Employment:** Jodi Williams, Executive Director of Human Resources, Two South Main 109, 540.458.8318, jwilliams@wlu.edu; and
- **Gender Equity in Athletics:** Lauren Kozak, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Disability Resources, Commons 237, (540) 458-4055, kozakl@wlu.edu.

Inquiries may also be directed to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education.

XIV. Statement of Commitment to Diversity

As revised and approved by the Board of Trustees, February 11, 2018.

Washington and Lee affirms that diverse perspectives and backgrounds enhance our community. We are committed to the recruitment, enrichment, and retention of students, faculty, and staff who embody many experiences, cultures, points of view, interests, and identities. As engaged citizens in a global and diverse society, we seek to advance a positive learning and working environment for all through open and substantive dialogue.

The policies of Washington and Lee University are under continual examination and revision. This Student Handbook is not a contract; it merely presents the policies in effect at the time of publication and in no way guarantees that the policies will not change. For updated policies and information, see www.wlu.edu.

[1] The Administrative Advisor is a professional Student Affairs' staff member appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students who is a resource dedicated to assisting the Chair and Council with its proceedings.

[2] Recognized Student Organization (hereinafter "Student Organization") means any student organization that has been recognized by the Executive Committee of the Student Body, the Student Bar Associations, or Student Affairs.

[3] IRS prohibitions on political activity do not apply to students in their individual private capacity; W&L encourages students to exercise their rights to participate in the electoral process; individual students are not prohibited from advocating for candidates on their personal property, such as posting signage in their own room in University residences, advocating for candidates on their personal social media accounts, posting campaign stickers on their private vehicles, or wearing apparel in support of a candidate for public office.

[4] Beginning in 1908, W&L students have replicated the national convention of the party out of power in the White House every four years, continuing a tradition fueled by rigorous research and non-partisan student leadership. Mock Convention is now a 112-year tradition

at W&L and is the most accurate and realistic mock presidential nominating convention in the nation.

[5] The information in this document does not, and is not intended to constitute legal advice; instead, all information is for general informational purposes only, and may not constitute the most up-to-date legal or other information. Readers should contact their attorney to obtain advice with respect to any particular legal matter.