UNIVERSITY CODE OF CONDUCT

Rationale for University Discipline

The reasonableness of university discipline must be judged in its relation to the educational purposes of the university. If those purposes may be described as the pursuit of truth and the advancement of knowledge, university discipline exists to assure a setting wherein those purposes may be achieved.

The educational purposes of the university can best be protected through the clear communication and enforcement of certain standards of behavior judged essential to the achievement of those purposes. What follows is a statement of these standards of behavior developed through the cooperative efforts of the students, faculty, and administrative officers.

Jurisdiction

Persons: This Code shall apply to every member of the Fordham University community which includes faculty, students, administrative officials, and staff.

When any individual accused of violation of this University Code of Conduct maintains more than one of the above-mentioned statuses in the University, determination of his/her status in a particular situation will be made in the context of the surrounding facts.

Violations

The following actions are considered violations of the University Code of Conduct and are punishable by sanctions imposed in accordance with the published judicial procedures of the University:

1. All forms of dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism, supplying false information to any University official, as well as forgery or use of University documents or instruments of identification with intent to defraud.
2. Theft from or damage to University property and/or theft of, or damage to the property of another while located on property of the University. Knowingly receiving, retaining or disposing of the lost or mislaid property of a member of the University community or of the University itself.
3. Unauthorized entry, use or occupation of University facilities as well as the unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys to University facilities.
4. Tampering with or misusing fire alarms, fire-fighting equipment or safety equipment.
5. Harassment (verbal or other) or physical abuse, threatening or attempting to inflict physical injury, or creating substantial risk of such injury to another member of the Fordham University community or to any person on University premises.
6. The unauthorized selling, purchasing, producing, or possessing of any lethal weapons, explosives, fireworks, or incendiary devices.
7. The unauthorized selling, purchasing, producing, possession or use of barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana, hallucinogens, opiates, or other addictive and illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia.
8. Engaging in, or inciting others to engage in, conduct which interferes with or disrupts any University function, or which prevents or limits the free expression of ideas by others, or which physically obstructs or threatens to obstruct or restrain other members of the University community or visitors.
9. Failing to surrender upon request by clearly identified University personnel (this includes campus security guards) in the performance of their assigned duties, the University identification card which all members of the University community are required to carry.
10. Engaging in lewd, licentious or disorderly conduct.
11. Failing to comply with the direction of clearly identified University personnel (this includes campus security guards) in the performance of their assigned duties.
12. Violation of published University regulations including but not limited to those regarding motor vehicles, residence halls, and the McGinley Center.

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