

Conduct Specific Glossary

Term	Definition
Advisor	During any investigatory meeting, preliminary hearing, or hearing, a student or organization may be accompanied by an individual of their choosing. Advisors may not directly participate in the process, but may be present for support and advice. If a student or organization chooses to be accompanied by an advisor, they should select an advisor whose schedule allows participation during your scheduled meeting time as delays will not be allowed due to scheduling conflicts.
Alcohol Policy	Consuming, manufacturing, possessing, distributing, dispensing, selling, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages on University-controlled property or in connection with a University-affiliated activity or if prohibited by federal, state, or local law, as well as providing an alcoholic beverage to a person younger than twenty-one (21) years of age.
Complainant	The individual who makes the complaint related to an alleged violation of University policy.
Disorderly Conduct	Fighting or other physically violent or physically threatening conduct; creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose; making noise that could unreasonably disturb others who are carrying on lawful activities; or conduct that breaches the peace.
Drug Policy	Using, manufacturing, possessing, distributing, selling, dispensing, or being under the influence of drugs or drug paraphernalia, if prohibited by federal, state, or local law; using or possessing a prescription drug if the prescription was not issued to the student; or distributing or selling a prescription drug to a person to whom the prescription was not originally issued
Failure to Comply	Failing to respond to a request to report to a University administrative office; failing to comply with a lawful directive of a University employee or other public official acting within the scope of his/her duties; or failing to identify oneself to a University employee or other public official acting within the scope of his/ her duties when requested to do so.
Failure to Appear	Failing to appear at a University hearing, including, but not limited to, a hearing of a University judicial board, following a request to appear either as a party or as a witness.
False Information	Providing false information to a University official.
Harassment	Defined as unwelcome conduct that is so severe or pervasive, and objectively offensive, that it substantially interferes with the ability of a person to work, learn, live, or participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the University.

Hazing	Defined as any intentional or reckless act, on or off University-controlled property, by one student, acting alone or with others, which is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger his or her mental or physical health or safety, and includes treatment of a violent, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature. Without limiting the foregoing, such action is prohibited when connected with initiation into or affiliation with an organization and does not include participation in customary athletic events or similar competition.
Hearing	The opportunity to be heard. The accused student(s) may, at his or her option, request a hearing before a panel of individuals (Student Conduct Board) or by a University Hearing Officer selected by the Vice Chancellor for Student Development (or his or her designee). A hearing before a Student Conduct Board will be chaired by a University Hearing Officer similarly selected. Board members and hearing officers shall be impartial and anyone lacking such impartiality shall recuse him/herself or may be removed by the Vice Chancellor for Student Development upon request of any party to a University hearing. In the absence of a voluntary written waiver of the accused student's right to a hearing under the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA) (T.C.A. § 4-5-108 et seq.), a requested hearing will be conducted in accordance with the University's rules for conducting contested case proceedings under the UAPA, Chapter 1720- 01-05.
Hearing Officer	A University official, selected by the Vice Chancellor for Student Development and/or his or her designee, who investigates and conducts hearings related to alleged violations of University policy.
Invasion of Privacy	Invasion of another person's privacy when that person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, including, but not limited to, using electronic or other means to make a video or photographic record of any person in a location in which the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, without the person's knowledge or consent. This includes, but is not limited to, making a video or photographic record of a person in shower/locker rooms or restrooms. The storing, sharing, and/or distributing of such unauthorized recordings by any means is also prohibited.

Jurisdiction	<p>The Standards of Conduct apply to conduct that occurs on University-controlled property. Each student shall be responsible for his/her conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of a degree, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end, as well as during the academic year and during periods between terms of actual enrollment (and even if conduct is not discovered by the University until after a degree is awarded). Should a student withdraw from the University with disciplinary charges pending, the student's academic record and/or ability to register for classes may be encumbered by the appropriate University office. The Standards of Conduct have been adopted in furtherance of the University's interests and serve to supplement, rather than IV. Student Rights & Responsibilities substitute for, the enforcement of the civil and criminal law. Accordingly, University disciplinary action may be instituted against a student charged with conduct that potentially violates both the criminal law and the Standards of Conduct without regard to the pendency of criminal charges or civil litigation. At the discretion of the Vice Chancellor for Student Development, or his/her designee, disciplinary action relating to a violation of the Standards of Conduct may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following criminal proceedings. Students accused of violating the Standards of Conduct may not challenge the University disciplinary proceedings on the grounds that criminal charges, civil litigation, or other University proceedings regarding the same incident are pending or have been terminated, dismissed, reduced, or not yet adjudicated. The University may refer matters to federal, state, or local authorities for prosecution when appropriate.</p>
Member of the University Community	<p>Refers to any person who is a student, University official, campus visitor, or participant in a University-sponsored or University-affiliated activity.</p>
Not Responsible	<p>Innocent of violating University policy, utilizing the <i>Preponderance of the Evidence</i> standard.</p>
Notice	<p>Means notice given in writing and transmitted by United States mail, courier service, and/or hand delivery to the address the University's Registrar has on file for the student; and/ or by e-mail to a student's University-provided e-mail account. When a notice is transmitted by United States mail or courier service, the notice is effective on the date that it is mailed or delivered to the courier service. When a notice is transmitted by hand delivery, the notice is effective on the date that it is delivered to the person to whom the notice is addressed. When a notice is transmitted by e-mail, the notice is effective on the date that the e-mail is sent.</p>
Off-Campus Jurisdiction	<p>The University has the discretion to discipline a student for an act in violation of the Standards of Conduct that occurs off University-controlled property if the conduct adversely affects the interests of the University, including, but not limited to, conduct which: (a) occurs in connection with a University-affiliated activity, including, but not limited to, an overseas study program or a clinical, field, internship, or in-service experience; (b) involves another member of the University community; or (c) threatens, or indicates that the student may pose a threat to, the health or safety of him/herself or others or the security of any person's property, including, but not limited to, alcohol-related offenses, drug-related offenses, arson, battery, fraud, hazing, participation in group violence, rape, sexual assault or misconduct, stalking, and theft. The above-listed examples of off-campus conduct that is subject to discipline are separate and independent grounds for discipline, and one ground for discipline shall not be interpreted in any manner to modify, explain, or limit any other ground for discipline.</p>

Possession	Means actual knowledge of a substance or property and/or being in such close proximity to the substance or property that it is a reasonable presumption that one had knowledge of the substance or property.
Preponderance of the Evidence	More likely than not to have violated a University policy.
Responsible	Justly chargeable and culpable of violating University policy, utilizing the <i>Preponderance of the Evidence</i> standard.
Reasonable Person	Means a sober, objectively reasonable person in the same situation, and with the same sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation as the person whose words and/ or conduct are being evaluated.
Respondent	The student or student organization who is accused of allegedly violating University policy.
Retaliation	Means an act (i) taken by a student (including an act taken through a third party) because of another person's participation in a protected activity (ii) that would discourage a reasonable person from engaging in protected activity. Protected activity includes a person's good faith: (i) opposition to conduct prohibited under the Standards of Conduct; (ii) report to the University about conduct prohibited under the Standards of Conduct to the University; (iii) participation (or reasonable expectation of participation) in any manner in an investigation, meeting, hearing, or interim measure; or (iv) exercise of rights or responsibilities under any provision of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. Retaliation violates the Standards of Conduct regardless of whether the underlying allegation of a violation of the Standards of Conduct is ultimately found to have merit. Retaliation can include an act taken against a person's family, friends, advisors, and/or other persons reasonably expected to provide information in connection with a University investigation or hearing.
Sanction	Disciplinary penalties intended to educate students and student organizations about appropriate behavior, encourage students and student organizations to take responsibility for misconduct, promote the personal and professional development of students, discourage other students and student organizations from violating the Standards of Conduct, and protect members of the University community.
Student	Disciplinary penalties intended to educate students and student organizations about appropriate behavior, encourage students and student organizations to take responsibility for misconduct, promote the personal and professional development of students, discourage other students and student organizations from violating the Standards of Conduct, and protect members of the University community.
Student Conduct Board	A panel of faculty, staff, and students, selected by the Vice Chancellor for Student Development and/or his or her designee, who conduct hearings related to alleged violations of University policy.
Student Organization	Refers to an organization composed of University students that has submitted a pending application or completed the process for registration according to University rules.
Theft	Theft, misappropriation, unauthorized possession, or unauthorized sale of private or public property, including but not limited to University-controlled property.
University	Refers to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

University-Controlled Property	Means all land, buildings, facilities, grounds, structures, or any other property owned, leased, used, maintained, or operated by the University. For purposes of this rule, University-controlled property includes all streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public ways abutting such property. University-controlled property also includes computers and network systems owned, maintained, or controlled by the University or funded by the University.
University-Affiliated Activity	Means any activity on or off University-controlled property that is initiated, aided, authorized, sponsored, or supervised by the University.
Vandalize	To vandalizing, destroying, damaging, engaging in conduct that reasonably could cause damage to, or misusing private or public property, including but not limited to University-controlled property.
Weapon	Means any device, instrument, or substance that is designed to, or reasonably could be expected to, inflict a wound, incapacitate, or cause serious bodily injury or death, including, but not limited to, fi rearms (loaded and unloaded, real fi rearms and devices that appear to a law enforcement officer to be real), ammunition, electronic control devices (such as Tasers and stun guns), devices designed to discharge an object (such as bb guns, air guns, pellet guns, potato guns, and slingshots, but not water guns), explosives, dangerous chemicals (such as mace, tear gas, and oleoresin capsicum), martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, artificial knuckles, nightsticks, blackjacks, dirks, daggers, swords, and knives with fixed blades longer than four (4) inches. The term “weapon” does not include pocket knives that fold (but not excluding switchblades); chemical repellents available over the-counter for self-defense; instruments used solely for personal hygiene, preparation of food, maintenance, University-related instruction, or University employment-related duties.