

## **Student Conduct Overview for 2020-2021 Academic Year**

The Student Conduct Officer is responsible for directing and coordinating matters involving student discipline, maintaining student conduct files, conducting fact-finding conferences with all accused students, and otherwise coordinating activities under the Student Code of Conduct (Board Statutes 2.31.02). The overview that follows reflects student conduct data for the 2020-2021 Academic Year (August 29, 2020 to May 3, 2021), relative to prior academic years.

During the 2020-2021 Academic Year, sixty students were referred to the Dean of Students Office for alleged non-academic and academic misconduct. Thirty-six students were found responsible for Student Code of Conduct violations. The non-academic misconduct referrals were most pronounced in the following prohibited misconducts:

\*4.20 Failure to comply with University instruction pertaining to the containment of the coronavirus virus or of COVID-19 (four referrals in 2020-2021).

\*4.19 Failure to comply with published University regulations or policies, g) Regulations relating to residing in the University's residence halls and apartments (zero referrals in 2019-2020 to four referrals in 2020-2021).

\*4.9 Theft of property or services, or intentional or reckless damage to property, of the institution, or of a member of the institutional community, or of a visitor to the University (zero referrals in 2019-2020 to four referrals in 2020-2021).

The Dean of Students Office continues to see academic misconduct reporting by faculty as they are utilizing the online academic misconduct reporting form via Maxient. 310 students were reported for academic misconduct in 2019-2020 and 298 students were reported in 2020-2021. When a faculty member is persuaded that academic misconduct has occurred, the faculty member may adjust the grade downward (including downgrading to a failing grade) without filing an academic misconduct charge (SCC, Section 10.1A). 285 students received grade downgrades and these referrals are kept on file in the Dean of Students Office, but are not reflected on students' disciplinary records.

Correspondingly, if faculty perceive that the academic misconduct warrants further discipline, they may file academic misconduct charges. (SCC, Section 10.1B) Further discipline may include transcript notation, academic probation, academic suspension, etc. Thirteen students were charged with academic misconduct and found responsible. These cases are referred to the academic Dean of their College for adjudication and are reflected on the student's disciplinary record.

The continued reporting of academic misconduct cases is mostly attributed to online classes due to COVID-19. The Dean of Students Office works with the schools and colleges to assist faculty and educate students about academic integrity expectations at Wayne State University in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### **2020-2021 Comments**

We have continued to train students, faculty, and staff on the rights and responsibilities students have within the Student Code of Conduct and the online reporting process. The Dean of Students Office also provides support to faculty in administering the academic misconduct process to ensure compliance with the Student Code of Conduct. As a result, we have continued to see academic misconduct reporting by faculty. Additionally, this past year (2020-2021), the Dean of Students Office was able to assist faculty and staff who reported thirty COVID-19 non-compliant students. Four of the referrals resulted in students being found responsible for violating the SSC, Section 4.20 Failure to comply with University instruction pertaining to the containment of the coronavirus virus or of COVID-19.

**Summary of Violations of the Student Code of Conduct (SCC)  
Academic Year 2020-2021**

<b>Prohibited Conduct</b>	<b>Number of Students Found Responsible</b>
4.1 Academic Misconduct	13
4.2 Knowingly Providing False Information	0
4.3 Abusive Behavior	3
4.4 Weapons	0
4.5 Initiating threat, false warning	0
4.6 Disruptive/Disorderly Behavior	2
4.7 Disciplinary Sanction Violation	1
4.8 Drugs	0
4.9 Theft or Damage to Property	4
4.10 Knowingly possessing stolen property.	0
4.11 Violation of Local, State, and/or Federal Laws	1
4.12 Misuse of Institutional Facilities/Systems	1
4.13 Furnishing False Information	3
4.14 Obstruction/Disruption of University Activities	2
4.15 Failure to Comply	2
4.16 Maliciously initiating charges... baseless	0
4.17 Misuse of Technology Resources	2
4.18 Any form of sexual misconduct.	0
4.19 University Policy Violation	1
4.19 (a) University statutes prohibiting discrimination and sexual harassment	0
4.19 (b) Unauthorized Entry or Use of Facilities	0
4.19 (c) Alcohol	0
4.19 (d) Unauthorized use of vehicles and electronic equipment	0
4.19 (f) Misuse of Identification	0
4.19 (g) Housing & Residential Life Policy Violation	4
4.20 Failure to comply with University instruction pertaining to the containment of the coronavirus virus or of COVID-19.	4
4.21 Abuse of Student Code of Conduct system	0

**Overview of Misconduct Reported to the Dean of Students Office**

<b>Non-academic Misconduct Cases Reported</b>	<b>47</b>
Students Found Responsible	23
<b>Academic Misconduct Cases Reported</b>	<b>298</b>
Notifications of Grade Adjusted Downward (SCC, Section 10.1A)	285
Students Found Responsible for Student Code of Conduct Violations (SCC, Section 10.1B)	13