

Student Conduct Overview for 2021-2022 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 (September 1, 2021 to May 3, 2022), relative to prior academic years.

During the 2021-2022 Academic Year, seventy-eight students were referred to the Dean of Students Office for alleged non-academic and academic misconduct. Sixty-one 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 to twenty-five referrals in 2021-2022).

*4.15 Failure to comply with the direction of any authorized institutional representative, acting in the performance of his/her duties (two referrals in 2020-2021 to six referrals in 2021-2022).

*4.6 Disorderly behavior that interferes with activities authorized, sponsored, or permitted by the University such as teaching, research, administration, and including disorderly behavior that interferes with the freedom of expression of others (two referrals in 2020-2021 to six referrals in 2021-2022).

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. 277 students were reported for academic misconduct in 2020-2021 and 261 students were reported in 2021-2022. 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). 240 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. Twenty-one 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 in the fall semester 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.

2021-2022 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 (2021-2022), the Dean of Students Office was able to continue to assist faculty and staff who reported COVID-19 non-compliant students.

**Summary of Violations of the Student Code of Conduct (SCC)
Academic Year 2021-2022**

Prohibited Conduct -78	Number of Students Found Responsible
4.1 Academic Misconduct	20
4.2 Knowingly Providing False Information	1
4.3 Abusive Behavior	3
4.4 Weapons	0
4.5 Initiating threat, false warning	1
4.6 Disruptive/Disorderly Behavior	6
4.7 Disciplinary Sanction Violation	4
4.8 Drugs	0
4.9 Theft or Damage to Property	2
4.10 Knowingly possessing stolen property.	1
4.11 Violation of Local, State, and/or Federal Laws	0
4.12 Misuse of Institutional Facilities/Systems	3
4.13 Furnishing False Information	4
4.14 Obstruction/Disruption of University Activities	1
4.15 Failure to comply with the direction of any authorized institutional representative, acting in the performance of his/her duties.	6
4.16 Maliciously initiating charges... baseless	0
4.17 Misuse of Technology Resources	0
4.18 Any form of sexual misconduct.	0
4.19 Failure to comply with published University regulations or policies.	4
4.19 (a) University statutes prohibiting discrimination and sexual harassment	0
4.19 (b) Unauthorized Entry or Use of Facilities	3
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	3
4.20 Failure to comply with University instruction pertaining to the containment of the coronavirus virus or of COVID-19.	25
4.21 Abuse of Student Code of Conduct system	0

Overview of Misconduct Reported to the Dean of Students Office

Non-academic Misconduct Cases Reported	58
Students Found Responsible	41
Academic Misconduct Cases Reported	261
Notifications of Grade Adjusted Downward (SCC, Section 10.1A)	240
Students Found Responsible for Student Code of Conduct Violations (SCC, Section 10.1B)	21