



YOUR GUIDE TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

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OUR MISSION

The mission of Student Conduct is to educate students concerning their rights, privileges, and responsibilities. The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, along with other university policies, are educational tools designed to assist students in their learning, inquiry, and development as active, involved, and responsible citizens.

We strive to maintain a balance between the exercise of individual rights and fostering a caring and public affairs driven community. This is achieved through a participatory educational process where the fair enforcement of university policies and mediation of conflicts promotes students' understanding and acceptance of the consequences of their behaviors.

STUDENTS' RIGHTS

- The student will be notified of the alleged violation(s), including the date, time, location and summary of the allegation.
- The student will be notified of the date, time and location of their conduct meeting.
- The meeting will be fair and impartial.
- The student has the right to bring an advisor or support person who can only advise the student.
- The student may appeal the conduct decision.

CODE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities is an educational tool designed to assist students in their endeavors to educate themselves and become active, involved and responsible citizens. Essentially, it is the expectation the university has for student behavior.

Learn more at: https://www.MissouriState.edu/Policy/G5_01_StudentRightsAndResponsibilities.htm

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

For individuals who have witnessed an incident or would like to report a student/person of concern, please follow the directions below on where the form can be accessed. Our office does not take these concerns lightly and will follow up appropriately to address any/all concerns. Please make sure to provide as much information as possible so such concerns can be addressed swiftly.

The Incident Reporting Form can be found here: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?missouristateuniv&layout_id=0

EXAMPLES OF MISCONDUCT

- Alcohol violations • Drug violations • Residence Life Violations • Theft • Title IX • Harassment • Assault

FERPA

FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and is a federal law that was enacted in 1974. FERPA protects the privacy of student education records, including disciplinary records. All educational institutions that receive federal funding must comply with FERPA. In primary and secondary educational institutions (i.e. K-12), all FERPA rights belong to the parent. However, when the student reaches the age of 18 or begins to attend a post-secondary institutions, regardless of age, all FERPA rights transfer to the student. Missouri State University adheres to a policy of compliance with FERPA. 20 U.S.C. 1232g.

Eligible students have four primary rights under FERPA including the right to:

- 1) Inspect their educational records.
- 2) Consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
- 3) Seek correction of their records, to prevent inaccurate or misleading information.
- 4) File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education if they feel their rights are being violated.

GOOD CITIZEN POLICY

The health and welfare of our students is the highest importance to Missouri State University. In the event that a student is in need of assistance from medical or professional personnel, certain safeguards are granted for students that seek help. While policy violations cannot be overlooked, the Office of Student Conduct will consider the positive impact of reporting an incident on the welfare of students when determining the appropriate response for policy violations by the reporter of the incident.

Students also have the ability to anonymously report matters to our office. Incidents can be reported anonymously by contacting the Office of Student Contact, or using the incident reporting form found on our webpage. There you will also find more information on the Good Citizen Policy.

ENCOURAGING CIVILITY

A "Citizen Bear" is someone who exemplifies what it means to be a good citizen within the Missouri State University community, our nation, and abroad. This person will have a clear understanding of their rights and responsibilities, the three public affairs pillars, and will actively apply that knowledge to strengthen these themes within their community. We encourage all students to research and incorporate civility into their daily activities to promote the most positive MSU community.

