

NUMBER: 1530
TITLE: Code of Student Conduct
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- D. Protect the educational pursuits, health, and safety of all students.
- E. Educate the campus community about the behavioral expectations for students and student organizations/groups.

III. AUTHORITY

Old Dominion University is governed by its Board of Visitors and supported by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board is expressly authorized to establish rules and regulations for the behavior of students in accordance with [Virginia Code Section 23-1301](#), as amended.

The Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Accountability & Academic Integrity ("Assistant Dean") is the University official with primary responsibility

IV. APPLICABILITY

Because the Code is based on shared values,

C. Third-Party Misbehavior:

N. **No Contact Directive (NCD)**: A written communication sent or delivered

who withdraw from the University after allegedly violating the Code will be considered "students" for the purposes of resolving alleged violations.

- Y. **Student Accountability Meeting (SAM):** A meeting with a Conduct Educator to resolve any alleged violations of the Code.
- Z. **Student Group:** Any assembly of five students with a common interest organized to work or act together but are not recognized, associated, or registered, or are not required to register, as a student organization (e.g., athletic teams, musical or theatrical ensembles, other clubs, etc.).
- AA. **Student Organization:** Any assembly of five students from a recognized, associated, or registered club or organization.

VI. General Rules

- A. **Incident Reporting:** There is no time limit on reporting incidents; however, it may be difficult for the University to obtain information and witness statements and make a determination regarding alleged violations as time progresses after an incident. While anonymous reports may be challenging to investigate, the University takes all concerns and reports seriously. Reports can be made using the [Incident Report Form](#). Incidents involving sexual harassment, including but not limited to sexual assault, stalking, c

interest is any factor that adversely affects the University's mission and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. **Crimes:** Violations, including allegations, of any local, state, federal law, or city ordinance. The student accountability process may be carried out prior to, concurrently with, or following criminal proceedings. Determinations made or measures of accountability imposed under this Code will not be subject to change because criminal charges arising out of the same set of facts were dismissed, reduced, or resolved in criminal court. The University may delay its investigation and/or meeting if information is unavailable due to criminal proceedings. The University may impose an interim suspension and determine what information is sufficient to proceed.
2. **Health & Safety Concerns:** Any behavior of a student or student organization/group posing a substantial and immediate threat to the University community or the stability and continuance of normal University functions.
3. **Infringements:** Significantly infringing upon the rights, property, or achievements of self or others or significantly disrupting the university community.

VII. Special Rules

- A. **Student-Athletes:** As an NCAA member institution, student-athletes must comply with the Code of Student Conduct and all applicable rules and regulations of the NCAA and Conference partners, as published in the University Student-Athlete Handbook. The Director of Athletics and the Office of Student Accountability & Academic Integrity may impose accountability measures for any NCAA violation that also violates the Code. Incidents under this provision will be reported annually to the

VIII. Prohibited Behavior

The following prohibited behavior applies to students, student organizations/groups, and/or guests/visitors. The University will treat attempts to commit any of the prohibited behaviors listed in the Code as if those attempts had been completed. Being in the presence of others violating the Code is not in and of itself a violation, absent acts of assistance or encouragement.

Violations of [University Policy 1008: Policy on Title IX and Sexual Misconduct](#), which covers sexual harassment and sexual misconduct, including

summary form); recycling a previous assignment as a new assignment without appropriate citation or not citation and approval from faculty members.

Non-Academic Misbehavior

participated, or refused to participate in an investigation, proceeding, or meeting authorized by law or University policy.

- Z. **Sexual Harassment or Sexual Misconduct:** Any behavior prohibited by [University Policy 1008: Policy on Title IX and Sexual Misconduct](#). Sexual misconduct also includes any form of unwelcome, non-consensual sexual contact, including touching an unwilling person's private parts (defined as genitalia, groin, breast or buttocks or clothing covering them), forcing an unwilling person to touch another's private parts, sexual exploitation, voyeurism and indecent exposure of one's private parts.
- AA. **Smoking, Tobacco, and Vaping:** Smoking or vaping of any kind inside or within 25 feet of building entrances and exits to a University facility; underage use or possession of tobacco or possession in a prohibited area; any violation of [University Policy 3220](#); and any use of tobacco, smoke, or vaping where smoking is strictly prohibited on portions of campus.
- BB. **Stealing:** Taking or borrowing a thing of value or property (including intellectual property) from its owner without permission.
- CC. **Threat:** An act, statement, or expression intended to cause damage, fear, injury, pain, or other intimidating action during an incident or altercation.
- DD. **Unauthorized Entry:** Entering into or using University buildings, equipment, or property of others ~~or~~

best way possible with the information available at the time. The Office of Student Accountability and Academic Integrity has sole discretion in the steps taken in particular cases.

The student accountability process is educational and wholly different from the legal or criminal process. Students may find themselves participating in both processes.

A. Individual Student Accountability Process

1. Whenever the Office of Student Accountability & Academic Integrity receives reports from the Old Dominion University Police Department, Housing and Residence Life, students, faculty members, staff members, administrators, community members, or a concerned party, the office reviews the report to determine if the behavior may be a possible violation of the Code of Student Conduct.
2. If the office determines a possible violation of the Code of Student Conduct, a Student Accountability Meeting (SAM) notification letter is sent to the student(s) involved in the incident.

The interim suspension shall remain in effect until rescinded in writing or their case has reached a final resolution. The process includes the following:

- a. A determination is made that a student's behavior is considered a concern for the health or safety of the campus community.
 - b. The Office of Student Accountability & Academic Integrity will send a letter notifying the student of their interim suspension.
 - c. The student will have the right to appeal their interim suspension to an Appeals Reviewer to determine whether their continued presence poses a substantial and immediate threat to the health or safety of the University community. The student must complete the [Interim Suspension Appeal Form](#). The decision of the Appeals Reviewer will be final.
 - d. A Student Accountability Meeting (SAM) will be scheduled as soon as possible to resolve any matters that significantly impact the student's ability to reasonably participate in the pursuit of their degree.
- B. **No Contact Directives (NCD):** Written communication emailed to the student that prohibits direct, indirect, or third-party contact (e.g., physical, written, verbal, telephone, electronic communication, or any other contact) between parties.
- a. Students may request no-contact directives, or the Office of Student Accountability & Academic Integrity can issue a No Contact Directive (NCD) if a student is found responsible for a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

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is involved in the same incident, student accountability meetings may be combined, though separate findings will be made for each student.

- A. **Student Accountability Meeting (SAM):** A Student Accountability Meeting is a formal resolution convened to address alleged violations of the Code. During this meeting, the alleged misbehavior is discussed, evidence may be presented, and the student has the opportunity to respond. The goal is to reach a resolution that aligns with the University's policies and fosters a positive campus environment. All student accountability meetings are closed. Conduct Educators will determine the relevance of information and credibility of participants. The Office of Student Accountability & Academic Integrity may offer a SAM waiver, including proposed pathway projects, to a student. If accepted, the student will waive their right to a SAM, take responsibility for the allegations, and accept pathway projects without a SAM.

- B. **University Accountability Board Meeting:** The University Accountability Board Meeting

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- participate in university activities (in person or virtually) without express permission from the Assistant Dean or designee. A registration hold is placed on the student's account during the suspension. A postponement of the implementation of suspension may be appropriate in certain situations or circumstances.
- F. **Expulsion:** Permanent separation from the University with no opportunity for readmission/re-enrollment. The student is not permitted on university premises or at university activities, in person or virtually, without permission from the Office of Student Accountability & Academic Integrity and will be subject to trespass orders. A registration hold will be placed on the student's account. If a student organization/group is expelled, they will lose their recognition status and all the rights and privileges that come with being a student organization/group, such as university resources or support.
 - G. **Educational or Restorative Measures:** Any pathway projects designed to help students reflect or learn from their policy violation.
 - H. **Housing Expulsion:** Permanently canceling a student's Housing & Dining Agreement. The student remains financially responsible for the entire cost of the agreement period for the assigned building. The student is not permitted in any residential communities.

XVII: Parent and