Student Behavior in the Classroom

Whenever a student’s behavior in class is deemed by the instructor to be disruptive, the student should be promptly informed of such and requested to cease the behavior. Notification and request may occur in class or another time and place deemed appropriate by the faculty member (e.g., the faculty member’s office). At this time, the student should also be notified that failure to comply with the faculty member’s request may result in the student being subject to disciplinary action by the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability under the Student Code of Conduct.

If the student does not cease the disruptive behavior, the student may be dismissed from class. The student may attend subsequent classes unless the disruptive behavior persists. If the student refuses the faculty member’s request to cease the disruptive behavior, the University Police may be requested to remove the student. Faculty also should report incidents of disruptive behavior to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability, the department head, and the Dean.

The University Police should be involved only after all reasonable classroom management efforts have failed. However, if at any time a faculty member believes that a student poses a physical threat, the University Police should be contacted immediately.