



Student Advocacy
and Accountability

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

FOR THE FUTURE



Code of Conduct

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ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

Southeastern Louisiana University, in pursuit of its educational mission, seeks to teach students **citizenship, to value others and respect the community**. The University affirms that students, upon enrollment, do not lose the rights of, nor are they exempted from, fulfilling the obligations and duties of citizens. Students have the responsibility to familiarize themselves with the Student Code of Conduct and with University policies including, but not limited to, those pertaining to harassment, computer use, academic dishonesty, and traffic regulations. **Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which supports the educational mission and functions of the University, as well as to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and all applicable University policies.**

It is each student's responsibility to keep informed and comply with the Student Code of Conduct as well as other published rules and policies. A current copy of the Student Code of Conduct can be found at www.southeastern.edu/studenthandbook. For additional information regarding the Student Code of Conduct Standards contact the Southeastern Louisiana University Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability at (985) 549-2213.

The University reserves the right to change the Student Code of Conduct at any time during the academic year.

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ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to terms and or phrases used in Southeastern Louisiana University Student Code of Conduct:

- A. The term **"University"** means Southeastern Louisiana University.
- B. The term **"Student"** includes all persons taking courses at the University whether full time, part-time, dually enrolled, and visiting, online, for non-credit, or pursuing undergraduate, graduate, professional studies or non-degree seeking. Also included are

those who attend post-secondary educational institutions other than Southeastern Louisiana University and who reside in University residence halls. This Code of Conduct also applies to all persons taking courses at satellite locations of the University.

- C. The term “**Organization**” and/or “**Student Organization**” means any number of persons who have complied with the formal requirements for University recognition. These terms are interchangeable with the term “student” as it relates to all areas of the Student Code of Conduct unless otherwise stated. In other words, student organizations will be held responsible for abiding by the Student Code of Conduct as if they were individual students and are subject to all regulations and sanctions herein stated.
- D. The term “**Faculty Member**” means any person hired by the University to conduct classroom or academic activities.
- E. The term “**Staff Member**” means any person hired by the University to work and/or perform administrative or other responsibilities.
- F. The term “**University Official**” includes any person employed by the University, performing assigned administrative or professional responsibilities.
- G. The term “**Member of the University community**” includes any person who is a student, faculty member, staff member, University official or any other person employed by or associated with the University. A person’s status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Chief Student Conduct Officer.
- H. The term “**University premises**” includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by the University (including adjacent streets and sidewalks), either on the main campus or at satellite sites.
- I. The term “**Conduct Authority**” means those persons designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs to administer the Student Code of Conduct. The Conduct Authority serves as Hearing Officers and Hearing Board Advisors. Nothing shall prevent the Vice President for Student Affairs from authorizing the Conduct Authority from imposing sanctions in all cases. The Conduct Authority consists of three types of conduct officers:
 - a. The term “**Chief Conduct Officer**” or Director for the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability (OSAA) means that person designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs who is primarily responsible for administration of the Student Code of Conduct.

- b. The term “**Assistant Director of OSAA**” means that person designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs and reports to the Chief Student Conduct Officer who is responsible for administration of the Student Code of Conduct.
 - c. The term “**Residential Conduct Officer**” means that person designated by the Director of University Housing who is responsible for administration of the Student Code of Conduct as it applies to on-campus residents who are involved in incidents that occur within the facilities and do not rise to the level of possible expulsion or suspension from the University.
- J. The term “**Hearing Board Advisor**” means the professional staff person designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs who serves in an advisory capacity to a hearing board.
- K. The term “**Hearing Body**” means any person or persons authorized by the Vice President for Student Affairs to determine whether a student has violated the Student Code of Conduct. There are two types of hearing bodies: (1) a Hearing Officer, and; (2) a Hearing Board.
- a. The term “**Hearing Officer**” or “**Administrative Hearing Officer**” means a University official authorized to administer the Student Code of Conduct, its corresponding administrative procedures, and to impose sanctions upon students found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct. Examples of Hearing Officers include, but are not limited to, the Chief Student Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA, the Director of University Housing, and/or Residential Conduct Officers. Nothing shall prevent the Vice President for Student Affairs from authorizing a University Official to serve in the role of “Hearing Officer” or “Administrative Hearing Officer.”
 - b. Hearing Boards include:
 - i. Student Conduct Hearing Board: A committee of students and faculty and/or staff members who hear discipline cases. This hearing board is authorized to determine whether a student and/or a student organization

has violated the Student Code of Conduct and to recommend the imposition of sanctions. The board consists of at least two but no more than four members and a Chairperson (who votes only in case of a tie).

- ii. Administrative Hearing Board: A group of faculty and/or staff who are appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Chief Student Conduct Officer or designee to serve as the hearing body. The board consists of at least two but no more than four members and a chairperson (who votes only in case of a tie). An Administrative Hearing Board may be used in cases including, but not limited to those involving: scheduling difficulties, such as when a hearing is scheduled between academic semesters or during final examination periods; the sensitive nature of an incident, such as cases of alleged sexual harassment where a party involved is concerned with issues of confidentiality, and/or; other cases where the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Chief Student Conduct Officer or designee determines an administrative hearing is appropriate to the incident.
- L. The term “**Mediator**” means a University official authorized on a case-by-case basis by the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Chief Student Conduct Officer or designee to conduct an alternative dispute resolution process in cases where both parties agree to work to resolve an incident in a setting less formal than a hearing.
 - M. The term “**Complainant**” means any member of the University community who submits a charge alleging that a student violated the Student Code of Conduct.
 - N. The term “**Respondent**” means any student accused of violating this Student Code of Conduct.
 - O. The term “**Advisor**” means an individual allowed to offer support to either the complainant or respondent during the Accountability process. An Advisor may not have personal involvement regarding any facts or circumstances of the charge.
 - P. The term “**Sanction**” means any type of corrective or restorative action intended to remediate a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
 - Q. The term “**Witness**” means anyone who has first-hand knowledge of an incident. Witnesses play a voluntary role and may decline any involvement in the disciplinary process. Both the Complainant and Respondent shall have the right to call witnesses. Although both the complaining and responding parties are responsible for requesting the

support of their own witnesses, nothing shall prevent the Chief Student Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA, the Director of University Housing, the Residential Conduct Officer or designee from calling witnesses.

- R. The term “**Administrative Discipline Conference**” or “**Discipline Conference**” means a meeting between the student and the appropriate hearing officer. At that conference the Student Code of Conduct and applicable administrative procedures are discussed. S. The term “**shall**” is used in the imperative/mandatory sense.
- T. The term “**may**” is used in the permissive sense.
- U. The term “**policy**” is defined as all written regulations of the University.
- V. The term “**cheating**” includes, but is not limited to: (1) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; (2) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; (3) the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic materials belonging to a member of the University faculty or staff; (4) engaging in any behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or class discussion; (5) and/or other violations as defined by University policies.
- W. The term “**plagiarism**” includes, but is not limited to, the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes stealing and passing off the ideas and/or words of another as one’s own; using a created production without crediting the source; the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials; and/or other violations as defined by University policies.
- X. The term “**amnesty**” includes a pardon or reprieve from an offense or violation. The purpose of Amnesty is to remove barriers and increase the likelihood that students who require emergency medical assistance because of high-risk behaviors (alcohol and/or drug use) will seek such assistance. All incidents will be assessed by The Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability to determine if amnesty will be granted.
- Y. The term “**Identity and Expression**”, is Gender Identity means how a person sees themselves. It is their own internal sense and personal experience of gender. Gender expression includes all the ways a person communicates their gender based on societal factors such as gender norms and perceptions.

- Z. The term “**Hate Act**” is acts of prejudice that are not crimes and do not involve violence, threats, or property damage.
- AA.The term “**Hate Crime**” is a crime motivated by bias against race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

ARTICLE III: CONDUCT AUTHORITY

- A.** The Conduct Authority shall determine the composition of hearing bodies.
- B.** The Vice President for Student Affairs and the Conduct Authority shall develop policies for the administration of the conduct program and procedural rules for the conduct of hearings which are consistent with provisions of the Student Code of Conduct.
- C.** An Administrative Hearing Officer, Residential Conduct Officer, and/or a Hearing Board determines if a student or student organization is responsible for a breach of the Student Code of Conduct and any other University policy regarding student behavior. Hearing Boards recommend sanctions to the Conduct Authority. The only authority who can determine sanctions (as opposed to recommending those sanctions) is the Conduct Authority, and/or the administrator who hears the appeal.
- D.** As a rule, all incidents which may result in suspension or expulsion from the University will be referred, after an initial disciplinary conference, to a Student Conduct Hearing Board or an Administrative Hearing Board. However, should the accused take responsibility for the alleged violation and choose not to proceed to a hearing board or panel, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Conduct Authority, or designee may choose to honor the request. The request must be in writing and signed by the respondent.
- E.** Decisions made by a hearing board and/or hearing officer shall be final, pending normal appeal procedures.
- F.** After an initial contact with an administrative hearing officer, a mediator may be designated as arbitrator of a dispute within the campus community in cases where both parties agree to this alternative resolution. Both parties must agree to mediation and to be bound by the decision with no right of appeal. If the parties do not uphold the mediated agreement; if the parties do not appear at the designated mediation session; or, if the incident cannot be resolved in the mediation, the case may be resolved through a hearing.

ARTICLE IV: PROSCRIBED CONDUCT

A. Jurisdiction of the University

Generally, University jurisdiction and discipline shall be limited to conduct, which occurs on University premises, at University sponsored activities, or off-campus conduct that adversely affects the University Community and/or has a detrimental impact on the University's educational function.

B. Amnesty

In certain cases, the Office of Student Advocacy & Accountability will grant amnesty. Students who take reasonable action to prevent, stop, or report violations of the Student Code of Conduct may be protected by amnesty.

C. Conduct - Standards and Regulations

Any student found to have committed an act of misconduct, including but not limited to the following illustrations of misconduct, is subject to disciplinary action:

1. Acts of dishonesty/Academic Dishonesty. Acts of dishonesty are any form of fraudulent behavior. Acts of dishonesty includes but is not limited to:

- furnishing false information to any university official, office, or other law enforcement officer;
- forgery, alteration, unauthorized possession, or misuse of University documents, records, instruments of identification (including faculty materials related to the educational process), or access devices (including keys);
- tampering with the election of any University-recognized student organization or University-recognized event;
- ineligible association in a student organization or University-recognized event;
- collusion;
- writing checks to the University on a closed account or on accounts with insufficient funds;
- offering or causing to be offered any bribe or favor to a University official, office, or other law enforcement officer to influence a decision;
- knowingly performing, attempting to perform, or assisting another in performing any acts of academic dishonesty, cheating on examinations,

plagiarism, improper acknowledgment of sources in essays and the use of a single essay or paper in more than one course without permission are considered very serious offenses and shall be grounds for disciplinary action;

- “stealing, buying, or otherwise obtaining all or part of a non-administered test or academic document including, but not limited to: practice test, study guide, lab reports; selling or giving away or engaging in bribery to get all or part of a non-administered test or academic document (practice test, study guides, lab reports) or any information about it is prohibited.

2. Disorderly conduct. Disorderly conduct is lewd, indecent behavior or conduct which disrupts University functions. Disorderly conduct includes all unruly behavior including but not limited to:

- obstructing the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- conducting a campus demonstration which disrupts the operations of the University and infringes on the rights of other members of the University community;
- creating excessive noise or aiding, abetting, or procuring another person to breach the peace;
- interfering with the duties of a student, faculty/staff member or university official;
- impersonating a university official
- withholding information vital to any investigation carried out by an authorized agent of the University;
- malfeasance of office in a student organization;
- any unauthorized use of devices to make an audio or video record of any person without his or her prior knowledge or consent.
- Inappropriate use of coasting devices (skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, and similar wheeled devices) including but not limited to: riding on rails, curbs, benches, or any such fixtures that may be damaged by these activities.

3. Abusive conduct. Abusive conduct includes all forms of harassment, abusive, and violent behavior. Abusive conduct includes all offenses which create an

intimidating or offensive academic, work, or campus environment including but not limited to:

- bias incidents including but not limited to acts of bias, acts of conduct, speech, or expression that target individuals and groups based on age, citizenship, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, geographic origin, language, marital status, nationality, race religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status;
- engaging in, attempting any form of physical abuse injurious to oneself, to another or to a group of people;
- threatening, intimidating, humiliating, coercing, hate act, hate crime, discrimination and/or harassing in a manner which causes another person or group of people to be reasonably apprehensive;
- endangering the health or safety of oneself or another person;
- stalking;
- bullying;
- abuse or harassment involving the use of telecommunications, computer equipment, and/or social media.

4. Power-Base Violence and Sexual Misconduct. Power-based violence defined as any form of interpersonal violence intended to control or intimidate another person through the assertion of power over the person. Sexual misconduct is sexual harassment, abuse, assault; and/or any form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX. Sexual misconduct cases may be adjudicated under general conduct and/or Title IX procedures based on jurisdiction.

The link below provides a full definition of Power-based Violence and Sexual Misconduct:

<http://www.southeastern.edu/resources/policies/assets/powerbased-sexual-misconduct.pdf>

5. Endangerment. Endangerment involves endangering another's or one's own physical well-being that disrupts the learning environment. Endangering behavior includes, but not limited to:

- conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of oneself, another, or a group of people;

- compromising the security of a residence hall or other university facility;
- unsafe operation of a motor vehicle including but not limited to University premises (i.e. excessive speed, seatbelt...)
- unsafe behavior including, but not limited to riding bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, paintball games/wars, and/or kicking or playing ball unsafely and/or in unauthorized areas on campus.

*Students who endanger their own, another, or a group of people's physical well-being; and disrupt the campus community, may be suspended on an interim basis from the residence halls and/or the University.

6. Drug Violation. Is the use, consumption, possession, manufacture, furnishing, procuring, purchasing, sale, and/or distribution of any form of drugs except as expressly permitted by law. Use of drugs includes but not limited to:

- illicit drugs, narcotics, or other controlled substances;
- synthetic drugs (including but not limited to marijuana, incense, bath salts, and other manufactured drugs);
- drug paraphernalia (including but not limited to hookahs and other smoking devices, weights, scales, and rolling papers);
- operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

7. Alcohol Violation. Is the use, consumption, possession, manufacture, purchasing, sale, furnishing and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University property or at any of its activities (whether on or off-campus) except as expressly permitted by University regulations and the law. The use of alcohol includes but not limited to:

- unauthorized use, consumption, possession;
- use, consumption, possession and/or purchasing of alcoholic beverages by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age either through action or inaction;
- furnishing, serving, and/or otherwise providing alcoholic beverages to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age;
- operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol;

- operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol;
- public intoxication on University property;
- failure to properly register events involving alcohol, as required by the University Alcohol and Drug Policy;
- violations as noted in the University Alcohol and Drug Policy.

8. Abuse of property. The abuse of property includes all forms of property abuse. Abuse of property includes but not limited to:

- attempted or actual theft, unauthorized possession (including the possession of property that can reasonably be determined to have been stolen from the university, another person, business or organization
- malicious misuse, or destruction of property;
- damaging and/or vandalizing property;
- unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of keys to any University premises;
- unauthorized use of University premises;
- unauthorized use of University names and images;
- unauthorized possession of animals on campus;
- smoking on campus;
- unauthorized chalking;
- littering, dumping, posting, and/or distribution of unauthorized materials.

9. Trespassing. Trespassing is unauthorized presence on, in, or within any virtual space, building, or property owned or operated by the University, and/or, unauthorized visitation in a University residence hall including violations of established open house and/or closing hours.

10. Weapons violation. A weapons violation includes the possession or use of weapons. Weapons violations include but are not limited to:

- possessions of sticks, poles, clubs, swords, shields, body armor or makeshift body-armor, masks, helmets and other garments, such as sporting protective gear, that alone or in combination could be reasonably construed as weapons or body-armor on property owned or controlled by the University, without written permission from the dean of students;

- possession or use of guns and other firearms (i.e., airsoft, pellet, paintball, etc.), tasers, and knives with blades longer than five inches on University property;
- any illegal or unauthorized possession, use, or threatening the use of firearms, knives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals;
- other violations in weapon policy or as defined by the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System Policies and Procedures.

11. Explosives violation. An explosives violation includes the possession or use of explosives is any unauthorized possession or use of explosives including but not limited to:

- threatening the use of explosives, bombs or incendiary devices, except as required for classroom instruction;
- use of ammunition, fireworks and/or firecrackers without official University permission.

12. Abuse of computers and other technology. Abuse of computers and other technology is all forms of technology abuse. Abuse of computers and other technology includes but is not limited to:

- sending or posting obscene or abusive messages through electronic means;
- unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read, change the contents, transfer, or for any other purpose;
- misrepresentation of self or a student organization through computer or electronic means;
- unauthorized use of another individual's identification and/or password; sharing the use of restricted passcodes for electronic educational platforms;
- use of computers and other technology to interfere with normal operation of the University computing system, the work of another member of the University community, or to harm a member of the University community;
- all other violations as noted in the University policy on computer use.

13. Safety violation. A safety violation involves a failure to abide by and/or interfering with safety regulations, emergency evacuations, and/or equipment. Safety violations include but are not limited to:

- failure to wear face coverings in compliance with the University's rules, policy, and regulations;
- failure to adhere to governmental mandates or public health orders established to reduce the risk of spreading infectious disease;
- failing to leave a building or area during emergency evacuation, hindering another's exit during an alarm or evacuation;
- tampering, or attempting to tamper with fire/safety equipment;
- intentionally aiding, encouraging or starting a fire unless approved for academic purposes by the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee;
- causing a fire on campus because of negligence;
- possessing of flammable liquids, burning candles, oil lamps, incense or other flammable items or substances that produce an offensive odor, in any building owned by the University, except as required for classroom instruction;
- failing to park bicycles in designated bike areas;
- possession and/or use of any equipment not approved for use in your residential facility.

14. Violation of other published University policies, rules, or regulations. Violation of other published University policies, rules, or regulations includes any failure to adhere to any published University policy. To view a full list of University Policies, please visit this link: www.southeastern.edu/policies

15. Violation of federal, state, and/or local laws. A Violation of federal, state, and/or local laws involves any conduct on University premises or at University sponsored or supervised functions which constitutes a violation of a federal, state, or local law; and/or, illegal activity occurring away from campus resulting in arrest, prosecution, or the imposition of the penalty prescribed by the federal, state, or local law where such violations have an adverse effect on the educational mission of the University.

- 16. Failure to comply.** Failure to comply is any refusal to comply with the directions of a University official in the performance of his/her duties. Failure to comply includes but is not limited to:
- failing to identify one's self;
 - failing to respond to a disciplinary conference and/or a hearing summons;
 - failing to complete any sanction given by a hearing body or University official;
 - failing to meet financial obligations incurred by the student to the University.
- 17. Abuse of the campus discipline system.** Abuse of the campus discipline system involves interfering with the disciplinary process. Abuse of the campus discipline system includes but is not limited to:
- attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the campus discipline system;
 - falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a hearing body;
 - disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a campus disciplinary proceeding;
 - knowingly initiating campus discipline procedures without cause;
 - attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a hearing body prior to, and/or during a campus disciplinary proceeding;
 - harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a hearing body prior to, during, and/or after a campus disciplinary proceeding;
 - influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the campus discipline system.
- 18. Disruption.** Disruption is disturbing the peace and good order of the university and surrounding communities and/or bringing a guest, to any classroom setting without prior authorization.
- 19. Hazing.** Hazing means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act by a person acting alone or acting with others that is directed against another when both of the following apply:

- i. The person knew or should have known that such an act endangers the physical health or safety of the other person or causes severe emotional distress.
- ii. The act was associated with pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, participating in, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization.

To learn more about Southeastern Louisiana University's Hazing Policy visit:

https://www.southeastern.edu/resources/policies/policy_detail/hazing.html

D. Violation of Law and University Discipline

1. If a student is charged only with an off-campus violation of federal, state, or local laws, but not with any other violation of this code, disciplinary action may be taken, and sanctions imposed for grave misconduct which has a detrimental impact on the University's educational function.
2. Students may be accountable to both external authorities and to the University for acts that constitute violations of federal, state, or local laws and this code. At the discretion of the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Chief Student Conduct Officer disciplinary proceedings will continue normally regardless of pending administrative, civil or criminal proceedings arising out of the same or other events. The outcomes of disciplinary proceedings will not be subject to challenge on the ground that criminal charges involving the same incident have been dismissed, reduced, or are pending.
3. When a student is charged by federal, state or local authorities with a violation of law, the University will not request or agree to special consideration for that individual because of his or her status as a student. If the alleged offense is also the subject of a proceeding before a hearing body under the Student Code of Conduct, however, the University may advise off-campus authorities of the existence of the Student Code of Conduct and of how such matters will be handled internally within the University community. The University will cooperate fully with law enforcement and other agencies in the enforcement of criminal law on campus and in the conditions imposed by criminal courts for the rehabilitation of student violators. Individual students and faculty/staff members,

acting in their personal capacities, remain free to interact with governmental representatives as they deem appropriate.

ARTICLE V: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES A. Student Rights

The University affirms the following student rights and privileges in disciplinary proceedings:

1. To be informed of the Student Code of Conduct and its corresponding procedures;
2. To petition for redress of a grievance arising from an incident which violates University policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct. Any member of the University community may file a discipline charge or complaint against a student when that person believes the student has violated any University policy;
3. To receive notice of any alleged violations of University policy and/or breaches of the Student Code of Conduct;
4. To have the benefit of an opportunity to be heard by an impartial Hearing Board or Hearing Officer in addressing an allegation/s of a violation of University policy;
5. To have an advisor, including an attorney, present in a disciplinary conference and/or hearing. Advisors may not participate directly in a disciplinary conference and/or hearing process, nor may an advisor address any participant in the disciplinary conference and/or hearing process other than the student the advisor represents. An advisor may represent in cases that are associated with Title IX.
6. To examine evidence to be used against him or her at the administrative discipline conference or prior to a formal hearing;
7. To view the list of witnesses against him or her at the administrative discipline conference or prior to a formal hearing.

B. Victim's Rights

The University affords additional rights to student victims of acts of violence and harassment (i.e. such as sexual assault, rape, physical assault, hazing, sexual harassment, and stalking) in disciplinary proceedings:

1. To be informed of available accommodations both on and off campus (i.e. notified of available counseling, changing academic and living arrangements);
2. To have a campus no contact order against the alleged student;
3. To have a hearing board comprised of representatives of both genders;
4. To have unrelated past behavior excluded from the hearing (i.e. irrelevant prior sexual history);
5. To testify with special accommodations (i.e. by phone, behind a screen, video, etc.);
6. To have no direct contact with the accused student during the hearing (i.e. questions from the accused student would be posed through the Board Chairperson and then relayed to the victim or an appointed Confidential Advisor may speak on the student's behalf);
7. To provide questions to the Board Chairperson prior to or during the hearing that she/he may incorporate those into questioning the accused student;
8. To be informed of the names of all witnesses who will be called to give testimony;
9. To have an advisor present at all proceedings; in cases of Title IX offenses, a Confidential Advisor is required.
10. To request a recess during the hearing;
11. To be informed of outcome of the discipline process, simultaneously with the responding party;
12. To appeal the Hearing Board's decision as defined in Article VII, Section A of the Code of Student Conduct.

C. Student Responsibilities

The following responsibilities represent the standard of conduct at the University:

1. To maintain a level of behavior consistent with the mission of the University;
2. To observe the laws of local, state, and federal government;
3. To read, become familiar with, and adhere to University policies;
4. To respect the personal and property rights of others;
5. To stay informed by reading communications from the University.

ARTICLE VI: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

A. Charges

Complaints of misconduct against a student may be filed online at www.southeastern.edu/reportit by any member of the University community. **Always, call 911 or University Police at 985-549-2222 in the case of an emergency.** Complaints shall be prepared in writing and directed to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability, or, in violations occurring in the University residential facilities, to the Residential Conduct Officer or designee. In the disciplinary hearing, the complainant (person filing charges) bears the burden of proof. Persons considering filing complaints are encouraged to arrange for a meeting with a Conduct Officer prior to filing complaints to discuss filing and hearing procedures. **The written complaints should include:**

1. Full name, local address, and phone numbers of the complainant, accused, and witnesses, (and whenever possible, "W" numbers);
2. The specific conduct standard, policy, and/or rule allegedly violated (this may be determined by the conduct officer);
3. The date, time, location and persons involved in the incident under investigation;
4. A narrative of the incident describing what occurred;
5. Copies of pertinent witness statements, police and/or housing reports, along with a list of any other physical evidence (photographs, written documents, items, etc.), to be presented at the hearing; and,
 - Complaints should be submitted as soon as possible after the incident, preferably within ten (10) working days. Barring unusual or extenuating circumstances, such as sexual misconduct and acts of violence, complaints may not be accepted for incidents which occurred more than 30 working days prior to filing.
 - Students may not avoid campus disciplinary action by withdrawing or graduating from the University. Any complaints/charges or sanctions pending when a student leaves the University must be properly disposed of prior to releasing the student's records or the matter may be adjudicated without the respondent being present.
 - The University may withhold awarding a degree otherwise earned until the completion of the process set forth in this Student Conduct Code,

including the completion of all sanctions imposed, if any. Students who receive a disciplinary sanction involving separation from the University, and/or University housing are reminded that the University's normal refund policy will apply.

- The Hearing Officer may investigate to determine if the complaint has merit and/or if the complaint can be disposed of administratively by mutual consent of the parties involved on a basis acceptable to the Hearing Officer.

B. Preliminary Administrative Disciplinary Conference

1. Upon receipt of a properly filed complaint, a staff member of the appropriate conduct office shall notify the accused student by email, regular mail or hand delivery that proceedings have been initiated. The letter indicates a scheduled meeting time with a Hearing Officer or directs the student to schedule a preliminary/administrative discipline conference within a specified amount of time. The letter also lists the alleged violation with which the student is being charged. Failure to comply with this directive may result in a full hearing board being scheduled.
2. The purpose of the preliminary administrative disciplinary conference is to provide the student an opportunity to review the alleged offense/s with the Hearing Officer, to examine evidence, to discuss the Student Code of Conduct and the discipline process. Students who do not have a copy of the Student Code of Conduct will be directed to an online copy. Further, the student and the Hearing Officer will determine if the matter can be resolved through mutual agreement, including, but not limited to, the charges/complaints being rendered null and void; an administrative agreement being signed which indicates the student assumes responsibility for a violation/s of the Student Code of Conduct; or, a referral to mediation. If at the administrative disciplinary conference, the respondent assumes responsibility for an infraction, the student may sign an administrative agreement and waive any further proceedings and/or appeals. If the complaint cannot be disposed of by mutual consent, the matter will be referred to a hearing involving a Student Conduct Hearing Board, an Administrative Hearing Board, or a Hearing Officer.

3. Failure to respond to a Disciplinary summons may result in any or all of the following:
 - a. A referral of your case to a hearing board.
 - b. A \$100 fine assessed against your account.
 - c. A block placed on your ability to register for future classes.
 - d. A hold placed on your academic records.

C. Hearings involving a Hearing Board

In cases which cannot be resolved in an Administrative Disciplinary Conference, and in those incidents, which rise to the level of expulsion or suspension from the University or University Housing, the matter will be referred to a Student Conduct Hearing Board, or an Administrative Hearing Board. Hearings involving a hearing board are designed for both the complainant and respondent to present their accounts of an incident.

1. The accused student shall be given written notice of the hearing to inform him/her of the specific charge(s), of his/her rights as a student, and the date, time, and location of the hearing.
 - a. Generally, a time set for a hearing will be at least two or no more than 15 working days after the student has been notified of the hearing. However, due to the nature of the academic year, if the incident occurs close to the end of a semester, or if the appropriate hearing body cannot be scheduled, the student's case will be heard as soon as a hearing can be scheduled.
 - b. Maximum time limits for scheduling hearings may be extended at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Conduct Authority.
 - c. Notice shall be sent/delivered to the last local/ mailing address and/or Email account identified on the student's official records and shall be considered delivered two working days after the letter has been posted.
 - d. Students are responsible for notifying the University of their current contact information including physical/ mailing/ electronic addresses. Address changes must be made through the Office of Records and Registration. Failure to notify the University of the current local address,

to collect one's mail from one's address, and/or to receive or sign for a discipline mailing does not void the fact that a notice was delivered.

- e. Hand delivered notices are delivered on the date they are given to the student.
2. The purpose of a disciplinary hearing is to determine if the accused student is responsible for violating one or more standards of the Student Code of Conduct, and to recommend any appropriate sanctions. A student is presumed to be not responsible until proven responsible in a disciplinary hearing. The burden of proof shall rest on the complainant.
 3. Order of the Hearing: The hearing is structured such that the discussion proceeds in an orderly manner. Below is the order that the hearing follows:
 - a. The reading of the complaint/charges by the hearing chairperson;
 - b. The entering of pleas by each respondent.
 - c. There are three pleas: Responsible, Not Responsible, and No Plea, which indicates that the student does not know whether she/he is responsible, or means the student is unwilling to say and is allowing the Board to decide.
 - d. Statement of complainant and introduction of evidence;
 - e. Questioning by the respondent and the Board and or the Hearing Board Advisor;
 - f. Statement of the respondent and introduction of evidence;
 - g. Questioning by the complainant and the Board, and the Hearing Board Advisor:
 - h. Statement of the complainant's witnesses, followed by respondent's questions, and, then those of the Board and or the Hearing Board Advisor;
 - i. Statements of the respondent's witnesses, followed by complainant's questions, and, then those of the Board, and or the Hearing Board Advisor;
 - j. Additional questions by the Board, the Hearing Board Advisor, complainant, and/ or respondent;
 - k. Closing statements, first by the complainant and then by the respondent; Closing statements shall be specific to the incident involved

and may include any reiteration of previously stated facts, written statements of character by a third party, and/or any other comments involving the case. Closing statements are the final opportunity for the respondent and the complainant to provide any additional information which will facilitate the Board's decision, including recommendations for sanctions. Closing statements may be limited to a specified time constraint at the Board and or the Hearing Board Advisor's discretion.

- I. Deliberation of the Board;
 - m. Recommendation of the Board to the advisor;
 - n. Notification of the decision and, if necessary, sanctions. Delivery of the notice may be by hand, E-mail, or through the mail.
4. A hearing before a Hearing Board shall be conducted according to the following guidelines:
- a. Hearings normally shall be conducted in private. Only the hearing body/officer, respondent, complainant, their designated advisors, the recorder, and persons identified with the University community as having an educational need to know, may be present for the beginning of the hearing. Each witness will be called into the hearing individually to give testimony. Subject to the approval of the Hearing Board Advisor and the parties involved, an observer may be admitted, but shall not have the privilege of participating in the hearing. Written requests for a waiver of rights to a private hearing, along with proper documented approval from all parties outlined above, must be submitted to the Conduct Authority at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Admission of any person to the hearing shall be at the discretion of the hearing body and/or the Hearing Board Advisor. Only the hearing body/officer and persons identified with the University community as having an educational need to know may be present during deliberations.
 - b. In hearings involving more than one respondent student, the Hearing Board Advisor, at his or her discretion, may permit the hearing concerning each student to be conducted separately.
 - c. The complainant and the respondent have the right to be assisted by any advisor they choose, at their own expense. The complainant and the

respondent are responsible for presenting their own cases and; therefore, advisors are not permitted to speak or to participate directly in any hearing before a hearing body. Written notification of the name and relationship of an advisor to the complainant or respondent must be submitted to the Hearing Board Advisor at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

- d. The complainant, the respondent and the hearing body shall have the privilege of presenting witnesses, subject to questioning. All parties are responsible for notifying their witnesses of the date and time of the hearing. Written notification of the names and relationships of witnesses to the complainant or respondent must be submitted to the Hearing Board Advisor at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.
- e. Respondents have the right to remain silent, although present, at disciplinary hearings; Respondents may refuse to answer any question(s) and shall participate in the remainder of the hearing. Remaining silent or refusing to answer questions shall not be construed as an admission of responsibility or used against the student. Failure to appear to a hearing will not be viewed as an act of silence. Failure to appear will not delay the hearing process and may result in additional charges issued.
- f. Statements given in disciplinary hearings are confidential in nature and may not be discussed outside of the hearing and/or discipline process.
- g. Lying or intentionally misleading the Board/Hearing Officer will not be tolerated and may be referred for disciplinary action.
- h. Pertinent records, exhibits, and written statements may be accepted as evidence for consideration by a hearing body at the discretion of the chairperson and/or the Hearing Board Advisor.
- i. All procedural questions are subject to the final decision of the chairperson of the hearing body and/or the Hearing Board Advisor.
- j. After the hearing, the hearing body shall determine (by majority vote) whether the student violated each section of the Student Code of Conduct the student is charged with violating.
- k. Hearing body deliberations to determine responsibility shall be conducted in confidential, closed sessions, as are any sanctioning portions.

complainant(s) charge(s) shall be presented and considered, whether or not the respondent is present.

8. Refer to the specific policy for further details of other University policies.
9. In order to preserve confidential disciplinary records no individual is allowed to remove notes from hearing proceedings. The use of audio, camera and video recording devices by participants in a hearing is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the removal from proceedings and additional disciplinary action.

D. Sanctions

The following sanctions, individually or in combination, may be imposed upon any student or student group/organization found to have violated the Student code of Conduct. This list is neither exhaustive nor in order of severity and may be enlarged upon or modified to meet the circumstance of any given situation.

1. **Loss of Privileges** - removal of specified privileges for a designated period, including but not limited to, loss of privileges such as living in university owned housing, room/hall selection, visitation, parking event/party registration, guest registration, holding elective or appointive office, pledging or initiation into campus organizations, and/or having motor vehicles, stereos, or other equipment on campus. When the designated time ends, the student is eligible for reinstatement of privileges; however, conditions for reinstatement may be specified in the original sanction.
2. **Fines** - the student or student group/organization may be assessed an administrative fee at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Chief Student Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA, Director of University Housing, or the Residential Conduct Officer. If assessed, the following shall apply:
 - Missed Disciplinary Conferences: \$50.00
 - Missed Hearings: \$100.00
 - Alcohol: \$50.00
 - Damage to Property: Full Restitution
 - Violation of Coasting Policy: \$100.00; plus, full restitution (if property is damaged)
 - Damage to Oaks/Village Gate Operations: \$100; plus, full restitution
 - Drugs: \$100.00
 - Fire Safety: \$50.00

- Littering: \$50.00
- Use of Tobacco Products on Campus: \$50.00
- Tobacco Spitting: \$50.00
- Repeat Offenses: Doubled
- Restitution - compensation for loss, damage, or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.

3. Discretionary Sanctions: students or student groups/organizations may be assigned disciplinary sanctions based on the nature of the incident and needs of the student or student organization.

- Notification of parents and/or guardians;
- Counseling conference(s);
- Educational activities may be assigned to a student to encourage and facilitate positive behavioral change and developmental growth. These include but are not limited to, attendance/participation at educational programs, academic tutoring in the CSE, creation of documents, and community service.
- Evaluation by a member of the University Counseling Center or by a licensed mental health professional based on the review by a member of the University Counseling Center;
- Residence hall transfers and/or service to the university, the local community, or other related discretionary assignments;
- Written assignments or projects.
- No Contact Order (May also serve as a supportive measure in certain cases.)

4. Warning - a written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. Warning is for a designated period and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions if the student is found to be violating any institutional regulation(s) during the warning period.

5. University Disciplinary Probation - final warning status and a written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. University Disciplinary Probation removes a student from good disciplinary standing for a designated period of time and places the student on final warning status. If the student is found to be in violation of any institutional regulation(s), particularly during the probationary period, separation from the institution may occur.

- 6. Residence Hall Probation** - final warning status and a written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. Residence Hall Probation removes a student from good disciplinary standing within the residence halls for a designated period of time and places the student on final warning status. If the student is found to be in violation of any institutional regulation(s), particularly during the probationary period, separation from the residence halls may occur.
- 7. Residence Hall Suspension** - separation of the student from the residence halls for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified. Suspended students are restricted from visiting or entering any residential facility operated by the University during the period of separation. When separated from the residence halls, students should be aware that they may forfeit their residence hall deposits and fees subject to any refund policies. Students should direct all inquiries in this matter to the Office of University Housing.
- 8. Residence Hall Expulsion** - permanent separation of the student from the residence halls. Expelled students are restricted from visiting or entering any residential facility operated by the University during the period of expulsion.
- 9. Disciplinary Suspension** - involuntary separation of the student from the University for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return assuming no intervening serious misconduct has occurred. The student is placed on Disciplinary Probation for a definite period of time following the return to the University. Students who are involuntarily separated from the University are restricted from visiting or entering Southeastern Louisiana University premises for the period during which their sanction is in effect without advance written authorization from the Chief Student Conduct Officer. A hold may be placed on the ability to register and or the records of students involuntarily separated from the University for the period of separation. A student is responsible for dropping any classes and any fees assessed on the student accounts. In addition a notation will appear on the transcript stating the terms of the suspension period.
- 10. Disciplinary Dismissal** - involuntary separation of the student from the University for a definite period of time and without a guarantee of readmission. The terms of readmission will be established by the Chief Student Conduct Officer with the burden of proof lying on the student. Students will be required to reapply to the university. Conditions for consideration of readmission may be specific. Students who are

involuntarily separated from the University are restricted from visiting or entering Southeastern Louisiana University premises for the period during which their sanction is in effect without advance written authorization from the Chief Student Conduct Officer. A hold may be placed on the ability to register and or the records of students involuntarily separated from the University for the period of separation. The student is placed on Disciplinary Probation for a definite period of time following the return to the University. A student is responsible for dropping any classes and any fees assessed on the student accounts. In addition a notation will appear on the transcript stating the terms of the suspension period.

- 11. Disciplinary Expulsion** - Permanent separation of the student from the University. Students who are involuntarily separated from the University are restricted from visiting or entering Southeastern Louisiana University premises without advance written authorization from the Chief Student Conduct Officer. A hold may be placed on the ability to register and or the records of students involuntarily separated from the University for the period of separation.
- 12. Withholding Degree** - The University may withhold awarding a degree otherwise earned until the completion of the process set forth in this Student Conduct Code, including the completion of all sanctions imposed, if any.

In addition, the following sanctions may be imposed upon student groups and organizations.

1. Those sanctions listed above in Section D 1, A-I.
2. Recommendation for Charter Revocation: An official request to a national office that the local chapter's charter be revoked.
3. Deactivation: loss of privileges, including loss of university recognition, either permanently or for a specific period of time.

In each case in which a hearing body determines that a student has violated the Student Code of Conduct, the sanction(s) shall be recommended by the hearing body but final determination will be imposed by the Hearing Board Advisor. Sanctions are not limited to those recommended by the hearing body but may be modified by the Conduct Authority.

Following the hearing, the Hearing Board Advisor shall advise the Respondent in writing of the determination of the sanction(s) imposed, if any. In cases of sexual assault and/or physical violence, the complainant shall also be informed simultaneously of the determination.

E. Typical Ranges of Sanctions

Sanctioning ranges established by the University exist for students found responsible for violating certain sections of the Student Code of Conduct.

However, ranges exist to provide a guide and are not mandatory as each case is determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account intervening variables, the determination of the Hearing Officer or Board of the student's realization and understanding of his/her actions, whether the student has been involved in past infractions of the Student Code of Conduct, and the individual circumstances of the incident. Thus, ranges may be increased, decreased or changed as needed.

The following sanctioning ranges exist as follows for first-time offenses:

1. Alcohol Violations:

- a. Referral to an alcohol assessment, an alcohol education program and/or mandatory counseling/treatment;
- b. Community service hours;
- c. Warning up to Disciplinary Suspension for up to one year- repeated offenses may lead to punitive actions (i.e. Expulsion.)
- d. If the student is a resident, University Housing Probation up to University Housing Suspension and;
- e. If the student is under the age of 21, parental notification at the discretion of the Hearing Officer;
- f. Fine or Restitution (mandatory for property damage);
- g. Loss of parking privileges for offences related to driving under the influence.
- h. Educational service hours and/or an administrative assessment;

2. Drug Violations:

- a. Referred to a substance abuse assessment and/or mandatory counseling/treatment;
- b. Community service hours
- c. Educational program or course;
- d. Educational service hours and/or an administrative assessment;
- e. Warning up to Disciplinary Suspension for up to one year- repeated offenses may lead to punitive actions (i.e. Expulsion.);
- f. If the student is a resident, University Housing Probation for one semester or more, and;

- g. If the student is under the age of 21, parental notification at the discretion of the Hearing Officer.
 - h. Fine/administrative assessment. Fines double per additional violation.
- 2.1. Incidents involving sales or furnishing of illegal drugs:
- a. University Disciplinary Dismissal for two years up to Expulsion;
 - b. Substance abuse counseling/treatment completion prior to return;
 - c. Educational service hours and/or an administrative assessment upon return;
 - d. Disciplinary Probation upon return;
 - e. If the student is a resident, University Housing Expulsion with no eligibility to reapply.
3. Incidents involving Violence to Persons:
- a. Mandatory counseling assessment
 - b. Community service hours;
 - c. No Contact Order
 - d. Educational program or course;
 - e. Disciplinary Probation for one year up to Expulsion, and;
 - f. If the student is a resident, University Housing Probation up to University Housing Expulsion.
4. Incidents involving disruption and or Disorderly Conduct:
- a. Educational service hours
 - b. Disciplinary Probation up to Disciplinary Suspension, and;
 - c. If the student is a resident, University Housing Probation up to University Housing Suspension.
 - d. Written Assignment; i.e. reflection paper, etc.
 - e. Counseling Referral
5. Incidents involving damage or abuse to property:
- a. Restitution;
 - b. Disciplinary Probation for one year up to Suspension for one year or more, and;
 - c. If the student is a resident, University Housing Probation for one year up to University Housing Expulsion.
 - d. Educational service hours and/or an administrative assessment.
6. Incidents involving a violation of the sexual misconduct policy (excluding sexual assault)

- a. Disciplinary Probation for one year up to suspension;
 - b. Mandatory counseling assessment
 - c. If the student is a resident, University Housing Probation for one year up to University Housing Suspension or Expulsion.
7. Incidents involving sexual assault
- a. Suspension for one year up to Expulsion.

F. Interim Suspension

In certain circumstances where there is a perceived threat of safety to the University Community, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Chief Student Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA, or designee, may impose a University or residence hall suspension prior to final disposition of the matter. Upon issuance of an Interim Suspension, the Chief Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA, or designee, shall endeavor to contact the Student, advise the student that an Interim Suspension is in effect, and provide the Student with an opportunity to address the alleged misconduct.

Living on campus is a privilege, not a right. The University reserves the right to terminate this privilege, at any time, for inappropriate behavior by a student.

1. Interim suspension may be imposed only:
 - a. To ensure the safety and well-being of members of the University community or preservation of University property;
 - b. To ensure the student's physical or emotional safety or well-being; or,
 - c. If the student poses a threat of disruption of or interference with normal University operations.
2. During the interim suspension, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Chief Student Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA or designee may deny the student access to any or all of the following: residence halls; the entire campus (including classes); designated areas of campus; contact with certain individuals; and/or, all other University activities and/or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible.

G. Disciplinary Record:

Disciplinary sanctions shall not be made part of the student's permanent academic record but shall become part of the student's confidential disciplinary record. Confidential disciplinary records remain on file with the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability seven years after the incident date. Confidential disciplinary records may be expunged at the student's written request one year after his/ her graduation from the University in minor cases that do not involve separation from the institution. Open cases that await completion of a disciplinary action shall remain part of the student's permanent disciplinary record. Confidential disciplinary records involving the imposition of sanctions entailing separation from the institution are kept indefinitely.

ARTICLE VII: APPEALS

A. A decision reached by the hearing body or a sanction imposed by the Conduct Authority may be appealed by the respondent(s). A decision reached by the hearing body may also be appealed by a complainant(s) in cases under the Sexual Misconduct Policy that could include acts of violence and harassment [(i.e. such as sexual assault, rape, physical assault, hazing, sexual harassment, and stalking); please refer to the Sexual Misconduct Appeal policy for further details.] A conduct appeal must be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee within ten (10) working days of being notified of the decision. If the student is notified of the decision by letter, the student has ten (10) working days from the draft date of the letter to make an appeal. Such appeals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Vice President for Student Affairs and/or Chief Conduct Officer or his/her designee. The rendered sanction is in effect as of the date identified on the sanction letter, or until an appeal is granted. The Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee may choose to suspend the outcome of a hearing while the appeal is being reviewed. Generally, a time set for an appeal response will be no more than ten (10) working days after the student has delivered the appeal. However, time limits for an appeal response may be extended at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Chief Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA, and/or designee.

1. Appeals of decisions and/or sanctions involving individuals or student organizations must be submitted to the Vice President for Student Affairs.
2. A student may appeal the decision of the Vice President for Student Affairs to the President of the University or his/her designee if the sanction is one of suspension from the University for a period of one academic year, or if the sanction is of greater

severity. For appeals regarding less severe sanctions, the final appeal shall be at the Vice President for Student Affairs level.

3. A student may appeal the decision of the University President to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System if the sanction is one of suspension from the University for a period of one academic year, or if the sanction is of greater severity. For appeals regarding less severe sanctions, the final appeal shall be at the University level. If the student chooses to appeal to the Board of Supervisors after all administrative procedures have been exhausted at the University level, the appeal must be submitted to the President of the University of Louisiana System which refers the appeal to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System. The appeal must be made within 30 calendar days of the University's decision. The Board's review is limited to a determination of compliance with established and appropriate procedures at the University level. The student shall be notified of the Board's decision through electronic means or written correspondence.

B. Except as required to explain the basis of new information, an appeal at the University level may be limited to a review of the written statement by the party requesting the appeal and/or written documents pertaining to the case. The scope of review shall be limited to consideration of the following questions:

1. Whether the discipline process was conducted fairly and in conformity with the properly prescribed procedures;
2. Whether to consider new information, sufficient to alter a decision, or other relevant facts not brought out in the original hearing, because such information and/or facts were not known to the person appealing at the time of the original Student Conduct Board Hearing.
3. Evidence of bias by the Hearing Body or Conduct Authority.
4. Whether the sanction or remedy imposed was in due proportion to the gravity and nature of the conduct. (Submit documentation outlining how the sanction (s) was/were excessive or extreme for the violation(s) for which you were found responsible.)

C. If an appeal is upheld in cases involving appeals by students who have been found to have breached the Student Code of Conduct, the President and Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee may either:

1. Reduce, change, or dismiss the sanctions of the hearing body;

2. Remand the case to a new hearing body although nothing shall prevent the same Student Conduct Advisor from serving as advisor to this new hearing body.
- D. It is important for students who file grievances with the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors to understand the following:
1. The Board of Supervisors does not consider appeals for academic matters, but only matters pertaining to appeals of university rulings on conduct.
 2. The Board of Supervisors conducts reviews of student appeals via materials provided by the student grievant and the university.
 3. Review by the Board of Supervisors consists of an exhaustive examination of procedures followed by the university in regard to due process and not the specific details of the grievance matter.
 4. The University of Louisiana System student grievance process does not provide the benefit of a hearing by the student directly to the Board of Supervisors.
- E. It is important for students and student organizations who file an appeal at the University level to understand that imposed sanction(s) from the hearing outcome are in effect until further notice.

Article VIII: Students in Mental Health Crisis Mental Health Emergencies:

1. Contact University Police upon observing or becoming aware of a mental health crisis.
Give the location of the individual's condition to the police officer/dispatcher.
2. Follow the directions as given by the officer/dispatcher.
3. University Police, upon notification of a mental health, will act as appropriate to:
 - a. Instruct the caller what to do.
 - b. Dispatch officer(s) to the scene.
 - c. Contact the ambulance/medical facility.
 - d. Contact University administrators:
 - University Counseling Center person on call
 - Contact the Dean of Students
 - Notification: If a student poses an imminent risk of harm to include danger to self, danger to others, or gravely disabled, the University

must notify the student's parent, guardian, or identified emergency contact.

Mental Health Assessment/Evaluation

The student may be recommended and/or required to complete a Mental Health Assessment/Evaluation to assist in the student's readiness to return to the University regarding behaviors that violate the Student Code of Conduct. To obtain a copy of the Mental Health Assessment form, visit www.southeastern.edu/forstudents and forward the completed form to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability in person Mims Hall room 207 or email osaa@southeastern.edu.

ARTICLE IX: INTERPRETATION AND REVISION

Any questions of interpretation regarding the Student Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Chief Student Conduct Officer, the Assistant Director of OSAA or his/her designee for final determination. The Student Code of Conduct shall be reviewed periodically under the direction of the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee.

University Alcohol Policy

Policy Statement

Southeastern Louisiana University is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of each member of the University community. In order to further student learning and promote the University's academic mission, Southeastern fosters an environment of personal responsibility and respectful citizenship. This means that all members of the university community – students, faculty, and staff - in addition to visitors – have a shared responsibility in safeguarding a healthy learning environment in which inappropriate behaviors and the associated negative consequences of alcohol misuse are addressed in a manner appropriate to the circumstance. The University, as outlined in the following policy, strives to create a culture that supports students who have made the decision to not use alcohol, as well as encourage, through education, students who choose to drink alcohol to do so in a safe, legal, and responsible manner.

The possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of alcohol may be done only in accordance with the provisions of federal and state laws, local laws and ordinances, and University regulations, including this policy. Louisiana state law prohibits the purchase, public possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by persons under the age of 21.

Applicability

This policy applies to all Southeastern students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

Students and employees are reminded that local, state, and federal laws provide for various legal sanctions and penalties for unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol. These sanctions include, but are not limited to, incarceration and monetary fines.

UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS

Students found to be in violation of this policy will be afforded due process as prescribed in the University Code of Student Conduct. Sanctions for policy violations include a disciplinary warning, up to and including expulsion from the University.

*Students may also be referred for counseling and/or referral for individual assessment; referral may be included as a condition of any sanction.

DEFINITIONS

- “Alcoholic beverage” means beer, wine, or distilled spirits (liquor) as defined by state law.
- “Purchase” means acquisition by the payment of money or other consideration.
- “Public possession” means the possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption, on any street or highway or in any public place or any place open to the public, including a club, which is de facto open to the public.
- “Student” includes all persons taking courses at the University whether full time, part time, dually enrolled, visiting, online, for non-credit, or pursuing undergraduate, graduate, professional studies or non-degree seeking. Also included are those who attend post-secondary educational institutions other than Southeastern Louisiana University and who reside in University residence halls.
- “Employee” means any person having an employment relationship with the University, including but not limited to classified and unclassified staff, faculty, graduate assistants and student employees.

Section I. General University Regulations

This section of the policy applies to all University students, employees, and guests.

All students, employees, and guests are strictly prohibited from the unlawful possession, manufacture, use, or distribution of alcohol on University property or as part of any University activity, whether on or off campus. This policy will extend to any other sites the University might operate or be represented. This policy will apply to the sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol in or at any University sponsored or registered event. The possession, consumption, sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except in those areas where such activities are specifically allowed or preapproved.

The following conduct is prohibited except as permitted by University regulations and the law:

- The use, consumption, possession, manufacture, purchase, sale, furnishing, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University property, or at any of its activities
- The use, consumption, possession and or purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age.
- Possession, consumption, sale, manufacture, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages in the residence hall or residence hall room.

Students residing in Southeastern Oaks may possess alcohol in their room dwelling if all residents are of legal age to possess and consume alcohol. Alcohol may not be present in common areas of the apartment if ALL residents in the apartment are not of legal age.

- Furnishing, serving, and or otherwise providing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years of age.

A contract must be signed with the University Police Department for an officer(s) to be present at all third-party rental events and at University (or University affiliated) sponsored events where alcohol is to be served if students will be present and it is plausible that students might be served alcohol, e.g., students are participating in the event other than in their capacity in the employment of the University.

Section II. Student Organizations

This section of the policy applies to all registered student organizations

A. Student Organization's Event: An event may be considered a student organization event if one and more of the following occur:

- The event was pre-planned or premeditated (flyers, emails, organizations social media)
- The event was discussed or planned during the organizations meeting
- The majority of the organization's members knew of and/or attended the event
- Organizational resources were used in any way (i.e. entertainment, transportation, food, beverages, advertisement, etc.)
- A significant portion of attendees were invited by members of the organization
- In addition, an event could be considered a student organizations event if a non-member perceives the event as being sponsored by an organization.

Students and those affiliated with the organization should refer to the Student Organization Alcohol Event Procedures for a full list of action items an organization must complete before events where alcohol is served will be approved. Failure to complete any action items will result in your event being disapproved or cancelled.

B. General Regulations

- A contract with the University Police Department must be signed for any event where alcohol will be served. Subject to approval by the University Police, local law enforcement may be contracted for events occurring outside of Tangipahoa Parish.
- Student organizations may not distribute alcoholic beverages free of charge.
- No organization may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, tavern, or where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present.
- Alcohol on campus will be allowed only at catered Food Service events and will be sold by Dining Services personnel or approved licensed servers.
- Alcohol, bar tabs, coupons for free or reduced-priced drinks, etc., may not be awarded as prizes for any raffles or other events.

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- Alcohol may not be distributed free of charge by an alcohol company or distributor at any student organization event under any circumstances on campus.
 - The cost of alcoholic beverages may not be included in the cost of an admission ticket, cover charge, or any other assessment required of members or guests.
 - Vendors/servers are responsible for assuring that no person under the age of 21 is served alcohol.
 - BYOAB (Bring your own alcoholic beverage) events will not be allowed on campus (tailgating is the only exception).
 - No alcoholic beverages in bulk form (keg, etc.) may be purchased or used. Kegs of beer will not be allowed. A keg is considered a common source of alcohol. Providing a common source of any alcoholic beverage—be it beer, alcoholic punch, or an open bar—implies that it is provided by or on behalf of the organization, regardless of who actually purchased it.
 - All alcohol events must be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students. Student organizations are only allowed to register/sponsor a total of three (3) alcohol events Sunday through Thursday during each semester. Events on Fridays and Saturdays are not subject to this limitation but are subject to the requirement that they be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students.
 - No events involving alcohol will be approved for the fourteen (14) calendar days prior to and including finals; this includes the weekend between the two weeks.
 - No events involving alcohol will be approved during any University closure (including but not limited to Fall Break, Spring Break, Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, semester breaks, etc.)

Section III. Alcohol at Athletic Events including Tailgating

Events should be conducted in an environment that is safe and enjoyable for all. As public events have great potential to attract a variety of spectators, the following regulations has been developed for these events:

- No alcoholic beverages may be possessed, distributed, served, or consumed by persons under that age of 21.
- Tailgating will be limited to home games unless otherwise approved by the Dean of Students Office.
- For home games that occur during a regular school day, tailgating activities will be allowed a time specified by the Dean of Students. For home games that occur on days when school is not in session, tailgating will be allowed starting at 5:00 p.m. the night before the game.
- No oversized or common source containers of any sort (including, but not limited to kegs, punch bowls; etc.).
- Drinking games involving alcohol are prohibited.
- Funneling or any other activity deemed by the University as inappropriate are prohibited.

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- Individual(s) or groups engaging in inappropriate or disruptive behavior will be directed by law enforcement personnel to cease and desist from doing so and are subject to University, local, or state action.
 - At home games, alcohol, cups, containers, ice chest, etc; cannot be brought into the venue and all persons entering the venue are subject to a reasonable check/search of personal bags, purses, coats, etc.
 - Anyone found in possession of alcoholic beverages (other than those sold in the venue) and/or other items deemed dangerous or inappropriate will be refused admission to the game.
 - Any individual found in possession of said items will be evicted from the venue and will not be allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the calendar day on which the game is held.
 - Alcohol may be purchased inside the venue by those of legal age with valid identification.

Failure to follow these rules and regulations may result in eviction from campus with possible University, local, or state action to follow.

Drug Policy

Manufacture, Distribution, Possession, and Use

Southeastern Louisiana University prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia on University property or as part of any university activity, whether on or off campus as set forth by this policy and defined by Louisiana Law. Law as it applies to this section of the policy refers to Louisiana R.S. 40:961 through R.S. 40:1034.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

Students and employees are reminded that local, state, and federal laws provide for various legal sanctions and penalties for unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of illicit drugs. The range of penalties and violations of Louisiana Law cited above is fines up to \$1,000,000 and up to life in imprisonment without parole depending on the drug involved and the nature of the violation.

UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS

Students found to be in violation of this policy will be afforded due process as prescribed in the University Code of Student Conduct. Sanctions for policy violations include a disciplinary warning, up to and including expulsion from the University.

Students may also be referred for counseling and/or referral for individual assessment; referral may be included as a condition of any sanction.

Hazing Policy

Policy Statement

In compliance with Acts 635, 637, and 640 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature as well as Act 382 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the 2019 Louisiana Board of Regents Uniform Policy on Hazing, and the University System Policy, Southeastern Louisiana University (“the University”) reaffirms in this Policy its mandate that any form of Hazing of any student is prohibited.

Purpose of Policy

The University including the Division for Student Affairs does not tolerate hazing, including the physical, mental or psychological abuse of any individual or individuals. All allegations of hazing will be fully investigated by the appropriate authorities. Any organization, and/or individuals within an organization, found responsible of hazing may face disciplinary action up to and/or including expulsion from the University and criminal charges.

Applicability

This policy applies to all Southeastern students, student organizations, potential student organizations, student organization advisors, alumni, volunteers, and faculty and staff, associated with student organizations.

1. Prevention and Education Programs

- Each new student shall be provided educational information on the dangers of and prohibition on Hazing during the new student orientation process in the form of a handbook.
- In addition, beginning the fall semester of 2019, each new student shall be provided education information on the dangers of and prohibition on Hazing during the new student orientation process either in person or electronically.
- If the student receiving this information is a minor, that information shall also be provided to the student’s parents or legal guardians.
- The Hazing prevention education required in this policy shall include the information about criminal penalties for the crime of criminal hazing. University shall also provide information to Organizations on their obligations under the law, including the duty to investigate and report, and on the possible loss of funding and other penalties applicable to Organizations under the Hazing laws.

2. Organization Requirements to Operate at University

Each organization (as defined below in this policy and R.S. 17:1801.1), as a condition of operating at the University, is required to:

- Adopt the Hazing Policy and shall include the possible University sanctions against the Organization in the event of a reported or confirmed hazing incident and have a policy that prohibits hazing.
- Provide annually at least one hour of hazing prevention education that includes education relative to the applicable hazing policies to all members, prospective members, and anyone who is employed by or volunteers with the organization. The education may be provided in person, electronically, or both.
- Report annually to the university the students, employees, and volunteers who have received the education with an attestation from each that they received the education.

3. Duty to Seek Assistance

- In accordance with the Hazing laws, any person at the scene of an emergency who knows that another person has suffered serious bodily injury shall, to the extent that the person can do so without danger or peril to self or others, give reasonable assistance to the injured person. Reasonable assistance includes immediately seeking or reporting the need for medical assistance from an appropriate authority
 - An appropriate authority includes:
 - Any state or local law enforcement agency
 - A 911 Public Safety Answering Point
 - Emergency Medical Personnel
 - Dean of Students
 - Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability
- Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than one year, or both. If the serious bodily injury results in the death of the person, any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.
- It is important to note that consent is not a defense. It is not a defense against prosecution of an offense that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to the Hazing Activity.

Louisiana Laws on Hazing**RS 17:1801 Amended: Hazing Prohibited**

Hazing in any form, or the use of any method of initiation into organizations in any education institution supported

wholly or in part by public funds, which is likely to cause bodily danger or physical punishment to any student or other person attending any such institution is prohibited.

Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be expelled, suspended, or dismissed from the education institution and not permitted to return for at least one semester, quarter, or comparable academic period. In addition, the person violating such provisions may also be subject to the provisions of R.S. 14:40.8.

RS 14:40.8 Criminal Hazing

It shall be unlawful for any person to commit an act of hazing. Any person who commits an act of hazing shall be fined up to one thousand dollars, imprisoned for up to six months, or both.

If the hazing results in the serious bodily injury or death of the victim, or the hazing involves forced or coerced alcohol consumption that results in the victim having a blood alcohol concentration of at least .30 percent by weight based on grams of alcohol per one hundred cubic centimeters of blood, any person who commits an act of hazing shall be fined up to ten thousand dollars and imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for up to five years.

If any person serving as a representative or officer of an organization, including any representative, director, trustee, or officer of any national or parent organization, is a sanctioned or recognized member at the time of the hazing, knew and failed to report, as soon as practicable under circumstances to law enforcement, that one or more of the organization's members were hazing another person, the organization may be subject to the following:

- Payment of a fine up to ten thousand dollars.
- Forfeiture of any public funds received by the organization.
- Forfeiture of all rights and privileges of being an organization that is organized and operating at the education Institution for a specific period of time as determined by the court.

If the hazing results in the serious bodily injury or death of the victim, or results in the victim having a blood alcohol concentration of at least .30 percent by weight based on grams of alcohol per one hundred cubic centimeters of blood, the period of time shall be for not less than four years.

Definitions

1. Louisiana Law defines Hazing as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act by a person acting alone or acting with others that is directed against another when both of the following apply:
 - The person knew or should have known that such an act endangers the physical health or safety of the other person or causes severe emotional distress.
 - The act was associated with pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, participating in, holding office in or maintaining membership in any organization.

2. Hazing includes but is not limited to any of the following acts associated with pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with participating in, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization:
 - Physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, paddling, striking, branding, electric shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity.
 - Physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, or calisthenics, that subjects the other person to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the physical health or safety of the individual or causes severe emotional distress.
 - Activity involving consumption of food, liquid, or any other substance including, but not limited to, an alcoholic beverage or drug, that subjects the individual to an unreasonable risk of harm that adversely affects the physical health or safety of the individual or causes severe emotional distress.
 - Activity that induces, causes, or requires an individual to perform a duty or task that involves the commission of a crime or an act of hazing.
 - Activities or events that facilitate rapid drinking, drinking games, intoxication or impairment, and forced consumption of both palatable food and, or any other substance.
 - Any action taken or situation created that may cause pain, injury, excessive physical stress or fatigue including, but not limited to the following: paddling, slapping, tackling, pushing, and exercise that is not part of a reasonable all-organization athletic event.
 - activities that involve the use of rope, string, elastic, or any device or material utilized to restrain or confine an individual.
 - Activities involving lineups, interrogation, or verbal abuse.
 - Theft of property.
 - Transportation against an individual's will such as kidnapping and/or abandonment at a distant location.

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- Illegal activities such as the requirement to steal items as part of a scavenger hunt.
 - Activities or expectations that are so time consuming as to significantly interfere with class work, study time, and sleep.
 - Requirements that financially take advantage of individuals within the group (Requiring an individual to purchase items as punishment).
 - The use of obscenities and vulgarities in dress, language or action.
 - Sexual degrading activities, including stripping, simulation of sexual acts or sexually explicit cheers, chants, and songs.
 - Conducting any form of personal servitude including, but not limited to driving individuals to class, cleaning another individual's room, serving meals to another individual, washing another individual's car, etc.
 - Activities that cause psychological stress including, but not limited to, any deception designed to convince a student that he/she will not be initiated, will be removed, or will be injured during any activity.
 - Dressing alike in specific costumes or clothing (this does not apply to dress attire required for business or ritual meetings).
 - Activities that cause psychological stress, including but not limited to, any deception designed to convince a student that they will not be made a member of the organization or group, will be removed, or will be injured during the activity.
 - Forcing or requiring the violation of University Policy, Federal, State or local law including, but not limited to, burglary, defacement, trespassing, animal cruelty, academic dishonesty, and providing false or misleading information.

Reporting Hazing Activities and Sanctions

1. University

- When the University receives a report alleging the commission of an act or acts of Hazing by one or more members of an Organization, the University shall:
 - Report, as soon as practicable under circumstances, the alleged act or acts to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the place where the alleged act or acts of Hazing occurred and the University Police Department. The information reported to law enforcement shall include all details received by the University relative to the alleged incident, without any information being redacted, including the name of all individuals alleged to have committed the act or acts of hazing; and

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- Document in writing all actions taken with regard to the report, including but not limited to the date the report was received, reports made to law enforcement as provided in R.S. 14:40.8, and any information relative to the University's investigation, processing, and resolution of the incident.
 - A standardized form that the University shall use to document such reports made to law enforcement as provided by La. R.S. 14:40.8 and the manner in which each hazing incident is handled and resolved at the University level is attached to this policy as Appendix A.
 - If the University fails to comply with the provisions of the Hazing Laws it may be subject to the penalties outlined in La. R.S. 14:40.8, including payment of a fine up to ten thousand dollars.

2. Authority of University Police Officers

The right of university or college police officers to carry a concealed weapon and to exercise the power of arrest when discharging their duties shall extend to alleged acts of hazing committed by members of an organization that is organized and operating at the university or college for which the police officer is commissioned regardless of the location where the alleged act occurs. Any person arrested by a college or university police officer, in the exercise of the power granted through R.S. 14:40.8, shall be immediately transferred by such officer to the custody of the sheriff or city police wherein the arrest occurs.

3. Organizations and Affiliates

- If an organization takes disciplinary action against one of its members for Hazing or has reason to believe that any member of the organization has participated in an incident of hazing, the organization shall report the incident as soon as practicable to law enforcement and to the Dean of Students without any information being redacted, including the name of all individuals alleged to have committed the act or acts of hazing
- If an organization or any of its members has been disciplined by a parent organization for hazing, the organization shall report the hazing for which the organization was disciplined as soon as practicable to law enforcement the Dean of Students without any information being redacted, including the name of all individuals alleged to have committed the act or acts of hazing
- If any person serving as a representative or officer of an organization (including but not limited to, any representative, director, trustee, or officer of any national or parent organization) knew and failed to report, as soon as practicable under the circumstances, to law enforcement that one of the organizations members were hazing another person, the organization may be subject to penalties under R.S. 14:40.8
- A standardized form that Organizations shall use in making the reports required is attached to this Policy as Appendix B.

4. Students

Any student who violates the provisions of the Hazing laws and or this policy shall be expelled, suspended, or dismissed from the University; will not be permitted to return for at least one semester, and may be subject to criminal charges

Any student who fails to seek assistance as defined by the Hazing Laws and this policy shall be subject to the penalties outlined in La. RS. 14:40.8

How a student should report

Southeastern cares about the safety and wellbeing of its students. If you are being hazed or know someone in your student group or organization who is hazing or being hazed, we want you to be aware of your options in seeking assistance and reporting to the following designees.

If you are being hazed or know someone in your student group or organization who is hazing or being hazed, come forward and report to any of the following office/designees:

- University Police Department:
 - 985-549-2222
 - police@southeasedu
 - [Anonymous Reporting Form](#)
- Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability
 - 985-549-2213
 - [Incident Reporting Form](#)
- Office for Student Engagement
 - 985-549-2120
 - engagement@southeastern.edu
- University Housing
 - 985-549-2118
 - universityhousing@southeedu
- Athletic Department
 - 985-549-2395
 - lionscompliance@southedu
- University of Louisiana System
 - [Louisiana System Anonymous Reporting Form](#)

Many organizations and groups also have internal procedures for reporting hazing anonymously. Please see your advisors and/or coaches for information specific to your organization or group.

Additionally, any faculty member or staff member that becomes aware of possible hazing of Southeastern Louisiana University students must immediately report the matter to one of the offices listed above.

Enforcement of Hazing Policy

Any violation of the hazing policy shall be deemed a violation of the University's Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws. Thus, all allegations of hazing will be investigated by local law enforcement, the University Police Department, and the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability. Individuals or groups found responsible for violating the Hazing Policy may face disciplinary action including expulsion from the University. The Chief Conduct Officer and the Assistant Director of Advocacy and Accountability may impose interim sanctions immediately upon notice of charge of violation of the Hazing Policy.

The University will not tolerate retaliation by any individual or group (whether that person was directly involved in the original incident) against any faculty, staff or student who reports, participates in an investigation of, or is Complainant or witness in a disciplinary proceeding involving the allegation of hazing. Claims of retaliation will be investigated as a breach of the University's Hazing policy and may result in University sanctions.

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Avoiding Unintended Pregnancy During College

This information was provided in accordance with ACT 321 - SB 106 effective June 2017. All public postsecondary institutions are required to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students as a part of freshmen orientation.

Less than 1 in 10 students with children complete a bachelor's degree within 6 years of college entry.

61% of women who have children after enrolling in community college fail to finish their degree, which is 65% higher than the rate for those who don't have children.

Over a quarter (26%) of all undergraduate students, or 4.8 million students are raising dependent children.

The unintended pregnancy rates in Louisiana are among the highest in the U.S.

95% of unintended pregnancies occur when partners do not use any contraception or use contraception incorrectly.

Abstinence is the only 100% effective method of preventing pregnancy BUT when used correctly there are several contraceptive methods that are extremely effective.

The University Health Center provides contraceptive counseling and prescriptions. Make an appointment online for your contraceptive needs. Free condoms are always available.

For more information, visit: southeastern.edu/health