



A. Introduction and Purpose

1. The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at Western University, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the complaint procedures that the University will follow.
2. Western University is a community of students, faculty and staff involved in learning, teaching, research, and other activities. The University seeks to provide an environment of free and creative inquiry within which critical thinking, humane values, and practical skills are cultivated and sustained. It is committed to a mission and to principles that will foster excellence and

B. Definitions

In this Code:

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- (d) any other on-line conduct where such conduct has, or might reasonably be seen to have an adverse effect on, interfere with, or threaten the proper functioning of the University, its mission, the rights of a fellow student or other member of the University community to use and enjoy the University's learning and working environments, or that raises concerns for the health, safety or security of any individual who is on campus or participating in a University Program, Event or Activity.
- 2. Graduate students are subject to the provisions of this Code except when acting in their capacity as Graduate Teaching Assistants.
- 3. Subject to the provisions of the Affiliation Agreement between the University and its Affiliated University Colleges, students registered at the Affiliated University Colleges are expected to conform to the standards of this Code while on University property or while participating in a University Program, Event or Activity. Only the Affiliated University Colleges may discipline their students for conduct that would constitute a violation of this Code; however, where circumstances warrant, the University may also take measures to restrict such a student's entry onto University property, use of University facilities, or participation in a University Program, Event or Activity.
- 4. Any student found responsible for misconduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions of this Code, regardless of the action or inaction of civil authorities. Nothing in this Code precludes the University from referring an individual matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency either before, during, or after disciplinary action is taken by the University under this Code. A student may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or civil proceedings notwithstanding, and in addition to, disciplinary action taken by the University against the student under this Code.

D. Relationship to Other University Policies and Codes

- 1. If a student's conduct could be considered a breach of this Code and also a breach of the Policy on Scholastic Discipline, the University, in its discretion, may proceed under the Code or under the aforesaid Policy. A student may not be penalized under both the Code and the Policy on Scholastic Discipline for the same conduct.
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(b) Interfering with

7. **Contravention of University Regulations**
Violation of any published or posted University policy, rule or regulation.
8. **Contravention of Other Laws**
Contravention of any provision of the Criminal Code or any other federal or provincial statute or municipal by-law.
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4. The student shall be given a reasonable opportunity to respond to the allegations and to submit relevant information. The student shall also be given a reasonable opportunity to meet personally with the Vice-Provost (Students) or designate to discuss the matter. It is the responsibility of the student to provide all materials and information that will support his/her position.
5. If the Vice-Provost (Students) or designate concludes that there has been a breach of this Code, he/she may, after consultation with the Dean, impose an appropriate sanction or sanctions.
6. If the student does not respond to the allegation or does not meet with the Vice-Provost (Students

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I. Interim Measures

1. Notice of Trespass

Western Special Constable

L. Appeals

1. A student may appeal a finding of misconduct to the University Discipline Appeal Committee (UDAC) on one or more of the following grounds:
 - (a) that there was a serious procedural error in the hearing of the complaint which was prejudicial to the appellant;
 - (b) that new evidence, not available at the time of the earlier decision, has been discovered, which casts doubt on the correctness of the decision;
 - (c) that the Vice-Provost (Students) or designate did not have the authority under this Code to reach the decision or impose the sanctions he/she did.
2. In addition to the grounds set out in subsection L.1, if the sanction is forfeiture of University awards or financial assistance, suspension, or expulsion, a student may appeal the finding of misconduct and/or the sanction(s) to UDAC on the ground that the decision and/or sanction was unreasonable or unsupportable on the evidence before the Vice-Provost (Students) or designate.
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Further Appeal