

REGULATIONS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Philosophy and Definitions.

(1) Philosophy. The University of Florida is an institution which encourages the intellectual and personal growth of its students as scholars and citizens. As an educational institution, the University recognizes that the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, and the development of individuals require the free exchange of ideas on any subject whether or not controversial, self-expression, and the challenging of beliefs and customs. The University also endeavors to teach students to communicate effectively in all aspects of their lives and on all manners of subjects. This often (although not always) requires respectful speech and conduct. In order to maintain an environment where these goals that are critical for the University's educational mission can be achieved safely and equitably, the University requires civility, respect, and integrity in the curricular program and encourages these behaviors in other activities among all members of the student community. Students are taught to exhibit high standards of behavior and concern for others and are encouraged to live up to these standards.

The University strives to protect and guide the educational community by establishing, and requires students to adhere to, a Student Honor Code, a Student Conduct Code and a student conduct system that promote individual and social responsibility and are enforced through University regulations. Choosing to join the University of Florida community obligates each member to a code of responsible behavior. Individuals and student organizations are expected to observe the policies, rules, regulations, law and requirements of the University of Florida, municipalities and counties, the State of Florida, the United States and, when in another state or

country, that state or country. University regulations have been designed to protect individuals and the campus community and create an environment conducive to achieving the academic mission of the institution.

(a) Student Honor Code: Adoption and General Principles.

Preamble: In adopting this Honor Code, the students of the University of Florida recognize that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students who enroll at the University commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard of honor required by the Honor Code. Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Honor Code is bound by honor to take corrective action. Student and faculty support are crucial to the success of the Honor Code. The quality of a University of Florida education is dependent upon the community acceptance and enforcement of the Honor Code.

The Honor Pledge:

We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

(b) Student Conduct Code: General Principles.

The purpose of the Student Conduct Code is to set forth the specific authority and responsibility of the University in maintaining social discipline, to establish guidelines which facilitate an open, just, civil and safe campus community where the academic curricular program can flourish for all students and where freedom of speech, safety, and University work and

operations are protected in those events and areas open to the public that constitute open public fora. The purpose is also to outline the educational process for determining student and student organization responsibility for alleged violations of University regulations. The conduct process will follow established procedures for insuring fundamental fairness and an educational experience that facilitates the development of the individual and of the organization.

(2) The Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code define violations, outline conduct standards and procedures, and prescribe sanctions for violations. Provisions of the Codes are contained in University of Florida Regulations 4.040 through 4.051. Alleged violations of campus traffic and parking regulations by students are handled by a Student Traffic Court, as provided in University of Florida Regulation 3.015.

(3) Definitions. For the purposes of University of Florida Regulations 4.040 through 4.051, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) Recording” shall be defined as any recording, visual (e.g. photographs, videos), audio or both, in any medium, using any technology.

(b) “University campus” or “campus” shall be defined as those lands located in Alachua County, Florida occupied or controlled by the University of Florida, and bounded generally by 13<sup>th</sup> Street on the east, University Avenue on the north, 34<sup>th</sup> street on the west and Archer Road on the south, along with any other educational or residential facilities occupied or controlled by the University within Alachua County, Florida, and any facilities or programs owned, leased, or operated by the University of Florida in any location in the state of Florida and elsewhere in the world.

(c) “University facilities” shall be defined as all buildings and other facilities, including athletic and recreational fields, on the University campus.

(d) “University groups and organizations” shall be defined as:

1. Officially constituted colleges, schools, divisions, departments, agencies and other corporate or organizational units which are a part of or operate on behalf of the University, including but not limited to, direct support organizations, other affiliated organizations, and alumni organizations officially recognized by the University, and

2. Student organizations that are officially registered or recognized by the University, including but not limited to political groups, sponsored groups, honor societies, registered student organizations and fraternities and sororities. “Student organization” means a University group or organization of the type listed in this clause.

(d) “University activity” or “University program” shall be defined as an event, program or activity that is hosted, sponsored or organized by any University group or organization, including but not limited to student organizations. Such activities or programs include but are not limited to coursework and other academic activities, study abroad, field trips, retreats, social events, philanthropies, and community service events.

(e) “Faculty member” shall be defined for purposes of the Student Honor Code as any member of the University community who has responsibility for classroom or other teaching activities. This includes but is not limited to instructors, researchers, teaching assistants, research assistants, graduate assistants, lab assistants, course directors and undergraduate teaching students. For purposes of appointment to conduct committees, “faculty member” shall be defined pursuant to University of Florida Regulation 7.003.

(f) “University officials” shall be defined as employees of the University, including faculty members, and other personnel, including but not limited to personnel in the University Support Personnel System (USPS), Technical, Executive, Administrative, and Managerial

Support (TEAMS) and Other Personnel Services (OPS) classifications. Student employees may be considered University officials when acting in the performance of their duties. Examples include but are not limited to event staff, resident assistants, teaching assistants, and Preview staff.

(g) “Student” shall be defined as any person admitted, enrolled or registered for study at the University of Florida. Persons not officially registered or enrolled for a particular term but who are eligible to enroll or have a continuing relationship with the University of Florida are considered students.

(h) “Business day” shall be defined as Monday through Friday excluding official University of Florida holidays.

(i) “Members of the University community” shall be defined as University officials, faculty and other employees, students, and, in connection with their participation, other individuals and entities that participate in any University activity or program.

(j) “Conduct” shall be defined to mean conduct or conduct record, or conduct process for, the Student Honor Code and/or the Student Conduct Code, as applicable.

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