PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

Policy Statement

Students may be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students if they have engaged in conduct that is prohibited by the university.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding prohibited student conduct.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All members of The University of Southern Mississippi community.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-ds-011

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

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In order to protect the university’s educational purposes and the university community, a student may be formally referred to the Office of the Dean of Students whenever it is brought to the attention of the Dean of Students that there is reasonable basis to believe that the student’s conduct has resulted in at least one of the following:
A. Evidence of Felony: Significant evidence exists that the student has committed a felony of such a nature that the student’s continued presence at the university is potentially dangerous to the health or security of other university students and their belongings, faculty, staff or visitors, even though the civil authorities have not yet brought formal charges.

B. Felony Charges: The student has been formally charged by civil authorities with the type of felony described in code A.

C. Felony Conviction: The student is convicted of the type of felony described in code A.

D. Disruption of University-Sanctioned Events and Activities: Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedure or any other activity or of other authorized activities on university-controlled property.

E. Parking and Traffic Violations: Obstruction of the free flow of traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, on university-controlled property.

F. Physical Assault, Abuse or Detention: Acts of violence of any kind on university property at a university-sponsored or supervised function.

G. Threats of Violence: Against another person.

H. Harassments: Stalking of any kind if such conduct reasonably causes another person to fear that his/her safety or privacy is endangered.

I. Reckless Conduct: Conduct that unreasonably creates a substantial risk that the student or other persons may be injured or that property belonging to another person or the university may be damaged.

J. Vandalism: Malicious destruction, damage or misuse of public or private property, including library materials.

K. Theft and Embezzlement: Any unauthorized taking (whether temporary or permanent) of property belonging to another person or entity.

L. Burglary: Unauthorized entry into or use of university facilities, including buildings, grounds, automobiles or any property belonging to another person or entity.

M. Disorderly Conduct: Breach of the peace, or inciting others to breach the peace.

N. Residence Hall Violations: Violation of rules governing university-controlled residence facilities, including visitation violations.

O. Academic Dishonesty: Academic cheating or plagiarism.
P. Deception: Furnishing of false information to the university with the intention of deceiving the university and its officials.

Q. Forgery and Misrepresentation: Alteration or misuse of university documents, records or identification cards.

R. Bad Checks and Debts: Intentionally issuing a bad check to the university or one of its departments or ignoring and failing to comply with legally binding financial obligations to the university.

S. Obscenity: Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct, including expression of profanity, which exceeds the normal standards of decency prevailing in the general Hattiesburg community at large.

T. Firearms Violations: Possession on campus of firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, other projectiles, explosives, fireworks, dangerous weapons or dangerous chemicals, including possession of validly licensed hunting weapons.

U. Drug Violations: Illegal manufacture, possession, sales, distribution or use of narcotics, barbiturates, central nervous system stimulants, marijuana, sedatives, tranquilizers, hallucinogens or any other illegal drugs, substances or drug paraphernalia.

V. Gambling: Violation of the state of Mississippi’s gambling laws.

W. Alcohol: Sale, consumption or evidence of consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus in violation of local, state or federal law.

X. Lack of Appropriate Cooperation with University Administration or Law Enforcement: Failure to comply with the directions or instructions of university officials or any law enforcement officer acting in his/her official capacity, including failure to present a valid ID upon request.

Y. Violation of Other Published Regulations and Policies: Violation of any other university regulation or policy that is established and publicly disseminated to the university community at least once a year, including such regulations and policies in the Student Handbook, the Faculty Handbook, the Safety Compliance Document and the Substance Abuse Policy for Students and Employees.

Z. Student Organization Violations: Any breach of Student Activities policies or university regulations of the chartered organizations will be subject to university organization sanctions.

Review

The Dean of Students is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).
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Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]
Responsible Officer

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Date 4/14/13