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Academic Misconduct Report

Go to [Academic Misconduct - Eastern](#) for information on the Academic Misconduct Report.

Alcohol and Drug Policy Attachment A - Possible Disciplinary Action by the University (as dictated by the BOR/SCU Student Code of Conduct)

Disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed by the University include, but are not limited to, any of the following or any combination of the following: expulsion, suspension, disciplinary probation, disciplinary warning, residence hall separation, residence hall probation, and residence hall warning. In cases in which sanctions are imposed for offenses involving damage to, destruction of, or misappropriation of property, agreement by the accused student to make restitution may constitute grounds for mitigation of any sanction imposed.

Alcohol and/or Drug Assessment:

Students who have been found responsible for violating the Eastern restrictions against alcohol or drugs may be required to meet with the Office of Wellness Education and Promotion, the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services, or to complete an online alcohol education program. Depending on the circumstances of the violation(s), sanctions other than those listed above may be imposed. The University reserves the right to impose sanctions not delineated herein as is appropriate.

Parental Notification:

One of the ways the University has implemented to work more closely with parents/guardians is through a parental notification policy. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permit colleges and universities to inform the parents/guardians of students under the age of 21 when a student is found in violation of university alcohol or drug rules. The Student Conduct Office will notify parents/guardians of students less than 21 years of age when a student is found responsible for violations of the University's alcohol and/or drug policies. This notification will typically be done verbally or in writing. If the parent is present at the student conduct proceeding or if it is known that the parent is aware of the incident, the University may not send a notification letter as these circumstances meet the notification standard. Eastern Connecticut State University will continue to encourage students found responsible for violations to also inform their parents of the incident and the subsequent consequences.

Students who are emancipated have the responsibility to provide the Student Conduct Office with the necessary documentation prior to a finding of responsibility in order for the parental notification to not occur. This is the sole responsibility of the student and a lack of appropriate notification from the student will result in the notification being sent to the permanent address. Although the University will not contact parents/guardians of students who are 21 years of age or older, we will certainly encourage them to do so on their own.

Good Samaritan Statement

The overarching priority of Eastern Connecticut State University with respect to alcohol and other drugs is to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. Eastern expects students to abide by laws and University policies regarding alcohol and drug possession and consumption. However, the University acknowledges that there may be times when students face medical emergencies involving excessive drinking and/or drug use.

In an effort to promote responsible student behavior and to respect the health and welfare of all members, Student Conduct will consider whether a student sought medical assistance for a person in need. If an individual reaches out to a campus authority (911, Resident Assistant, Hall Director) for medical assistance for themselves or another, they may not be subject to the typical conduct sanctions for a violation of the alcohol and drug policy, as long as they comply with all assessments and follow-up required by Student Conduct. The student in need of emergency and/or medical attention may not be subject to disciplinary action for being impaired. They may, however, be required to participate in services offered by the Office of Wellness Education Outreach and Veteran Care.

This Good Samaritan statement applies only to cases where there is a legitimate concern for someone's well-being as a result of excessive alcohol or drug use. Additional infractions occurring simultaneous to the alcohol or drug use will be adjudicated separately.

Student Conduct

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The Office of Student Conduct is located on the second floor of the Alvin B. Wood Support Services Center in room 207. Our role is to foster ethical student development and personal responsibility through enforcement of the Connecticut State University (CSU) Student Code of Conduct. Students who are alleged to have violated the BOR/CSU Student Code of Conduct are asked to meet with the Student Conduct staff to discuss the incident. In some instances, students may be required to attend a formal hearing. Further information regarding Student Code of Conduct can be found in the student handbook or on the Student Conduct website.

Student Conduct Hold Policy

If a student fails to complete any assigned sanction(s), a conduct hold may be placed on the student's record. The hold will not be removed until all required active sanctions have been completed.

If a conduct hold is placed on the student's record, they will not be able to register for classes, or if already registered, the classes will be cancelled unless the hold is cleared before the start of the term. In addition, a hold will also interfere with the student's status at the University. Students with conduct holds on their records are not eligible for on-campus housing and will have their housing assignment cancelled.

Students who do not complete their sanction(s) in a timely manner are also subject to further disciplinary action.

Holds are not lifted immediately upon receipt of the outstanding sanction(s). Staff will review the sanction and determine if it has been completed. This review may take up to 5 business days to complete.

Parental Notification Policy for Conduct Incidents

Eastern Connecticut State University Policy and Procedures Statement in Accordance with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

It is the policy of Eastern Connecticut State University to respect the rights and privacy of students in accordance with federal regulations published by the Department of Health and Human Services for enforcing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). As a result of the legislation, the student is guaranteed certain rights and safeguards.

Parental Notification:

To foster closer communication with parents and guardians, the University has implemented a parental notification policy. Under FERPA, colleges and universities are permitted to inform the parents or guardians of students under the age of 21 if the student is found to be in violation of the university's alcohol or drug policies. The Student Conduct Office will notify parents or guardians when a student under 21 is found responsible for violations of the University's alcohol and/or drug policies. This notification will typically occur either verbally or in writing.

If the parent is present at the student conduct proceeding or if it is known that the parent is aware of the incident, the University may not send a notification letter as these circumstances meet the notification standard. Eastern Connecticut State University will continue to encourage students who are found responsible for violations to inform their parents about the incident and the resulting consequences.

Emancipated students are responsible for providing the Student Conduct Office with the necessary documentation before a finding of responsibility is made, to prevent notification to their parents. It is solely the student's responsibility to ensure this documentation is submitted; failure to do so will result in a notification being sent to the student's permanent address. While the University will not contact parents or guardians of students who are 21 years of age or older, we encourage these students to communicate with their parents independently.

Policy on Academic Misconduct

At Eastern Connecticut State University, we value personal integrity as fundamental to our interactions with each other. We place special weight on academic honesty in all of our intellectual pursuits because it is a value fundamental to academic life and scholarly practice. All members of the University community are obligated to uphold high standards of academic honesty in their scholarship and learning, and this obligation extends to students.

Instructor's Role:

Instructors should inform their students in the course syllabus and during class time of course specific requirements and the penalties, the faculty may impose for academic misconduct as informed by their professional judgment. Instructors should also refer students to the definition of academic misconduct in the BOR/CSU Student Code of Conduct.

Student's Role:

Students are expected to take personal responsibility for their intellectual work and to respect and acknowledge the ideas of others. Academic honesty means doing one's own work and giving proper credit to others whose work and thoughts are drawn upon. It is the responsibility of each student to become familiar with what constitutes academic dishonesty and plagiarism and to avoid all forms of cheating and plagiarism. Students may not engage in any form of academic misconduct and are responsible for learning how to present the ideas of others in their own work and avoid all other forms of academic misconduct. For current documentation practices, consult the instructor or a style manual (e.g., APA, MLA).

The BOR/CSU Student Code of Conduct definition of academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, and acts of dishonesty. Academic misconduct may take many forms. The following list of behaviors is intended to represent the types of acts that constitute violations of this policy.

Eastern Connecticut State University Alcohol and Drug Policy

1 - Alcohol on Campus:

- 1.1) The University permits the serving of alcohol in accordance with Connecticut State Statutes at appropriate events and locations as defined in this policy.
- 1.2) Any alcoholic beverages must be furnished by the University's approved food service contractor, or be individually purchased for private consumption by students residing in the approved 21+ residence halls in accordance with guidelines established for that area.
- 1.3) Alcohol is prohibited on University property with the exception of approved dates, times and/or locations as outlined by this policy.
- 1.4) Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by students or guests is prohibited in campus housing/residential facilities except for students residing in the approved 21+ residence areas.
- 1.5) Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages at any intramural or intercollegiate athletic activity is expressly prohibited.
- 1.6) Common source alcohol containers (such as, but not limited to, kegs, beer balls, punch bowls, and wine boxes) are prohibited unless being served by the University's approved food service contractor.

2 - Permissions:

- 2.1) Any event which includes the service of alcoholic beverages must receive permission from the appropriate source.
 - 2.1.1) Staff or departmental social functions involving the use of alcoholic beverages in campus buildings require the advanced approval of the University President and appropriate Vice President or Dean.
 - 2.1.2) All requests for student-sponsored activities at which alcoholic beverages will be used on campus grounds must be approved by the organization's advisor, the Director of Student Activities and the Vice President for Student Affairs. Approval must be submitted to the Director of Food Services at least three weeks in advance of the event.
 - 2.1.3) All requests for activities involving the consumption of alcoholic beverages by non-college affiliated groups held on campus grounds must be submitted to the University Events Coordinator in the Office of Institutional Advancement.
- 2.2) Approval of alcoholic beverages is contingent upon the following minimum criteria:
 - 2.2.1) The sponsoring organization is required to arrange with the Director of Public Safety for the provisions of adequate security at any event where alcoholic beverages are being consumed.
 - 2.2.2) Any event where alcoholic beverages are served must also make available food and non-alcoholic beverages. There must be a sufficient quantity to last the duration of the event.
 - 2.2.3) Alcohol may not be the main focus of any proposed event-based upon alcohol amounts, duration, costs, etc.
- 2.3) All activities, whether on or off-campus, must be in accordance with the State of Connecticut's legal drinking age law.
- 2.4) Failure to comply with the stipulations set forth in this document will result in the cancellation of an event and will be subject to further action by the University.

3 - Drug Abuse:

- 3.1) The unprescribed use, possession, sale, purchase, distribution of any controlled substance to include, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, heroin, hallucinogens, barbiturates and paraphernalia, is a violation of the laws of the State of Connecticut and is therefore subject to disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution.
- 3.2) Student-Athletes must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the NCAA, the CSU system and the University policies. These rules prohibit the use of anabolic steroids, caffeine, amphetamines, and other drugs as ergogenic aids. See the Student-Athlete Handbook for a complete description of the alcohol, drug, and testing policies.
- 3.3) Smoking is actively discouraged and is restricted to designated areas only (at least 40 feet from all buildings).

4 - Individual Rights and Responsibilities for the Alcohol and Drug Policy:

- 4.1) At no time may anyone not of legal drinking age purchase, possess, consume, or offer alcoholic beverages on the Eastern campus or at any Eastern-sponsored activity on or off-campus.
- 4.2) All students are responsible for the behavior of their guests. All guests are subject to all University policies and regulations.
- 4.3) Any intoxicated individual who engages in high-risk behavior which threatens the health or safety of another individual, themselves, or property is subject to disciplinary action.
- 4.4) All members of the University must be able to produce current University identification and proof of age at the events where alcoholic beverages are served.
- 4.5) In no case shall the use or abuse of alcohol or illegal drugs be accepted as an excuse or justification for the violation of University rules or regulations.
- 4.6) All students who are present during any violation of the policies herein are subject to disciplinary action as a result.

4.7) Violations of the alcohol and drug policy are subject to sanctions as delineated in BOR/CSCU Student Code of Conduct.

- <https://www.ct.edu/files/pdfs/2.1%20StudentCodeofConduct.pdf>

Student Code of Conduct

[Click Here](#) to view the Student Code of Conduct.

If you are a student or former student:

- You must provide us with a completed and signed Dean Certification/Disciplinary Release form well in advance of your deadline. Forms will not be completed immediately. Forms will be available for pick-up or mailed (provided you have included a pre-addressed, stamped envelope) five business days after the form is delivered to Student Conduct. Incomplete requests or requests received without a stamped envelope will not be processed.
- If the institution you are applying to requires that our office mail it directly to them, you must provide a stamped and addressed envelope when you drop off your form. If you do not provide an envelope, you may pick up your paperwork after five business days.
- In lieu of a form, you can provide a pre-addressed and stamped envelope and a letter that includes the following:
 - Your full name as it was while you were a student at Eastern Connecticut State University;
 - Your student ID number and/or date of birth;
 - Your current mailing address and phone number;
 - The names and addresses of the schools or institutions to which you want your conduct information mailed.

Student Conduct will not fax Dean Certification/Disciplinary Release forms. This is the responsibility of the student.

For background checks, if you are with a government agency or if you are a private contractor:

- Typically, we will not be able to provide you with information immediately.
- You will need to leave your paperwork/forms with Student Conduct along with your business card. You will be called back with the results when they are ready. This may not be the same business day.
- Whether you notify us of your request via telephone, fax or by visiting our office in person, you need to choose one method of obtaining this information and remain consistent. For example, if you must make personal contact with our office, do not also fax or call our office. Multiple requests for the same information may cause delays.

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