

KNOW THE CODE AT STATE

As a student at Illinois State University, you are expected to “Know the Code”. The “Code” refers to the *Code of Student Conduct*, which is the document that details the behavioral expectations (social and academic conduct) of all students at Illinois State University. The Code also describes the educational nature of the conduct process, and the rights and responsibilities of students and other participants in the conduct process. The information found below is adapted from the *Code of Student Conduct*.

JURISDICTION

Illinois State University will review any and all possible *Code of Student Conduct* violations that are brought to the University’s attention. Wherever students go, they are a Redbird and represent Illinois State University. This means that if a student violates a policy in Normal, Bloomington, another state, or even another country, Illinois State University has an obligation to review the behavior for possible *Code of Student Conduct* violations. This includes behavior that occurs during summer and other breaks in the academic year.

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Often students may be charged with violating the *Code of Student Conduct* if they are involved in a criminal violation. Illinois State University will still hold students accountable for their actions; by enrolling at Illinois State University students agree that they are joining the University community and will abide by those community expectations which are found in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

CRIMINAL PROCESS VS. STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESS

There are several differences between the criminal process and the student conduct process. First and foremost the student conduct process holds students accountable for violations of the *Code of Student Conduct*, not violations of the law. However, students may often violate a law and in turn also break a University policy.

FINDING OF “IN VIOLATION”

The *Code of Student Conduct* defines the burden of proof in the student conduct process as “preponderance of information” which means more likely than not to have occurred.





CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The student conduct process at Illinois State University is an educational one. If students violate a policy of the *Code of Student Conduct*, they will be sanctioned. Students may receive multiple sanctions; these sanctions fall into two categories:

INACTIVE are sanctions that determine a student's standing at the University i.e. censure, disciplinary probation, restrictive disciplinary probation, suspension, and dismissal.

ACTIVE are educational sanctions that promote learning, understanding, and reflection i.e. alcohol and/or drug education program, reflective exercises, conflict management training, restitution, etc.

The educational nature of the student conduct process allows for students to receive sanctions that are the most appropriate response to their violation(s) and educational needs. There are recommended minimum sanctions for alcohol and other drug related offenses. These can be found on the Resources Page.

ADVISORS

A student has the right to have an advisor present at all meetings or hearings in the student conduct process. The advisor's role is non participatory, limited only to advising the student, and the advisor may not actively participate in the proceedings, nor serve as a witness.

CONDUCT CONSULTANTS

Conduct Consultants are faculty, staff, and student volunteers who have received basic training in the student conduct process. These volunteers are an optional resource open to any student involved in the student conduct process.

STUDENT CONFLICT SPECIALISTS

Student Conflict Specialists focus on conflict resolution. The goal of the Student Conflict Specialists is to reduce the harm resulting from a student's action(s), and restoring relationships and trust within the University community. This process may also be invoked in lieu of or in conjunction with active and inactive sanctions.

Student Conflict Specialists are undergraduate or graduate student volunteers assigned by SCCR to assist students in a conflict resolution intake process. They receive training and supervision from SCCR professional staff.

Students are encouraged to contact Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution if questions arise about the conduct process.
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