



CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

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Division: Student Affairs

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I. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Grambling State University Code of Student Conduct has been developed to support the overall mission of the University—a mission that is conducive to learning, teaching, scholarly research and service to others. The Code of Student Conduct and the student disciplinary processes are intended to foster ethical development, personal growth of students, personal accountability, and civility toward others.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICIES

A. CODE OF AUTHORITY

As the Chief Executive Officer of the University, the President holds the ultimate authority in matters of student discipline. On rare occasions, this authority may be exercised on an exigent basis to protect University property and/or the health and safety of the University community. Unless otherwise exercised or modified, by the President, this authority is delegated to the Vice President of Student Affairs who shall oversee the functions of Judicial Affairs. The Director of Judicial Affairs is directly responsible for the daily administration of the University's student judicial system. Code Authority is found in Louisiana Revised Statutes, Acts, Concurrent Resolutions, etc. as the following:

Louisiana Revised Statutes—17:10; 17:3101 through 17:3109 (1969); 17:3024 (1969).

Acts—Act No. 68 (1894), Act No. 529 (1968). Concurrent Resolutions No. 293 (1970) Title 1, OF THE DISTINCTION OF PERSONS, Act 37, Age of Majority (1972).

The [Code of Student Conduct](#) creates an expectation of behavior that the University deems acceptable. Its primary purpose is to ensure that students will not be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process. Although every student has rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, these freedoms cannot be enjoyed, exercised, or protected in a community which lacks order and stability. It is, therefore, each student's responsibility to adhere to the conduct and

standards prescribed by the University, the Board of Trustees for the University of Louisiana System, as well as those established by local, state and federal laws.

B. JUDICIAL BOARD

There shall be a Judicial Board (Board) consisting of twenty (20) members. The Board is the primary judicial body of the University. It has jurisdiction over all student cases involving alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct referred to it by appropriate University officials.

All members, including the chairperson, shall be appointed by the President. The President may authorize the Director of Judicial Affairs to serve simultaneously as a chairperson. A chairperson, two (2) faculty or staff representatives and two (2) student representatives shall compose each panel. The President may appoint a special panel when necessary.

The Judicial Board has recommending authority in terms of sanctions. The Board has the responsibility of determining if a student is responsible or not responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct. The Board's recommendations are made to the Director of Judicial Affairs.

C. AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

Grambling State University has a "Zero Tolerance" policy for Aggressive Behavior. Aggressive Behavior is defined as intimidating gestures, threatening, abusive language, fighting or physical actions which create fear or intent of bodily harm to another person or damage to university or personal property. Additional definitions of aggressive behavior maybe identified in the student handbook, which may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. 4.03 – Assault;
2. 4.04 – Battery;
3. 4.06 – Dangerous, Threatening Unsafe Behavior; and
4. 4.08 – Destruction/Damage to Property.

Any student found in-violation of an aggressive behavior act may result in immediate suspension from the University.

D. DAMAGE TO FIRE PREVENTION EQUIPMENT

Any student who tampers with or damages fire prevention equipment on Grambling State University's campus will be referred to the Office of Student

Judicial Affairs and is subject to fines and penalties as mandated by the Louisiana State Fire Marshall and Grambling State University. The first offense will result in a \$500 fine and the second offense for a student will result in a referral to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs and that student shall be expelled from the University.

E. CAMPUS SERVICE

Students who are in violation of the Student Code of Conduct are sanctioned. These sanctions may include one or more of the following: campus service, fines, counseling, probation, suspension, and expulsion. Students who fail to complete assigned campus service hours by the end of the semester shall be charged the current minimum wage amount times the number of hours remaining. This charge is placed against the students' account. This policy will be communicated to students at the time of the sanction.

F. APPEALS

A decision reached by the Judicial Board or a sanction imposed by the Director of Judicial Affairs may be appealed by the accused student within three (3) business days of the decision. Such appeals shall be in writing and delivered to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and addressed to the Chairperson, Administrative Appeals Board.

If the request for an appeal is granted, the Chairperson of the Administrative Appeals Board shall, within a reasonable time, set a date, time, and place for the Appeals Board to review the findings, decision, and recommendation of the Judicial Board. The Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee shall be present at this hearing.

If an appeal is upheld by the Administrative Appeals Board, the matter shall be returned to the original Judicial Board for re-opening to allow reconsideration of the original determination and/or sanction(s). If an appeal is not granted, the sanction imposed shall be considered final and binding upon all involved.

Students have the right to appeal the finding, decision, and recommendation of the Administrative Appeals Board to the Vice President for Student Affairs. The student must give written notification of his/her intent to appeal and reasons for appealing within three (3) business days of receiving the decision of the Appeals Board.