



THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT  
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I. Introduction and Purpose

1. The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at The University of Western Ontario, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow.
2. The University of Western Ontario is a community of students, faculty and staff involved in learning, teaching, research, and other activities. The University seeks to provide an environment of free and creative inquiry within which critical thinking, humane values, and practical skills are cultivated and sustained. It is committed to a mission and to principles that will foster excellence and create an environment where its students, faculty, and staff can grow and flourish.
3. Upon registration, students assume the rights and responsibilities associated with membership in the University's academic and social community. Students are responsible for observing a standard of conduct that will contribute to the University's mission and that will support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live here. This responsibility includes respecting the rights, property, and well-being of other members of the University community and visitors to the campus, and refraining from conduct that would

## II. Definitions

In this Code:

1. "Student" is an individual registered at the constituent University in a c

individual or individuals while on campus or while participating in University programs, events or activities.

2. Graduate students are subject to the provisions of this Code except when acting in their capacity as Graduate Teaching Assistants.
  3. Subject to the provisions of the Affiliation Agreement between the University and its Affiliated University Colleges, students registered at the Affiliated University Colleges are expected to conform to the standards of this Code while on University property. Only the Affiliated University Colleges may discipline their students for conduct that would constitute a violation of this Code; however, where extraordinary circumstances warrant, the University may also take measures to restrict such a student's entry onto University property or use of University facilities.
- V. Prohibited Student Conduct

The following list sets out specific examples of prohibited conduct. This list is illustrative only and is not intended to define misconduct in exhaustive or exclusive terms.

#### Examples

1. **Disruption**  
By action, threat, written material, or by any means whatsoever, disrupting or obstructing any University or Affiliated University College activities, including a University sponsored program, event or activity, or other authorized activities on premises of the University or its Affiliated University Colleges, or the right of another person to carry on his/her legitimate activities, or to speak or to associate with others. University or Affiliated University College activities include, but are not limited to, teaching, research, studying, sports and recreation, administration and meetings.
2. **Misconduct Against Persons and Dangerous Activity**
  - (a) Any assault, harassment, intimidation, threats or coercion.
  - (b) Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
  - (c) Contravention of The University of Western Ontario Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy.
  - (d) Knowingly (which includes when one should reasonably have known) creating a condition that endangers the health, safety, or well-being of any person.
  - (e) Engaging in conduct that is, or is reasonably seen to be, humiliating or demeaning to another person or coercing, enticing or inciting a person to commit an act that is, or is reasonably seen to be, humiliating or demeaning to that person or to others.
3. **Misconduct Involving Property**
  - (a) Unauthorized entry and/or presence on any premises of the University or its Affiliated University Colleges, or any premises used for University sponsored programs, events or activities.
  - (b) Misappropriation, damage, unauthorized possession, defacement and/or destruction of premises or property of the University or its Affiliated University Colleges, or the property of others.
  - (c) Use of University or Affiliated University College facilities, equipment or services contrary to express instruction or without proper authority.

(d)

1. Verbal Warning



3. Graduate Students

appeals. The report will be posted publicly by the University Secretariat.

- (j) The University may continue its investigation and disposition of a complaint notwithstanding that a student withdraws from the University in the course of any proceedings under this Code. Where a student's conduct comes to light after a student has left the University, the University may decide to proceed with the review and disposition of a complaint, if the seriousness of the allegation warrants such action.

#### IX. Transcripts and Registration

1. Suspension and expulsion are recorded on the official transcript. The suspension notation will be removed when the student graduates or five years after the last registration. The expulsion notation is permanent unless the President grants a petition for its removal. Any such petition may be made no sooner than five years after the offence. Removal of the expulsion notation from the transcript does not overturn the expulsion decision; the expulsion remains in effect.
2. While under investigation for serious misconduct that may result in suspension or expulsion, the student will not be issued transcripts directly, but, at the student's request, transcripts will be sent



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(e.g., Office of the Registrar, Campus Community Police Service).

Further Appeal