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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT & CAMPUS-WIDE POLICIES

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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The following violations of the Student Code of Conduct standards will be processed through the Dean of Students and/or their designee. Violations occurring off campus and in online forums are subject to the terms of the Student Code of Conduct.

- A. **ALCOHOL:** The unauthorized use, possession, consumption, or the furnishing/sale of any alcoholic beverage or paraphernalia on property owned or operated by the University including but not limited to, possession of alcohol, consumption of alcohol, providing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication, minor driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while intoxicated is prohibited on university property without specific permission from university administration. For more information, please review the Student Handbook's section regarding Alcohol & Illicit Drugs.
1. **EMPTY CONTAINER:** Possession of containers that previously contained alcoholic beverages. Empty containers will be considered an open container and deemed as proof of consumption and a violation of the alcohol policy. The policy applies to all students, regardless of age. Empty alcohol containers cannot be used as decorations.
 2. **COMMON SOURCE:** Possession of common source containers of alcohol such as kegs, beer balls, or boxed wine.
 3. **DRINKING GAMES:** Participation in and/or being in the presence of drinking games or activities that encourage rapid consumption of alcohol.
 4. **POSSESSION:** Unauthorized possession of alcoholic beverages by anyone, including persons 21 years of age or older, on University property.
 5. **CONSUMPTION:** Unauthorized consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container by anyone, including persons 21 years of age or older, on property owned or operated by the University. This includes but is not limited to; public space within a residence hall, academic buildings, athletic venues/buildings, tailgating, etc.
 6. **INTOXICATION:** Intoxication by any person, regardless of age. Social drinking must never be undertaken to the detriment of, or in violation of, the rights of others. As such, students are reminded that it is their responsibility to always be sober. The University will not tolerate public drunkenness since intoxicated students act in a manner inconsistent with the values of the

University, pose a threat to themselves, and can make life unpleasant for those with whom they live.

Any student found in an intoxicated condition will be subject to appropriate sanctions. Determination as to whether a student is intoxicated may be made on the basis of the following factors including, but not limited to whether a student is:

- unable to walk without assistance
- speaking incoherently
- unconscious
- vomiting
- emitting a strong odor of alcohol
- behaving in a loud and/or disorderly manner

7. **SALE/DISTRIBUTION:** Sale, distribution, or provision or attempts to sell, distribute, or provide alcoholic beverages to or by anyone, including persons 21 years of age or older, on university property. This includes hosting a party where alcohol is present and/or being consumed without administrative authorization.

- B. **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:** Violations of University policies dictating the use of Artificial Intelligence in academic activities.
- C. **BURGLARY:** Unauthorized or illegal entry into a space with the intention of committing a crime or violation of the Code of Conduct.
- D. **COPYRIGHT:** Actions that violate the guidelines of the Copyright Act of 1976. The Copyright Act of 1976 provides copyright protection for original works of authorship fixed in a tangible format. This policy governs the use of copyrighted works at UPIKE and can be found at the following [UPIKE Copyright Policy Website](#). More information regarding copyright & fair use, can be found at the [Copyright & Fair Use: Just the Facts website](#).
- E. **DINING HALL:** All food served by Dining Services should be consumed in the dining hall unless the University permits otherwise. Food, plates, silverware, cups, and other items are not to be removed from the dining hall. Appropriate dress is always expected. For reasons of safety and health, bare feet and other inappropriate dress are not permitted. It is necessary that all guests must return dishes, etc., to the

busing station. Each student must present their University student ID upon entering the dining facility. Using another's University student ID to gain access to the dining facility is prohibited.

- F. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT:** Disorderly, lewd, or indecent conduct; and other acts, or encouraging another student to participate in acts, which disrupt or interfere with the lawful administration or functions of the University.
- G. **DRUGS (ILLICIT):** Possession, use, delivery, or coordinating the delivery of illicit drugs, as defined by the Alcohol & Illicit Drug Policy.
1. **PARAPHERNALIA:** Possession of paraphernalia including any item typically used to inhale/ingest/inject/mask drugs, regardless of whether the item has been used for illegal purposes.
 2. **POSSESSION:** Possession of drugs.
 3. **USE:** Use of drugs.
 4. **PRESCRIPTIONS:** Misuse, abuse, and/or sale of prescription drugs.
 5. **DISTRIBUTION:** Distribution (any form of exchange, gift, transfer, or sale) of drugs.
 6. **CO-CONSPIRATOR/AIDING:** Serving as a co-conspirator in drug-related activity on campus; includes aiding in and/or knowingly endorsing acts of distribution.
- H. **FAILURE TO COMPLY:** Not cooperating and/or failure to comply with any University Official or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties.
- I. **FALSE INFORMATION:** Furnishing false information to or about any University Official acting in performance of their duties.
- J. **FALSIFYING DOCUMENTS:** Forging, altering, misusing, creating false, or failure to provide accurate and required information on University documents, records, or identification cards.
- K. **FIRE ALARM:** Intentionally or negligently activating a fire alarm or fire safety system in the absence of a fire or reasonable belief that a fire is occurring or is imminent.
- L. **FIRE/EXPLOSION:** Actions that cause or attempt to cause a fire or explosion; falsely reporting a fire, an explosion, or an explosive device; tampering with fire

safety equipment; failure to evacuate University buildings during a fire alarm. To meet the State fire code, the university prohibits any recreational fires from occurring within 30 feet of any university building or structure. This includes but is not limited to grills and bonfires/firepits. Any student interested in grilling on campus must contact Public Safety at least 24 hours in advance for permission. Any students interested in having an outdoor fire (bonfires/firepits) must contact Public Safety at least 48 hours in advance due to the possible need for fire department approval.

- M. **GAMBLING:** Violations of federal, state, and local laws regulating gambling.
- N. **HARMFUL ACTS:** Actions or threats of action committed with disregard of possible harm to self, an individual, or group. This includes but is not limited to acts of retaliation and actions that inflict psychological or physical harm and/or injury to self, an individual or group, and invading privacy rights of others within the University community or outside of the University community while enrolled as a student. This includes, but is not limited to, acts that take place in an online forum or via text messaging.
- O. **HAZING:** Hazing or any similar act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a person, for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for the continued membership in a group or organization. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, any act in which a person would not normally participate.
- P. **INDUCING A PANIC:** Inducing a panic without due cause, including but not limited to: a) causing the evacuation of a space, b) causing serious public inconvenience or alarm, c) initiating or circulating a report or warning of an alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime, or other catastrophe, d) knowing that such report or warning is false, e) committing/ threatening to commit any offense of violence with reckless disregard of the likelihood that its commission will cause serious inconvenience or alarm to the University and/or local community.
- Q. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Inappropriate or disproportionate use of technology resources owned or controlled by the University or the use of information technology resources for illegal, threatening, or intentionally destructive purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, circumventing system or network security, committing copyright infringement, transmitting unsolicited or harassing email, sharing a University-issued password, and falsifying an email header.

Violations of UPIKE Department of Information Technology and Services published policies and procedures.

R. **INTERFERING WITH CONDUCT PROCESS:** Actions which interfere with or obstruct the Student Conduct Process. Charges may include, but are not limited to:

1. **FALSE INFORMATION:** Falsifying, distorting, or misrepresenting information to the Conduct Board or Hearing Officer.
2. **DISCOURAGEMENT:** Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the Student Conduct system; this includes violations of the No Retaliation Policy.
3. **INFLUENCE OFFICER:** Attempting to influence the impartiality of a Hearing Officer or member of a Hearing Board prior to, during, and/or after a Student Conduct proceeding.
4. **INFLUENCE PERSON:** Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the Student Code of Conduct system.
5. **OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT:** Actions that seek to involve others in confidential Student Conduct processes when there is no legitimate need for their involvement; this includes participation in gossip and/or actions that take place in an online forum and/or via text messaging.
6. **NO SHOW:** Failure to appear at a Hearing without approval from the Hearing Officer/Conduct Board.
7. **INCOMPLETE SANCTION:** Failure to complete an assigned sanction.

S. **KEYS/CARDS:** Unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of keys or access cards to enter or attempt to enter any University premises or services. All Keys/ID Cards are the property of the University and are non-transferable.

1. **POSSESSION OF KEYS/ID CARDS:** Students are expected to always carry their ID Card with them and are required to produce their ID Cards upon the request of any authorized person (University administrators, residence hall staff, faculty, or Public Safety officers).
2. **LOANED KEYS/ID CARDS:** Keys/ID Cards may not be loaned to anyone under any circumstances and are not to be reproduced. Due to security concerns, giving keys to unauthorized individuals and/or reproducing keys will result in referral for Student Conduct action.
3. **LOST KEY/ID CARDS:** Failing to report a lost ID card to Public Safety and/or the Office of Residence Life in a timely manner. A lost key will require the replacement of the keys, changing the lock core, and changing the cylinder for the locks involved. The student will be charged for these lost residence hall

keys or a lost key to any other university facility. If a key is lost, the resident must notify the Office of Residence Life within 48 hours. Students will also be charged to replace their lost ID Card.

4. **UNAUTHORIZED USE:** Use of University keys/ID Cards to enter or attempt to enter unauthorized areas is a conduct violation and may result in disciplinary action.
5. **KEY RETURN:** Failure to return keys when a student checks out of the residence hall and before leaving campus will result in fines and replacement costs.
6. **KEY AUDITS:** The Office of Residence Life will conduct periodic key audits during the academic year. Students failing to produce a key and/or who have not reported a key missing will be charged with a violation of policy.

- T. **LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL VIOLATIONS:** Violations and/or charges of violations of any municipal or county ordinance, any law of the State, or any law of the United States. When traveling internationally, students must comply with the laws of their jurisdiction.
- U. **MISREPRESENTATION:** Participating in and/or encouraging actions that intentionally misrepresent the University in an official capacity. This includes but is not limited to operating a campus organization without University recognition or falsely misrepresenting oneself as a University employee and/or having the authority of an employee.
- V. **MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** Reckless or improper operation of a vehicle or wheeled transportation on University grounds. This includes motorized vehicles, skates, and bicycles used without proper regard for safety, courtesy, and caution. Unauthorized use of wheeled vehicles in University buildings and facilities.
- W. **NO RETALIATION:** The University prohibits retaliation for filing a complaint or participating in an investigation or inquiry. No one shall be subject to any form of reprisal, discrimination, adverse treatment, or retaliation because she/he has acted in good faith to report an incident, file a complaint, or participate in an investigation or inquiry.
- X. **OFF-CAMPUS BEHAVIOR:** Disruptive behavior that occurs while students are visiting locations off-campus while enrolled.

- Y. **PARKING:** Violation of the Parking regulations as outline on the following website:
<https://www.upike.edu/parking-regulations-2016/>
- Z. **RECORDING DEVICES:** Undisclosed and unauthorized recording of other individuals within the University community. Making, attempting to make, transmitting, or attempting to transmit, audio or video of any person(s) on University premises in bathrooms, showers, bedrooms, university offices, or other premises where there is an explicit expectation of privacy without the knowledge and consent of all participants that are subject to such recordings.
- AA. **RESIDENCE LIFE:** Violations of the Residence Life Policies apply to those residing within the residence halls and those visiting the residence halls. Please review the [Student Handbook's Guidelines for Residential Living](#) section.
- BB. **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:** Violations of the Sexual Misconduct Policy as outlined on the following website. These violations will be processed by the Title IX Coordinator: <http://www.upike.edu/titleixpolicy>
- CC. **TOBACCO USE:** The University of Pikeville is a tobacco-free campus. The University provides a healthy, comfortable, and educationally productive learning environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors. As such, it shall be the university's policy that tobacco use will not be allowed in indoor or outdoor areas of the campus. This policy applies to all employees, students, visitors, contractors and externally affiliated individuals or companies renting University-owned space on University-owned and operated property campus grounds. The university's tobacco policy: <https://www.upike.edu/university-of-pikeville-tobacco-policy/>
- DD. **THEFT:** Taking or unauthorized use, possession, or destruction of public or private property (either on or off campus) or services.
- EE. **THREATS/HARASSMENT/STALKING:** Acts of verbal or written abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, fighting words, and/or other conduct which create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, living, or educational environment. This includes, but is not limited to, acts that take place in an online forum or via text messaging.
- FF. **TRESPASSING:** Unauthorized entry into or use of property owned or controlled by the University. This includes, but is not limited to, persons violating the residential visitation policy and/or not having a resident escort, attempting to force open locked

doors, and attempting to gain entry to University buildings during times of University closure.

- GG. **UNIVERSITY DISRUPTION:** Disrupting the normal operations of the University and/or infringing on the rights of other members and/or guests of the University community.
- HH. **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT/DRONE:** The unauthorized use/operation of drones/unmanned aircraft is not permitted on University premises including the interior and exterior of university buildings. This is due to both Federal Aviation Association requirements, and risk management/liability issues. Exceptions may be made for official institutional use or research/teaching use; those instances will be managed through the Director of Public Safety.
- II. **VANDALISM:** Acts of vandalism or carelessness that intentionally defaces and/or litters campus grounds and/or University buildings or general property; this includes acts of littering.
- JJ. **WEAPONS:** Possession and/or use of firearms, explosives, ammunition, fireworks, and/or weapons on property owned or controlled by the university. Weapons may include, **but are not limited to:** metallic knuckles; slingshots; bows and arrows; switchblade knives; non-cooking knives with blades more than three inches in length; paintball, BB, or pellet guns; taser, stun guns, and/or other deadly weapons; or dangerous chemicals. Unmodified toy guns are permissible only at the discretion of ~~Residence Life~~ and/or Public Safety staff and when possession does not infringe on the rights of others or the perception of safety on campus. **Violators of this policy may be subject to arrest, fine, imprisonment, and immediate separation from the university.**
- KK. **WILDLIFE HARM:** Actions or threats of action committed with disregard of possible harm to animals, including wildlife found on campus grounds.
- LL. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS:** Student must comply with the university Intellectual Property Rights Policy. This policy covers all types of intellectual property, including works protected by copyright, patent and trade secret laws. Although the following list is not exhaustive, it provides typical examples of the kinds of work the policy addresses: inventions, discoveries, trade secrets, trade and service marks, writings, art works, musical compositions and performances, software, literary

works, and architecture. This Intellectual Property policy is available at the following link: [Intellectual Property Rights policy.](#)

MM. **ANIMALS ON CAMPUS:** Students must comply with the [Animal on Campus policy](#) which addresses the University's requirements and expectations for service animals, emotional support animals, and other issues related to the presence of animals on campus.

NN. **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, POLICIES, AND EXPECTATIONS (KYCO/KYCOM/TCDM):** Violations of the KYCOM, KYCO, and TCDM Student Handbooks, Rotations/Clinic Manuals, and/or other documents concerning the professional standards, policies, and expectations of professional students.