

UNIVERSITY CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The Office of Community Standards and Title IX supports the Jacksonville State University mission by remaining student centered and educational in its disciplinary procedures. The Code of Student Conduct (<https://www.jsu.edu/community-standards/code-of-student-conduct.html>) is a way for the University to publicly expect all students (undergraduate, graduate and non-degree seeking) to maintain standards and respect for the University community. Jacksonville State University's conduct system has authority in all non-academic disciplinary matters. The University reserves the right to discipline students and recognized student organizations for acts of misconduct wherever they occur. The University, at its discretion, may pursue disciplinary action against a student while the student is also subject to criminal proceedings. As a Jacksonville State University community member, students are expected to uphold and abide by all local, state, federal and international laws. Referrals received from any University or police authority, regardless of location, are subject to the possible Code of Student Conduct proceedings for the accused.

As the JSU administration is currently structured, the University's Director for Community Standards and Title IX is responsible for implementation and application of this policy.

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Full information can be found on JSU's Code of Conduct (<https://www.jsu.edu/community-standards/code-of-student-conduct.html>) document.

The Code of Student Conduct is further outlined in the Jacksonville State University Handbook (<http://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/handbook.html>). A hard copy may be obtained from the Dean of Students office, 402 Theron Montgomery Building.

Sex Based Harassment and Misconduct Policy

(Including Grievance Procedure)

Jacksonville State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX, including in admission and employment.

Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to Jacksonville State University's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, or both. Jacksonville State University's Title IX Coordinator is Joshua Robinson, 301-A Angle Hall, titleix@jsu.edu, 256-782-5769.

More information, including a complete copy of this policy and procedure can be found at www.jsu.edu/titleix (<http://www.jsu.edu/titleix/>).

Scholars Code

The University recognizes that the open exchange of ideas plays a vital role in the academic endeavor, as often it is only through discussion with others that one is fully able to process information or to crystallize an

elusive concept. Therefore, students generally are encouraged to engage in conversations with their teachers and classmates about their courses, their research, and even their assignments. These kinds of discussions and debates in some ways represent the essence of life in an academic community. Even so, it is important for all scholars to maintain academic integrity in all aspects of their work, clearly noting when they have relied upon or incorporated the work of others.

To ensure academic honesty and provide support for students who may have engaged in minor violations, the university proposes the Scholars Code as means by which the course instructor can work with students in an educational and restorative manner while also securing the academic integrity of the University.

This policy emphasizes several values in order to provide students a clear path forward if they have committed an offense and to provide faculty with clear steps to follow when a student has committed an offense in their class. The first of those values is the student's academic responsibility, followed by values impacting the process through which an offense is adjudicated: nondiscrimination, equal and consistent treatment, confidentiality, and respect. To that end, the policy consists of the following aspects:

- Violations
- Levels of offense
- Procedures and standards for course instructor reporting
- Process
- Levels of sanction based on offense
- Appeals process

This policy is not intended to supersede any departmental or college-level policies but to provide a consistent view of academic dishonesty and a practice to follow for course instructors in reporting incidents of academic dishonesty and in initiating the formal adjudication process on the university level.

More information, including a complete copy of this policy and procedure can be found in the Student Handbook (<https://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/handbook.html>).