

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

Governing Principle

The governing principle for the MBU Student Conduct Code, Policies, and Procedures can be found in Galatians 5:14, "The entire law is summed up in one command, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'..." and Luke 6:31, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." These scriptures are fleshed out in biblical values such as respect, humility, integrity, service, and leadership.

Student Conduct Code Statement

Missouri Baptist University is a faith-based institution, and it is expected that employees and students will conduct themselves in accordance with Christian principles both on and off the campus. Personal misconduct either on or off campus by anyone connected with MBU detracts from the Christian witness the University strives to present to the world and hinders full accomplishment of the University program. While at the University, the student is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws. The University and its employees will cooperate with law enforcement agencies during an investigation. Each student is also expected to obey rules and regulations established by Missouri Baptist University. In all cases of violation of the University rules and regulations, or actions in violation of local, state, or federal laws, Missouri Baptist University reserves the right to proceed with its own disciplinary action independent of governmental charges of prosecution. There is no University policy to await the outcome of governmental prosecution.

Scope of Code

The following policies prohibiting specific types of conduct are not designed to be a comprehensive, inclusive code. Any violation of local, state, or federal laws, or any indecent or disorderly conduct disruptive of the orderly process of the University educational program, may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Student Awareness Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with these policies and rules. The administration will attempt to ensure that all students know the rules through orientation sessions. However, students are responsible to the University for their conduct. If students should witness a violation of these policies on the part of other students, faculty, or administrators, it is their responsibility to report it. In the event that a student violates the campus rules, the student will appear before the Senior Vice President for Student Development and/or the University Conduct Committee for disciplinary action. A student enrolling in Missouri Baptist University assumes an obligation to behave in a manner compatible with the University mission and purpose as an educational institution.

Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction of Missouri Baptist University generally shall be limited to conduct which occurs on the Missouri Baptist University premises (including off-campus housing) or at University-sponsored or supervised functions. However, nothing herein limits the administration of the University from taking appropriate action, including, but not limited to, the imposition of sanction against students for conduct on or off University premises.

Violations of Student Conduct Code

- A. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and sabotage. In all cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor shall make an academic judgment about the student's grade on the work in that course, if possible, and report the alleged academic dishonesty to the Senior Vice President for Student Development.
 1. The term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations;
 - b. Dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments;
 - c. Acquisition, or possession without permission of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the University faculty or staff; and,
 - d. Knowingly providing any unauthorized assistance to another student in taking any quiz, test, or examination.
 2. The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Use of paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without fully and properly crediting the author with footnotes, citations, or biographical reference;
 - b. Unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the supplying or selling of term papers or other academic materials; and,
 - c. Unacknowledged use of original work/material that has been produced through collaboration with others without release in writing from collaborators.
 3. The term "sabotage" includes, but is not limited to the unauthorized interference with, modification or, or destruction of the work or intellectual property of another member of the University student body, faculty, or staff.
- B. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records of identification, or knowingly furnishing false or misleading information to the University.
- C. Obstruction or disruptions of teaching, research, administration, conduct proceedings, or other University activities, including its public service functions, on or off campus.

- D. Attempted or actual theft of, damage to, or possession without permission of property of the University or of a member of the University student body, faculty, or staff or of a campus visitor.
- E. Unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of keys to any University facilities or unauthorized entry to, or use of, University facilities.
- F. Physical or verbal abuse, sexual harassment or assault, fighting, or any other conduct, which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
- G. Violation of University policies, rules, or regulations, or of campus regulations, including, but not limited to, those governing residence in University-provided on and off-campus housing, or the use of University facilities.
- H. Manufacture, use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance without proper prescription or required license, or as expressly permitted by law or University regulations.
- I. Disruptive or disorderly conduct, profanity in any form, or any other lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression.
- J. Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties.
- K. Possession of firearms, explosives, fireworks, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals (except for academic purposes) at any time either on campus or off campus at University-sponsored or supervised functions.
- L. Failure to follow the published guidelines and procedures of the University relating to the use of the campus telephone and computer systems, for the purpose of avoiding charges for personal phone use or any other purpose. The use of any other person's access code which includes, but is not limited to, long distance phone codes, copy codes, computer codes, and passwords, etc. is prohibited.