Student Integrity Code

Three Principles

Self-governance, guided by the Student Integrity Code and personal values;

Honesty, which will impel students to report themselves when they have violated any provision of the Principle and Standards;

Mutual obligation, which requires students who are aware of others' violation of any Standard to either request that these others report themselves, or, especially if there is risk to others, undertake to make such a report themselves.

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Standard One. A member of the Puget Sound community must not harm someone physically or psychologically, or cause them to fear being harmed.

Standard Two. A member of the Puget Sound community must not engage in activities that threaten the safety and security of the University or its members.

Standard Three. A member of the Puget Sound community must not possess, use, distribute, sell or engage in activities with the intention of distributing any controlled substance or illegal drug on University premises or at University-sponsored activities.

Standard Four. A member of the Puget Sound community shall abide by the University's alcohol and drug policies and procedures and shall not consume alcohol, serve alcohol to minors, or host parties at which alcohol is served or consumed in violation of University policies or state, federal or local regulations.

Standard Five. A member of the Puget Sound community shall become informed about the rights and responsibilities inherent in the Integrity Code. All members will refrain from any interference with the procedures related to the enforcement of the Code or any disciplinary decision, and will agree to fulfill any sanction properly imposed under the provisions of the Integrity Code.

Standard Six. A member of the Puget Sound community shall not violate published University regulations and policies, including, but not limited to, the University Residence Policy, the Alcohol and Drug Policy, academic regulations, or other University policies required for the safety and orderly operation of the University.

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The University of Puget Sound Student Integrity Code is found in the Logger. It explains, in detail, procedures and options available to students charged with a conduct violation and other features of the system for adjudication. This publication is posted at: http://www.ups.edu/logger

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Judicial Processes

Judicial Affairs
Division of Student Affairs
Hearing Options:
All students have the right to choose their hearing option.

Administrative Hearing: A one on one meeting with a Hearing Officer. The Hearing Office will determine responsibility and assign a sanction, if applicable. An Administrative Hearing is the primary venue for minor violations.

Integrity Code Board (ICB): The board is made up of three people: one student, one university staff member, and one university faculty member. This panel determines if the student is responsible and recommends a sanction for a violation to the ADOS. If the ICB finds a student responsible, then the ADOS will determine a sanction. This is the primary venue for major violations, but is an alternate venue for minor violation.

Honor Court: The court is made of up at least five people: at least three students, one university staff member, and one university faculty member. This panel determines both responsibility and a sanction, if applicable. Honor Court is a hearing option for both major and minor violations.

Categories of Violations

Minor violations include acts that pose no significant threat to property or individuals, but indicate a lack of regard for the rights, property or personal privileges of individuals or groups within the University and neighboring community.

If a complaint appears to involve a minor violation of the Integrity Code, the student will be informed in writing and an administrative hearing with the Associate Dean of Students, or designee, is set.

Major violations include acts that pose a significant threat to personal or University-owned property or to the physical safety or psychological security of individuals and/or groups within the University and neighboring community. (Multiple minor violations may be heard as a major violation.)

If a complaint appears to involve a major violation of the Integrity Code and charges are warranted, the student will be sent an investigation letter, requesting a meeting with the Associate Dean of Students or designee. If, after the investigation meeting evidence is considered, it is determined that there is sufficient evidence of possible violation of a Standard, the student will be informed in writing and an Integrity Code Board Hearing is set.

Appeals
All decisions can be appealed. A student can request in writing an appeal for review to the Dean of Students within seven working days after the date shown on the sanction letter. Consult The Logger for further instructions.