



## Code of Conduct: New policies, requirements, and procedures will be enforced for the 2019/2020 academic year.

The Student Code of Conduct educates students about appropriate behavior and fosters a community in which academic success can occur. The following Student Codes of Conduct are the regulations that apply to ALL WKU students, including the satellite campuses:

The examples of prescribed conduct set forth in this code of conduct are illustrative and should not be read as a comprehensive list. Nor, however, should this code be interpreted to cover any general category of behavior not mentioned herein unless that conduct is otherwise prohibited by law.

**1. Dishonesty.** Dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, misrepresenting of oneself or an organization, knowingly furnishing false information to the University, or omitting relevant or necessary information to gain a benefit, to injure, or to defraud is prohibited.



**7. Drones/Unmanned Aircraft System.** Operation of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), including Model Aircraft (e.g. hobby or recreational use), is strictly prohibited over Western Kentucky University (WKU) property without prior written approval from the WKU UAS Usage Review committee.

**8. Drugs.** Use, possession, production, manufacture, sale, possession with intent to sell, trafficking or distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs or controlled substances, as defined in KRS Chapter 218A. Specific



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2. A student may possess only one identification card. Use of an identification card by any person other than the person to whom it was issued or use of the card under false pretenses is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct.
- The University may confiscate any identification card that has been misused, duplicated, or altered. Cards may be retained temporarily while their validity is checked.
1. Refusal to provide proper identification upon request is prohibited.

**16. Misuse of Property.** Unauthorized entry or use of institutional facilities and property; unauthorized possession or duplication of university keys, parking decals or access cards; tampering with fire equipment; or propping open of exterior residence halls doors or any door to any institutionally owned or controlled property. Students may not use University property for any activity prohibited by Federal, State or local laws.

**17. Class Nonattendance.** Registration in a course obligates the student to be regular and punctual in class attendance. Faculty may establish specific requirements for attendance, and those requirements are usually specified on the course syllabus. Students who cease attending classes are expected to report to the Office of the Registrar to initiate withdrawal procedures. Withdrawal deadlines are published each semester in the Registration Guide.

**18. Obstruction of Access.** Obstruction or disruption, which interferes with the freedom of movement, either pedestrian or vehicular on institutionally owned or controlled property.

**19. Recreational Mobility.** Skateboards, skates, and bicycles may be used on sidewalks for safe transportation purposes only. When using sidewalks, remember pedestrians have the right of way. They may not be used inside buildings or within 50 feet of building entrances. Motorized scooters, mopeds, motorcycles, and similarly motorized vehicles are not to be used on sidewalks or in pedestrian tra c areas. Motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, and other motorized vehicles must park in parking lots in designated cycle parking areas. Registration with WKU Parking and Transportation Services department is required for all motorized vehicles. On campus housing residents may only bring one motorized vehicle to campus.

1. Excessive speed, stunt riding, or any other use of skateboards, skates, bicycles, or motorized vehicles that may cause property damage and/or endanger self or others is prohibited. Bicycles should be parked at any of the bicycle racks established throughout campus. Bicycles chained to trees, fences, handrails, etc., may be impounded. Users may not ride on stairways, patios, dock areas, benches, picnic tables, or irregular surfaces. Any person causing damage to University property through use or misuse of recreational equipment may face prosecution through the University Judicial process and/or the legal process to recover damages.

**20. Relationship Violence.** Abuse or violence between partners or former partners involving one or more of the following elements: (1) battering that causes bodily injury; (2) purposely or knowingly causing reasonable apprehension of bodily injury; (3) emotional abuse creating apprehension of bodily injury or property



Sexual Exploitation: Occurs when a person takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for anyone's advantage or benefit other than the person being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the preceding sexual misconduct offenses. Examples of behavior that could rise to the level of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) prostituting another person; (2) non-consensual visual (e.g., video, photograph, etc.) or audio-recording of sexual activity; (3) non-consensual distribution of photos, other images, or information of an individual's sexual activity, intimate body parts, or nakedness, with the intent to or having the effect of embarrassing an individual who is the subject of such images or information; (4) engaging in or facilitating non-consensual voyeurism.

## **24. Theft**

E. "WKU owned property" includes, but is not limited to, Bowling Green Main Campus, Bowling Green South Campus, Bowling Green Agriculture Farm, WKU Glasgow Regional Campus, WKU Owensboro Regional Campus, and all leased properties.

## II. Policy

<https://www.wku.edu/policies/docs/283.pdf>

**27. Traffic and Parking Regulations.** Traffic rules and regulations as published by the university, will be administered by The Office of Parking and Transportation. Students are required to obey these regulations as a condition of their enrollment. Any behavior that is of an unruly or disrespect to their authority will be deemed a violation of the Code of Conduct. (Please see <https://www.wku.edu/transportation/> for more information.)

a. [Scooter Policy](#)

b. [Boot and Tow Policy](#)

**28. Unruly Conduct.** Disorderly, abusive, lewd, or acts that result in physical altercation, fighting and indecent or obscene conduct that cause physical injury or threaten others, or interferes with any individual's rightful act. This responsibility also applies to events sponsored and supervised by recognized student organizations, on or off campus.

**29. Violation of Laws.** The commission of acts, which constitute a violation of local, state and federal laws. The University will review any conduct reported by members of the University community, law enforcement personnel, or citizens as being in violation of the law. Any student convicted of a criminal offense is subject to university action.

**30. Violation of General Rules and Regulations.** Violation of any University policy, guideline, campus rule or regulation of conduct, which adversely affects the student's suitability as a member of the University community. (Please see <https://www.wku.edu/housing/policies/hilltopics.php> for more information.)

**31. Weapons.** An object, instrument, device, or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury or incapacitate. Weapons prohibited on University property may include, but are not limited to, firearms, explosives, dangerous chemicals, pellet guns, stun guns, paintball guns, air guns, slingshots, martial arts devices, knives, swords, and clubs. Brandishing of any weapon or any other object in a menacing or threatening manner is strictly prohibited. The University's weapons policy can be found at this hyperlink: [https://www.wku.edu/emergency/documents/weapons\\_policy\\_7-27-12.pdf](https://www.wku.edu/emergency/documents/weapons_policy_7-27-12.pdf).



