

Community Standards for Ground Campus

Grand Canyon University is first and foremost a Christian University and as such upholds a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere on campus that honors God. While students do not have to sign a Statement of Faith or be a Christian to attend GCU, they are expected to abide by the Community Standards. The Community Standards uphold certain University values that are believed to enhance the overall moral fabric of the community.

The Community Standards identify essential values that GCU students are expected to show mutual respect and courtesy to one another, faculty and staff. Our expectation is that students would reflect what is known as the “fruit of the Spirit” in their behavior. This includes demonstrating: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Our vision is that students would strive to treat others as they would want to be treated.

Our goal is to develop a community based on the Biblical principles of respect and honor. We as community members will strive to encourage one another, respect one another’s differences, speak truthfully, and create lasting relationships. We understand that these actions are most possible as a result of choosing to put others above ourselves and to look out for the interests of others. To help accomplish this, campus residents will be required to complete a Roommate Agreement, which is designed to proactively facilitate a conversation between roommates at the beginning of each semester. Students may contact their RA for more information.

Applicability of the University Policy Handbook as it applies to the Community Standards

- The University Policy Handbook as outlined in the Community Standards applies principally to conduct outside the classroom that occurs on University property or at University-related activities or facilities (in-class conduct is addressed in the [University Policy Handbook](#)).
- Likewise, conduct engaged through electronic communication systems, including but not limited to, social media, e-mail and text messaging, is subject to the University Policy Handbook as outlined in the Community Standards section..
- Off-campus behavior may also cause a student to go through the Student Conduct Process or other appropriate administrative action when it is reasonably perceived to pose an imminent threat of harm to the safety of the student or others, adversely affects the University Community and/or the pursuits of its objectives. The Dean of Students or his/her designee will decide whether the Student Handbook will be applied to conduct occurring off campus, on a case by case scenario, in his/her sole discretion. This includes, but is not limited to, remote University Housing.
- Each student will be responsible for his/her conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of a degree and/or the end of the student’s housing contract, whichever comes last. Each student is responsible for their conduct even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after the classes end, as well as during the academic year and during periods between terms of actual enrollment.

- The University Policy Handbook as outlined in the Community Standards will apply to a student’s conduct even if the student withdraws from school while a conduct matter is pending.
- The University Policy Handbook as outlined in the Community Standards applies to commuter students as well. It is expected that they are aware of the University policies.
- Any violation of the University Policy Handbook as outlined in the Community Standards will remain on the student’s conduct record for the duration of his/her GCU academic career and will provide context for any future violations.

Community Standards

Students are held responsible to the following standards and if found in violation will go through the Student Conduct Process. See Sanctions for Conduct Violations for possible sanctions:

Alcohol

GCU maintains a dry campus and as such alcohol and/or alcohol paraphernalia are not permitted on GCU property (GCU Arena may serve Alcohol for outside events; students will not be allowed to purchase alcohol in the Arena).

Violations of the alcohol policy will be taken seriously and consequences include University-approved sanctions up to and including police involvement, suspension or expulsion from the university. Any alcohol-related offense could be grounds for expedited sanctions that could result in suspension or expulsion from the University. Violations of the alcohol policy include, but are not limited to:

- Consuming and/or possessing alcohol on campus. Alcohol bottles or containers will be treated as alcohol, opened or sealed, even if empty.
- Engaging in underage drinking.
- Providing alcohol to others underage.
- Public intoxication is the use of alcohol, even off-campus, that leads to public or obvious intoxication on campus that includes, but is not limited to, slurred speech, difficulty walking, needing medical assistance, violent behavior or any other behavior that is a disruption to the campus community.
- Refusal to take or successfully complete a breathalyzer test. When University personnel reasonably suspect a student of consuming or possessing alcohol on campus and/or when a student is believed to be publically intoxicated on campus, the student may be required to take a breathalyzer test.
- Students present where alcohol is actively being consumed will be in violation of the alcohol policy for not leaving the immediate area or reporting the violation to a University official.
- Students with knowledge of the presence of alcohol on campus may be considered in violation of the alcohol policy

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Arizona revised statutes make it unlawful:

1. For a person under the age of twenty-one years, to buy, receive, have in possession or consume spirituous liquor. A.R.S. 4-241.
2. For a person to buy for resale, sell or deal in spirituous liquors in this state without first having procured a license duly issued by the Arizona State Liquor Board. A.R.S. 4-244(1).
3. To consume spirituous liquor in a public place, thoroughfare or gathering as set forth in A.R.S. 4-244(20).
4. For any person to serve or to furnish spirituous liquor to an intoxicated or disorderly person, or for any person to allow or to permit an intoxicated or disorderly person to come into or to remain at an event where spirituous liquor is being served or consumed. A.R.S. 4-244(14).
5. For a person to operate a motor vehicle on any highway while consuming spirituous liquor. A.R.S. 4-244(21).
6. To conduct drinking contests, or to sell or provide to a person an unlimited number of spirituous liquor beverages during any set period of time for a fixed price or to provide more than two spirituous liquor beverages to one person at one time for that person's consumption as set forth in A.R.S. 4-244(23).
7. To sell or give liquor to underage person; illegally obtaining liquor by underage person; violation; classification; definitions A.R.S. 4-241

Good Samaritan Policy

The overall health and safety of our students is of paramount concern to all members of Grand Canyon University. All community members are expected to act out of concern for themselves and others. Recognizing that there are times when students of the community find themselves in positions where medical assistance is needed to ensure the proper care of a person, the University has established this Good Samaritan Policy.

Grand Canyon University wishes to ensure that students at medical risk as a result of alcohol or drug use will receive prompt and appropriate medical attention. Members of the Grand Canyon University community, specifically students, have an ethical responsibility to contact a Residence Life staff member or the Office of Public Safety when they believe that assistance for an intoxicated student is needed.

Students who seek assistance from these sources and the individual(s) assisted, should not fear disciplinary action should they seek help for a friend or themselves who has had too much to drink or impaired. Instead, under the guidelines of this policy, these violations will be dealt with through health and safety education initiatives instead of disciplinary action with respect to the alcohol and drug policies. Students will be considered for a one-time acceptance under the guidelines of the policy through a review of the sequence of events that occurred during their incident.

The Office of Residence Life and Public Safety will record the name(s) of intoxicated or impaired student(s) and any other information that may enable any follow-up deemed necessary to ensure students' overall well-being. In order for this policy to apply, the intoxicated or impaired student(s) must agree to meet with a Student Conduct Officer to discuss the incident and understand the guidelines, process, and expectations. The student(s) will also agree to a timely completion of all the suggested educational and intervention recommendations.

Students who fail to complete any of the requirements assigned will be subject to action under the Student Handbook for failure to complete those initiatives. Furthermore, community members who demonstrate a consistent and repeated pattern of behavior after appropriate intervention and education from the University will not be considered under this policy.

This policy does not preclude the University from taking disciplinary action regarding other violations of the Student Handbook. Students should also be aware that this University policy does not prevent action by local, state and federal authorities.

The spirit of the Good Samaritan Policy is that there is an ethical responsibility to help people in need. This policy is designed to save lives. It is an expectation that our students will take active steps to protect the health and safety and well-being of the community and one another.

Alcohol Paraphernalia

Possession of alcohol paraphernalia is not permitted on campus. Alcohol paraphernalia is defined as any product whose primary function is for containing alcohol, drinking alcohol, or advertising or promoting alcohol (paraphernalia is not actual alcohol bottles or containers). This includes, but is not limited to, beer bong, funnels, decorative alcohol displays.

Civility and Respect

It is expected that all students demonstrate mutual respect and courtesy to one another, faculty and staff. Physical abuse, verbal abuse, bullying, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, including social media, and/or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person will not be tolerated. For the purposes of this section, "harassment" means conduct that is directed at a specific person and that would cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed and the conduct in fact seriously alarms, annoys or harasses the person.

Arizona revised statutes states that a person commits harassment if, with intent to harass or with knowledge that the person is harassing another person, the person:

1. Anonymously or otherwise contacts, communicates or causes a communication with another person by verbal, electronic, mechanical, telegraphic, telephonic or written means in a manner that harasses.
2. Continues to follow another person in or about a public place for no legitimate purpose after being asked to desist.
3. Repeatedly commits an act or acts that harass another person.
4. Surveils or causes another person to surveil a person for no legitimate purpose.
5. On more than one occasion makes a false report to a law enforcement, credit or social service agency.
6. Interferes with the delivery of any public or regulated utility to a person.

For more information:

<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ars/13/02921.htm>

Title IX regulations require non-discrimination on the basis of sex or gender. Prohibited sex discrimination includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, stalking, and other misconduct offenses when sex or gender is the foundation. All reports of sex or gender-based discrimination are reviewed and resolved using the process outlined in the Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct Policies and Grievance Procedures.

Grand Canyon University recognizes the rights of current students to dissent as long as it does not limit the freedom of others, damage University property, or delay the opportunity of the student body, faculty or staff to proceed regularly with their work, schooling or scheduled activities. When a rally or other such gathering requires building space or public areas, clearance must be obtained 48 hours in advanced from the Dean of Students.

Grand Canyon University reserves the right to make reasonable restrictions of location, time or format of such events, using the following guidelines in order to:

1. Alleviate potential problems with safety or potential disruption of University activities
2. Facilitate a free exchange of ideas consistent with the academic environment and the University mission.
3. Comply with federal, state, university, or local laws or ordinances.

Grand Canyon University reserves the right to review, cancel, alter or restrict events, demonstrations, speakers or groups whose nature or presentation is contrary to or inconsistent with the University mission or Christ-centered character. Off campus groups, individuals, churches, ministries, former students, or individuals not connected to the University as a current employee or student will not be permitted to use University owned or operated property for demonstrations and may not, at the University's discretion, participate in them.

Disorderly Conduct

Conduct that is disorderly, lewd or indecent will be considered a violation of the Student Handbook. Disorderly conduct includes, but is not limited to, any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video record of any person while on University premises without his/her prior knowledge or without his/her effective consent when such a recording is likely to cause injury or distress. This includes, but is not limited to, surreptitiously taking pictures of another person in a gym, locker room or restroom.

Drugs: Illegal and Unprescribed

Grand Canyon University is committed to maintain a drug-free community. Being under the influence of, using, possession of or distributing illegal drugs (including, but not limited to, the intent or ability to distribute), un-prescribed medications and/or corresponding paraphernalia on campus or at university-sanctioned events will not be tolerated. This includes distribution of one's own prescription drugs as well as prescriptions not prescribed to the student. Any drug-related offense could be grounds for expedited sanctions that could result in suspension or expulsion from the University. Failure to comply with these policies will result in the notification of Phoenix PD with the possibility of a felony charge(s).

Illegal drugs are defined as any controlled substance banned by the State of Arizona and/or the United States Federal Government. In addition to these banned controlled substances, GCU also prohibits the possession of synthetic marijuana products/ substitutes such as "Spice", "K2" or "Potpourri"; "Bath Salts"; prescription medication not prescribed to the possessor and synthetic substances categorized as a drug by law enforcement. Drug paraphernalia is described as any equipment, product, or material that is modified or used for making, consuming, using, or concealing drugs. This includes but is not limited to the use or possession of a glass smoking pipe or items

altered to assist in the making, using or concealing drugs including the scent of drugs.

Medical Marijuana

Although the state of Arizona has medical marijuana statutes in place, the United States Federal Government does not currently recognize those statutes. The "Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986 (20 U.S.C. 1145g)" prohibits illegal possession of controlled substances on the campus of institutions of higher education that receive Title IV funding. As Grand Canyon University is one such institution the possession and use of medical marijuana is prohibited in all campus areas.

Electronic and Other Smoking Devices

The possession of e-cigarettes, vapes and/or other legal smoking devices are allowed in designated areas on campus, but not in residential living areas. These items are not permitted in any living area.

Falsification of Information

Students will be held to a standard of honesty and are not permitted to falsify (verbal or written) information.

Failure to Comply

It is expected for students to promptly comply with a reasonable University directive.

Visitation Privileges

Grand Canyon University strives to remain above reproach in all encounters with members of the opposite gender. For this reason, residential students of the opposite gender and/or significant others are allowed to visit during specified hours listed below and in the living room. Refer to the Guest Privileges section for guidelines related to off-campus guests and GCU-commuter student guests.

- In the halls/dorms, visitation hours for Sunday through Thursday are 12:00 PM (noon) to 11:00 PM.
- In the halls/dorms, visitation hours for Friday and Saturday are between 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight).
- In the apartments, visitation hours are 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM (midnight), seven days a week.
- In both apartments and halls/dorms, guests of the opposite gender and/or significant others are required to stay in the common living area of the apartment or dorm suite – they may not enter the bedroom (except for Studio Single Occupancy units in Papago 47).
- The door to the dorm suite must be propped open at 90 degrees for the entirety of the visit.
- Students may continue their visitation with the opposite gender in the main lobby on the first floor of the hall/dorm buildings, but not in the lobby on each floor.

Guest Privileges

The Guest Privileges Policy applies to students hosting off-campus and/or GCU commuter students in the apartment/dorm during guest hours. For policy related to having GCU residential students as guests, please see the Visitation Privileges section.

Students in campus housing are allowed to have guests in their apartment or dorm. Students are expected to observe the following standards:

- Guests are the responsibility of the student who is hosting them, whether the guest is a GCU commuter student or an off-campus guest. The actions of the guests are the actions of the student hosting them. In other words, if a student's

guest brings drugs into the apartment or dorm suite, the student host will assume all responsibility and sanctions for the violation.

- Guests are required to abide by all the policies and rules of the University.
- Guests, whether off-campus guests or GCU commuter students, must sign in and out of the Guest Log found at the RA Desk in the lobby of the halls/apartments and the Hub of the North Rim Apartments.
- Guests must be at least 15-years old or accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.
- In the halls/dorms, guest hours are for Sunday through Thursday are 12:00 PM (noon) to 11:00 PM.
- In the halls/dorms, guest hours for Friday and Saturday are between 12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00 AM (midnight).
- In the apartments, guest hours are 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM (midnight) seven days a week.
- In all living areas, guests of the opposite gender and/or significant others are required to stay in the common living area of the apartment or dorm suite – they may not enter the bedroom (except for the Studio Single Occupancy units in Papago 47). The door to the dorm suite must be propped open at 90 degrees for the entirety of the visit.
- Guests must depart living areas when guest/visitation hours end.

Overnight Guests in Campus Housing

Students living in campus housing are permitted to have guests (on or off-campus guests including GCU commuter students) spend the night with them on campus. Overnight guests must be of the same gender and not significant others. The same standards for Guest Privileges (see above) apply to the overnight guest plus these additional guidelines:

- Off-campus overnight guests are required to complete a Guest Registration Form found at the RA Desk in the lobby of the living areas and the Hub of the North Rim apartments.
- Overnight guests are only permitted to stay no more than six (6) nights per semester in campus housing, regardless of which student they stay with.
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Hazing

Any and all forms of hazing and initiation are illegal whether voluntary or involuntary. The University takes very seriously any alleged forms of hazing and strictly prohibits this behavior.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to:

- All forms of physical activity deemed dangerous or harmful.
- The application of foreign substances to the body.
- Scavenger hunts involving illegal activities, kidnapping, or ditching a member of the community.
- Depriving students of sleep.
- Not providing decent and edible foods.
- Depriving student's means of maintaining personal hygiene.
- Forcing, coercing, pressuring, or requiring a student to consume alcohol, or foreign or unusual amounts of substances.
- Nudity or forcing a student to dress in a degrading manner.
- Psychological hazing: any act which is likely to compromise the dignity of a student; cause embarrassment or shame to a student; cause a student to be the object of ridicule or malicious amusement; or inflict psychological or emotional harm.

Housing Guidelines

- Students, including GCU commuter students, who are found residing in other on-campus housing units other than is listed in their StarRez housing profile, will be considered as a squatter and may be held liable for the pro-rated charge for semester housing.
- Students are not permitted to loan out their keys and passpoint, Student ID, or Parking Permit to another individual, even if it is a fellow GCU student.
- Students and/or their guests may not enter/exit a dorm room or apartment through a window.

Modesty

Modesty is showing the maturity to act and dress in a manner that reflects a person's maturity and faith, does not inhibit an atmosphere of learning and shows respect and professionalism. The University chooses not to define what constitutes modest dress but expects all student to dress appropriately for a learning and living community.

Fire Alarms

Students are not allowed to tamper with or adjust the fire alarm/smoke detector in any way. All students and their guests are expected to immediately evacuate any living space once a fire alarm is sounded.

Identifying Oneself

It is expected of students to identify him/herself when requested to do so by a University official, including resident assistants (RAs).

Inappropriate Language

Students are expected to avoid the use of inappropriate language (profanity and vulgarity).

Pets

Pets, other than fish or turtles in a small aquarium, are not allowed in residential facilities or on adjacent grounds. Aquariums may not be larger than 10 gallons and can be used only for fish or turtles.

Residents having pets for any length of time on campus will be subject to disciplinary action, a contract violation fine, and excessive cleaning fees.

Pets of visitors are not permitted on campus. The same rules apply regardless of pet ownership. It is the resident's responsibility to make sure guests are aware of the rules and policies of the University.

Students who need to have a service animal reside with them should contact the Student Disability Services Office to arrange for accommodations.

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Pranks

Students who participate in any activity on or off campus that threatens and intimidates and/or endangers the health, physical, or emotional well-being of a community member; results in damage; malicious or non-malicious vandalism, or general disregard for University or private property; or involves a violation of University policy is strictly prohibited.

Quiet Hours

In all living areas, quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 10:00 AM, seven days a week.

Smoking

Smoking is permitted in designated areas only. No smoking is permitted in any building, including all living areas including apartment balconies. Violators are subject to University sanction.

Standards of Respectful Behavior

Grand Canyon University is first and foremost a Christian university and as such upholds a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere on campus that honors God. Regardless of religious affiliation all members are expected to abide by Grand Canyon University's Standards of Respectful Behavior. The Standards uphold university values that are believed to enhance the overall relational fabric of the community.

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Theft and Vandalism

Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to property of the University community or other personal or public property, on or off campus will be considered a violation of the Student Handbook.

Weapons

Weapons as defined by GCU's Weapons-Free Campus Policy and hazardous materials are not allowed on campus. Banned weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, live ammunition, BB guns, water-balloon launchers, paintball guns, airsoft guns, bows and arrow, blowguns and knives longer than four inches when open.

Student Conduct Process

As a Christian university, GCU strives to offer loving accountability and to be redemptive in its approach to students who have violated the Student Handbook.

Every situation is handled on a case-by-case basis.

The student will be referred to one of the following processes:

- Meet with a RD
- Visitation Violation process
 - For the first three violations, the student will be emailed their sanctions upon being written up.
 - The student may appeal the visitation sanction as outlined in the sanction letter or make an appointment

- with a Student Conduct Officer. This must be done within 5 calendar days after receiving the email.
- If necessary, due to multiple infractions or the need to expedite the visitation violation process, the Student Conduct Officer will require a face to face meeting.
- Meet with a Student Conduct Coordinator.
 - If the student accepts responsibility that may be resolved informally with a hearing, the Student Conduct Coordinator will issue the student a letter defining the sanctions within seven calendar days.
 - If the student denies responsibility, the student will be referred to the Student Conduct Board.
 - If a student fails to attend the Student Conduct Coordinator meeting, it will be up to the discretion of the Student Conduct office to determine the next action which may include holds being placed on both the academic and housing accounts until the student attends the meeting.
- Meet with the Student Conduct Board
 - Student will be given the opportunity to further discuss the incident in order to determine involvement and possible sanctions. Sanctions can be enhanced all the way up to being banned from campus housing
- Meet with the Code of Conduct Committee
 - If the Student Conduct Board deems it appropriate based on the circumstances, a student can be referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.

The Student Conduct Manager will determine the composition of the Student Conduct Boards and determine which Student Conduct Board will be authorized to hear each matter. Any student serving on the Student Conduct Board is bound by a strict confidentiality agreement. The Student Conduct Manager will develop policies for the administration of the Student Conduct Board Hearings that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Student Handbook. Decisions made by the Student Conduct Board or the Student Conduct office will be final, pending the normal appeal process. If a student fails to report to an assigned conduct officer and/or hearing, a fine may be assessed up to \$50.00 for the first occurrence.

Serious offenses for which the Dean of Students may recommend suspension or expulsion from the University will be heard and decided by the University Code of Conduct Committee.

If a student is subject to State or Federal court fines and/or community service hours, a Student Conduct Officer will make the decision to whether or not to allow those fines and hours to replace that of the Student Conduct Board.

Any question of interpretation or application of the Student Handbook will be referred to the Dean of Students or his/her designee for final determination.

Student Conduct Board Hearing

At a Student Conduct Board Hearing, the technical rules of evidence, process and procedure used in a civil or criminal court will not apply.

Students who are subject to meet with the Student Conduct Board are notified at the time of the corresponding incident by the Student Conduct Office. The student will be notified of the date, time and place of their hearing through text or email.

If a student fails to appear before the Student Conduct Board, the Board will discuss the sanctions they feel are appropriate for the student. In most cases the absent student will be given the same sanction as other students who were involved in the same

incident. If a student is the only person involved in the incident, the Board will base appropriate sanctions on the facts found in the RD or Public Safety report and as they appear in the guidelines for sanctions.

During the Student Conduct Board Hearing, students are not permitted to be accompanied by third parties or attorneys and may not document the hearing by the use of a recording device. The University will record the hearing and the recording will be University property. Students are introduced to the Board members and informed of the hearing's agenda. The students will then have chance to speak about the incident, give their account for the incident and accept or deny responsibility for the incident. Students then will be asked any pertinent questions that the Board may have and then the student will then be told the minimum sanctions, if any, for the corresponding incident. Before the student is dismissed, the student is informed of a timeline when they can expect to hear the Board's decision and to pick up their sanction letter, if applicable.

After the student is dismissed from the hearing, the Student Conduct Board will decide whether to hold the student responsible or not for the incident. The determination of the Board is made on the basis of whether it is more likely than not that the student violated the Student Handbook.

As a rule, the student will be informed of the Student Conduct Board's decision in person and in writing. If a student fails to appear for the follow-up meeting with a Student Conduct Officer or is off-campus for a semester break, then any sanction letter and documentation will be mailed, emailed or placed on the student's door, whichever is deemed appropriate by the University.

A student may be referred to a restorative justice process, where there will be dialogue between the responsible party and the harmed party/community.

Appeals of Student Conduct Sanctions

Appeals of sanctions given by the Student Conduct Board, a Student Conduct Officer or a Resident Director (RD) are only accepted within 72 hours of when the student is informed of the decision, either verbally or in writing, whichever is first (except for fines related to missed Hall Meetings, as noted below). Appeals are not accepted after this time. Appeals must include the student's reason for the appeal, personal contact information, and the sanctions the student is disputing. Appeals not including all this information will not be accepted.

Appeals will only be accepted for the following reasons:

- There was a procedural error in the Student Conduct Process that unfairly and materially affected the outcome of the Student Conduct Board's decision.
- Evidence has been discovered that was not reasonably available at the time of the hearing.
- The sanctions that were assigned were substantially disproportionate to similar violations.

If a student wishes to appeal sanctions imposed by the Student Conduct Board or a Student Conduct Officer, they can do so by completing the appeals form online at gcu.edu/studentconductappeals.

Reason for Appeal	Time to Appeal	1st Appeal Level	2nd Appeal Level
Visitation	5 days	Student Conduct Manager or designee	Director of Resident Life or designee

Reason for Appeal	Time to Appeal	1st Appeal Level	2nd Appeal Level
Student Conduct Board or Officer decision	72 hours	Director of Res. Life and Res. Life Mgr. or designee	Dean of Students or designee
Fine/Charges given by office of Residence Life	30 days	Residence Life Appeal Committee	Res. Life Mgr. or designee

Suspension or Expulsion from the University

It is always the goal of the Student Conduct Board to restore and redeem a student who violates a school policy. However, there may be times when a student's suspension or expulsion from the University may be necessary for the health and safety of the entire community. In such cases, suspension or expulsion from the University will occur with a recommendation is made by the Student Conduct Board and the Dean of Students to the University Code of Conduct Committee.

Students Who Fail to Complete Sanctions

If a student fails to complete an assigned sanction by the given deadline as outlined in a sanction letter, a hold will be placed on the student's academic account and housing account. Making changes to a student's schedule or their ability to choose housing will not be permitted until the sanctions have been completed.

Abuse of the Student Conduct Process

Abuse of the Student Conduct Process is strictly prohibited and includes, but is not limited to:

- Failure to obey the notice from the Student Conduct Board or a Student Conduct Officer to appear for a hearing or meeting as part of the Student Conduct Process.
- Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a Student Conduct Board or Residence Life staff member.
- Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a Student Conduct Board meeting.
- Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participating in, or use of, the Student Conduct Process.
- Harassment (verbal, physical, social media) and/or intimidation of a member of a Student Conduct Board prior to, during, and/or after a Student Conduct Board meeting.

Sanctions for Conduct Violations

Every conduct situation is handled on a case-by-case basis. Sanctions (consequences) can be enhanced all the way up through being banned from housing and, if the Student Conduct Board deems it appropriate based on the circumstances, being referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University. The following are examples of sample sanctions that may be given to the student found to have violated the Student Handbook.

Alcohol

First Violation

In addition to legal consequences from the Phoenix PD if a minor is involved, sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Up to \$75 fine to be charged to the student's account.

- Community service to be determined by the Student Conduct Board, of which five hours must be completed in Chapel and/or the Gathering.
- If the student is under the age of 21, a parent or guardian will be required to call and speak with a Student Conduct Officer or his/her designee regarding the incident.
- Educational sanctions given by Student Conduct Coordinator

Second Violation

In addition to legal consequences from the Phoenix PD if a minor is involved, sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Up to \$150 fine to be charged to the student's account.
- Community service to be determined by the Student Conduct Board.
- If the student is under the age of 21, a parent or guardian will be required to call and speak with a Student Conduct Officer or his/her designee regarding the incident.
- Educational sanctions given by Student Conduct Coordinator

Third Violation

In addition to legal consequences from the Phoenix PD if a minor is involved, sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- The student will lose campus housing privileges and will be banned from all residential areas on campus.
- Possible referral to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension from the University.
- Any additional offenses may result in being referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.
- Complete an Evaluation by a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor (LISAC) and allow the facility to freely communicate with the Student Conduct Office.

Providing to underage

In addition to being held to an alcohol violation, any student of legal age providing alcohol to underage students may receive loss of housing and/or referral to Code of Conduct.

Civility and Respect

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Mediation with both parties involved.
- Written warning
- Possible community service hours.
- Loss of on-campus housing, potential removal from Grand Canyon University and possible law enforcement involvement.

Physical Violence

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Up to \$125 fine.
- Community Service Hours
- Counseling
- Relocation
- Removal from Housing
- Possible recommendation to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.

Physical One-on-One Fight

Students involved in a one-on-one fight will be sent through the Student Conduct Process. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Fine
- Community Service Hours

- Counseling
- Relocation
- Ban from campus housing at the discretion of the Student Conduct Board
- Involvement of the Phoenix Police Department depending on severity of physical harm.

Extreme Physical Fight

Students involved in an extreme physical fight which includes, but is not limited to, multiple people vs. one person fight and hate crimes will be sent through the Student Conduct Process.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Fine
- Community Service Hours
- Counseling Assessment
- Housing suspension
- Referral to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension for expulsion from the University
- Involvement of the Phoenix Police Department

Drugs: Illegal and Un-prescribed

Any drug-related offense could be grounds for expedited sanctions that could result in suspension or expulsion from the University. Every situation involving illegal and/or un-prescribed drugs is handled on a case-by-case basis. Sanctions can be enhanced all the way up through being suspended from housing and, if the Student Conduct Board deems it appropriate based on the circumstances, being referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.

Selling/Distribution of Illegal and Un-prescribed Drugs

In addition to legal consequences which may result from the involvement of the Phoenix PD, sanctions are:

- Student will be immediately removed from campus housing.
- Student will be referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.

Illegal and Unprescribed Drugs Policy: First Violation

In addition to legal consequences which may result from the involvement of the Phoenix PD, sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- The student found violating the University drug policy will temporarily lose his/her student status for a specified period of time (usually a week), with resulting loss of all student rights and privileges. During the entire duration of a University Furlough, the student is not to attend class, University functions and/or to be on University property. The student must vacate the campus at the date and time noted in the sanction letter given to the student. The student will not be permitted to make up missed academic work prior to, during or after the stated period of furlough. If the University Furlough were to fall on the week of mid-terms or final exams, the student will be furloughed for the subsequent week the student is enrolled.
 - If seen or found on GCU property during the given furlough, the student will be referred to Code of Conduct for possible suspension or expulsion from the University
- Once the University Furlough has been completed and in certain situations, the student may also lose his/her campus housing privileges and be banned from all residential areas on campus for an extended duration. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Student Conduct Board.

- Up to \$250 fine to be charged to the student's account.
- Community service to be determined by the Student Conduct Board, of which five hours must be completed in Chapel or the Gathering.
- Random drug tests at the time, location and in the manner of the University's choosing and at the student's expense until graduation or no longer a student at GCU.
- If the student is under 21, a parent or guardian will be required to call and speak with a Student Conduct Officer or his/her designee regarding the incident.
- The student may also be required to complete a drug assessment, at his or her expense, to determine the level of dependency or abuse plus any resulting treatment.
- Students with extended housing bans may be reinstated to housing if conditions are met, which may include, but are not limited to, drug testing, treatment, and counseling.
- Educational sanctions given by Student Conduct Coordinator

Illegal and Un-prescribed Drugs: Second Violation

In addition to legal consequences which may result from the involvement of the Phoenix PD, sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Student will lose on-campus housing privileges and be banned from all residential areas.
- Student will be referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.
- If the student is under the age of 21, a parent or guardian will be required to call and speak with a Student Conduct Officer or his/her designee regarding the incident.

Electronic and Other Smoking Devices

Students in possession of electronic or other smoking devices in living areas may be sent through the Student Conduct Process. Minimum sanctions include but are not limited to:

- Confiscation and destruction of devices by Public Safety.
- At the sole discretion of the Student Conduct Officers these items may be viewed as drug paraphernalia and treated as such. (See Illegal and Un-prescribed Drug section).

Visitation Violations

Examples of visitation violations include, but are not limited to:

- Suite door is closed
- Visitation hours are over which includes the study rooms or floor lobbies
- Being in the bedroom (suite door open or closed)
- Past hours as determined by the Resident Director
- The intent to spend the night
- Spending the night
- Sexual activity as determined by the RD.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- 1st violation: Recorded incident
- 2nd violation: Community Standards Class
- 3rd violation: \$75 fine and loss of visitation privileges for three weeks
- 4th violation: Meet with a Student Conduct Officer and receive sanctions that may include but not limited to:
 - Community Service
 - Loss of Visitation Privileges
 - Educational sanctions given by Student Conduct Coordinator
 - Fine up to \$150
 - Removal from Housing

- 5th violation: Student Conduct Board and possible removal from housing
- 6th violation: Removal from housing

Intent to spend the night, sexual activity, or being in a room significantly past hall hours may result in an acceleration of the sanction process. During this time of changes to the sanctioning of visitation the Student Conduct Office reserves the right to align last year's sanctions given with placement into this year's process.

Guest Privileges

Violations of the Guest Policy may result in a \$50 fine to the student's account.

Guest-Overnight in Campus Housing

Violations of the Overnight-Guest Policy may result in a \$50 per night/per guest fine to the student's account.

Hazing

Minimum sanctions for hazing include, but are not limited to:

- Sent through the Student Conduct Process.
- \$100 fine
- Community Service
- Possible counseling
- Possible suspension from campus housing at the discretion of the Student Conduct Board
- Possible involvement of the Phoenix Police Department depending on severity of physical harm
- Possible referral to the Code of Conduct Board for suspension from the University.
- Suspension from campus housing, possible involvement of the Phoenix PD and possible referral to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.

Housing Guidelines

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- \$50 Fine up to the pro-rated charge for semester housing

Fire Alarms

Any students and their guests who do not immediately evacuate any living space once a fire alarm is sounded will be fined \$250.00.

Any student or room that has tampered with the smoke detector/fire alarm (covering, disabling, etc.) will be charged a \$250 fine. In addition, any student with non-approved items (including, but not limited to appliances and electronic smoking devices such as a vape) present in the room when the smoke detector is triggered, will be charged a \$500 fine for the first offense, and \$750 for the second offense. A third offense would be sent before the Student Conduct Board for possible removal from housing.

Pets

Minimum fines start at \$150 for the initial violation and may be as much as \$25 per day above and beyond the initial fee.

Pranks

Sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- Sent through the Student Conduct Process.
- Fine
- Community Service

- Possible suspension from campus housing at the discretion of the Student Conduct Board.
- Possible involvement of the Phoenix Police Department depending on severity of the prank.
- Possible referral to the Code of Conduct Board for suspension or expulsion from the University.

Smoking

Smoking in undesignated areas may result in a verbal warning or a \$50 fine. Student may also have to pay cleaning & damage fines if they have smoked in their room/apartment. Triggering a fire alarm due to smoking cigarettes in a living area will result in a \$500.00 fine and \$750.00 for the second offense

Theft and Vandalism

In addition to legal consequences which may result from the involvement of the Phoenix PD, the sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Repayment of stolen and/or damaged goods.
- Community service.
- If theft took place in his/her room, the student may be required to change rooms and live in and pay for a single room.
- Student may lose housing privileges and be banned from all residential areas on campus.
- The student may be referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension from the University.
- Any additional offenses may result in being referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for suspension or expulsion from the University.
- Educational sanctions given by Student Conduct Coordinator

Weapons

Students possessing weapons on campus in violation of GCU's Weapons-Free Campus Policy may face sanctions up to and including referral to the Code of Conduct Committee and/or the Threat Assessment Team for possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Students possessing a firearm on campus are subject to immediate expulsion from the University.

Violation of the Weapons Policy (Non-Firearm) may result in:

- Verbal Warning
- Fine
- Confiscation
- Educational sanctions given by Student Conduct Coordinator
- Community Service

Emergency Mental Health Policy

There are times when the University may require a student to seek a professional mental health evaluation and/or treatment if there is sufficient evidence that the student is engaging/likely to engage in behavior that represents a danger to her/himself or others, or substantially disrupts the learning environment and activities of the campus community. There are limits to the University's ability to care for students with serious psychological conditions and the University reserves the right to decide, in certain circumstances, when it cannot provide educational and/or other services to a particular student who creates an emergency situation.

In emergency situations, the University reserves the right to do any or all of the following:

- Consult with the student and refer her/him to a mental healthcare facility or provider (University's Counseling Center, an area hospital, licensed mental health or healthcare professional, or Urgent Psychiatric Care Center)(hereinafter "GCU-Approved Mental Health Provider") for a mental health evaluation. The cost for any off-campus referral will be at the expense of the student.
- If a student refuses to voluntarily seek help, the Maricopa Crisis Line (602-222-9444) and/or Urgent Psychiatric Care Center (602-416-7600) will be called. They will assess the student and determine if transportation to a facility is necessary.
- Remove the student from campus (including on-campus housing) until such time that a full mental health and/or medical evaluation is completed and the Dean of Students and/or Registrar approves the student's return to campus.
- Require the student to sign appropriate release forms allowing designated staff at Grand Canyon University to consult clinician(s) serving the student.
- Refer the student to the University Student Conduct Process if the student's behavior has violated any rules, policies or procedures.

Any of the foregoing emergency decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, and in alignment with the recommendation(s) of the applicable GCU-Approved Mental Health Provider.

In a non-emergency situation, if a student experiences serious psychological difficulties that become chronic, dangerous, or excessively disruptive, the Dean of Students and/or Registrar (or their designees) may require the student to be assessed by a GCU-Approved Mental Health Provider. The purpose of this assessment is to determine:

- Whether the student is safe to remain on campus and does not pose a threat to him/herself or others and is able to adequately care for him/herself.
- Whether the student is able to function both socially and academically and will not cause any disruption to the community or normal functioning of the University.

After receiving the written assessment, the Dean of Students and/or Registrar (or their designees) will make a decision about the student's status, which may include any of the emergency actions detailed above.

In the event of a suicide attempt, the student will be immediately removed from campus. The determination whether a suicide attempt occurred will be made by a GCU-Approved Mental Health Provider.

If removal from campus is deemed necessary under the terms of this policy, GCU will contact the student's Emergency Contact, and the student will be remanded to that person's care. GCU will notify the student and the student's Emergency Contact that the student will not be permitted to return GCU's campus until the student receives approval from the Dean of Students and/or Registrar (or their designees) in accordance with this policy. The Emergency Contact will be responsible for making immediate housing arrangements for the student at this time (or upon release from emergency medical care, if applicable). Upon request, GCU will refund prorated housing costs for the time the student is not permitted to live in GCU's residential facilities. If, after a student has been notified that he or she has been removed from campus under this policy, he or she violates the prohibition by visiting campus, such violation may result in review with the University Code of Conduct Committee.

A student removed from campus pursuant to this policy may return to campus only after a follow-up assessment has been

performed by a GCU-Approved Mental Health Provider. After receiving the follow-up assessment, the Dean of Students and/or Registrar (or their designees) will make a decision about the student's status, which may include the following options:

- Immediate return to the campus, provided the student signs and follows a Health Management Contract with the SDS Office, Office of Residence Life, and the GCU Counseling Office. Failure to follow the contract will result in review with the University Code of Conduct Committee.
- Student's return to campus limited to class attendance, with residence hall restriction remaining in place.
- Student's return to campus deferred until additional assessment or treatment can be obtained.
- Student's return to campus deferred indefinitely due to significant and specific concerns about continued danger to him/herself or others and/or disruption to the community

All decisions made pursuant to this policy will be on a case by case basis and aligned with recommendations made by a GCU-Approved Mental Health Provider.

In the best interest of a removed student, SDS will work with her/him and faculty to offer the student the ability to continue in his or her Traditional campus classes online, where available, at no additional cost. If the student is enrolled in classes which are not available online, the student will be dropped from the course(s) and the student may submit an appeal to receive a refund for the portion of the class(es) not completed.

In some circumstances, Grand Canyon University reserves the right to notify the parents of the student and appropriate University officials, including academic deans and faculty, due to the potentially serious nature of the situation, as permitted by law.

