

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS**  
**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**2020-2021**

**III. STUDENT CONDUCT PHILOSOPHY**

**1. Conduct process is educational**

The student conduct process is regarded as an essential and constructive element of the educational process. Emphasis is placed on students' acceptance of personal responsibility to uphold and safeguard community standards. Sanctions are intended to challenge students' moral and ethical decision-making and to help bring behavior into accord with community expectations.

**2. Findings of responsibility**

The focus of the inquiry in disciplinary proceedings shall be to determine if the individual, group, or organization is "responsible" or "not responsible" for violation of the Code of Conduct. The student conduct process is fundamentally different from criminal and civil court procedures.

**3. Fairness**

Student conduct proceedings are conducted with fairness but do not include the same protections afforded by courts. Specifically, Loyola agrees to provide all of those accused of violating this Code of Conduct with written notice of the provision of the Code they are accused of violating, a right to provide their version of events, and the right to appeal as described within these procedures. Deviation from the prescribed procedures below does not necessarily invalidate a decision or proceeding.

**4. Burden and standard of proof**

To be found responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct, the evidence must establish that the violation was committed by the charged student or group by a preponderance of the evidence (not beyond a reasonable doubt or by clear and convincing evidence). In other words, the evidence (which consists of the full totality of the circumstances) must establish that it was more likely than not that the student committed the alleged violation.

**5. Sanctions**

In general, sanctions will be proportionate to the severity of the violation(s) as determined in the discretion of the University.

**6. Parental notification**

Loyola University reserves the right to notify parents/guardians of dependent students regarding any conduct situation. Where a student is not a dependent, Loyola University may contact parents/guardians to inform them of situations in which there is a health and/or safety risk, any conduct violation relating to alcohol and drug policy violations, and when a student is removed from the University. Loyola University also reserves the right to designate which university officials have a need to know about individual conduct complaints pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)).

**7. Student groups**

Registered and unregistered student groups or organizations may be charged with violations of the Code. Officers, or other leaders or spokespersons, are responsible for the conduct of their members at events recognized and sponsored by the group or organization if the leader or spokesperson has implicitly or explicitly endorsed any violation of the Code. A student group or organization and its officers may be held collectively or individually responsible for violations of the Code by those associated with the group or organization. Charges against a student group for violation of the Code are subject to the same procedure as charges against a student. Sanctions of the group or organization may include up to suspension of recognition or charter revocation.