



Student Code of Conduct – UAC0030

Rush University provides outstanding health sciences education and conducts impactful research in a culture of inclusion, focused on the promotion and preservation of the health and well-being of our diverse communities.

All students enrolled at Rush University are expected to uphold the I CARE values of Innovation, Collaboration, Accountability, Respect, and Excellence.

The Rush University Student Code of Conduct sets the standards for expected professional behavior within the University and the Medical Center. Commitment to this Code is a shared responsibility of all faculty, staff and students within the Rush University community to ensure the highest standards of behavior – whether in the classroom, the laboratory, or in the clinical setting – and to ensure that education obtained at Rush provides a sound foundation for each student’s future success as an academic, scientific, or health care professional.

Policy Statement:

The Student Code of Conduct provides the framework for how students should conduct themselves as members of the academic learning community. At Rush University, we value and support freedom of expression in a manner that is civil and respectful to others.

Examples of conduct that would subject a student to disciplinary action include but are not limited to the following:

- Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, clinical practice and community outreach or other University or Medical Center activities
- Falsification of student records, transcripts or financial aid forms or applications
- Theft of, or damage to, University or Medical Center property or the property of a member of the University or Medical Center community
- Threatened or physical abuse of any person, or action that threatens or endangers the safety of others
- Misrepresentation, falsification, alteration or misuse of University or Medical Center documents, records or identification, or research data
- Unauthorized use or entry of University or Medical Center facilities
- Conviction of a crime deemed serious enough to render the student unfit to pursue their profession
- Conduct that is inconsistent with the ethical code of the profession the student is

preparing to enter

- Unlawful use or possession of controlled substances on the University or Medical Center campus
- Unauthorized possession or concealment of firearms or other weapons on the University or Medical Center premises at any time
- Attempting to gain access to another's email or computer account, username or password
- Knowingly setting off false fire, safety or security alarms
- An accusation of student and/or faculty academic dishonesty or misconduct made in bad faith

Procedures:

Student Code of Conduct Violation Enforcement

Any violations of this Student Code of Conduct or suspicion of student or academic misconduct should be reported to the student's college for further review in accordance with the procedures specified by the University in collaboration with the four colleges. Adherence to the Student Code of Conduct is required upon matriculation. The Student Code of Conduct may also be enforced for off-campus actions when the student is representing themselves as a member of the University.

Good Standing— A student who has upheld the guidelines of the Student Code of Conduct and has not been found in violation of the policy resulting in either probation, suspension, or expulsion.

Student Conduct Sanctions

In determining appropriate sanctions when violations of the Student Code of Conduct occur, the College will use the current case as well as any past disciplinary infractions that were upheld. Disciplinary sanctions will be determined by reviewing the statements and interest of the complainant, the respondent, and the impact that the infraction may have on the University community. The College will take into consideration the severity of the complaint, the safety of the respondent, University community and any other relevant factors when imposing sanction. The following list of sanctions is not considered an exhaustive list, but a guide to follow when determining the appropriate sanction for the violation.

Warning—A written notification that a violation of the Student Code of Conduct occurred and that any further responsible finding of misconduct may result in more severe disciplinary action. A warning is noted for administrative purposes and is not considered a part of the student's disciplinary record. In addition, a warning does not adversely affect a student's standing.

Probation—A written notification of reprimand that the matter is serious and in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Probation is for a designated period of time and may include more severe sanctions, if found responsible for additional violations of the Student Code of Conduct, including suspension or expulsion from the College. Notification of probation is considered a

change in *good standing* status with the College/University and the student(s) may be restricted from participating in other College or University activities.

Loss of privileges—Denial of the use of certain College facilities or the right to participate in certain activities, events, programs, or to exercise certain privileges for a designated period of time.

Restitution—A student may be required to make payment to an individual, the College or the University related to the misconduct for damage, destruction, defacement, theft, or unauthorized use of property.

No Contact Restrictions— Are those set by the college administrator, university administrator, and director of Security that the party is restricted from having contact whether direct or indirect with a designated party. These restrictions may include indirect or direct contact such as email, texting, U. S. mail or any other contact via a third party.

Educational requirements/referrals—The College reserves the right to impose counseling or substance assessments or other required educational sanctions.

Suspension—The separation of a student from the College for a specified period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. The suspension letter will include all of the conditions that must be met before a student is reconsidered for readmission. Students that are on suspension may not participate in any College and/or University sponsored activities both on campus and offsite that are owned or operated by Rush University and Rush University Medical Center.

Expulsion—Expulsion is the permanent separation of the student from the College and University. Students who have been expelled may not be on campus without specific, written permission from the College dean or designee or unless one has a medical emergency, is visiting a Rush physician for medical treatment, or is visiting a family member, or friend in the hospital. In the event that one has a legitimate reason for being on Rush property, they should contact the Security Services Department at 312-942-5678 prior to visiting and state the reason for being here and the duration of the expected stay.

Additional Links:

[Academic Honesty Policy](#)

[RUMC Code of Conduct](#)

[Rush Honor Code](#)

[Student Complaint Policy](#)