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Indiana University

Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct

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Preamble

The purposes of Indiana University include the advancement of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students, and the promotion of the general well-being of society. As a community, we share a dedication to maintaining an environment that supports trust, respect, honesty, civility, free inquiry, creativity, and an open exchange of ideas.

Individual rights are best protected by a collective commitment to mutual respect. A student who accepts admission to Indiana University agrees to:

- be ethical in his or her participation in the academic community,
- take responsibility for what he or she says and does,
- behave in a manner that is respectful of the dignity of others, treating others with civility and understanding,
- use university resources and facilities in appropriate ways consistent with their purpose and in accordance with applicable polices.

Every Indiana University student is responsible for reading and understanding this Statement, as well as other expectations identified by individual schools or organizations relevant to an academic major, professional field, or on-campus residence. This Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct is intended to identify the basic rights, responsibilities, and expectations of all students and student groups to serve as a guide for the overall student experience at Indiana University.

23 **Part I: Student Rights**

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25 Indiana University recognizes its responsibility to support and uphold the basic freedoms and citizenship rights of
26 all students. Within that context, students have the following rights.

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28 **A. Rights in the Pursuit of Education**

29 The classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and studios are the essential learning environments of the university, and
30 the freedom to learn in these environments should be promoted and encouraged by instructors. The following
31 statements have been developed in support of a student's right in the classroom or other learning environment.

32 Students shall have the right to:

- 33 • Have access to faculty, academic technology, classrooms, libraries, presentations, and other resources
34 necessary for the learning process.
- 35 • Have access to academic advising and clear expectations for degree and graduation requirements.
- 36 • Have decisions related to the pursuit of their education made in a clear manner.
- 37 • Learn in an environment that supports the freedom of self-expression and association.
- 38 • Participate in an exchange of ideas, pursuant with his or her constitutional rights and the Preamble of this
39 Code, free of conduct that impedes either an instructor's ability to teach or the student's ability to learn.
40 (See Guidelines for Dealing with Disruptive
- 41 • Students in Academic Settings, University Faculty Council, April 12, 2005)
- 42 • Receive either a paper or an electronic class syllabus in a timely manner.
- 43 • Expect to interact with faculty who act professionally; provide clearly stated class goals; provide clear
44 expectations for class performance and evaluation; meet classes as scheduled; are accessible for office
45 hours, appointments or consultation; and maintain a clear connection between course content and the
46 most recently approved course description.
- 47 • Expect a faculty member will be sensitive to the student's religious beliefs and observances, including an
48 expectation that instructors will make reasonable arrangements upon notice that the student must miss
49 an exam or other academic exercise resulting from the observance of a religious holiday. (See Policy on
50 Accommodations for Religious Observances, University Faculty Council, March 28, 2000)
- 51 • Have the freedom to raise relevant issues pertaining to classroom discussion (including personal and
52 political beliefs), offer reasonable doubts about data presented, and express alternative opinions without
53 concern for any academic penalty.
- 54 • Students have the right to expect that their work will be evaluated by academic standards alone.
- 55 • Study, work, and interact in an environment of professionalism and of mutual trust and respect that is
56 free of amorous or sexual advances by a faculty member. All amorous or sexual relationships between
57 faculty members and students are unacceptable when the faculty member has any professional
58 responsibility for the student, even when both parties have consented or appear to have consented to the
59 relationship. Such professional responsibility encompasses both instructional and noninstructional
60 contexts. A faculty member shall not have an amorous or sexual relationship, consensual or otherwise,
61 with a student who is enrolled in a course being taught by the faculty member or whose performance is
62 being supervised or evaluated by the faculty member. A faculty member should be careful to distance
63 himself or herself from any decisions that may reward or penalize a student with whom he or she has or
64 has had an amorous or sexual relationship, even outside the instructional context, especially when the
65 faculty member and student are in the same academic unit or in units that are allied academically. (From
66 the University Code of Academic Ethics, Part A.1, Relations with students). See definition of "faculty
67 member" in Part IV of the Code.

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69 **B. Right to Freedom from Discrimination**

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70 Students have the right to study, work, and interact in an environment that is free from discrimination in violation
71 of law or university policy by any member of the university community. Students at Indiana University are
72 expected to respect the rights and dignity of other students, faculty, and staff.

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74 The university will not exclude any person from participation in its programs or activities
75 on the basis of arbitrary considerations of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, sex, ~~or~~
76 **gender, gender identity**, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran
77 status.

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79 A student has the right to be free from such discrimination by other students that has the effect of interfering with
80 the student's ability to participate in programs or activities of the university.

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82 Students wishing more information regarding these statements should consult the following Board of Trustees
83 documents: Resolution on the Elimination of Discrimination (July 3, 1967, November 21, 1969), Student Affirmative
84 Action Policy Statement (June 29, 1974), Statement concerning Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era,
85 and Handicapped Individuals (March 3, 1979), and Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Policy of Indiana
86 University (December 4, 1992).

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88 Indiana University administrators are responsible for publicizing and implementing the university's affirmative
89 action policy in their respective areas of jurisdiction. Students who believe that they are victims of discrimination
90 may obtain information concerning the university's affirmative action policy and complaint procedures from the
91 campus affirmative action officer or the Dean of Students office.

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93 **C. Right to Freedom from Harassment**

94 A student has the right to be free from sexual or discriminatory harassment a) in any building or at any location on
95 any university property, or b) that occurs in a building or on property that is not university property if the
96 harassment arises from university activities that are being conducted off the university campus or if the
97 harassment compromises the security of the university community or the integrity of the educational process.

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99 Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, including requests for sexual favors and other
100 unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, when submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a
101 term or condition of a student's education, or submission to or rejection of such conduct by a student is used as
102 the basis for academic conditions affecting the student; or the conduct has the effect of unreasonably interfering
103 with an individual's academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment.

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105 Discriminatory harassment is defined as conduct that targets an individual based upon age, color, religion,
106 disability, race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, ~~or~~ **gender, gender identity**, sexual orientation, marital
107 status, or veteran's status and that adversely affects a term or condition of an individual's education, housing, or
108 participation in a university activity; or has the purpose or effect of unreasonably creating an intimidating, hostile,
109 or offensive environment for academic pursuits, housing, or participation in university activities.

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111 The Indiana University Policy against Sexual Harassment, as adopted by the Board of Trustees June 15, 1998,
112 provides procedures for handling complaints concerning sexual harassment. Violations of discriminatory
113 harassment policy are handled under existing procedures for handling complaints of discrimination.

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115 Indiana University administrators are responsible for publicizing and implementing the university's affirmative
116 action and harassment policies in their respective areas of jurisdiction. Students who believe that they are victims

117 of discriminatory harassment may obtain information concerning the university's affirmative action policy and
118 complaint procedures from the campus affirmative action officer or the Dean of Students office.
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120 **D. Right to Access Records and Facilities**

121 Students can expect to have access to policies and procedures that affect them and access to university offices that
122 may be able to assist them, such as the Office of Affirmative Action or the Dean of Students office.
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124 Students can expect that their academic records will be maintained and they will have access to their records in a
125 manner consistent with the Indiana University policies and applicable state and federal laws.
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127 Students can expect to have reasonable access to university facilities and resources.
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129 **E. Right to Freedom of Association, Expression, Advocacy, and** 130 **Publication**

131 Students are free to form, join, and participate in groups or organizations that promote student interests, including
132 but not limited to groups or organizations that are organized for intellectual, religious, social, economic, political,
133 recreational, or cultural purposes.
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135 In accordance with the state and federal Constitution and university policy, the university recognizes the rights of
136 all students to engage in discussion, to express thoughts and opinions, and to assemble, speak, write, publish or
137 invite speakers on any subject without university interference or fear of university disciplinary action.
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139 Students may engage in peaceful and orderly protests, demonstrations, and picketing that do not disrupt functions
140 of the university, subject to appropriate regulation concerning time, place, and manner. If a student feels that this
141 right has been violated, the student may file a request with the dean of students for an investigation and
142 appropriate action.
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144 Students who publish student publications under university auspices have the right to be free of university
145 censorship. Student editors and managers may be suspended or removed from their positions only for proper
146 cause and by appropriate proceedings conducted by the agency responsible for the appointment of such editors
147 and managers.
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149 Indiana University does not require a student group or organization to register and be approved by the university.
150 Student groups and organizations must comply with all federal, state and local laws, as well as university policies.
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152 A student group or organization may be authorized to use university facilities for extracurricular activities, subject
153 to the procedures established by the dean of students on each campus.
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155 **F. Right to Contribute to University Governance**

156 Students have the right to contribute to the making of institutional policy generally affecting their social or
157 academic affairs.
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159 Students have the right to participate in the formation of standards of student conduct and the student
160 disciplinary procedures by serving as members of appropriate committees such as the Student Affairs Committee
161 of the faculty council.
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163 Students have the right to be represented by a student government.
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165 **G. Right to Accommodation for Individuals with Disabilities**

166 Indiana University is committed to creating a learning environment and academic community that promotes
 167 educational opportunities for all individuals, including those with disabilities. Course directors are asked to make
 168 reasonable accommodations, upon request by the student or the university, for such disabilities. It is the
 169 responsibility of students with documented physical or learning disabilities seeking accommodation to notify their
 170 course directors and the relevant campus office that deals with such cases in a timely manner concerning the need
 171 for such accommodation. Indiana University will make reasonable accommodations for access to programs,
 172 services, and facilities as outlined by applicable state and federal laws.

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 174 *Campus support offices:*

175 Bloomington: Disability Services for Students www.indiana.edu/~iubdss <http://www2.dsa.indiana.edu/dss/>

176 East: Student Support Services www.iue.edu/stuserv <http://www.iue.edu/support/>

177 Indianapolis: Adaptive Educational Services

178 life.iupui.edu/aes/index.asp <http://www.iupui.edu/~divrsity/aes/about/>

179 Kokomo: Affirmative Action www.iuk.edu/ADMINFIN/affirmative-action <http://www.iuk.edu/~koafac/>

180 Northwest: Student Support Services <http://www.iun.edu/~supportn>

181 Southeast: Disability Services www.ius.edu/UD/DisabilityServices <http://www.ius.edu/ASC/DisabilityServices/>

182 South Bend: Office of Disabled Student Services www.iusb.edu/~sbdss <http://www.iusb.edu/~sbdss/>

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184 **H. Rights of Student in the Judicial Process**

185 Students who believe that any of their rights, as defined in this Code, have been violated
 186 by a member of the university community have the right to file a complaint, as outlined in
 187 Part III.

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189 A student making a complaint under the provisions of this Code should expect that the university will make a good
 190 faith attempt to determine the validity of the complaint. An alleged offender, complainant or victim is not entitled
 191 to be present while the individuals who are responsible for determining the merits of the complaint are
 192 deliberating the merits of the complaint.

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194 Rights of a victim include:

- 195 1. The student has the option of being present in all aspects of a proceeding in which witnesses provide
 196 evidence.
- 197 2. The university will disclose the final results of any disciplinary proceeding to complainants as permitted by
 198 the provisions of state and federal laws.

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200 Rights of the student charged (alleged offender):

- 201 1. A student charged with violating this Code has the right to a fair and reasonable process for handling the
 202 charges.
- 203 2. The student has the right to be informed of the procedures that will be used in adjudicating the charges
 204 against him/her, including but not limited to notice of the charges, deadlines associated with stages of the
 205 process, the kinds of evidence that may be submitted at each stage, and the availability of appeals
 206 processes, if any.
- 207 3. The student has the right to be present during those portions of any hearing or proceeding in which
 208 witnesses provide evidence relating to the charge.
- 209 4. The student who is participating in a hearing or proceeding at which evidence may be submitted is
 210 entitled to request the university make a good faith attempt to compel the attendance of witnesses,
 211 compel the production of documents, and provide a reasonable time period within which requests for
 212 witnesses and documents can be submitted and acted upon.

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214 **I. Rights of Students as University Employees**
215 A student's rights and responsibilities as an employee of the university are governed by the policies of the unit and
216 by the applicable personnel policies of Indiana University.
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218 Students should contact their immediate supervisor, the Office of Student Employment, the Dean of Faculties, or
219 University Human Resources for information. All personnel policies, including the policies for student hourly
220 employees, are also available on the Indiana University Web site.

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225 **Part II: Student Responsibilities**

226 Just as students have rights, they also have responsibilities. Indiana University recognizes its responsibility to
 227 support and uphold the basic freedoms and citizenship rights of all students, and it expects students to be
 228 responsible for the following.

- 229 A. Uphold and follow all codes of conduct, including this Code, relevant codes and bulletins of respective schools,
 230 professional programs or professional societies, and all rules applicable to conduct in class environments or
 231 university-sponsored activities, including off-campus clinical, field, internships, or in-service experiences
- 232 B. Obey all applicable university policies and procedures and all local, state, and federal laws.
- 233 C. Facilitate the learning environment and the process of learning, including attending class regularly, completing
 234 class assignments, and coming to class prepared.
- 235 D. Plan a program of study appropriate to the student's educational goals. This may include selecting a major
 236 field of study, choosing an appropriate degree program within the discipline, planning class schedules, and
 237 meeting the requirements for the degree.
- 238 E. Use university property and facilities in support of their education while being mindful of the rights of others
 239 to use university property and facilities.
- 240 F. Maintain and regularly monitor their university accounts including e-mail and bursar accounts.
- 241 G. Uphold and maintain academic and professional honesty and integrity.

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 243 **Academic misconduct** is defined as any activity that tends to undermine the academic integrity of the
 244 institution. The university may discipline a student for academic misconduct. Academic misconduct may
 245 involve human, hard-copy, or electronic resources.

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 247 Policies of academic misconduct apply to all course-, department-, school-, and university related activities,
 248 including field trips, conferences, performances, and sports activities off-campus, exams outside of a specific
 249 course structure (such as take-home exams, entrance exams, or auditions, theses and master's exams, and
 250 doctoral qualifying exams and dissertations), and research work outside of a specific course structure (such as
 251 lab experiments, data collection, service learning, and collaborative research projects). The faculty member
 252 may take into account the seriousness of the violation in assessing a penalty for acts of academic misconduct.
 253 The faculty member must report all cases of academic misconduct to the dean of students, or appropriate
 254 official. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 255 1. Cheating
- 256 Cheating is considered to be an attempt to use or provide unauthorized assistance, materials, information, or
 257 study aids in any form and in any academic exercise or environment.
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- 259 a. A student must not use external assistance on any "in-class" or "take-home" examination, unless
 260 the instructor specifically has authorized external assistance. This prohibition includes, but is not
 261 limited to, the use of tutors, books, notes, calculators, computers, and wireless communication
 262 devices.
- 263 b. A student must not use another person as a substitute in the taking of an examination or quiz,
 264 nor allow other persons to conduct research or to prepare work, without advance authorization
 265 from the instructor to whom the work is being submitted.
- 266 c. A student must not use materials from a commercial term paper company; files of papers
 267 prepared by other persons, or submit documents found on the Internet. A student must not
 268 collaborate with other persons on a particular project and submit a copy of a written report that
 269 is represented explicitly or implicitly as the student's individual work.

- 270 d. A student must not use any unauthorized assistance in a laboratory, at a computer terminal, or
271 on fieldwork.
- 272 e. A student must not steal examinations or other course materials, including but not limited to,
273 physical copies and photographic or electronic images.
- 274 f. A student must not submit substantial portions of the same academic work for credit or honors
275 more than once without permission of the instructor or program to whom he work is being
276 submitted.
- 277 g. A student must not, without authorization, alter a grade or score in any way, nor alter answers
278 on a returned exam or assignment for credit.

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280 2. Fabrication

281 A student must not falsify or invent any information or data in an academic exercise including, but not limited
282 to, records or reports, laboratory results, and citations to the sources of information.

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284 3. Plagiarism

285 Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's work, including the work of other students, as one's own.
286 Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged,
287 unless the information is common knowledge. What is considered "common knowledge" may differ from
288 course to course.

289 a. A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, opinions, theories, formulas, graphics, or pictures
290 of another person without acknowledgment.

291 b. A student must give credit to the originality of others and acknowledge indebtedness whenever:
292 (1) Directly quoting another person's actual words, whether oral or written;
293 (2) Using another person's ideas, opinions, or theories;
294 (3) Paraphrasing the words, ideas, opinions, or theories of others, whether oral or written;
295 (4) Borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material; or
296 (5) Offering materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections
297 without acknowledgment.

298 4. Interference

299 A student must not steal, change, destroy, or impede another student's work, nor should the student unjustly
300 attempt, through a bribe, a promise of favors or threats, to affect any student's grade or the evaluation of
301 academic performance. Impeding another student's work includes, but is not limited to, the theft,
302 defacement, or mutilation of resources so as to deprive others of the information they contain.

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304 5. Violation of Course Rules

305 A student must not violate course rules established by a department, the course syllabus, verbal or written
306 instructions, or the course materials that are rationally related to the content of the course or to the
307 enhancement of the learning process in the course.

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- 309 6. Facilitating Academic Dishonesty
- 310 A student must not intentionally or knowingly help or attempt to help another student to commit an act of
- 311 academic misconduct, nor allow another student to use his or her work or resources to commit an act of
- 312 misconduct.
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- 314 H. Be responsible for their behavior, and respect the rights and dignity of others both within and outside of the
- 315 university community.
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- 317 The university may discipline a student for the following **acts of personal misconduct that occur on university**
- 318 **property**, including but not limited to academic and administration buildings, residence halls, athletic and
- 319 recreational facilities, and other university-serviced property, such as sororities and fraternities:
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- 321 1. Dishonest conduct including, but not limited to, false accusation of misconduct, forgery, alteration, or misuse of
- 322 any university document, record, or identification; and giving to a university official information known to be false.
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- 324 2. Assuming another person's identity or role through deception or without proper authorization. Communicating
- 325 or acting under the guise, name, identification, e-mail address, signature, or other indications of another person or
- 326 group without proper authorization or authority.
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- 328 3. Knowingly initiating, transmitting, filing, or circulating a false report or warning concerning an impending
- 329 bombing, fire, or other emergency or catastrophe; or transmitting such a report to an official or an official agency.
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- 331 4. Unauthorized release or use of any university access codes for computer systems, duplicating systems, and
- 332 other university equipment.
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- 334 5. Conduct that is lewd, indecent, or obscene.
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- 336 6. Disorderly conduct, including obstructive and disruptive behavior that interferes with teaching, research,
- 337 administration, or other university or university-authorized activity. (See Guidelines for Dealing with Disruptive
- 338 Students in Academic Settings, University Faculty Council, April 12, 2005)
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- 340 7. Actions that endanger one's self, others in the university community, or the academic process.
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- 342 8. Failure to comply with the directions of authorized university officials in the performance of their duties,
- 343 including failure to identify oneself when requested to do so; failure to comply with the terms of a disciplinary
- 344 sanction; or refusal to vacate a university facility when directed to do so.
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- 346 9. Unauthorized entry, use, or occupancy of university facilities.
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- 348 10. Unauthorized taking, possession or use of university property or services or the property or services of others.
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- 350 11. Damage to or destruction of university property or the property belonging to others.
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- 352 12. Unauthorized setting of fires on university property; unauthorized use of or interference with fire equipment
- 353 and emergency personnel.
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- 355 13. Unauthorized possession, use, manufacture, distribution, or sale of illegal fireworks, incendiary devices, or
 356 other dangerous explosives.
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- 358 14. Possession of any weapon or potential weapon on any university property contrary to law or university policy;
 359 possession or display of any firearm on university property, except in the course of an authorized activity.
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- 361 15. Sale of any firearms from university property or using university facilities, including through computer and
 362 telephone accounts; intentional possession of a dangerous article or substance as a potential weapon.
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- 364 16. Acting with violence.
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- 366 17. Aiding, encouraging, or participating in a riot.
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- 368 18. Harassment, defined in Part I (c) of the Code.
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- 370 19. Stalking or hazing of any kind whether the behavior is carried out verbally, physically, electronically, or in
 371 written form.
- 372 a. Stalking is defined as repeated, unwanted contact in the forms of, including but not limited to, phone
 373 calls, e-mail, physical presence, and regular mail.
 - 374 b. Hazing is defined as any conduct that subjects another person, whether physically, mentally,
 375 emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the
 376 person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent
 377 or lack of consent.
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- 379 20. Physical abuse of any person, including the following:
- 380 a. The use of physical force or violence to restrict the freedom of action or movement of another
 381 person or to endanger the health or safety of another person;
 - 382 b. Physical behavior that involves an express or implied threat to interfere with an individual's personal
 383 safety, academic efforts, employment, or participation in university-sponsored extracurricular
 384 activities or causes the person to have a reasonable apprehension that such harm is about to occur;
 385 or
 - 386 c. Physical behavior that has the purpose or reasonably foreseeable effect of interfering with an
 387 individual's personal safety, academic efforts, employment, or participation in university-sponsored
 388 extracurricular activities or causes the person to have a reasonable apprehension that such harm is
 389 about to occur;
 - 390 d. Sexual assault, including while any party involved is in an impaired state;
 - 391 e. Sexual contact with another person without consent, including while any party involved is in an
 392 impaired state.
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- 394 21. Verbal abuse of another person, including the following:
- 395 a. An express or implied threat to:
 396 i. Interfere with an individual's personal safety, academic efforts, employment, or participation in
 397 university-sponsored activities and that under the circumstances causes the person to have a
 398 reasonable apprehension that such harm is about to occur; or
 399 ii. Injure that person, or damage his or her property; or
 - 400 b. "Fighting words" that are spoken face-to-face as a personal insult to the listener or listeners in
 401 personally abusive language inherently likely to provoke a violent reaction by the listener or listeners
 402 to the speaker.

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404 22. Unauthorized possession, use, or supplying alcoholic beverages to others contrary to law or university policy.
405 a. Indiana University prohibits:
406 (1) Public intoxication, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages on university property (including
407 any undergraduate residence supervised by the university, including fraternity and sorority
408 houses) except as otherwise noted in Part II, Section H (22) b and Part II, Section H(22) c.
409 (2) Providing alcohol contrary to law.
410 b. The dean of students of each campus has discretion to allow exceptions to Part II, Section H (22) a,
411 allowing use or possession of alcohol by persons, including students, who meet the minimum drinking
412 age standards of the State of Indiana, under the following circumstances.
413 (1) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages by persons who are of lawful drinking age may be
414 generally permitted in residences supervised by the university, including fraternity and sorority
415 houses, when specifically approved by the campus dean of students. Such use or possession may
416 be allowed in residence rooms, apartments, and certain common areas as specifically approved
417 by the dean of students. However, use or possession under this section shall be permitted only in
418 residences supervised by a live-in employee specifically charged with policy enforcement.
419 (2) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages may be permitted on an event-by event basis in
420 designated undergraduate residences (including fraternity and sorority houses) supervised by a
421 live-in employee specifically charged with policy enforcement, when temporary permission is
422 granted by the dean of students for events at which persons of lawful drinking age may lawfully
423 possess and use alcoholic beverages.
424 c. The chancellor of each campus has discretion to allow exceptions to Part II, Section H (22) a, allowing
425 use or possession of alcohol by persons, including students, who meet the minimum drinking age
426 standards of the State of Indiana, under the following circumstances.
427 (1) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages may be permitted in facilities such as student unions or
428 on-campus hotels, including guest rooms and other areas, specifically approved by the campus
429 chancellor.
430 (2) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages may be permitted in other areas, such as private offices
431 and faculty lounges, not accessible to the public.
432 (3) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages may be permitted in areas accessible to the public, if
433 specifically approved by the campus chancellor.
434 d. Indiana University also permits the nonconspicuous possession of alcoholic beverages on university
435 property when in transit to areas where they may be possessed or used under the provisions above.
436 e. Student organizations that serve or permit possession of alcoholic beverages at student organization
437 functions, on or off campus, may be disciplined if violations of alcoholic beverage laws or of university
438 regulations occur. Individual students who plan, sponsor, or direct such functions also may be subject
439 to discipline.
440 f. The chancellor or dean of students may make rules covering these uses. Those rules shall be
441 enforceable as provisions of this Code.
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443 23. Unauthorized possession, manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of illegal drugs, any controlled substance, or
444 drug paraphernalia. Being under the influence of illegal drugs or unauthorized controlled substances.
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446 24. Intentionally obstructing or blocking access to university facilities, property, or programs.
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448 25. Violation of other disseminated university regulations, policies, or rules. Examples of such regulations include
449 but are not limited to university computing policies, residence hall policies, and recreational sports facility policies.
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451 26. A violation of any Indiana or federal criminal law.

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453 27. Engaging in or encouraging any behavior or activity that threatens or intimidates any potential participant in a
454 judicial process.

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456 I. Personal Misconduct Not on University Property.

457 The university may discipline a student for **acts of personal misconduct or criminal acts that are not committed on**
458 **university property** if the acts arise from university activities that are being conducted off the university campus,
459 or if the misconduct undermines the security of the university community or the integrity of the educational
460 process or poses a serious threat to self or others.

461 1. Indiana University is committed to the promotion of a civil community both on campus and off
462 campus.

463 2. Indiana University regards off-campus activity, including but not limited to university-sponsored
464 events, as an integral part of a student's academic, personal, and professional growth. Thus, the
465 university recognizes the right of all students to expect that the university will subject individuals to
466 the same responsibilities and disciplinary procedures when conduct:

467 a. Adversely impacts the university's mission, or the tenets of this Code, such as altering academic
468 transcripts, harassment of any kind, trafficking in term papers, use of a computer or other
469 electronic device to obtain unauthorized access to information;

470 b. Presents a clear danger to the personal safety of any person or the protection of any person's
471 property, such as alcohol and drug offenses, arson, battery, fraud, hazing, participation in group
472 violence, rape, sexual assault, stalking, or theft;

473 c. Violates policies of an academic program and related facilities, including but not limited to an off-
474 campus clinical, field, internship, or in-service experience, or an overseas study program.

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482 **Part III: Procedures for Implementation of the Code**

483 This Code governs activities on all campuses of Indiana University. Specific procedures are to be developed by each
484 campus and made available to students, faculty, and staff on the campus.

485 These procedures will provide for:

486 *Student Grievances*—Students are to have clear procedures to follow when they believe that any of their rights, as
487 defined in earlier sections of this Code, have been violated by a member of the university community. The local
488 campus offices of the dean of students, affirmative action, and faculty affairs, as appropriate, will assist students in
489 addressing their complaints.

490 *Academic and Personal Misconduct*—Clear procedures with specific information about the persons who are
491 involved, timelines, and disciplinary sanctions are to be created and maintained at the campus level. These
492 procedures are to be designed to provide students with procedural fairness and to ensure equal protection for all
493 students and appropriate sanctions.

494 *Advisors*—A person charged, a victim or anyone providing testimony is entitled, at his or her expense, to be
495 accompanied by an advisor or support person of his or her choice. An advisor or support person is limited to the
496 role of advising. The advisor or support person may not participate in the proceeding, may not question witnesses,
497 and may not make any statements during the proceeding. ~~Campuses may, however, create procedures to allow a
498 student to have an advisor or support person to speak on the student's behalf at the final appeal hearing.~~

499 **Campuses may, however, create procedures to allow a student to have an advisor**
500 **or support person to speak on the student's behalf at the formal or final appeal**
501 **hearing.**

502 A student with a disability affecting communication or a student who cannot effectively communicate in the
503 English language may seek a reasonable accommodation from the office of the dean of students to allow an
504 advisor or interpreter to present or translate the proceedings.

505 *Notification of a Victim*—A person who is a victim of any specific misconduct for which disciplinary proceedings are
506 conducted under this Code is entitled to participate in proceedings relating to evidence, but not the deliberative
507 process in which the hearing officer or panel weigh the evidence presented and arrive at a decision. If the subject
508 matter of the disciplinary proceeding involves crimes of violence or a sex offense and the accused is determined to
509 have committed the act, the dean of students is required to notify the victim of the outcome of disciplinary
510 proceedings in a timely manner.

511 Campus procedures are to be reviewed and approved periodically through the local campus faculty council. Any
512 revision should also be reviewed by University Counsel. It is recommended that campus procedures remain fairly
513 similar across all campuses in an effort to assist students transferring among IU campuses.

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515 **Part IV: General Provisions, Definitions, Adoption**

516 Provisions and Appendices

517 **A. Definitions**518 **Student.** For purposes of this Code, the term “student” includes the following:

- 519 1. A person who is admitted or enrolled in any credit-bearing course or program in any school
520 or division of Indiana University.
- 521 2. A person who is admitted to Indiana University and is present on a campus for the purpose
522 of being enrolled in any credit-bearing course or program in any school or division of Indiana
523 University.
- 524 3. A person who has been admitted and enrolled in any credit-bearing course or program in
525 any school or division of Indiana University and continues to be associated with Indiana
526 University because of failure to complete the course or the program in which the person was
527 enrolled.
- 528 4. A person who is not admitted to the university, but who is taking classes to transfer to
529 another university, for personal enrichment, or in preparation to apply to a graduate
530 program.
- 531 5. For the purposes of this Code, “student” includes all students enrolled on the campuses of
532 Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) or Columbus.

533 **Faculty or Faculty Member.** In this Code, the terms “faculty” or “faculty members” include all who teach and/or do
534 research at the university, including (but not limited to) tenure-track faculty, librarians, holders of research or
535 clinical ranks, lecturers, graduate students with teaching responsibilities, visiting and part-time faculty, and other
536 instructional personnel including coaches, advisors, and counselors.

537 **B. Persons Authorized to Exercise Specified Responsibilities**

- 538 1. Under this Code, the authority that is given to a specified Indiana University official or employee may
539 be exercised by any person who occupies the specified position or has a comparable position on a
540 campus that does not have the specified position. This Code refers to the following specified positions
541 but each position includes any equivalent position on a campus that does not use these specific titles:
- 542 a. Dean of Students/Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
543 b. Dean of Faculties/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
544 c. Affirmative Action Officer
545 d. Assistant Vice President for Human Resources
546 e. Faculty Council President
547 f. Chancellor
- 548 2. Under this Code, the authority that is given to a particular Indiana University official or employee may
549 be exercised by that particular person or by that person’s designee.

550 **C. Adoption Provisions**551 **1. Resolution of Adoption.**

- 552 a. The foregoing Code is hereby adopted by the Board of Trustees of Indiana University under the
553 authority conferred by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana in chapter 273 of the Acts of the
554 General Assembly in 1969 [Ind. Code § 20-12-1 (1988)] and in compliance with House Concurrent
555 Resolution No. 22 as enacted in chapter 444 of the Acts of the General Assembly in 1969.
- 556 b. This code, as hereby adopted, supersedes the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities which
557 was effective on August 15, 1975, the Code of Student Ethics previously adopted by the Board of
558 Trustees and effective on August 15, 1990, the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
559 previously adopted by the Board of Trustees and effective on August 15, 1997, and the Code of
560 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct previously adopted by the Board of Trustees on June 11,
561 2004 and effective on August 15, 2004.
- 562 c. This code, as hereby adopted, shall be effective on August 15, 2005.

563 **2. Effect of Adoption.**

- 564 a. The adoption of this code shall not affect any rights or liabilities that were accrued, any
565 sanctions that were incurred, or any proceedings that were begun before August 15, 2005.
566 Any rights, liabilities, and sanctions that accrued or were incurred before August 15, 2005
567 shall continue to be enforced as if the new Code had not been adopted. Any proceedings
568 that were begun before August 15, 2005 shall likewise continue as if the new Code had not
569 been adopted.
- 570 b. Acts of misconduct that were committed before August 15, 2005 shall governed by the rules
571 and procedures in effect at the time of such acts.
- 572 c. Acts of misconduct that are committed after August 15, 2005 shall be governed by the rules
573 and procedures included in this new Code.
- 574 d. The provisions of this code do not alter existing faculty grievance policies and procedures.

575 **3. Amendments to the Code by Academic Units.**

- 576 a. The Code of Student Ethics was adopted by the University Faculty Council on April 16,
577 1990, by the following resolution:

578 "The Code of Student Ethics shall apply to all students at Indiana University. Any unit of the
579 university may adopt additional or alternative substantive or procedural standards to this code,
580 provided the alternative or additional standards:

- 581 1. Are necessary to meet academic concerns or to comply with the professional
582 or accreditation standards; and
- 583 2. Guarantee students in the unit a fair opportunity to be heard consistent with
584 the standards of evidence and due process found in this code."

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- 585 b. In establishing additional or alternative processes, a unit must use the following procedure:
- 586 (1) Proposed revisions to the Code must be submitted to the Agenda Committee of the
587 appropriate faculty council (Campus or University) for review, and to the full faculty council
588 for approval, to ensure the revisions are comprehensive and consistent, and that they meet
589 the criteria outlined above.
- 590 (2) Upon approval by a campus faculty council, the revisions must be reported to the campus
591 Dean of Students and the University Faculty Council Agenda Committee. The University
592 Faculty Council will review and consider final approval of the revisions.
- 593 (3) Upon final approval of an alternative process, the fact that this code does not apply to the
594 unit, with regard to academic matters, must be publicized in a fashion calculated to inform
595 all students taking courses in the unit, that they will be judged by the alternative process.
596 The notice must also explain where copies of the alternate process are available.
- 597 (4) Upon a student being found responsible for violation of a provision set forth in an
598 alternative process, the Dean of Students must be informed in writing of the student's
599 name and identification number, a description of the offense, the date and location of the
600 offense, and a description of any sanction or action taken by the university official, or
601 hearing commission, who considered the reported violation.

602 **D. Appendices**

603 *The following referenced documents are available online through the Indiana University web site at*
604 <http://www.indiana.edu>

605 Resolution in the Elimination of Discrimination (adopted by Board of Trustees, July 3, 1967, November 21, 1969)

606 [Student Affirmative Action Policy Statement](#) (adopted by the Board of Trustees, June 29, 1974)

607 Statement Concerning Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Handicapped Individuals (adopted by
608 the Board of Trustees, March 3, 1979)

609 [Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Policy](#) of Indiana University (adopted by the Board of Trustees, December 4,
610 1992)

611 [Policy against Sexual Harassment](#) (adopted by Board of Trustees, June 15, 1998)

612 [Accommodations for Religious Observances](#) (adopted by the University Faculty Council, March 28, 2000)

613 Resolution concerning Nonregistration of Student Groups and the Use of University Facilities (adopted by the
614 Board of Trustees, July 3, 1967)

615 [Indiana University Policy on Student Records](#) (adopted by the University Faculty Council, March 29, 1977;
616 amended, October 2, 2001)

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617 [Guidelines for Dealing with Disruptive Students in Academic Settings](#) (adopted by the University Faculty Council,
618 April 12, 2005)

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621 **By action of the University Faculty Council (April 12, 2005) and the Trustees of Indiana University (June 24, 2005)**

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