

# Code of Conduct

It is important for all students to read, understand, and abide by all student standards of conduct. Any participant in the summer retreat who violates these standards of conduct may be asked to leave the retreat. No refunds will be given in this instance. Pertinent standards are printed below:

## Subchapter 8-800. Student Standards of Conduct

### Sec. 8-801. Conduct Expected of Students

a. This subchapter describes offenses for which a disciplinary proceeding may be initiated, but the university expects from its students a higher standard of conduct than the minimum required to avoid discipline. The university expects all students to obey the law, to show respect for other members of the university community, to perform contractual obligations, to maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work, and to observe standards of conduct appropriate for a community of scholars.

### Sec. 8-804. Certain Other Offenses

a. Notwithstanding any action taken by civil authorities or agencies charged with the enforcement of criminal laws on account of the violation, the judicial officer may initiate disciplinary proceedings under subchapter 8-300 against a student who:

1. engages in conduct that violates any provision of federal, state, and/or local laws whether or not the violation occurs on university property or in connection with any university oriented activity;
2. possesses, uses, or displays firearms, facsimile firearms, ammunition, explosives, or other weapons on property owned or controlled by the university, without written permission from the UT Tyler Chief of Police;
3. conducts himself or herself in a manner that impedes, interferes with, or disrupts any university teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service, learning, or other authorized activity;
4. conducts himself or herself in a manner that endangers the health or safety of any student or employee of the university (harm or threats of harm to oneself, including suicide attempts or threats of suicide, are considered violations of this policy), or of visitors on the campus
5. damages, defaces, destroys, tampers with, or takes without authorization property of the university or property located on the campus and belonging to any student or employee of the university or visitor on the campus;
6. is in possession or makes use of university keys for unauthorized purposes;
7. engages in activities that subject a probationary member of a group to dangerous, harmful, or degrading acts (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50000, Rule 50101) states that such acts are a violation with or without the consent of the probationary member);
8. uses or possesses without proper authorization alcoholic beverages in a university classroom building, laboratory, auditorium, library building, museum, faculty or administrative office, intercollegiate and intramural athletic facility, or any other public campus area or any on-campus residence;
9. engages in gambling;
10. engages in illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic. Use and or possession of prescription medication is a violation of this policy if the student does not have a prescription for the medication. Distribution of prescription medication to any student other than the student the medication is prescribed for is a violation of this policy. (students found in violation of the drug policy may face suspension from the university);
11. engages in speech, either orally or in writing, that is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action;
12. enters, walks, runs, lies, plays, remains, or is in the water of any fountain or other artificial body of water, which is not designed and maintained for recreational or therapeutic purposes, located on the university campus, or who dumps, throws, places, or causes to be placed any material, object, trash, person, animal, waste, or debris in the water of any fountain, or other artificial body of water located on the university campus, or who damages, defaces, or removes any portion of any fountain, monument, building, statue, structure, facility, tree, shrub, or memorial located on the university campus;
13. engages in harassment. Harassment is defined as conduct that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent to create an objectively hostile environment that interferes with or diminishes the ability of an individual to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the university; or
14. engages in the unauthorized use of property, equipment, resources, supplies, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the university or the University of Texas System, including the unauthorized entry into property, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the university or the University of Texas System.
15. furnishes false information to or withholds material information from any university staff member acting in the course of his or her duties; or
16. otherwise engages in conduct that is inappropriate for members of an academic institution (such conduct includes but is not limited to pranks, public nudity, harassing phone calls or e-mail, and berating or otherwise abusive behavior).