

Code of Student Conduct

The George Washington University [Code of Student Conduct](#) (the “Code”), is the University’s primary statement of student discipline. The SEAS Online Code of Student Conduct (“SOCSC”) is established under the faculty’s disciplinary authority to supplement the Code and emphasize certain clauses [referenced in square brackets]. The Code’s definitions pertain to this SOCSC.

To accept admission to SEAS Online Programs is to accept the terms of the SOCSC.

Rationale

1. [2 & 4] The primary purpose for the maintenance of discipline in the University setting is to establish clear standards for civil interaction among community members. The purpose of publishing disciplinary regulations is to inform students of prohibited behavior.

Classroom Behavior

2. [9] Students who engage in any prohibited acts that result in disruption of a class may be directed by the instructor to exit the class for the remainder of the class period.

Prohibited Conduct

3. [11] The following are examples of misconduct subject to disciplinary action.
- Dishonesty – Non-academic dishonesty including but not limited to
 - Furnishing false information to the University or University personnel.
 - Unauthorized use, unauthorized alteration, or forgery of any University documents or records. Academic dishonesty violations will be handled according to the GW [Code of Academic Integrity](#)
 - Non-compliance – Failure to comply with reasonable directions of University officials acting in performance of their duties.
 - Disorderly Conduct – Shouting; verbally abusing—orally or in writing—University officials acting in performance of their duties; acting, speaking, or writing in a manner that disturbs, annoys, harasses, threatens, or endangers others; interfering with, disrupting, or obstructing the activities of others.

Sanctions

4. [12] This SOCSC seeks to preserve flexibility in the imposition of sanctions so that each student is afforded the greatest possibility for appropriate and just treatment. The following sanctions may be imposed.
- Censure – An official written reprimand for violation of specified regulations, including a warning that continuation or repetition of prohibited conduct will be cause for additional disciplinary action.
 - Disciplinary Probation – Exclusion from privileged institutional activities for a specified time. Probation or SOCSC violation during the period of probation normally results in suspension or expulsion.
 - Suspension – Exclusion from classes for a specified time. Any student who is suspended shall not be entitled to any tuition or fee refund.
 - Expulsion – Termination of student status and exclusion from University privileges and activities, including access to University premises or University-sponsored activities off campus, in perpetuity. Any student who is expelled shall not be entitled to any tuition or fee refund.
 - Other Sanctions – Other sanctions may be imposed instead of, or in addition to, those specified above.
5. [13] The following are recommended minimum sanctions:
- Dishonesty – Disciplinary probation.
 - Non-compliance – Disciplinary probation.
 - Disorderly Conduct – Disciplinary probation and/or eviction from University-owned or controlled rental properties.
6. [14] Repeated or aggravated violations of any part of this SOCSC may also result in suspension or expulsion or any other sanction that may be appropriate.