

# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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Behavior that violates university standards of conduct (for a complete list of student conduct policies please visit [www.niagara.edu/student-code-of-conduct](http://www.niagara.edu/student-code-of-conduct) (<http://www.niagara.edu/student-code-of-conduct/>)) will be subject to educative action through the appropriate student conduct process. Graduate Students will be expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct, university rules and procedures, and all federal, state and local laws.

This policy and procedure applies to any incident wherein a student is the reporting party or the accused/respondent. In the event a faculty member, other employee or campus guest is involved, additional procedures and requirements may govern university response; however, the protections, rights, and resources for students set out in this document are assured, regardless of whoever else is involved.

## Student Code of Conduct System

### Statement of Purpose

The Student Code of Conduct forms the foundation for behavioral expectations in the Niagara University community. Working within the educational mission and Vincentian values of the university, the Student Code of Conduct strives to instill moral and ethical values, integrity and respect for the human dignity of community members. The enforcement of the Student Code of Conduct protects the rights, health and safety of all members so that they may pursue their educational goals without unwarranted interference. Students, along with members of the faculty, administration and staff, share the responsibility for the building and maintaining of an environment conducive to learning and development.

By their voluntary attendance at Niagara University, students agree to comply with the regulations and procedures set forth by the Student Code of Conduct. It is an expectation that all students read and understand the code. Students should expect to be held accountable for their actions and behavior both on and off campus and will be afforded the opportunity to contribute to the review of their actions.

### Guiding Principles

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### Integrity

Consistent, continuing truthfulness to oneself and to others. Community members are expected to act in a positively honest and ethical manner in all aspects of the college environment, both in and outside the classroom.

### Respect for Others

Community members are expected to respect the God-given dignity of every person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender

or gender identity, sexual orientation, political view, physical abilities, age or intelligence.

### Respect for Surroundings

It is a shared responsibility to respect both university property and the private property of all community members.

### Citizenship and Service

Encouraging civility, care and respect for individuals and responsibility to the broader community.

### Educational

The Student Conduct process is educational in that sanctions will be assigned in an effort to encourage behaviors that contribute to the well being of campus. Sanctions will be used to promote the expectations put forth by the Student Code of Conduct.

Students are not immune from local, state or federal laws because of their affiliation with Niagara University. The university reserves the right to take disciplinary action, independent of local authorities, for violations that take place off campus that may reflect negatively on the university. When appropriate, the university will advise appropriate officials when violations of civil or criminal law have been committed on campus. In instances where conduct violations could be actionable in court, the university's student conduct procedures will proceed normally and will not be subject to challenge on the ground that criminal charges regarding the same incident have been dismissed or reduced.