

Disciplinary Actions

The following list describes University sanctions that may be administered as a result of violating the WKU Code of Conduct. Sanctions may be imposed only after a conference or hearing at which the student has had the opportunity to review alleged violations, review any evidence, and respond.

Sanctions may be used independently or in combination depending on the particular circumstance of the violation. Chronic and/or multiple violations during the course of an individual student's college career may increase the severity of sanctions applied.

1. **Warning and/or Reprimand** - Official notice to a student that conduct or actions are in violation. The continuation of such conduct or actions may result in further disciplinary action.
2. **Creative Discipline** - A sanction which may be used in lieu of, or in combination with, sanctions numbered three through six below. Creative discipline will be consistent with the offense committed. In some cases, at the discretion of the hearing officer, a student found in violation may attend special educational seminars, classes, or workshops offered in the subject area of the violation or be sanctioned in another way which is directly related to the violation. In these cases, the student must always submit written proof of completion of the sanction to the hearing officer. The University may also contact parents or legal guardians of students found in violation of policy concerning the possession of alcohol or controlled substances if the student is under 21.
3. **Disciplinary Agreement** - Behavior contract between the University and the student whereby the student agrees, in writing, to correct inappropriate behaviors.
4. **Restricted Use of Facilities** - Denial of on-campus use of an automobile for a specified period of time, removal from a living group, or other privilege including the use of specific University facilities, consistent with the offense committed. Restricted use of facilities may be accompanied by other sanctions.
5. **Restitution** - Reimbursement by transfer of property or service to the University or a member of the University community in an amount not in excess of the damage or loss incurred. Reimbursement may be accompanied by other sanctions.
6. **Restricted University Participation** - Exclusion for a period of time from participating in extra-curricular activities including recognized student

organizations and/or representing the University in any manner. Classroom attendance will be unaffected.

- The following sanction may be imposed upon groups or organizations:
Deactivation – Loss of all privileges, including University recognition, for a specified period of time.

7. **Disciplinary Probation** - A period of observation and review of conduct in which the student demonstrates compliance with the provisions of University regulations.
8. **Suspension** - Exclusion for a period of time, generally from one term to one year.
9. **Interim Suspension *** – Exclusion for a period of time, prior to a disciplinary hearing, from the residence halls or campus (including classes) and all other college activities or privileges of a University student.
10. **Deferred Suspension** - Exclusion for a period of time, generally from one term to one year, but a term beyond the current term in which the incident occurs. If a student is found in violation of any university rule during the time of Deferred Suspension, the Suspension takes effect immediately.
11. **Probated Suspension** - Exclusion for a period of time but exclusion being set aside due to mitigating circumstances.
12. **Expulsion** - Dismissal from the University for an indefinite period of time. Any student expelled may not, thereafter, be readmitted to the University except upon application to the Board of Regents through the President.

* In certain circumstances, the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Development may impose a University or residence hall suspension.

- Interim suspension may be imposed only:
 - To ensure the safety and well-being of member of the University community or preservation of University property
 - To ensure the student's own physical or emotional safety and well-being or
 - If the student opposes a definite threat of disruption of or interference with the normal operations of the University.