

CONDUCT SANCTIONS

The following are sanctions that may result when a student has been found in violation of the code of conduct or residence hall guidelines. Sanctions are applied and enforced at the time the student is found responsible. **These penalties are not absolutes and may be amended to benefit students in particular situations. Mitigating Evidence is not considered when applying sanctions to violations of the Code of Conduct.**

A Written Warning

This shall be defined as a statement by the Student Community Court or the Dean of Students of the circumstances of the violation and an admonition that is made a part of the student's record in the Student Affairs Office.

A Social Restriction

This shall be defined as a restriction of a student from one or more of the following activities for a period of time specified by the Student Community Court or the Dean of Students:

- a. from all intramural sports**
- b. from participation in clubs**
- c. from operating motorized vehicles on campus**
- d. from participation in visitation in residence halls**
- e. from living in campus residence halls**
- f. from attending athletic events**

Community Service Work

The Student Community Court and/or the Dean of Students may assign a specific number of hours ranging from 5 - 100 for community service. Community service work may be assigned on campus or in the Fayetteville community. This is a sanction imposed for the benefit of the student and the community. A person will be assigned to supervise the work and report when the hours are completed.

Disciplinary Probation

The Student Community Court, the Dean of Students and the Sr. Associate Dean of Students may place a student on disciplinary probation on which, the student continues in attendance; however, the student is in danger of suspension from the University for any breach of good conduct during the period of probation.

Further, the student may not hold any general elective office while on disciplinary probation. A record of the disciplinary probation, circumstances, and sanctions is kept in the student's file in the Student Affairs Office.

Psychological Evaluation

The Dean of Students may require a student to be evaluated by Methodist University Counseling and Psychological Services or by a local mental health specialist. A copy of the results of the evaluation, which can be used to determine disciplinary sanctions, will be made available to the Dean of Students. Based on the evaluation, the Dean may also require further counseling or treatment as a part of disciplinary sanctions. In that case, the content of consequent counseling or treatment will be held strictly confidential between the student and the mental health specialist. The Dean of Students may require documentation of the student's participation, but information about the content of the treatment will remain confidential.

Restorative Practices

Requiring a student to engage in actions to restore the impact of a violation and repair the harms resulting from misconduct on other members of the community. These actions may include letters of apology, drafting and implementing a plan of resolution, engaging in restorative justice conferences, and developing plans for reintegration.

Suspension

The student is separated from the University both academically and socially for a stated period of time, and or until the conditions of the suspension have been fully satisfied. A suspended student will not be allowed to complete his or her ongoing academic studies. During the period of suspension, a suspended student is not allowed to return to the campus without the expressed and written approval of the Dean of Students. A student who is suspended for the remainder of the current semester also forfeits all tuition and other fees paid. The appropriate academic officials will be notified of the suspension. Students are not allowed to transfer credits back to Methodist University during the period of their suspension.

Temporary Suspension

If the Dean of Students or his/her designee determines that the behavior of an individual is dangerous to the welfare of persons and/or property in the University community and that immediate removal from the campus is necessary, a temporary suspension may be implemented. If temporary suspension is invoked, a student must leave the campus immediately and will not be allowed to return until the date and time of a scheduled hearing. The hearing will be scheduled within five business days after notification of temporary suspension. Students will be permitted to make up any work missed if a decision other than suspension or expulsion is reached.

Expulsion

The student is permanently separated from the University both academically and socially. A copy of the expulsion letter is placed in the student's file in both the Student Affairs Office and the Registrar's Office. The student forfeits all tuition and other fees paid.

Involuntary Withdrawal (Conduct Issues)

The Dean of Students or designee may carry out immediate, involuntary withdrawals concerning the conduct of a student. In extreme cases, prompt and decisive action may be required before there is an opportunity to conduct a hearing, as in cases in which a student's continued presence on campus substantially impedes the orderly functioning of the university or constitutes an immediate threat to the well-being or property of members of the university community or if the student requires more supervision than the university staff can reasonably provide. Students withdrawn involuntarily shall have a prompt meeting with the Dean of Students or his designee to review the behavior that forms the basis for the student's withdrawal. In some cases the student may be required to reside off campus and/or be given restricted access to the campus without being involuntarily withdrawn pending the outcome of the hearing.

Withdrawal

A student may choose to withdraw from the University rather than to face possible disciplinary action. A student who takes such an action will place his or her disciplinary hearing on hold until the time that the student decides to return to Methodist University. He or she will also receive no credit for the studies that were completed before his or her departure.

Further a student is subject to the forfeiture of all or part of the tuition and fees that have been paid to the University. If a student decides to return to Methodist University, he or she must apply to the Dean of Students for readmission and agree to participate in the hearing process that was suspended at the time of the student's withdrawal. Students in this category shall be eligible for readmission at the discretion of the Dean of Students.

Fines

Methodist University reserves the right to fine students for non-compliance with the Housing Agreement, Residence Hall Guidelines, and the Code of Conduct.