

# DEFINITIONS OF PROHIBITED CONDUCT

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## **Alcohol Policy**

Methodist University is committed to students’ intellectual and personal development, which includes ensuring students have various and abundant opportunities to show care and responsibility for their own actions. In this case, the vitality of the academic community relies on each member taking personal responsibility for their actions regarding alcohol use and safeguarding the well-being of others. Alcohol misuse inhibits students’ development and is negatively correlated with academic success and personal safety, thus maturity, care for self and community, and responsibility are essential.

Methodist University also welcomes and supports the decision of students not to drink alcohol. MU continues to emphasize education about risks, choices, and personal responsibility regarding the use of alcohol. Students are expected to make conscious choices that do not diminish the academic or social success, or personal safety, of themselves or others.

## **Policy Statement**

As required by Article 3 of Chapter 18B of the North Carolina General Statutes-individuals must be 21 years of age or older to possess, consume or purchase alcoholic beverages. It is also illegal, in North Carolina, for a person of legal alcohol-drinking age to purchase for or provide alcohol to anyone who is underage. Methodist University observes federal, state, and local laws regarding alcohol use, particularly those that address underage drinking, and holds students accountable for their choices. Students whose drinking presents a risk to the health and safety of themselves or others are subject to sanctions in keeping with the [Methodist University Student Code of Conduct](#).

- The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by students on the Methodist University property is limited to students 21 years of age or over and subject to the following additional requirements:
  - Only in designated residence hall spaces posted clearly within The Cape Fear Commons,

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- Village Houses, and McLean Apartments
- At Official university-sponsored events with the President's prior written approval
- Only Alcoholic Beverage classified as beer/unfortified wine (*as defined by the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Commission*) are permitted in the designated spaces listed above.
  - Any alcoholic beverage that is not classified as beer/wine (*as defined by the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Commission*) is always prohibited on the Methodist University premises.
- Students participating in any Methodist University or Methodist University-affiliated study abroad programs are expected to follow the laws of the host country and host institution regarding the possession and/or consumption during any study abroad program.
- This policy will be reviewed at least annually by the President's Cabinet or as is otherwise deemed necessary by the University and is subject to immediate change or modification as the University deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

### Alcohol and Disruptive/Destructive Acts of Behavior

- Methodist University students are always expected to represent the University with dignity. No student of any age may engage in behavior (whether or not due to alcohol consumption) that is disorderly, disruptive, or jeopardizes the health or safety of self or others.
- Per [North Carolina General Statute § 14-444](#) being intoxicated and disruptive in public is unlawful. Inappropriate or illegal behavior related to alcohol use will result in disciplinary action per the [Methodist University Student Code of Conduct](#)

### Regulations for University Housing

- Students of legal drinking age (21 years of age or older) may possess or consume [beer/wine](#) (*as defined by the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Commission*) for their personal use and consumption in designated spaces within The Cape Fear Commons, Village Houses, and McLean Apartments. Only students of legal age (21 years of age or older) may transport unopened alcoholic beverages through "public areas" and may do so only in a sealed container, bag, or cooler.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in public or outdoor areas including, but not limited to outdoor hallways, stairwells, elevators, balconies, patios, courtyards, and at events on campus. It is unlawful for any person to consume or have in their possession any alcoholic beverage in an open container on any campus street, sidewalk or undesignated area.
- The selling of alcoholic beverages on campus is prohibited.
- Students are responsible for their conduct and that of their visitors in individual rooms. Only those students of legal age may possess or consume alcoholic beverages. The residents will be subject to disciplinary action if there is excessive noise or over-crowding (more than two visitors per resident) in the room (or common area in the case of suite living spaces) or if those possession or consuming alcohol are underage. Representatives of the Department of Housing and Residence Life, security or

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university administration reserve the right to disband any gathering violating the [Methodist University Code of Conduct](#) or violating fire safety codes.

- Providing alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 is illegal and subject to applicable laws and the [Methodist University Student Code of Conduct](#).

## **Alcohol Containers and Paraphernalia**

- Common containers (empty or filled) designed for rapid consumption are prohibited on campus at all times. Devices and games designed for the rapid consumption of alcohol are strictly prohibited and a violation of the Methodist University Alcohol Policy. Alcohol paraphernalia is not permitted on Methodist University premises at any time.

## **Complicity**

- Students are responsible for removing themselves from any situation where violations of the Code of Conduct are occurring or are anticipated. Furthermore, the University expects Methodist University students to be good citizens and, speak out against university violations by their peers as leaders. This code prohibits condoning, supporting or encouraging in any manner or form a violation of University policy.

## **Identification**

- Without limiting any other prohibition contained in this policy, no person younger than 21 years of age may possess or use false identification (ID) for purchasing or possessing alcoholic beverages. This provision includes, but is not limited to, the following: possession or use of an altered ID; possession or use of a forged ID; possession or use of an ID belonging to another person; or possession or use of any form of identification which misrepresents the bearer's true identity or date of birth.

## **Student Clubs and Organizations**

- No Alcoholic Beverages, for use on- or off-campus, may be purchased with student activity fees, University-collected fees, or with any other Student Club/Organization funds or dues. Additionally, no Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased for a Student Club/Organization or its members or guests in the name of or on behalf of the Student Organization (e.g., no passing the hat).
- No Student Club/Organization may host an event or meeting on campus where Alcoholic Beverages are served. Likewise, students may not bring alcohol for their consumption to any University club/organization event on or off campus.

## **Regulations on Event Use**

- Official university-sponsored functions may serve Beer/Wine only with prior presidential approval in writing. Examples of some official University-sponsored functions include, but are not limited to:
  1. Board of Trustees' receptions hosted on or off campus
  2. Faculty/staff receptions hosted on or off campus
  3. Art exhibit openings hosted on campus
  4. Off-campus groups hosting events on campus, with prior Presidential written permission such Symphony/Orchestra intermission
  5. Off-campus events hosted by the University such as sporting events, movies, plays, etc.

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- At official University-sponsored functions, alcoholic beverages must be provided by a University pre-approved and fully insured professional vendor or caterer and the Common Source Container remains under the exclusive control of the vendor or caterer at all times (i.e. no self-service) subject to the following restrictions and requirements:
  - Alcoholic beverages are limited to Beer/Wine only *as defined by the state of North Carolina*. <https://abc.nc.gov/Product/Index>.
  - The pre-approved professional and fully insured vendor or caterer will obtain and appropriately display the appropriate licenses and/or permits to serve alcohol on campus.
  - The use of alcoholic beverages must remain in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
  - Non-profit organizations cannot promote the serving of alcohol in the publicity associated with the event being held on campus.
  - All appropriate insurance policies will be obtained in accordance with University requirements
- Alcoholic beverages are never permissible in sacred spaces: Matthews Ministry Center Chapel, Hensdale Chapel, and Stillpoint
- No Alcoholic beverages, for use on- or off-campus, may be purchased with student activity fees, University-collected fees, or with any other Student Club/Organization funds or dues. Additionally, no Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased for a Student Club/Organization or its members or guests in the name of or on behalf of the Student Organization (e.g., no passing the hat).
- No Student Club/Organization may host an event or meeting on campus where Alcoholic Beverages are served.

**Note-Official University sponsored functions:** With the President's prior written approval, students (age 21 and over only) may possess or consume alcoholic beverages at official University-sponsored functions. In situations like this, underage students may be present where alcohol is consumed by of-age students or guests but may not possess or consume alcohol themselves.

### **Campus Resources on Alcohol & Drugs**

The Student Affairs Office and Health & Counseling Services Office at "The Well" provide alcohol and drug education and programming on campus. Health & Counseling Services Office at "The Well" offers confidential individual counseling and referrals for alcohol and other drug use/misuse concerns in addition to providing psychoeducational materials. Additionally, the staff at The Well are available to answer questions or provide information.

Annual educational programming for all students will aid in identifying the use and misuse of alcohol. These sessions will be planned by the Student Affairs Office in cooperation with Health & Counseling Services Office at "The Well" and Residence Life.

Health & Counseling Services Office at "The Well" and Residence Life staff will provide annual workshops for resident assistants in intervention techniques to aid those students who misuse alcohol.

The Student Affairs Division and Health & Counseling Services will annually review the alcohol and other drug education programs and will report their assessment to the Administrative Cabinet.

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## Medical Amnesty

Students are responsible for reviewing the Methodist University Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Policy.

## Statement

This Policy is intended to be consistent with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. The standards of conduct and the means of enforcement outlined in this Policy are adopted to further the University's interests and supplement, rather than substitute for, the enforcement of applicable civil and criminal law. It is not double jeopardy for the University to address conduct that has previously been or may be sanctioned under local, state, or federal law.

## Definitions

When used in the Student Alcohol Policy of Methodist University or any of its appendices, terms have the following definitions:

- **Alcoholic Beverages:** Any beverage or other ingestible substance defined as alcohol by the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. For specific definitions, please visit the ABC Commission website. Please note: Any Alcoholic Beverage that is not classified as Beer/Wine (as defined by the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Commission.) is prohibited at all times on the Methodist University campus.
- **Common Source Container:** This includes, but not is limited to Kegs, pitchers, punch bowls, bath tubs, trash cans, common shared refrigerators, or similar common source containers of Alcoholic Beverages intended to serve as a source of open access to Alcoholic Beverages at a party or other gathering.
- **Open Container:** Any container of alcohol that is open or has at any point had the manufacturer's seal broken and the lid replaced. Examples include, but are not limited to, a solo cup, water bottle, open bottle or can containing any amount of Alcoholic Beverage.
- **Person:** Considered to be used in this Policy as any Student, Student Organization, or Administrative Unit, and can be used interchangeably except regarding medical amnesty.
- **Policy:** Except as otherwise noted, the term 'Policy' or 'this Policy' refers to the Alcohol Policy of Methodist University.
- **Student:** The term "Student" means any of the following:
  - a person enrolled in or attending classes at or through the University, either at the University's main campus or at any remote location, including a person enrolled in online or distance education programs or a person participating in Study Abroad programs; or
  - a person participating in any pre-matriculation orientation programs.
- **Student Club/Organization:** Any recognized group affiliated with or supported by the University or a University administrative unit (e.g., societies, clubs, student organizations including fraternities and sororities, athletic teams, or similarly organized groups in or recognized by the University.) A Student Organization also includes any group of students, whether or not officially recognized, that is affiliated with the University through the use of University Premises or University-sponsored programs.
- **University Premises:** Buildings, property, or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled, or supervised by the University.
- **Visitor:** Any person on university premises/property or attending a university-sponsored event who is not an employee, student, or affiliate

## Related Requirements

### External Regulations and Consequences

- Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Subpart A, Sec. 86.1 - Drug and

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## Alcohol Abuse Prevention

- 20 U.S.C. 1145(g) - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention
- NCGS § 18B-300. Purchase, possession and consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine
- NCGS § 14-444. Intoxicated and disruptive in public
- NCGS § 18B-401. Manner of transportation
- NCGS § 20-30. (Effective until July 1, 2023) Violations of license, learner's permit, or special identification card provisions
- NCGS § 74G-6. Oaths, powers, and authority of campus police officers

## Animals on University Property

The presence of animals on university property can have an effect on the normal operations of the University, including disruption and bodily harm. The purpose of this policy is to outline the appropriate control of animals on campus. This policy does not apply to service animals or approved emotional support animals. For more information about the policies and procedures regarding service animals or emotional support animals, please contact the Office of Student Access & Accommodation Services 910.630.7402.

For the purposes of this policy, a pet is an animal that is sufficiently tame enough to live with a family and be kept as a companion as well as interact with the public.

- No person owning or handling any pet will bring that animal onto University property without being leashed or otherwise suitably controlled (e.g. kenneled, crated, or held).
- A person owning or handling any pet must be in control of that animal for the entirety of its time on campus and may not tether it or leave it unsupervised.
- A person owning or handling any pet on campus must cleanup after the animal, including disposing of any excrement into available University trash cans on campus.
- No person will bring any animal into any University building or permit any animal in any University vehicle.

Exceptions will be made for:

- Service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act,
- Approved emotional support animals in the residence halls only,
- Fish in small aquariums in the residence halls only,
- Approved pets in private and/or professional residence owned by the University,

Events that may include animals must be registered with the Department of Public Safety (910.630.7098).

Animals may not be used in ceremonies or pranks by events, organizations, or anyone associated with the University or on University property. Animals are not permitted in the seating areas or within close proximity to the playing surfaces of outdoor athletic fields and other athletics areas. Animals are not permitted in Monarch Stadium during Home Varsity Football games.

The owner of any animal or pet on Methodist University property is solely responsible and liable for any damages or injuries to a person(s) or property. Unattended animals may be seized by animal control or law enforcement. Owners may be fined for unattended and/or unleashed animals. Methodist University reserves the right to request that an animal be removed from campus immediately for the health and safety of its residents and community.

## Arson and Fire Safety

It is a violation of the Code of Conduct to tamper with fire alarm systems, fire extinguishers, or other fire protection equipment or to intentionally light a fire in a University building. Local and State Fire Codes to include Local/State penalties and fines will also be enforced by the City of Fayetteville and the State of North

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Carolina Fire Marshal Office.

## **Assault and Battery**

Assault, battery, physical abuse, or verbal harassment of any person on the campus is prohibited. Assault is defined as a verbal threat to do harm to another. Student who are defiant or belligerent toward a University staff member, including students acting in a supervisory capacity, may also be found responsible for assault. Also, for purposes of this policy, battery is defined as a physical attack upon another and/or an attempt to do harm to another. Unwanted physical contact by one person on another person may also constitute battery in certain situations.

## **Bias-Related Intimidation or Harassment**

Demeaning or degrading comments gestures, verbiage, symbols, etc. regarding race, religion, creed, gender, age, ethnicity, national origin, physical disability, or sexual orientation are prohibited.

## **Breaking and Entering**

Breaking and entering is unlawful entry to a building or a room. Unlawful entry into a locked or an unlocked exterior door is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Breaking and entering is an offense punishable under criminal law and under campus rules and regulations.

## **Bullying**

Any on-going behavior directed at or about a student that is degrading, humiliating, malicious or defamatory. Behaviors may occur in person, in print, via electronic means or through social networking (cyber-bullying). Examples include but are not limited to: ongoing pranks or ridicule directed against an individual, graffiti, posting insults against a student in a public setting or on any website.

## **Complicity**

It is expected that students will remove themselves from any situation in which violations of the Code of Conduct are occurring or are anticipated. Furthermore, it is the expectation of the University that Methodist students will be good citizens and as leaders, speak out against University violations by their peers. This code prohibits condoning, supporting or encouraging a violation of University policy.

## **Contempt**

Contempt is defined as disobedience of a Code of Conduct order, to include using violent or profane language or threatening any individual associated with the Code of Conduct system. Students who bribe, intimidate, or threaten anyone associated with the Code of Conduct system before or after a meeting or a hearing will also be found in contempt.

## **Criminal Arrest, Charges or Conviction**

Students who are charged, arrested, or convicted for violating local ordinances, North Carolina law or federal law may be subject to disciplinary action by the University up to expulsion from the University.

## **Defenestration**

Throwing objects from windows of any campus building is prohibited.

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## Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly Conduct is behavior which Methodist University regards as speech or action which 1) is disrespectful, offensive, and/or threatening, 2) interferes with the learning activities of other students, 3) impedes the delivery of University services, and; or 4) has a negative impact in any learning environment or social environment which include all areas within the residence halls. Disorderly Conduct includes physically, verbally (profanity of any kind) or psychologically harassing, threatening, or acting abusively toward faculty, administrators, staff, resident assistants, or any student acting in a supervisory capacity in the performance of their duties.

## Drug Policy

Methodist University prohibits the use, possession, and/or the distribution /sale of illegal drugs.

The following are prohibited:

### Illicit Drugs

- a. Possessing or using illegal substances, as defined by federal, state, and local statutes.
- b. Possessing or using controlled substances as defined by federal, state, and local statutes. (Controlled substances may be taken pursuant to a properly issued prescription, provided the controlled substance is taken as and in the amount prescribed.)
- c. Distributing, selling, or possessing with the intent to distribute illegal or controlled substances, as defined by federal, state, and local statutes.
- d. Possessing or using drug paraphernalia (including but not limited to pipes, bongs, etc.).
- e. Being under the influence of illegal or controlled substances as demonstrated by actions and/or other evidence such as the smell of marijuana on the student's clothing and/or person.
- f. Growing and/or manufacturing any illegal substance.

**Students who are found responsible for the use, possession and/or odor of marijuana will be subject to Disciplinary Probation and a \$500 fine on the first offense. Students who possess large quantities of marijuana will be subject to arrest and/or suspension/expulsion regardless of which offense.** Given reasonable cause, drug testing may be required of students suspected of a drug-related offense. The type of drug testing will be determined by the Dean or Associate Dean of Students. Drug tests will result in \$150.00 being assessed to the student's account to cover the cost of the test. Reasonable Cause in Drug Use Situations is defined as the odor of marijuana on the student's clothing and/or person, in a campus residence, personal vehicle or any other confined space that belongs to or is assigned to the student and/or in a confined space where the student is located when the odor is detected. Refusal to participate in such testing may be used as grounds for probation, suspension or other discipline of a suspected violator regardless of how long they were present in the room or common living area. Student(s) who possess expired prescription drugs and/or unreasonable, large quantities of prescription drugs will be asked to provide independent, medical verification that the quantity and the prescription is valid. If students are unable to obtain medical verification, he or she will be subject to the sanctions outlined in this policy.

## Odor of Marijuana

If the odor of marijuana is present (room, vehicle, etc.) without physical evidence, the student will be found responsible for "being in the presence of marijuana odor." Additionally, students who are in the presence of marijuana odor will be offered the option of taking a drug test to clear charges with a negative drug test result. If a student is found in the presence of the odor of marijuana for a second or any additional incidents, drug testing will be required.

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If students are in the presence of physical evidence, then those who are guests may be tested if they deny responsibility. The residents of the room and/or the owner of the vehicle may be found responsible for possession without being tested.

## **Failure to Comply with the Direction of a University Official**

Failure to comply with the direction of a University official is defined as the disobedience of or disregard for a reasonable request by a University official. A University official is defined as faculty, staff, or students acting in a supervisory capacity in the performance of their duties.

## **Fans' Code of Conduct**

Methodist University encourages and promotes good sportsmanship. Fans of organized sports and intramurals are encouraged to support the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or ethnic comments, intimidating actions, or physical violence directed at officials, visiting teams, student-athletes, coaches, or team representatives will not be tolerated.

## **Falsifying Information**

Providing statements, actions or representation that is false, misrepresents the truth, and/or is intended to deceive another is prohibited. This code is not intended to apply to academic related offenses.

## **Fire Safety**

Methodist University has installed fire alarm systems in each residence hall. Fire extinguishers are available on each floor, and smoke alarms have been installed in every residence hall living area (including individual rooms). It is a serious violation of University standards and state laws for students to tamper with fire protection equipment. It is a federal offense to pull a fire alarm if there is not a fire.

## **Gambling**

Gambling is defined as the playing of games of chance or betting for money. Gambling is illegal in the state of North Carolina.

## **Hazing**

As used in this policy, hazing is defined as any act committed against a student by another student, acting individually or in concert with others, or aiding or abetting such acts in connection with pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization, team, or group affiliated with Methodist University where such acts, either intentionally or unintentionally, has the effect of physically injuring, humiliating, harassing, intimidating, demeaning, or endangering the physical or the emotional health of any student. A violation of the hazing code can occur **on or off campus**. Methodist University will treat any act of hazing involving Methodist University students either on or off campus in precisely the same manner. Under North Carolina state laws, hazing is defined more narrowly as follows: "to subject another student to physical injury as part of an intimidation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group." N.C. Gen. Stat. 14-35. Such acts are criminal (Class 2 Misdemeanor) under this statute. In addition to disciplinary action for acts of hazing as defined more broadly by the University, a student who violates the state law definition of hazing is subject to prosecution by local or state authorities.

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## **Keys/Access Cards**

Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of a University key or access card is prohibited.

## **Littering**

No student shall dispose of trash, food, and refuse of any kind except in proper trash receptacles. No student shall in any way dispose of tobacco products except in receptacles properly designated for them on University property.

## **Off-campus Conduct**

Although the University is not legally responsible or financially liable for the behavior of students off campus, it does reserve the right to take disciplinary action against students when their off-campus behavior violates University expectations and policies or when the behavior affects the University community. This rule applies whether or not the University sponsors the off-campus activities.

## **Public Indecency**

Behaving in a lewd or indecent manner in public (e.g. public urination, indecent exposure) is prohibited and inconsistent with the values of the University.

## **Reckless Endangerment**

Intentionally or recklessly endangering, threatening, or causing physical harm to any person and/or their property is prohibited. Trespassing in areas that are posted, off-limits and/or restricted is a violation.

## **Responsibility for One's Actions**

Being a student at Methodist University is a privilege. All of our students must abide by the policies set by Methodist University and published on the website. Those whose behavior puts themselves or others at risk or which unreasonably disrupts the University environment will not be allowed to continue the privilege of being a student at Methodist University. Every student is responsible for his or her actions at all times. Being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is no excuse for improper action and, in fact, makes the violation more serious. Students are also responsible for their actions during off-campus trips.

## **Sexual Misconduct**

### **(Non-Title IX violations)**

Sexual Misconduct is defined as unwelcome sexual advances of a physical or verbal nature, sexual abuse, or relationship violence. Sexual misconduct will not be tolerated. Engaging in non-consensual sexual intercourse by one person on another is defined as an invasion of a person through force or a threat of force whether the person is conscious, unconscious, or without capacity to consent. Students who commit sexual misconduct will receive a minimum of probation and may receive a maximum of expulsion from the University. Students who commit nonconsensual sexual intercourse or relationship violence will be expelled from the University and may face criminal or civil charges.

## **Sexual Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence, and Title IX Policy and Adjudication Procedures**

See Title IX on the University Web site. <https://www.methodist.edu/offices-services/title-ix/>

## **Theft**

Any person found responsible for theft or possessing on-campus property that he or she knows or should know is stolen will face sanctions from the University as well as possible criminal prosecution.

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## **Tobacco Policy**

Smoking is strictly prohibited in all campus buildings, and there is no smoking allowed within fifty (50) feet of any campus building. This prohibition extends to all hallways, lobbies, stairwells, restrooms, offices, classrooms and residence halls and apartments. The use of smokeless tobacco, to include e-cigarettes and water vapor cigarettes, is also prohibited in all indoor locations. Hookahs are not allowed on campus.

## **Traffic Violations**

Students who habitually violate vehicle and traffic regulations shall face sanctions from the University. Violators of campus parking privileges who receive four or more citations in one semester will have their vehicles restricted from campus parking. The University reserves the right to lock the wheels of vehicles and tow vehicles at the owner's expense if restricted vehicles are found on campus. See Parking Regulations on the University website.

## **Trespassing on University Property**

Persons who violate University policies, regulations, or rules or pose a threat or risk to the safety and security of the University community or University property may be trespassed from specific areas of the campus. In addition, persons present on University property without justification or legitimate reason may be advised to leave or face sanctions.

## **Unmanned Aircraft Systems**

The University requires all users of UAS to comply with the permitting requirements set forth by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Both agencies require operators of UAS to obtain certain permits prior to operating a UAS. No UAS may be flown on University property unless the user has these permits. **(Note: Recreational use of UAS on campus, even if legal "hobby" use under state and federal rules, is not permitted on University property.)** Persons wishing to operate on University property must contact the University's Department of Public Safety at least three days in advance of the desired flight time and provide the following: proof of any required FAA permit, proof of any required NCDOT permit, and a detailed flight plan to include specific time and specific location. To schedule a UAS flight on campus or make an inquiry concerning this policy call the Department of Public Safety to reach the Chief of Police at (910) 630-7149.

## **Vandalism**

Vandalism is defined as the destruction of another person's or the University's property. Any student who commits vandalism will owe full restitution and may face additional sanction as well as criminal prosecution.

## **Violation of Sanctions**

Any student who fails to fulfill the expectations or conditions of sanctions imposed by the Dean of Students, Student Community Court or the Administrative Hearing Board may face sanctions from the University.

## **Visitation Policy**

The residence halls are open for visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Each residence hall has the right to set its own visitation times within these hours.

## **Weapons Policy**

A weapon is defined for the purposes of this policy as any item that can be used to intimidate, threaten, or

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harm another person. A weapon may include, but is not limited to, firearms (to include firearm imitations), explosives of any size or type (to include fireworks), ammunition, air guns, explosive-like noisemakers, and knives of any type. Methodist University policy, state law, and federal law prohibit possession or use of any weapon on campus. The only exception to the possession of a knife is for students who live in apartment style residence hall rooms with kitchens. These students may possess commercially produced kitchen knives, but these knives must be maintained within the student's apartment at all times. If students are found in the possession of a kitchen knife outside of their residence hall apartment, they will be in violation of the University's weapon's policy. Possession is defined as having a weapon (see above) on the student's person, in the student's room, automobile, or any other property he or she owns or uses. The possession of a weapon may lead to other criminal charges by law enforcement personnel.