

STUDENT HANDBOOK



UNIVERSITY of
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I OVERVIEW

The University of Saint Francis Student Handbook contains the rules, regulations and policies which outline the parameters of student life at the University of Saint Francis. The Student Handbook is for all University of Saint Francis students. It is each student's obligation to be informed about the policies and standards contained in this handbook. The university reserves the right to change the provisions of this handbook. Such changes will become effective whenever proper university authorities so determine and will apply to those who are matriculated as well as to prospective students. Students will be informed of such changes. Questions may be directed to the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life.

HERITAGE

In the winter of 1875, six Franciscan sisters from Germany stepped off a train in Lafayette, IN. They came with a mission to bring the love of Jesus and his healing presence to the German immigrants who settled in Lafayette. Following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, they desired to live the Gospel by pouring out their lives in imitation of Jesus Christ. Establishing hospitals and schools in the area, their presence bore witness to God's healing and transformative love. It was in 1890 that they founded a university in Francis' name, dedicated to the spirituality and vision that defined his life.

The University of Saint Francis is a Catholic, Franciscan university dedicated to the formation of the whole person – mind, body, and spirit – through the Liberal Arts tradition of education, available for students of all backgrounds and faiths. Our mission is simple: to offer formation of the whole person by providing an encounter with the heart and mind of Jesus Christ so that God, who is Love, may be loved. Through our Catholic identity, Franciscan charism, and liberal arts tradition, we prepare students for personal and professional lives of virtue, service, and joy. This mission is grounded in Christian life as witnessed to us by the life of Saint Francis and the rich Catholic Intellectual Tradition, particularly as espoused by the Church document on Catholic universities, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*.

The Catholic vision for education includes a holistic formation that transforms the whole person through the pursuit of the True, the Good, and the Beautiful, to live fully a life of meaning, purpose, and authenticity. Moreover, Catholic education is about integration, which takes place through shared values, collaboration, and dialogue. The salvific message of the Gospel, far from discouraging this integration, enriches it through the authentic encounter and embrace, not just of the knowledge itself, but of other people. This search for truth and the authentic encounter with the other, invites the Spirit to cultivate a culture of wisdom and love that enables the whole person to find the One who is the source of all Wisdom and Love, Jesus Christ. Catholic education is about this pursuit, integration, and embrace of the person of Jesus.

This vision of education guides the University of Saint Francis and frames the formation of our programs, policies, practices, and procedures.



MISSION AND VALUES

Our Mission

The University of Saint Francis offers formation of the whole person by providing an encounter with the heart and mind of Jesus Christ so that God, who is Love, may be loved. Through our Catholic identity, Franciscan charism, and liberal arts tradition, we prepare students for personal and professional lives of virtue, service, and joy.

Our Values

The University of Saint Francis seeks in the accomplishment of its mission to acknowledge and uphold these values:

- Reverence the unique dignity of each person.
- Encourage a trustful, prayerful community of learners.
- Serve one another, society, and the Church.
- Foster peace and justice.
- Respect creation.

Sacred Time

The University of Saint Francis encourages a trustful, prayerful community of learners who integrate faith with life. As a Catholic, Franciscan university, this necessitates providing opportunities to participate in Mass and the Sacraments. Since the Eucharist is central to the Catholic faith, the university provides Sacred Time to ensure that both student and employee participation is practically feasible, given scheduling limitations and available resources.

Sacred Time is observed on the Fort Wayne campus between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on weekdays and between 11 a.m. and noon on Sundays; it is observed between 11:30 a.m. and noon on weekdays at the Crown Point site. During Sacred Time, on-campus university-sponsored activities—such as classes, labs, meetings with academic advisors or other personnel, co-curricular activities (including athletic practices), and student leadership responsibilities—are not scheduled for or by students or employees so that all may participate in Sacred Time.



SEAL, ALMA MATER AND FIGHT SONG

The seal of the University of Saint Francis is based on the Franciscan coat of arms, which had its origin around the middle of the fifteenth century. It pictures two arms crossed against the background of a simple cross. The right unclothed arm of Christ passes over the left arm of Francis, which is clothed in a sleeve. Both hands bear the wound mark of a nail.

The symbolism is evident. The superiority of Christ the crucified Redeemer is evident by His right arm passing over the left arm of Francis. The arm of Francis set against the background of the cross shows his choice of that symbol as his distinguishing mark and represents his conformity with Jesus Christ crucified. The wound mark in the hand of Christ recalls His crucifixion; the wound mark in the hand of Francis recalls his having been given the stigmata two years before his death.

The clouds in the lower portion of the circle suggest the lofty ideals of the Franciscan tradition, and the leaves surrounding the inner circle suggest olive branches, representing peace, which is an important element of Franciscanism.

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS FIGHT SONG

Hail, to Saint Francis;
Loudly we sing our praise;
Onward to victory,
Our voices we raise.
Never vanquished,
always proud
Of our blue and white;
Our team will win the fight,
We cheer with all our might.
RAH! RAH! RAH!

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS ALMA MATER

All hail, all hail, Saint Francis
Alma Mater true;
Our hearts are ever loyal
Pledging pride in you.
The castle is our treasure,
Rare, our campus view;
Reflections make, in Mirror Lake,
Scenes to live anew.

Saint Francis, noble Patron,
Keep us in your care.
Franciscan values honored
A heritage we share.
With deep respect for others,
Love for Nature too;
We'll cherish your traditions,
Alma Mater true.



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The University of Saint Francis offers many opportunities for students to become involved in campus life and leadership. All students, no matter the age, full- or part-time status, resident or commuter, are strongly encouraged to actively participate in clubs and organizations and their events. The practical learning experiences that come from organizational involvement complement the academic classroom experience and develop skills sought by employers.

The information provided in the Clubs and Organization section of the Student Handbook is for the general student body. The Club Handbook provides information on processes and procedures for clubs and is provided annually to club officers and advisors.

Students, faculty and/or staff at the University of Saint Francis creating a club or organization affiliated with the university must receive official recognition from the university. Officially recognized clubs and organizations must register annually.



IN THIS SECTION

- Benefits of Being a Recognized Club or Organization
- How to Start a Club or Organization
- Policies for Clubs and Organizations

Information on clubs and organizations—including group descriptions, meeting information and upcoming events—can be found on Cougar Life at sf.presence.io.

BENEFITS OF BEING A RECOGNIZED CLUB OR ORGANIZATION

- May receive Student Government Association (SGA) annual funding and/or apply for grants in accordance with this policy and with SGA policies and procedures.
- May hold events on campus.
- May promote events and club meetings on campus in accordance with the Posting and Advertising Policy.
- May request approval for imprinted merchandise following the university's Imprinted Merchandise Policy.



HOW TO START A CLUB OR ORGANIZATION

- A group desiring recognition will request an Application for Official Recognition for Clubs and Organizations from the Office of Student Life. The application requires you to do the following:

1.

Determine the classification of your group: club, student organization or campus organization.

2.

Construct a constitution and bylaws for your group.

3.

Gather a complete listing of group officers and their contact information.

4.

Arrange for a full-time faculty or staff member to serve as the advisor for your group.

- When completed, the application, along with other requested documentation listed on the application, is submitted to the Dean of Students for review and recommendations.
 - The Dean of Students will submit the application and the constitution to the Student Government Association (SGA). A representative from the petitioning group will be asked to attend an SGA meeting to present the application and constitution.
 - The Student Government Association will vote to approve or deny the request. If approved, the Student Body President will present the application and constitution with any recommendations to the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life for final approval.
- ➔ If the request was denied by SGA, the petitioner of the request must meet with the Student Body President to discuss why the application was denied. The petitioner may then come back to SGA with changes or an appeal.
- The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life will grant official club recognition, deny the request or request additional information before making a final decision. The Student Body President, or his/her designee, will be present to provide SGA feedback on the request.



POLICIES FOR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

To remain in good standing with the university and remain officially recognized, student clubs and organizations must abide by the following policies:

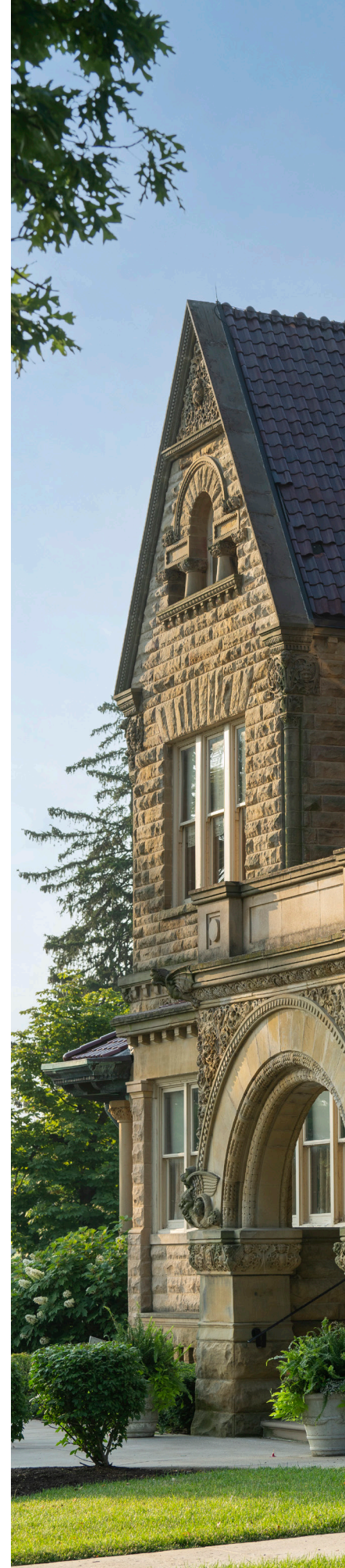
- Registration through Cougar Life at the beginning of each semester is required to receive the benefits of club/organization recognition, including remaining an active club or organization and obtaining annual SGA funding.
- The purpose, objectives and activities of the club or organization must be consistent with the objectives, mission and values of the University of Saint Francis and with all municipal, state and federal laws.
- The club or organization will not discriminate or harass on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex, age, handicap, veteran status or religion in the selection of its members or in its programs unless federal or state laws allow for such exceptions.
- The club or organization agrees to register with Student Life and gain approval for all fundraising activities consistent with the Fundraising Policy.
- Every voting member of the club or organization must be currently enrolled as a student at the University of Saint Francis, or in the case of campus organizations, must be a current faculty or staff member.
- Clubs and organizations are subject to all policies identified in the Code of Student Conduct and Community Standards as laid out in the Student Handbook.

Alleged violations of club and organization policies will be subject to the conduct process outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.



Policy Regarding Religiously Affiliated Groups

- Authorization for such groups is dependent on services that can be offered which are beyond the scope of Campus Ministry.
- A group's purpose must be consistent with the university's Catholic mission.
- No group, or member of any group on behalf of the group, may encourage or participate in any activity which contravenes the mission of the university or the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Any group that seeks to proselytize students or which in any way is disrespectful of or antagonistic to the doctrine and tradition of the Catholic Church will not be approved.
- All religious groups, Catholic or of another faith, that seek to become involved in direct evangelization, catechesis or pastoral ministry must be approved and directly supervised by the Director of Campus Ministry for their individual programs. They are not, however, part of Campus Ministry, officially promoted by Campus Ministry (e.g., advertising or inclusion on the website) or coordinated by Campus Ministry.
- Any religious group, Catholic or of another faith, which is not financially accountable to the university, or which is served, supported or organized by clergy or staff not directly approved by Campus Ministry, will not be approved.
- Groups may not use Saint Francis facilities to hold "official" worship services (e.g., a Christian interdenominational Sunday worship service or a Jewish Sabbath service on Friday evening).



Fundraiser Policy

Clubs and organizations may find it necessary to hold fundraisers as a means of generating operating revenue. In order for all organizations to hold fundraisers without conflict with other organizations and without duplication, all fundraisers should follow the Fundraising Policy.

Please note: Clubs and organizations cannot sell items available in the Campus Store. Please see Student Engagement and/or the Campus Store manager with any questions. Also, raffles cannot be used for fundraising. Food donation requests must be approved through Dining Services and the Vice President for Student Life.

If a club or organization fails to assume responsibility for any or all of the above guidelines, that club or organization risks sanctions for violation of policy. Any questions should be addressed to Student Engagement.

See Student Sales
and Fundraising in
Community Standards.





CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

University of Saint Francis students are responsible for knowing the information, policies and procedures outlined in this document. The University of Saint Francis reserves the right to make changes to this code as necessary, and once those changes are posted online, they are in effect. Students are encouraged to check online for the updated versions of all policies and procedures.

CORE VALUES OF STUDENT CONDUCT

- **Integrity:** Saint Francis students exemplify honesty, honor and a respect for the truth in all of their dealings.
- **Community:** Saint Francis students build and enhance their community.
- **Justice:** Saint Francis students are just in their treatment of all members of the community and act to discourage and/or intervene to prevent unjust and inequitable behaviors.
- **Respect:** Saint Francis students show positive regard for each other, for property and for the community.
- **Responsibility:** Saint Francis students are given and accept a high level of responsibility to self, to others and to the community.



IN THIS SECTION

- Conduct Philosophy
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- Violations of the Law
- Community Expectations
- Overview of the Conduct Process
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CONDUCT PHILOSOPHY

The University of Saint Francis community is committed to fostering a campus environment that is conducive to academic inquiry and that is focused on the development of the whole person as a reflection of our Catholic culture and Franciscan values. Our community exists on the basis of shared values and principles as exemplified in our Catholic culture and Franciscan values. The Code of Student Conduct is committed to an educational and developmental process that balances the interests of individual students with the interests of the University of Saint Francis community.

At the University of Saint Francis, student members of the community are expected to foster these values. Consistent with the Franciscan value of reverence for the unique dignity of each person, each member of the University of Saint Francis community bears personal responsibility for their conduct and assumes reasonable responsibility for the behavior of others.

At minimum, students must uphold and abide by the standards of conduct that form the basis of the Code of Student Conduct. These standards are embodied within a set of core values that include integrity, community, justice, respect, and responsibility. When members of the community fail to exemplify these values by violating our community expectations, campus conduct proceedings are used to assert and uphold our Code of Student Conduct.



**If you have any questions
concerning any aspect of
this Handbook, contact:**

Student Life Office
260-399-8100



The student conduct procedures at the University of Saint Francis, identified in the Code of Student Conduct, are not intended to punish students; rather, they exist to protect the interests of the community and to challenge those whose behavior is not in harmony with our policies. Sanctions are intended to reframe students' moral and ethical decision-making so future behavior is congruent with our community expectations and is conducive to students' future success.

When a student is unable to conform to community expectations, the conduct process may determine that the student should no longer share in the privilege of participating in our community.

Certain behavior is so harmful and tears the very fabric of our community that such behavior typically results in either suspension or expulsion. Such behavior includes but is not limited to:

- Physical violence (including sexual misconduct)
- Possession of weapons (especially firearms)
- Sale/distribution of drugs
- Behavior that would reasonably create high levels of fear among, or present a high level of threat to, the campus community

Students should be aware that the conduct process is quite different from criminal and civil court proceedings. Procedures and rights in student conduct procedures are conducted with fairness to all, but do not include the same protections of due process afforded by the courts. Our process, as defined within these procedures, is meant to promote a "trustful, prayerful, community of learners" and is grounded in fundamental fairness to all members of our campus community. No student will be found in violation of University of Saint Francis policy without reasonable information indicating that it is more likely than not that a policy violation occurred. If found responsible for a violation of policy, any sanctions will be proportionate to the severity of the violation and to the cumulative conduct history of the student.



JURISDICTION

Students at the University of Saint Francis are provided a copy of the Code of Student Conduct annually in the form of a link on the University of Saint Francis website. Students are responsible for upholding the provisions of the Code of Student Conduct while they are students at the University of Saint Francis.

The Code of Student Conduct and the conduct process apply to the conduct of individual students, both undergraduate and graduate, and all University of Saint Francis-affiliated student clubs, organizations and groups. For the purposes of student conduct, the University of Saint Francis considers an individual to be a student when the student has enrolled at the university and thereafter as long as the student has a continuing educational relationship with the University of Saint Francis.

The University of Saint Francis retains conduct jurisdiction over students who choose to take a leave of absence, withdraw or have graduated, for any misconduct that occurred prior to the leave, withdrawal or graduation. If sanctioned, a hold may be placed on the student's ability to re-enroll and/or obtain official transcripts and/or graduate, and all sanctions must be satisfied prior to re-enrollment eligibility. In the event of serious misconduct committed while still enrolled but reported after the accused student has graduated, the University of Saint Francis may invoke these procedures; should the former student be found responsible, the University of Saint Francis may revoke that student's degree.

The Code of Student Conduct applies to behaviors that take place on the campus and at University of Saint Francis-sponsored events, and may also apply off campus when the Dean of Students or the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life determines that the university has a compelling interest. A compelling university interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

Any situation where it appears that the student's conduct may present a danger or threat to the health or safety of himself/herself or others.

Any situation that is inconsistent with the educational mission and/or interests of the University of Saint Francis.

Any situation that significantly impinges upon the rights, property or achievements of self or others or significantly breaches the peace and/or causes social disorder.

Any situation where the student has committed multiple prior violations.



The code of Student Conduct may be applied to behavior conducted online, via email or other electronic media. Students should also be aware that online postings such as Snapchat, Instagram, blogs, chats and other social media sites are in the public sphere and are not private. These postings can be subject to the conduct process. The University of Saint Francis does not regularly search for this information but may take action if and when such information is brought to the attention of University of Saint Francis officials. Students should be mindful that free speech does not cover the following:

- A true threat, defined as “a threat a reasonable person would interpret as a serious expression of intent to inflict harm upon specific individuals.”
- Speech posted online about the University of Saint Francis or its community members that causes a significant disruption.

The Code of Student Conduct applies to guests of community members whose hosts may be held accountable for the misconduct of their guests. The code may also be applied to campers, conference attendees and continuing education program participants by contractual agreements. Visitors to, and guests of, the University of Saint Francis may seek resolution of violations committed against them by students of the university through the Code of Student Conduct.

There is no time limit on reporting violations of the Code of Student Conduct; however, the longer someone waits to report an offense, the harder it becomes for university officials to obtain information and witness statements and to make determinations regarding alleged violations.

Though anonymous complaints are permitted, doing so may limit the University of Saint Francis's ability to investigate and respond to a complaint. Those who are aware of misconduct are encouraged to report it as quickly as possible to the Office of Student Life and/or to Campus Security.

University of Saint Francis email is the university's primary means of communication with students. Students are responsible for all communication delivered to their university email address.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Available 24/7
260-399-7888
St. Michael Hall



VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW

Alleged violations of federal, state and local laws may be investigated and addressed under the Code of Student Conduct. When an offense occurs over which the University of Saint Francis has jurisdiction, the university's conduct process will usually go forward notwithstanding any criminal complaint that may arise from the same incident.

In cases of Title IX allegations regarding sexual discrimination and/or sexual misconduct, the Code of Student Conduct procedures will be inclusive of Title IX accepted regulations.

The University of Saint Francis reserves the right to exercise its authority of interim suspension upon notification that a student is facing criminal investigation and/or complaint. Interim suspensions are imposed until a hearing can be held.

Students accused of crimes may request to take a leave from the University of Saint Francis until the criminal charges are resolved. In such situations, the university's procedure for voluntary leaves of absence is subject to the following conditions:

- The responding student must comply with all reasonable campus investigative efforts.
- The responding student must comply with all interim actions and/or restrictions imposed during the leave of absence.
- The responding student must agree that to be reinstated to active student status, they must first be subject to, and fully cooperate with, the campus conduct process and must comply with all sanctions that are imposed.



COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

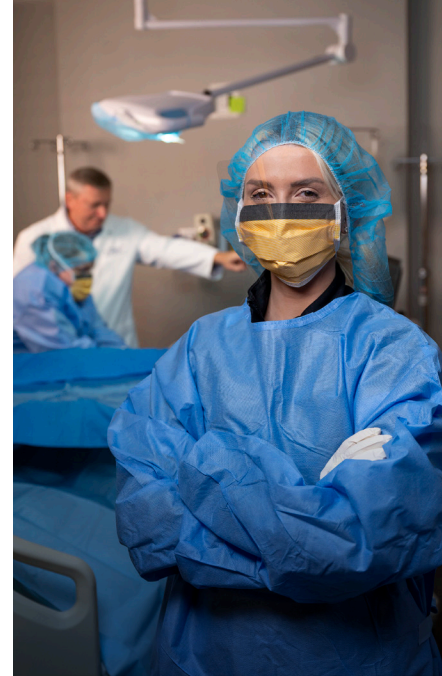
Core Values and Behavioral Expectations

The University of Saint Francis considers the behavior described in the following sections as inappropriate for the university community and inconsistent with the core values set forth in the Code of Student Conduct. These expectations and rules apply to all undergraduate, graduate and professional students. The university encourages community members to report to university officials all incidents that involve the following actions. Any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit any of the following misconduct is subject to the sanctions outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

Integrity

University of Saint Francis students exemplify honesty, honor and a respect for the truth in all of their dealings. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

- **Falsification.** Knowingly furnishing or possessing false, falsified or forged materials, documents, accounts, records, identification or financial instruments.
- **Academic Dishonesty.** Acts of academic dishonesty as outlined in the Code of Academic Integrity.
- **Unauthorized Access.** Unauthorized access to any University of Saint Francis building (i.e., keys, cards, etc.) or unauthorized possession, duplication or use of means of access to any university building or failing to report in a timely manner a lost University of Saint Francis identification card or key.
- **Collusion.** Action or inaction with another or others to violate the Code of Student Conduct.
- **Trust.** Violations of positions of trust within the community.
- **Election Tampering.** Tampering with the election of any University of Saint Francis-recognized student organization (minor election code violations are addressed by the SGA).
- **Theft/Taking of Property.** Intentional and unauthorized taking of University of Saint Francis property or the personal property of another, including goods, services and other valuables.
- **Stolen Property.** Knowingly taking or maintaining possession of stolen property.



Community

University of Saint Francis students build and enhance their community. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

- **Disruptive Behavior.** Substantial disruption of University of Saint Francis operations, including obstruction of teaching, research, administration, other University of Saint Francis activities and/or other authorized non-university activities which disrupt the normal function of the campus community.
- **Disorderly Conduct/Rioting.** Causing, inciting or participating in any disturbance that presents a clear and present danger to self or others, causes physical harm to others or damage and/or destruction of property.
- **Unauthorized Entry.** Misuse of access privileges to University of Saint Francis premises or unauthorized entry to or use of buildings, including trespassing, propping or unauthorized use of alarmed doors for entry into or exit from a university building.
- **Trademark.** Unauthorized use (including misuse) of University of Saint Francis or organizational names and images.
- **Damage/Destruction.** Intentional, reckless and/or unauthorized damage to or destruction of University of Saint Francis property or the personal property of another.
- **IT Computer Use Policy.** Violating the [University Technology Use Policy](#).
- **Gambling.** Gambling as prohibited by the laws of the State of Indiana (gambling may include raffles, lotteries, sports pools and online betting activities).
- **Weapons.** Possession, use or distribution of explosives (including fireworks and ammunition), guns (including air, BB, paintball, facsimile weapons and pellet guns) or other weapons or dangerous objects such as arrows, axes, machetes, nun chucks, throwing stars or knives with a blade of longer than four inches, including the storage of any item that falls within the category of a weapon in a vehicle parked on university property.
- **Tobacco/Marijuana.** Smoking or tobacco/marijuana use in any area of campus. This includes, but is not limited to: cigarettes, bongs, vapes, joints, e-cigarettes, cigars, hookahs and chewing tobacco.



- **Fire Safety.** Violation of local, state, federal or campus fire policies including, but not limited to:

Intentionally or recklessly causing a fire which damages university or personal property or which causes injury.

Failure to evacuate a University of Saint Francis-controlled building during a fire alarm.

Improper use of University of Saint Francis fire safety equipment.

Tampering with or improperly engaging a fire alarm or fire detection/control equipment while on university property. Such action may result in a local fine in addition to University of Saint Francis sanctions.

- **Animals.** Animals, with the exception of animals that are required as a certified disability accommodation (ex. seeing-eye dogs), and pets as outlined in the Student Handbook, are not permitted on campus except as permitted by law.
- **Wheeled Devices.** Skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles and similar wheeled devices may only be used in accordance with the policy outlined in the Student Handbook.

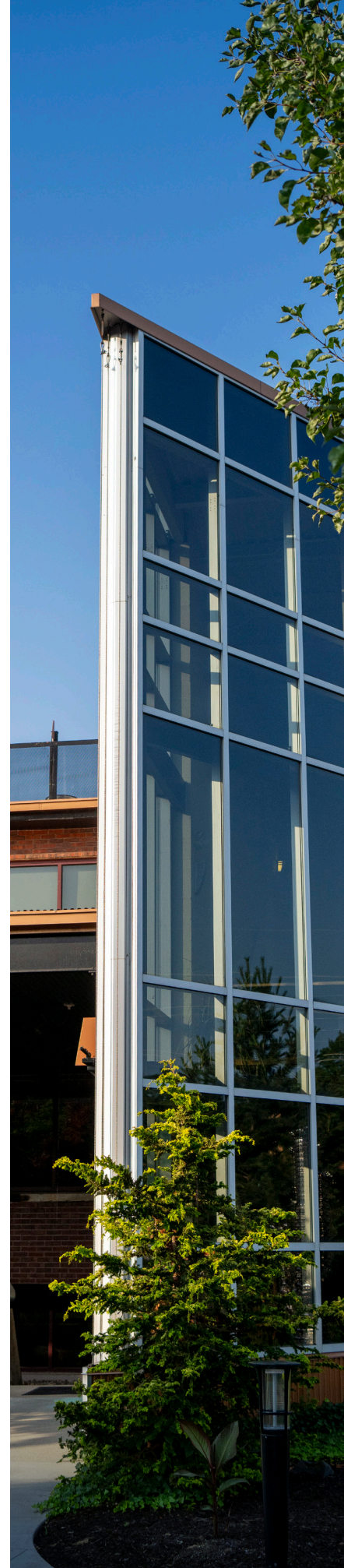
Justice

Students recognize that respecting the dignity of every person is essential for creating and sustaining a flourishing university community. They understand and appreciate how their decisions and actions impact others and are just in their treatment of all members of the community. They act to discourage and challenge those whose actions may be harmful to and/or diminish the worth of others. Conduct that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

- **Discrimination.** Any act that violates the university's non-discrimination policy.
- **Harassment.** Any unwelcome and persistent conduct. Such conduct may be based on actual or perceived status. Any unwelcome conduct should be reported to campus officials, who will act to remedy and resolve reported incidents on behalf of the victim and community.

Hostile Environment. Sanctions can and will be imposed for the creation of a hostile environment only when harassment is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent and objectively offensive that it unreasonably interferes with, limits or denies the ability to participate in or benefit from the University of Saint Francis's educational or employment program or activities.

Retaliation or Retaliatory Discrimination or Harassment. Any intentional, adverse action taken by an individual or allied third party against a person for reporting an allegation, for supporting a reporting or responding party, or for assisting in providing information relevant to an allegation in a civil rights grievance proceeding or other protected activity.



- **Failure to Act.** Complicity with or failure of any student or organized group to appropriately address known or obvious violations of the Code of Student Conduct or law.
- **Abuse of Conduct Process.** Abuse of, interference with or failure to comply in University of Saint Francis processes (including conduct and academic integrity hearings) including, but not limited to:

Falsification, distortion or misrepresentation of information.

Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a campus conduct body prior to, during and/or following a campus conduct proceeding.

Failure to provide information or destroying or concealing information during an investigation of an alleged policy violation.

Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the campus conduct system.

Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed by the campus conduct system.

Influencing, or attempting to influence, another person to commit an abuse of the campus conduct system.



Respect

University of Saint Francis students show positive regard for each other and for the community. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

- **Harm to Persons.** Intentionally or recklessly causing physical harm or endangering the health or safety of oneself or any other person (includes physical altercations/fighting).
- **Threatening Behaviors.**
 - **Threat.** Written or verbal conduct that causes a reasonable expectation of injury to the health or safety of any person or damage to any property.
 - **Intimidation.** Implied threats or acts that cause a reasonable fear of harm in another.
- **Bullying and Cyberbullying.** Bullying and cyberbullying are repeated and/or severe aggressive behaviors that intimidate or intentionally harm or control another person physically or emotionally, and are not protected by freedom of expression.
- **Hazing.** See [Hazing Policy](#).
- **Intimate Partner/Relationship Violence.** Violence or abuse by a person in an intimate relationship with another.
- **Stalking.** Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that is unwelcome and persistent and would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.
- **Sexual Misconduct.** Includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse and/or sexual exploitation.
- **Public Exposure.** Includes deliberately and publicly exposing one's intimate body parts, public urination, defecation and public sex acts.



Responsibility

University of Saint Francis students are given and accept a high level of responsibility to self, to others and to the community. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

- **Alcohol.** Use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages or paraphernalia except as expressly permitted by law and the University of Saint Francis's [Alcohol Policy](#).
- **Drugs.** Use, possession or distribution of illegal drugs and other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia except as expressly permitted by law and the University of Saint Francis's [Drug Policy](#).
- **Prescription Medications.** Abuse, misuse, sale or distribution of prescription or over-the-counter medications and/or possession of prescription medications when not in a properly marked container that identifies the medication and patient.
- **Failure to Comply.** Failure to comply with the reasonable directives of University of Saint Francis officials or law enforcement officers during the performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.
- **Financial Responsibilities.** Failure to promptly meet financial responsibilities to the institution, including, but not limited to knowingly passing a worthless check or money order in payment to the institution or to an official of the institution acting in an official capacity.
- **Arrest.** Failure of any student to accurately report an off-campus arrest by any law enforcement agency for any crime (including non-custodial or field arrests) to the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life within 72 hours of release.
- **Other Policies.** Violating other published University of Saint Francis policies or rules, including all [Community Standards](#) and [Residential Life](#) policies.
- **Health and Safety.** Creation of health and/or safety hazards (ex. dangerous pranks, hanging out of or climbing from/on/in windows, balconies, roofs, etc.).
- **Violations of Law.** Evidence of alleged violation of local, state or federal laws, when substantiated through the University of Saint Francis's conduct process.



OVERVIEW OF THE CONDUCT PROCESS

This overview gives a general idea of how the University of Saint Francis's campus conduct proceedings work, but it should be noted that not all situations are of the same severity or complexity. The campus conduct process and all applicable timelines commence with notice to an administrator of a potential violation of university community expectations.

The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) may in his/her sole discretion, adjudicate Code of Student Conduct violations outside the parameters of this policy if deemed necessary.

➔ **NOTICE:** Once notice is received, the University of Saint Francis may proceed with an investigation and/or may schedule a meeting with the responding student to explain the conduct process to the responding student and gather information.

Step 1: Review Report

Reports of alleged misconduct are reviewed by designated Student Life administrators to determine whether there is sufficient evidence that misconduct may have occurred. If sufficient evidence exists, a hearing officer is assigned to investigate and determine findings of responsibility for alleged violations.

Step 2: Notice of Alleged Misconduct

The hearing officer notifies the responding student in writing of allegations of misconduct and schedules a meeting with the responding student to discuss the alleged misconduct.

Step 3: Investigation/Conduct Meeting

The hearing officer gathers information and evidence from the involved parties and any identified witnesses. The responding student meets with the hearing officer to provide their narrative of the incident and alleged misconduct.



Step 4: Finding Rendered and Sanctions Assigned

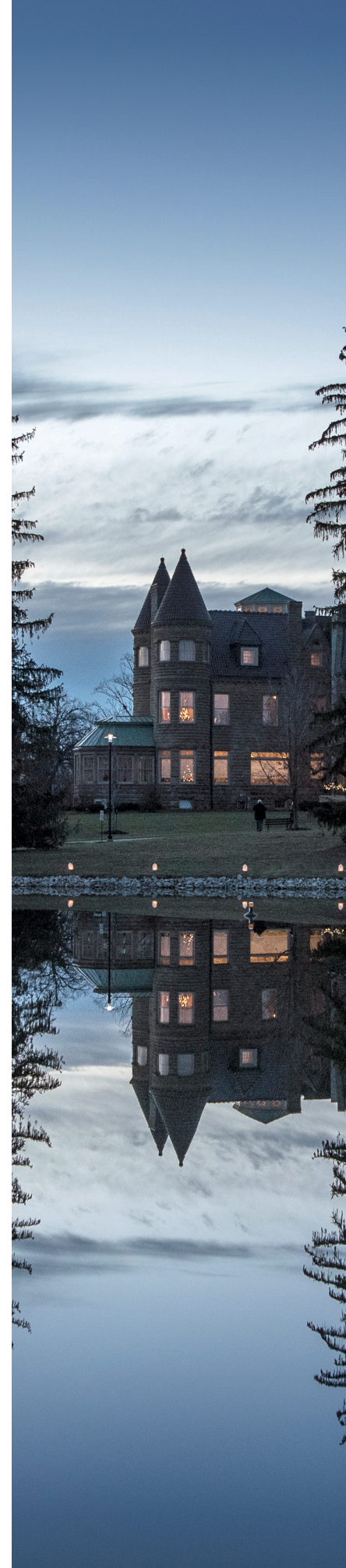
After reviewing all evidence and hearing from all involved parties, the hearing officer renders a finding based on a preponderance of the evidence for each responding student. Findings will be one of the following:

- **Responsible.** This finding means that the responding student is found to be responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct. Students found responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct are assigned sanctions that must be completed within an identified timeframe.
- **Not Responsible.** This finding means that the responding student is found to be not responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct. There are no sanctions assigned, and the case is closed.
- **Insufficient Evidence.** This finding means that there was not enough evidence to support a finding of responsibility for violating the Code of Student Conduct. There are no sanctions assigned, and the case is closed until or unless additional evidence is presented in an appeal.

The hearing officer sends an outcome letter to the responding student. The outcome letter includes the finding and any assigned sanctions, as well as information regarding the student's right to appeal.

Step 5: Right to Appeal

Any party may request an appeal of the decision of the hearing officer by filing a written request to the Office of Student Life, subject to the appeal procedures outlined in this Code of Student Conduct. The written request should identify the grounds on which the student believes the appeal is warranted and include appropriate supporting information.



STUDENT CONDUCT AUTHORITY

Authority

The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life is vested with the authority over student conduct by the President. The Dean of Students is designated to share oversight and management of the conduct process. Administrative hearing officers and appeal officers serve to both efficiently and effectively adjudicate the conduct process.

The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life may assume responsibility for the investigation of an allegation of misconduct.

The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life may, in his/her sole discretion, adjudicate code violations outside the parameters of this policy if deemed necessary.

Gatekeeping

No complaint will be forwarded for a hearing unless there is reasonable cause to believe a policy has been violated. Reasonable cause is defined as some credible information to support each element of the alleged violation, even if that information is merely a credible witness or a victim's statement. A complaint wholly unsupported by any credible information will not be forwarded for a hearing.

Administrative Hearing

The Code of Student Conduct is adjudicated through an administrative hearing process through the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life. Administrative hearing officers are trained annually to conduct investigations into allegations of misconduct and to conduct administrative hearings.



Administrative Appeals

The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life will have final authority to approve those who serve as appeal officers. Appeal officers will be assigned as follows:

If the hearing officer is the...	The appeal officer will be the...
Resident Director	Director of Residential Life
Director of Residential Life	Dean of Students
Dean of Students	Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life

Decisions made, and sanctions imposed, by the appeal officer will be final and thus complete the student conduct process.

Interpretation and Revision

The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) will develop procedural rules for the administration of hearings that are consistent with provisions of the Code of Student Conduct. The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) may make minor modifications to procedure that do not materially jeopardize the fairness owed to any party (i.e., offer forms of alternative dispute resolution). Any question of interpretation of the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee), whose interpretation is final. The Code of Student Conduct will be reviewed annually and revised as needed under the direction of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life and the Dean of Students.



FORMAL CONDUCT PROCEDURES

University of Saint Francis as Convener

The University of Saint Francis is the convener of every action under this Code. Within that action, there are several roles. The responding student is the person who is alleged to have violated the Code of Student Conduct. The reporting party is the individual bringing the complaint, who may be a student, employee, visitor, or guest; the reporting party may choose to be present and participate in the process as fully as the responding student. There may be witnesses, who may offer information regarding the allegation. There is a hearing officer whose role is to investigate the allegations, gather evidence, and determine a finding of responsibility regarding the allegations.

Group Violations

A student club or organization, and its officers and members, may be held both individually and collectively responsible when violations of the Code of Student Conduct by the organization or its member(s):

- Take place at organization-sponsored or co-sponsored events, whether sponsorship is formal or tacit.
- Have received the consent or encouragement of the organization or of the organization's leaders or officers.
- Were known or should have been known to the membership or its officer.

Hearings for student groups or organizations follow the same general student conduct procedures. In any such action, individual determinations as to responsibility will be made and sanctions may be assigned collectively and individually, and will be proportionate to the involvement of each individual and the organization. Generally, the Dean of Students (or designee) will serve as the hearing officer for club and organization violations. The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life will serve as the appeal officer for club and organization violations.

Amnesty and Safe Harbor

The University of Saint Francis may provide amnesty to students based on one of the following grounds:

- For victims. The University of Saint Francis provides amnesty to victims who may be hesitant to report to University of Saint Francis officials because they fear that they themselves may be accused of minor policy violations, such as underage drinking or drug use, at the time of the incident.

- For those who offer assistance. To encourage students to offer help and assistance to others, University of Saint Francis promotes a practice of bystander intervention and pursues a policy of amnesty for minor violations when students offer help to others in need. At the discretion of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee), amnesty may also be extended on a case-by-case basis to the person receiving assistance.
- For those who report serious violations. Students who are engaged in minor violations but who choose to bring related serious violations by others to the attention of the University of Saint Francis are offered amnesty for their minor violations.

In all cases of amnesty, educational options will be explored, but no conduct proceedings or conduct record will result. Records regarding the provision of amnesty, however, will be maintained.

Abuse of amnesty requests can result in a decision not to extend amnesty to the same person repeatedly.

Reports of Alleged Violations

Any member of the University of Saint Francis community, visitor or guest may allege a policy violation(s) by any student for misconduct under this code by writing a formal report and submitting it to the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life.

Any allegation of sexual misconduct ([see Title IX](#)) should always be filed directly with the Title IX Coordinator. Additionally, administrators may act on notice of a potential violation whether a formal allegation is made or not. All allegations may be submitted by a victim or a third party and should be submitted as soon as possible after the offending event occurs. The University of Saint Francis has the right to pursue an allegation or report of misconduct on its own behalf and to serve as convener of the subsequent campus conduct process.

Interim Action

Under the Code of Student Conduct, the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) may impose sanctions and/or separate a student from the community pending the outcome of a hearing regarding alleged violation(s) of the Code of Student Conduct when a student represents a threat of serious harm to self or others, is facing allegations of serious criminal activity, to preserve the integrity of an investigation, to preserve University of Saint Francis property and/or to prevent disruption of, or interference with, the normal operations of the University of Saint Francis. Interim actions can include separation from the institution or restrictions on participation in the community pending the outcome of the hearing on alleged violation(s) of the Code of Student Conduct.



During an interim suspension, a student may be denied access to University of Saint Francis housing and/or the University of Saint Francis campus, including facilities and/or events. As determined appropriate by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee), this restriction may include classes and/or all other University of Saint Francis activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible. At the discretion of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) and with the approval of, and in collaboration with, the appropriate Dean(s), alternative coursework options may be pursued to ensure as minimal an impact as possible on the responding student.

Investigation

The hearing officer is responsible for investigating alleged violation(s) to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of responsibility for the alleged misconduct. The hearing officer will:

1. Commence a thorough, reliable and impartial investigation, and may develop a strategic investigation plan, including a witness list, evidence list, intended timeframe and order of interviews for all witnesses and the responding student, who may be given notice of the meeting prior to or at the time of the meeting.
2. Notify the responding student of the alleged policy violations through a "notice letter." Notice will be emailed to the student's University of Saint Francis email account. (Note: The university reserves the right to deliver notice in person or mail the letter to the address of the student.) The letter of notice includes alleged violations and notification of where to locate the Code of Student Conduct, as well as notification of the conduct meeting.
3. Interview all relevant parties and witnesses.
4. Obtain all evidence and information that is available.
5. Complete the investigation promptly by analyzing all available evidence without unreasonable deviation from the intended timeline.
6. Make a finding, based on a preponderance of the evidence (i.e., more likely than not), and communicate the finding and warranted sanctions to the responding party through an "outcome letter."

Findings

The outcome of the student conduct process will be communicated by the hearing officer to the responding party in writing within five business days of the conclusion of the investigation. The outcome letter will identify the finding of responsibility and, if warranted, assigned sanctions and appeal procedures.

Hearing Proceedings

Except in a complaint involving failure to comply with the summons of the hearing officer or Title IX Coordinator (or designee), no student may be found to have violated the Code of Student Conduct solely as a result of the student's failure to appear for a hearing. In all such instances, conduct hearings will proceed as scheduled and the information in support of the complaint will be considered by the hearing officer presiding over the hearing.



Conduct Sanctions

One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed upon any student for any single violation of the Code of Student Conduct:

- **Warning:** An official written notice that the student has violated University of Saint Francis policies and/or rules and that more severe conduct action will result should the student be involved in other violations while the student is enrolled at the University of Saint Francis.
- **Restitution:** Compensation for damage caused to the University of Saint Francis or any person's property. This could also include situations such as failure to return a reserved space to proper condition—labor costs and expense. This is not a fine but, rather, a repayment for labor costs and/or the value of property destroyed, damaged, consumed or stolen.
- **Fines:** Reasonable fines may be imposed.
- **Community Service Requirements:** For a student or organization to complete a specific supervised University of Saint Francis service project. Unless granted prior approval, all community service requirements must be completed on campus through the Facilities and Events Department. Once the requirement is completed, the Director of Facilities and Events will send confirmation to the hearing officer.
- **Loss of Privileges:** The student will be denied specified privileges for a designated period of time.
- **Confiscation of Prohibited Property:** Items whose presence is in violation of University of Saint Francis policy will be confiscated. Prohibited items may be returned to the owner at the discretion of the Dean of Students (or designee) and/or Campus Security.
- **Behavioral Requirement:** This includes required activities such as seeking academic counseling or substance abuse screening, writing a letter of apology, etc.
- **Educational Program:** Requirement to attend, present and/or participate in a program related to the violation. It may also be a requirement to sponsor or assist with a program for others on campus to aid them in learning about a specific topic or issue related to the violation for which the student or organization was found responsible. Audience may be restricted.
- **Restriction of Visitation Privileges:** May be imposed on a residential student, non-residential student and/or a guest. The parameters of the restriction will be specified.
- **No Contact Order:** Student is prohibited from having any direct or indirect contact by any means with another student, staff or faculty member(s) as identified in the sanction letter for a period to be determined by the hearing officer. Note: A No Contact Order may also be used to remediate conflicts and, in those cases, may not be used as a sanction but rather as an interim measure without implying culpability.

- **University of Saint Francis Housing Probation:** Official notice that, should further violations of Residential Life or University of Saint Francis policies occur during a specified probationary period, the student may immediately be removed from University of Saint Francis housing. Regular probationary meetings may also be imposed.
- **University of Saint Francis Housing Reassignment:** Reassignment to another University of Saint Francis housing facility. Residential Life personnel will decide on the reassignment detail.
- **University of Saint Francis Housing Suspension:** Removal from University of Saint Francis housing for a specified period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for re-admission to University of Saint Francis housing may be specified. Under this sanction, a student is required to vacate University of Saint Francis housing within 24 hours of notification of the action, though this deadline may be extended upon application to, and at the discretion of, the Dean of Students (or designee). This sanction may be enforced with a trespass action if deemed necessary. Prior to reapplication for University of Saint Francis housing, the student must gain permission from the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee). This sanction may include restrictions on visitation to specified buildings or all University of Saint Francis housing during the suspension.
- **University of Saint Francis Housing Expulsion:** The student's privilege to live in, or visit, any University of Saint Francis housing structure is revoked indefinitely. This sanction may be enforced with a trespass action if deemed necessary.
- **University Probation:** The student is put on official notice that, should further violations of University of Saint Francis policies occur during a specified probationary period, the student may face suspension or expulsion. Regular probationary meetings may also be imposed. Probation may also include restriction from activities.
- **Eligibility/Activity Restriction:** The student is deemed "not in good standing" with the University of Saint Francis for a specified period of time. Specific limitations or exceptions may be granted by the Dean of Students (or designee) and terms of this conduct sanction may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Ineligibility to hold any office in any student organization recognized by the University of Saint Francis or hold an elected or appointed office at the University of Saint Francis.
 - Ineligibility to represent the University of Saint Francis to anyone outside the university community in any way including participating in a study abroad program, attending conferences, or representing the University of Saint Francis at an official function, event or intercollegiate competition as a player, manager or student coach, etc.
- **Deferred University Suspension:** Interim measure between probation and suspension denoting any additional subsequent violation of the Code of Student Conduct will result in immediate suspension.
- **University Suspension:** Separation from the University of Saint Francis, usually for a specific period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Eligibility may be contingent upon satisfaction of specific conditions noted at the time of suspension. The student is required to vacate the campus within 24 hours of notification of the action, though this deadline may be extended upon application to, and at the discretion of, the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee). During the suspension period, the student is banned from university property, functions, events and activities without prior written approval from the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee). This sanction may be enforced with a trespass action if necessary.
- **University Expulsion:** Permanent separation from the University of Saint Francis. The student is banned from university property and the student's presence at any University of Saint Francis-sponsored activity or event is prohibited. This action may be enforced with a trespass action if necessary.

- **Other Sanctions:** Additional or alternate sanctions may be created and designed as deemed appropriate to the offense with the approval of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).

The following sanctions may be imposed upon individuals, groups or organizations found to have violated the Code of Student Conduct:

- One or more of the sanctions listed above.
- Deactivation and/or loss of privileges (up to and including status as a University of Saint Francis registered group/organization), for a specified period of time.

Parental Notifications

The University of Saint Francis reserves the right to notify the parents/guardians of dependent students regarding any conduct situation, particularly related to alcohol and other drug violations. The University of Saint Francis may notify parents/guardians of nondependent students who are under the age of 21 of alcohol and/or other drug violations. Parental notification may be utilized on a discretionary basis by administrators when permitted by the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or with the consent of the student. Parental notification may be sought in cases where the student may face suspension or expulsion if found responsible.

Notification of Outcomes

The outcome of a hearing is part of the educational record of the responding student and is protected from release under FERPA, except under certain conditions. As allowed by FERPA, when a student is accused of a policy violation that would constitute a “crime of violence” or forcible or non-forcible sex offense, the University of Saint Francis will inform the alleged victim/party bringing the complaint in writing of the final results of a hearing regardless of whether the University of Saint Francis concludes that a violation was committed. Such release of information may only include the responding student’s name, the violation committed and the sanctions assigned (if applicable). In cases of Title IX allegations, the rationale for the outcome will also be shared with all parties to the complaint in addition to the finding and sanction(s).

In cases where the University of Saint Francis determines through the conduct process that a student violated a policy that would constitute a “crime of violence,” the University of Saint Francis may also release the above information publicly and/or to any third party. FERPA defines “crimes of violence” to include:

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| • Arson | • Destruction/damage/vandalism of property |
| • Assault offenses (includes stalking) | • Kidnapping/abduction |
| • Burglary | • Robbery |
| • Criminal homicide—manslaughter by negligence | • Forcible sex offenses |
| • Criminal homicide—murder and non-negligent manslaughter | • Non-forcible sex offenses |

Failure to Complete Conduct Sanctions

All students, as members of the University of Saint Francis community, are expected to comply with conduct within the timeframe specified by the hearing officer as noted in the finding/sanction letter. Failure to follow through on conduct sanctions or alternative resolution agreements by the date specified, whether by refusal, neglect or any other reason, may result in additional sanctions and/or suspension from the University of Saint Francis. In such situations, resident students will be required to vacate University of Saint Francis housing within 24 hours of notification by the Dean of Students, though this deadline may be extended upon application to, and at the discretion of, the Dean of Students. A suspension will only be lifted when compliance with conduct sanctions is satisfactorily achieved. This determination will be made by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).

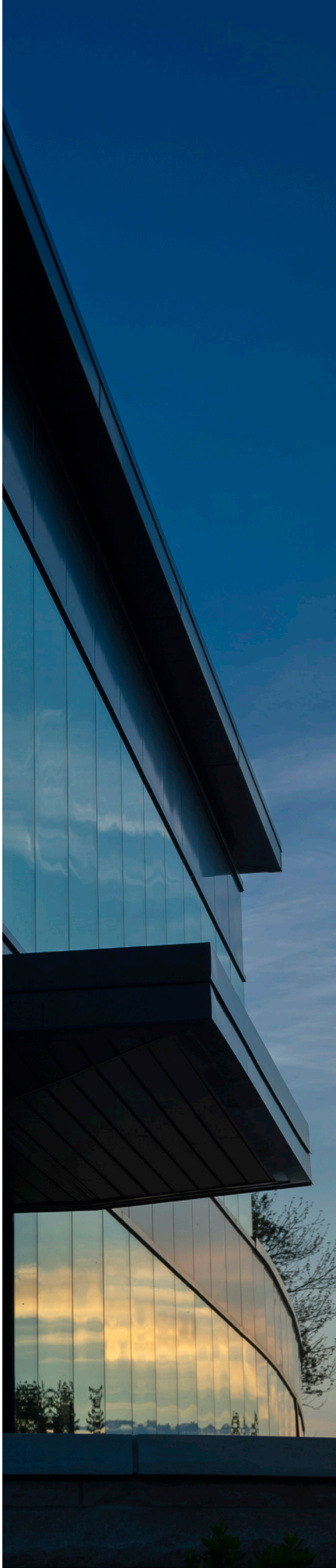
Appeals and Appeal Review Procedures

Any party may request an appeal of the decision of the hearing officer by filing a written request to the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life, subject to the grounds for appeal requests and appeal procedures outlined below. The written request should identify the grounds on which the student believes the appeal is warranted and include appropriate supporting information.

All sanctions imposed by the original hearing officer will remain in effect until the appeal has been heard. All parties will be informed in a timely manner of the status of requests for appeal, the status of the appeal consideration and the results of the appeal decision.

Appeal officers will be assigned as follows:

If the hearing officer is the...	The appeal officer will be the...
Resident Director	Director of Residential Life
Director of Residential Life	Dean of Students
Dean of Students	Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life



Grounds for Appeal Requests

Appeals requests are limited to the following grounds:

- A procedural (or substantive) error occurred that significantly impacted the outcome of the hearing (e.g., substantiated bias, material deviation from established procedures that likely affected the outcome, etc.).
- To consider new evidence, unavailable during the original hearing or investigation, that could substantially impact the original finding or sanction. A summary of this new evidence and its potential impact must be included.

Note: Failure to provide information during or participate in an investigation or a hearing, even resulting from concern over pending criminal or civil proceedings, does not make evidence “unavailable” at the time of the hearing. The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) is expected to consult with the hearing officer to inquire as to whether the new evidence would, in the opinion of the hearing officer, have substantially impacted the original finding or sanction.

- The sanctions imposed are substantially outside the parameters or guidelines set by the Code of Student Conduct for this type of offense or the cumulative conduct record of the responding student.

Appeals must be filed in writing with the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life within five business days of the notice of the outcome to the hearing. Any exceptions are made at the discretion of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).

In cases of Title IX allegations, Code of Student Conduct procedures will be inclusive of Title IX accepted procedures (see Title IX). In Title IX appeals only, the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) will share the appeal by one party with the other party (or parties) when appropriate under procedure or law (e.g., if the responding student appeals, the appeal is shared with the reporting party, who may also wish to file a response, request an appeal on the same grounds or different grounds).

If the appeal is not timely or substantively eligible, the original finding and sanction will stand, and the decision is final. If the appeal has standing, the appeal proceedings will begin.

Full new original hearings by the appeal officer are not permitted. In review, the original finding and sanction are presumed to have been decided reasonably and appropriately, thus the burden is on the appealing party/parties to show clear error. The appeal officer must limit its review only to the challenges presented.

The appeal officer may affirm or change the findings and/or sanctions of the original hearing officer according to the permissible grounds. Procedural or substantive errors should be corrected, new evidence should be considered and sanctions should be proportionate to the severity of the violation and the student’s cumulative conduct record.

All decisions of the appeal officer are to be made within five days of submission to the appeal officer and are final, as are any decisions made by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).

The presumptive stance of the University of Saint Francis is that all decisions made, and sanctions imposed, by the original hearing officer are to be implemented during the appeal process. At the discretion of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee), and in consultation with the Title IX Coordinator, when necessary, implementation of sanctions may be stayed pending review, only in extremely exigent circumstances. This does not include proximity to graduation, end of term or exams. Instead, it refers to an overwhelming likelihood, as determined by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee), in consultation, that the appeal would result in a reversal of the finding and/or substantial modification of the sanctions.

Disciplinary Records

All conduct records are maintained by the University of Saint Francis for seven years from the time of their creation except those that fall under Title IX, which are maintained indefinitely.



TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY



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- Policy Details
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- Statement of Rights
- Questions and Answers

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INTRODUCTION

The University of Saint Francis (SF) is committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment conducive to academic achievements and healthy interpersonal interaction. Discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct on the part of a member of the SF community are clearly inconsistent with these purposes and can be a violation of state and federal law. Members of the SF community, guests, and visitors have the right to be free from sexual harassment. All members of the campus community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others. When an allegation of misconduct is brought to an appropriate administrator's attention, and a responding party is found to have violated this policy, serious sanctions will be used to reasonably ensure that such actions are never repeated. This policy has been developed to reaffirm these principles and to provide recourse for those individuals whose rights have been violated. This policy is intended to define community expectations and to establish a mechanism for determining when those expectations have been violated.

As a recipient of federal funding, the university is required to comply with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972, 10 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. (Title IX). Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex—including pregnancy discrimination and sexual harassment—in educational programs and activities.

Sexual harassment is defined broadly under this policy on Sex-Based Discrimination (Policy). Sexual harassment includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual exploitation, sexual misconduct with a minor, child molesting, and sex discrimination, as defined below. Sexual harassment is a violation of university policy, state and federal civil rights laws, and may violate state and federal criminal laws. When an allegation of sexual harassment is brought to an appropriate individual's attention, and a respondent is found to have violated this policy, the university will issue appropriate sanctions to prevent future misconduct.

The university reserves the right to take whatever measures it deems necessary in response to an allegation of sexual harassment in order to protect the rights and personal safety of students, employees, and other members of the university community. Such measures include, but are not limited to, modification of living arrangements, interim suspension from campus pending a hearing, and reporting the matter to local police. Not all forms of sexual harassment will be deemed equally serious offenses, and the university reserves the right to impose different sanctions, ranging from verbal warning to expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense. The university will consider the concerns and rights of both the complainant and the respondent.



TITLE IX—DEFINITIONS

The Following Terms and Definitions Apply To this Policy:

Actual knowledge: Notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the university's Title IX Coordinator. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only official of the university with actual knowledge is the Respondent. The mere ability or obligation to report sexual harassment or to inform a student about how to report sexual harassment, or having been trained to do so, does not qualify an individual as one who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the university. "Notice" includes a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator.

Appointee: An individual deemed to have an affiliation with the university in a non-compensatory capacity as designated in the applicable Human Resources Information System.

Child molesting: A person at least 18 years of age who, with a child under 14 years of age, performs or submits to sexual intercourse or sexual conduct, or performs or submits to any fondling or touching for the purpose of sexually gratifying either person.

Complainant: Any person who is reported to have experienced conduct prohibited by this policy, regardless of whether that individual makes a report or participates in the review of that report by the university, and regardless of whether that person is a member of the university community.

Consent: Permission that is clear, knowing, voluntary, and expressed prior to engaging in and during an act. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity.

- A. Consent to any one form of sexual activity cannot automatically imply consent to any other forms of sexual activity.
- B. Consent may be withdrawn at any time.
- C. Previous relationships or prior consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts; this includes "blanket" consent (i.e., permission in advance for any/all actions at a later time/place).



D. Consent cannot be given by an individual who one knows to be – or based on the circumstances should reasonably have known to be – substantially impaired (e.g., by alcohol or other drug use, unconsciousness, etc.).

- Substantial impairment is a state when an individual cannot make rational, reasonable decisions because they lack the capacity to give knowing consent (e.g., to understand the “who, what, when, where, why, or how” of their sexual interaction).
- This also covers individuals whose substantial impairment results from other physical or mental conditions including mental disability, sleep, or from involuntary physical restraint.
- Being impaired by alcohol or other drugs will never function as a defense for any behavior that violates this policy.

E. It is the obligation of the person initiating the sexual activity to obtain consent.

F. An individual cannot consent who has been coerced, including being compelled by force, threat of force, or deception; who is unaware that the act is being committed; or who is coerced by a supervisory or disciplinary authority.

- Force: violence, compulsion, or constraint; physically exerted by any means upon or against a person.
- Coercion: the application of pressure by the Respondent that unreasonably interferes with the Complainant’s ability to exercise free will. Factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, the intensity and duration of the conduct.

G. A person who does not want to consent to sex is not required to resist or verbally object.

H. Withdrawal of consent can be manifested through conduct and need not be a verbal withdrawal of consent (i.e. crying, pulling away, pushing away, not actively participating, laying there, uncomfortable or upset facial expression).

I. Consent may not be given by an individual who has not reached the legal age of consent under applicable law.

Decision-maker: The adjudicator(s) who oversee(s) any hearing which takes place as part of the resolution process. The Complainant and accused individual will be asked if they have a preference for an administrative hearing with one (1) hearing officer trained to hear cases involving sexual harassment or a hearing by a university hearing panel of three (3) university employees trained to hear cases involving sexual harassment. The preferences of the parties will be taken into consideration; however, the Title IX Coordinator will make a final determination of the type of hearing conducted based on the preferences of the parties and the seriousness of the allegations.

Employee: An individual employed by Saint Francis for compensation, paid through payroll and listed as a W-2 employee.



Formal complaint: A document filed by a Complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a Respondent and requesting that the school investigate the allegation of sexual harassment.

Incapacitation: A state where someone cannot make rational, reasonable decisions because they lack the capacity to give knowing consent (e.g., to understand the “who, what, when, where, why or how” of their sexual interaction).

- This policy also covers a person whose incapacity results from a mental and/or a physical disability, sleep, involuntary physical restraint, or from the taking of rape drugs. Possession, use and/or distribution of any of these substances, including Rohypnol, Ketamine, GHB, Burundanga, etc. is prohibited, and administering one of these drugs to another student is a violation of this policy. More information on these drugs can be found at <http://www.911rape.org/>.
- Use of alcohol or other drugs will never function as a defense for any behavior that violates this policy.

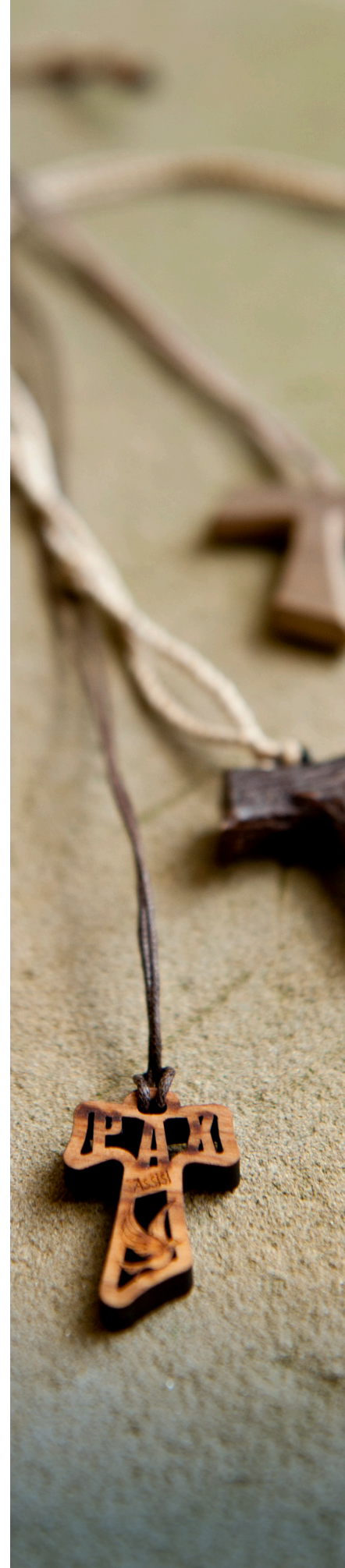
Investigator: An individual assigned by the Title IX Coordinator to investigate the alleged sexual harassment.

Non-consensual sexual contact: Any intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any body part or object, by any individual upon another that is without consent and/or by force or coercion.

- Sexual contact includes: intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals, or touching another with any of these body parts or another object, or making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; any intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner, though not involving contact with/of/by breasts, buttocks, groin, genitals, mouth, or other orifice.

Non-consensual sexual penetration: Any sexual penetration, however slight, with any body part or object, by any individual upon another that is without consent and/or by force or coercion.

- Sexual penetration includes: vaginal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger; anal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger; and oral copulation (mouth to genital contact or genital to mouth contact), no matter how slight the penetration or contact.



Relationship violence: A broad term that encompasses domestic violence and dating violence.

Domestic violence: Conduct that would meet the definition of a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by the Complainant's current or former spouse or intimate partner, a person with whom the Complainant shares a child in common, a person who is or has cohabitated with the Complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, or individual similarly situated to a spouse under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under the domestic or family violence law of the jurisdiction in which the offense occurred. An individual need not be charged with or convicted of a criminal offense to be found responsible for domestic violence pursuant to this policy.

Dating violence: Violence committed by a person:

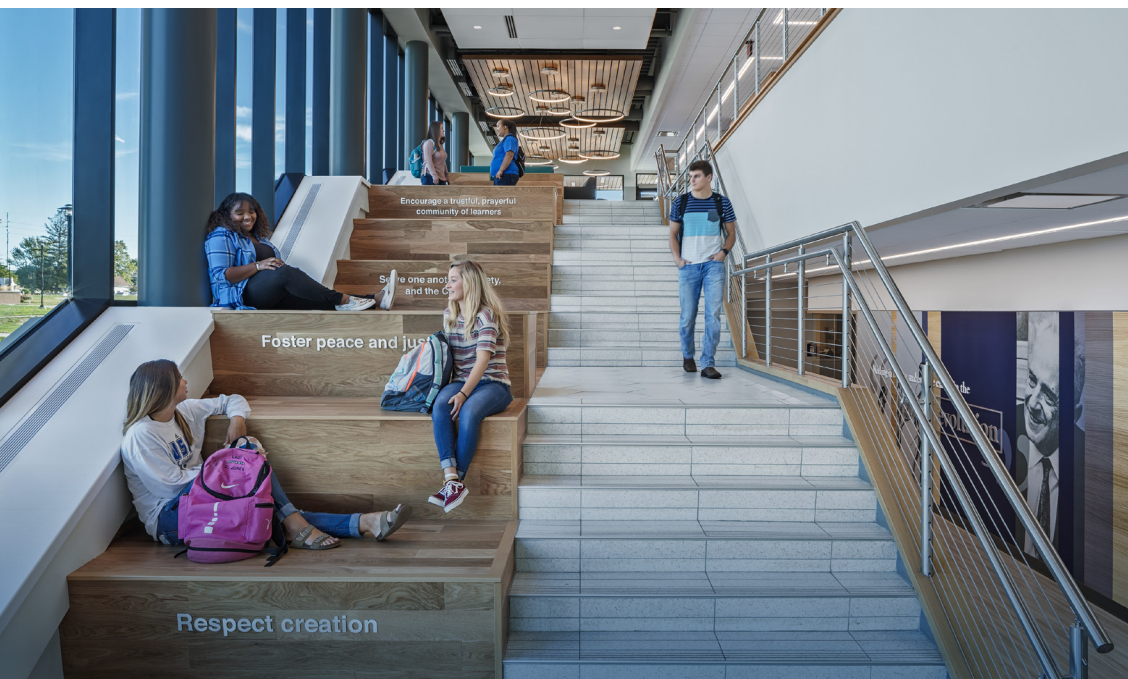
A. Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

B. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

- The length of the relationship
- The type of relationship
- The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

Respondent: Any member of the university community who is reported to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy.

Retaliation: Any adverse employment or educational action taken against a person because of the person's participation in a complaint or investigation of discrimination or sexual harassment.



Sexual harassment:

- A. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be **so severe, pervasive, AND objectively offensive** that it effectively denies a person equal access to the recipient's education program or activity; or
- B. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking. All such acts constitute sexual harassment under this policy; or
- C. An employee of the recipient conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service to the recipient based on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

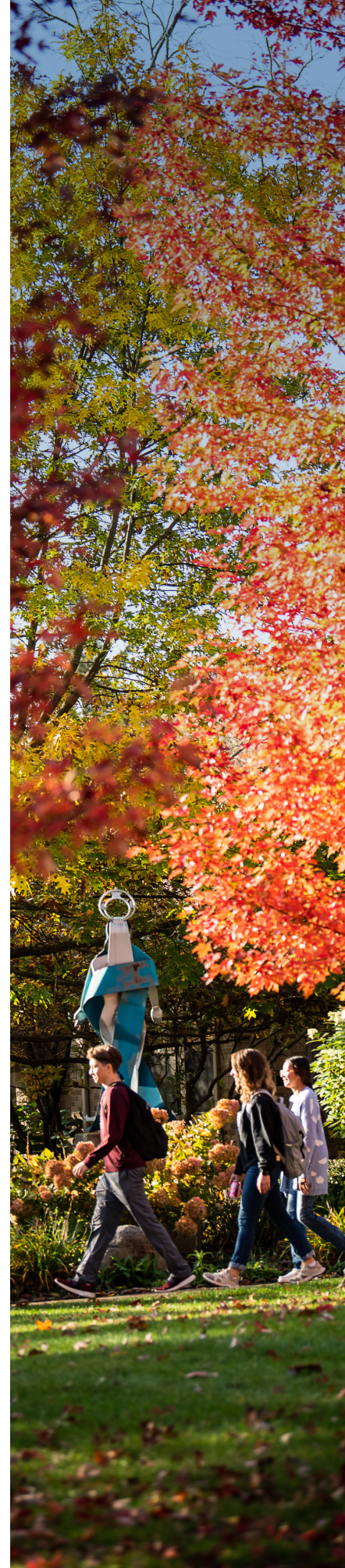
Sexual violence: Sexual acts perpetrated without consent.

Sexual assault: Non-consensual sexual contact and non-consensual sexual penetration.

Sexual exploitation: Occurs when an individual takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for that individual's own advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the individual being exploited. Examples of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to:

- A. Engaging in voyeurism.
- B. Exposing one's genitals in non-consensual circumstances.
- C. Inducing another to expose their genitals.
- D. Going beyond the boundaries of consent (e.g., letting others hide in a closet to watch you having consensual sex).
- E. Invasion of sexual privacy.
- F. Knowingly transmitting a sexually transmitted infection (STI) to another.
- G. Non-consensual pictures, video or audio recording of sexual activity or sexually suggestive imagery, or the non-consensual distribution of such material, including through social media.
- H. Possession, use, and/or distribution of alcohol or other drugs (e.g., Xanax, Ambien, Benadryl, Rohypnol ("Roofies"), Ketamine, GHB, etc.) for the purpose of engaging in or facilitating any activity prohibited under this policy.
- I. Prostituting another.

Sexual misconduct with a minor: A person at least 18 years of age who, with a child at least 14 years of age but less than 16 years of age, performs or submits to sexual intercourse or sexual conduct, or performs or submits to any fondling or touching for the purpose of sexually gratifying either person.



Stalking: A course of conduct directed at a specific individual that would cause a reasonable person under similar circumstances and being similarly situated as the Complainant to fear for their own or another's safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. A course of conduct includes two or more acts, including but not limited to, those in which the alleged perpetrator directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about the Complainant, or interferes with the Complainant's property.

Student: An individual to whom an offer of admission has been extended, paid an acceptance fee, registered for classes, or otherwise entered into another agreement with the university to take instruction. Student status lasts until an individual graduates, is permanently dismissed, or is not in attendance for two complete, consecutive terms, and includes those with a continuing educational relationship with the university; "Student" also includes registered student organizations. A student organization remains a "Student" for purposes of this policy for one calendar year following the expiration of the organization's most recent registration.

- The university reserves the right to administer this policy and proceed with any process provided by this policy even if the student withdraws from the university, is no longer enrolled in classes, or subsequently fails to meet the definition of a student while a disciplinary matter is pending.

Supportive measures: Individualized services reasonably available that are non-punitive, non-disciplinary, and not unreasonably burdensome to the other party while designed to ensure equal educational access, protect safety, or deter sexual harassment.

Title IX coordinator: The designated university official with primary responsibility for coordinating the university's compliance with Title IX. This individual provides leadership for Title IX activities, offers consultation, education, and training, and helps to ensure that the university responds appropriately, effectively, and equitably to all Title IX issues.

University community: Faculty, staff, students, student employees, graduate assistants, appointees, volunteers, suppliers/contractors, and visitors.



Other Sex-based Misconduct Offenses That Fall Under Title IX

- Threatening or causing physical harm, extreme verbal abuse, or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
- Discrimination, defined as actions that deprive other members of the community of educational or employment access, benefits or opportunities on the basis of sex.
- Intimidation, defined as implied threats or acts that cause an unreasonable fear of harm in another.
- Hazing, defined as acts likely to cause physical or psychological harm or social ostracism to any person within the university community, when related to the admission, initiation, pledging, joining, or any other group-affiliation activity (as defined further in the [Hazing Policy](#)).
- Bullying, defined as repeated and/or severe aggressive behavior likely to intimidate or intentionally hurt, control or diminish another person, physically or mentally.
- Violence between those in an intimate relationship to each other.
- Stalking, defined as repetitive and/or menacing pursuit, following, harassment and/or interference with the peace and/or safety of a member of the community. or the safety of any of the immediate family of members of the community.



TITLE IX—POLICY DETAILS

Scope

Medium

- This policy applies to alleged sexual harassment in any medium. Sexual harassment may manifest in many evolving forms including, but not limited to, physical, verbal, and visual, whether in person or online in any format.

Jurisdiction

- The university has a compelling obligation to address allegations and suspected instances of sexual harassment when it has actual knowledge that this policy has been violated. The university must inform the Respondent of the allegations and may take any further action it deems appropriate, including pursuing an investigation, even in cases when the Complainant is reluctant to proceed. The Complainant will be notified in advance when such action is necessary.
- The university's disciplinary response may be limited if the Respondent is a visitor or other third party or is not subject to the university's jurisdiction.

Location

- This policy applies to alleged sexual harassment that takes place in a university's educational program or activity, against a person in the United States. This includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the university exercised significant control over both the Respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurred.
- This policy also applies to alleged sexual harassment that occurs off-campus, including virtual spaces, in any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the university.
- In situations not covered above, but where the sexual harassment undermines the security of the university community or the integrity of the educational process or poses a serious threat to self or others, other applicable university procedures for general misconduct may be applied.

This policy is not intended for, and will not be used to, infringe on academic freedom or to censor or punish members of the university community who exercise their legitimate First Amendment rights.

Policy Maintenance

This policy is managed and updated by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life.

Receiving Supportive Measures

Members of the university community impacted by sexual harassment are encouraged to use counseling and support services listed in the resource section.



Employees with the Authority to Institute Corrective Measures

The university designates certain employees who have the authority to institute corrective measures on its behalf. Under this policy, their knowledge of sexual harassment conveys actual knowledge to the university.

The following employees have been designated by the university as having the authority to initiate corrective measure on its behalf:

- ➔ Title IX Coordinator
- ➔ Title IX Deputy Coordinators

When one of the above employees learns of alleged sexual harassment, that employee should contact the Title IX Coordinator as soon as possible.

Employees may have additional reporting obligations provided by law and/or other university policies.

Corrective action may be taken against any individual who has a duty to report and who fails to respond in a manner consistent with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures.

Employee Duty to Report

All university employees have reporting responsibilities to ensure the university can take appropriate action.

All university employees, except those exempted by legal privilege of confidentiality or expressly identified as a confidential reporter, have an obligation to report incidents of sexual harassment. Any employee who receives a disclosure of sexual harassment or becomes aware of information that reasonably may constitute sexual harassment involving anyone covered under this policy, must report the incident as soon as possible, and within five workdays of becoming aware of such information.

Receiving supportive measures

Members of the university Community impacted by Sexual Harassment are encouraged to use counseling and support services, listed in the Resources section.



Contacting the Title IX Coordinator to share all known information will satisfy the employee duty to report.

Employees may have additional reporting obligations provided by law and/or other university policies.

The following categories of employees are exempt from the duty to report sexual harassment due to their legal or professional privilege of confidentiality or their designation by the university as a confidential reporter:

- Professional and pastoral counselors

A. A professional counselor is a person whose official responsibilities include providing mental health counseling to members of the university community and who is functioning within the scope of that license or certification and their university employment.

1. This definition applies even to professional counselors who are not employees of the university but are under contract to provide counseling at the university.
2. This also includes an individual who is not yet licensed or certified as a counselor but is acting in that role under the supervision of an individual who is licensed or certified (e.g., a Ph.D. counselor-trainee acting under the supervision of a professional counselor at the university).

B. A pastoral counselor is a person who is a priest or is associated with a religious order, is recognized by that religious order as someone who provides confidential counseling and is functioning within the scope of that recognition and their role at the university.

- Other employees with a professional license requiring confidentiality who are functioning within the scope of that license or certification and their university employment.

A. For example, a physician with a dual appointment as a clinician and professor would be required to report instances of sexual harassment of which they become aware in the scope of their employment as a professor, but must keep such information confidential and privileged if learned in the scope of their duties as a physician, unless there is a mandatory reporting requirement under state law.

Corrective action may be taken against any individual who has a duty to report and who fails to respond in a manner consistent with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.



Reporting Allegation of Sexual Harassment

Any person may report sexual harassment. By way of example, this includes:

- Students.
- Employees.
- Parents/guardians.
- Any university Community member or other individual who is directly involved in, observes or reasonably believes that sexual harassment may have occurred.

Reports can be made to the Title IX Coordinator in the following ways:

- In Person: Trinity Hall, room 100
- Mail: 2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808
- Phone: 260-399-7700, ext. 6743
- Email: msalyer@sf.edu

Making a report to the university and to law enforcement are mutually exclusive events. Making a report to the university does not preclude the individual from filing a report of a crime with law enforcement, nor does it extend time limits that may apply in criminal processes. Filing a report with law enforcement is not a prerequisite of making a report with the university. However, individuals may request assistance from the Title IX Coordinator or designee to notify law enforcement.

- Fort Wayne Police Department: Emergency 911, non-emergency 260-427-1222



Confidentiality and Privacy

The university recognizes the importance of confidentiality and privacy. See the resources section for a list of confidential support, non-confidential support, and medical resources. Information received in connection with the reporting, investigation, and resolution of allegations will be treated as private and will only involve individuals whom the university determines are necessary to conduct an appropriate investigation, to provide assistance and resources to parties, to perform other appropriate university functions or when the university is required to provide information under the law.

If an incident is disclosed or reported to the university and the individual requests that no investigation be conducted or disciplinary action be taken, the Title IX Coordinator or designee will explain that the university prohibits retaliation and explain the steps the university will take to prevent and respond to retaliation if the individual participates in a resolution process. The Title IX Coordinator or designee will evaluate the request to determine whether the university can honor the request while still providing a safe and nondiscriminatory environment.

A decision to proceed despite an individual's request will be made on a case-by-case basis after an individualized review, and the Complainant will be notified if such a decision is made. If the university proceeds with an investigation, the Complainant is under no obligation to proceed as a part of the investigation.

All individuals involved in the process should observe the same standard of discretion and respect for everyone involved in the process.

Retaliation

Retaliation is prohibited by university policy and law. The university will not tolerate retaliation in any form against any individual who makes an allegation, files a report, serves as a witness, assists a Complainant, or participates in an investigation of discrimination or harassment.

Retaliation is a serious violation that can subject the offender to discipline, up to and including termination of employment and/or suspension or dismissal of a student, independent of the merits of the underlying allegation.

Allegations of retaliation should be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.



Investigation and Resolution Options

Initial Assessment

- The Title IX Coordinator or designee reviews all reports of sex-based discrimination under this policy for an initial assessment of the reported information. The available resolution options will be guided by the availability of information or evidence suggesting that a policy violation may reasonably have occurred; the university's obligation to investigate and provide appropriate remedies to eliminate, prevent, and address the effects of the prohibited conduct; and the desire of the Complainant to participate in an investigation or other resolution.
- Upon completion of an initial assessment, the Title IX Coordinator or designee will determine the available options for resolution and will communicate the options to the involved parties.

Informal Resolution

- Informal resolution may be utilized in some circumstances if the university deems appropriate and both parties agree to it.

Investigative Resolution

- The Title IX Coordinator may resolve a report of sexual harassment through investigative resolution when the alleged harassment, if true, would be prohibited under applicable university policy. In instances when informal resolution is inappropriate, when the party requests, or when the university requires formal investigation, the university will consider the concerns and rights of all parties and provide a prompt, fair, impartial, and equitable process.



Remedies

When the university makes a finding of a policy violation, it will take steps, whether individual or systemic, to stop the alleged sexual harassment, prevent its recurrence, and remedy the discriminatory effects on the Complainant and others, as appropriate.

Corrective Actions/Sanctions

- When the Respondent is a student, potential sanctions include formal reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension, dismissal, and other appropriate educational sanctions.
- When the Respondent is an employee, corrective actions may be taken pursuant to the Corrective Action/Termination Policy, Student Employment Policy, and/or Faculty Rules. Disciplinary corrective actions include coaching, development plans, reduction in supervisory duties and leadership responsibilities, changes in salary, termination, and other appropriate corrective actions.
- Student employees may be subject to corrective action and sanctions under student and/or employee policies depending on the nature of the complaint. For instance, a student employee who is dismissed from the university may also be subject to termination or other corrective actions.

Any corrective actions or sanctions will not take effect until any appeals have been completed.

Interim Supportive Measures

- Supportive measures will be made available to both the Complainant and Respondent whether or not a formal complaint is filed to ensure equal access to the university's education and employment programs and activities. The Title IX Coordinator or designee will conduct an individualized assessment and will review requests from Complainant and Respondent to determine supportive measures that are appropriate and reasonably available at no cost to the Complainant or Respondent. Supportive measures may include, but are not limited to:
 - A. No Contact Directives.
 - B. Referral to campus and community resources for victim advocacy, counseling, health services, legal assistance, immigration assistance, disability services.
 - C. Academic support including extensions of time and other course-related adjustments.
 - D. Modification of work or class schedules.
 - E. Change in work or housing locations.
 - F. Change in reporting relationship.
 - G. Consideration of leave requests.
 - H. Assistance with academic petitions.



- During the period of any investigation a Respondent can be put on administrative leave if they are an employee of the university. If the Respondent is a student of the university, they may be removed from educational activities following an individualized safety and risk analysis, if it is determined that the Respondent poses an imminent threat to the physical health or safety of anyone due to the allegations made. If a student is removed from educational activities in this way, they have the right to challenge the determination of the safety and risk analysis.
- The Title IX Coordinator or designee will coordinate the provision of interim supportive measures. Parties will not be required to arrange such measures by themselves but may need to participate in communication with supervisors, faculty, and other university employees with a need to know.

Other Remedial Measures

- When the university is unable to proceed with investigative resolution, such as lack of information in the report or request by the Complainant that an investigation not move forward, the university may take other remedial measures as appropriate to remedy the effects of the alleged sexual harassment and/or prevent its recurrence. Remedial measures may also be implemented when it is determined that inappropriate behavior occurred, but that the behavior did not rise to the level of a policy violation.
- Remedial measures may include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Providing training on sexual harassment.
 - B. Increasing security in a designated space.
 - C. Changing policy or procedure.
 - D. Conducting climate checks.

False Allegations

It is a violation of this policy for anyone to make a false allegation of sexual harassment in bad faith. Corrective action/sanctions may be imposed on individuals who in bad faith make such false allegations.

The absence of a finding of a policy violation is not equivalent to finding that the Complainant acted in bad faith.

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The absence of a finding of a policy violation is not equivalent to finding that the Complainant acted in bad faith.

Process Abuse

No member of the university community may:

- Obstruct, prohibit, exert improper influence over, or interfere with any individual making a report, participating in a process or carrying out a responsibility covered by this policy.
- Make, in bad faith, materially false statements in or related to a process covered by this policy.
- Disrupt or interfere with the orderly conduct of any proceeding conducted under this policy.
- Fail to comply with any directive, sanction, or corrective action issued pursuant to this policy.

Training

All faculty, staff, student employees, graduate assistants, and students are required to take annual training as directed by the university.

TITLE IX—PROCEDURES

The process for handling allegations of sexual misconduct at the University of Saint Francis involves an immediate initial investigation to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe the policy has been violated. If so, the university will initiate a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation.

Initial Assessment

Upon receiving a complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will provide information to the Complainant on the availability of supportive measures, the right to file a formal complaint, and how to file such a complaint.

The Title IX Coordinator or designee reviews all reports of sexual harassment under this policy for an initial assessment of the reported information. Available resolution options will be guided by the availability of information and evidence suggesting that a policy violation may have occurred, the university's obligation to investigate and provide appropriate remedies to eliminate, prevent, and address the effects of the prohibited conduct, and the availability or desire of the Complainant to participate in an investigation or other resolution.

Upon completion of an initial assessment, the Title IX Coordinator or designee will determine the available options for resolution and will communicate these options to the parties.

If the reporting individual (or the university) elects to file a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will provide written notice to the Respondent within ten (10) days, including:

- The actual allegations of facts that constitute sexual harassment and any evidence that supports this.
- That there is a presumption of innocence in their favor.
- That all parties are entitled to an advisor of their choice.
- That all parties can inspect and review evidence.
- Information regarding any code of conduct provisions that prohibit false statements made in bad faith.

Dismissal of Complaint

In the event that prior to, or in the course of, an investigation, the university determines that the allegations fail to meet the definition of sexual harassment or did not occur while in the United States and under the university's educational program or activity, the investigation and formal complaint will be dismissed. Such complaints may still be resolved through an informal resolution process as outlined above or according to procedures set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

The university reserves the right to dismiss the complaint and stop the investigation if:

- The Complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that they wish to withdraw their complaint;
- The Respondent is no longer enrolled in or employed by the university; or
- Specific circumstances prevent the school from gathering sufficient evidence to reach a determination about allegations (e.g., lack of participation in the investigative process by parties or witnesses).

If the university dismisses the complaint for any reason, either party may appeal the decision as outlined in this policy's appeals process.

Informal Resolution

An informal resolution may be utilized in some circumstances if a formal complaint is filed.

The usage of an informal resolution process is limited in a number of ways:

- Informal resolution is unavailable if the Respondent is an employee of the school.
- Informal resolution may only be used if any and all parties to an investigation agree to it.

In all cases, the university will inform the parties of the right to end the informal resolution process at any time. If a party chooses to end the informal resolution process, the university will inform the Complainant of options, including the option to begin the investigative resolution process.



The university will provide a facilitator, mediator, or decision-maker that is free from conflicts of interest and has received special training in order to facilitate resolution of the complaint.

Informal resolution can take any form that the parties agree upon. The Title IX Coordinator or designee will work with the parties to develop a form of resolution that adequately resolves the needs of the parties.

Depending on the form chosen, it may be possible for a Complainant to maintain anonymity throughout the informal resolution process.

As part of the resolution process, additional measures (including, but not limited to, educational programming, training, regular meetings with an appropriate university individual or resource, extensions of No Contact Orders, or counseling sessions) may be agreed upon.

Formal Resolution and Hearings

The Title IX Coordinator may resolve a report of sexual harassment through its formal resolution process when the alleged sexual harassment, if true, would be prohibited under applicable university policy. In instances when informal resolution is inappropriate, when any party requests, or when the university requires formal investigation, the university will consider the concerns and rights of all parties and provide a prompt, fair, impartial, and equitable process.

Investigation

- Following the filing of a formal complaint, an Investigator will be assigned to the complaint by the Title IX Coordinator. During the investigation, the Investigator will seek to meet separately with the Complainant, Respondent, and any relevant witnesses who may have information relevant to the incident. The Investigator may also gather or request other relevant information or evidence when available and appropriate. Both the Complainant and Respondent will be asked to identify witnesses and provide other relevant information in a timely manner to facilitate prompt resolution of the complaint.
- Although both the Complainant and Respondent are advised to participate in the investigation process to enable a fair and equitable resolution to any complaint, neither the Complainant nor the Respondent is required to participate in the investigation process.
- During the investigation process, parties have an equitable right to:
 - A. Receive notice before participating in an interview with sufficient time to prepare for meaningful participation.
 - B. Participate in a process with reasonably prompt timeframes, with extensions for good cause, as described in the Procedure section below.
 - C. Present relevant information to the Investigator, including evidence and witnesses.



- D. Receive timely and equal access to any relevant information, documentation, and evidence gathered during the investigation.
 - E. Have an advisor of their choosing, or through appointment by the university, including an attorney, advocate, or other support person who is not a potential witness in the investigation or could otherwise compromise the investigation, who provides support throughout the formal resolution process, including being present for any meetings or hearings.
 - F. Have Investigators who are adequately trained to resolve cases of alleged sexual harassment, are familiar with applicable policies and procedures, and who do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against either party.
- Following the completion of the investigation, the Investigator will complete an investigative report on the allegations contained in the formal complaint. This report will be given to all parties, who have ten (10) days to respond to the Investigator's findings before the report is finalized. The finalized report is then circulated for no less than ten days before a hearing is held.

Hearings

- All hearings are overseen by a Decision-maker. All Decision-makers have received special training on how to be impartial and are assigned to cases by the Title IX Coordinator to avoid any bias and present an objective analysis of the evidence. In no case is the Investigator for a given case also the Decision Maker.
- Hearings are not legal proceedings and do not follow courtroom procedure or the formal rules of evidence. During any hearings, each party must have an advisor present to ask questions to the other party. This advisor does not need to be licensed to practice law and may be a person of the party's choice; if they do not have an advisor, the university will provide an advisor for them.
- Questioning and Cross-Examinations:
 - A. The Decision-maker may question individual parties and witnesses.
 - B. Parties will have the opportunity to cross-examine the party or witness. Parties may never ask questions directly, and questions must be asked to the other party through the use of a party's advisor. All questions asked must be relevant. Any questions determined not to be relevant by the Decision-maker are not required to be answered.
 - C. If a party or witness is absent from the live hearing or refuses to answer cross-examination or other questions, the Decision-maker may not rely on any statement of that person in reaching a determination of responsibility. The Decision-maker may not draw an inference about the determination regarding responsibility based solely on a party's or witness' absence from the live hearing or refusal to answer cross-examination or other questions.

- If, at any point during the hearing, the Decision-maker determines that unresolved issues exist that could be clarified through additional investigation time, the Decision-maker may suspend the hearing and reconvene it in a timely manner that accommodates further investigation.
- Hearings may be conducted virtually through the use of technology.
- All hearings will be memorialized through an audio or audiovisual record or transcript of the live hearing. The recording or transcript will be made available for parties to inspect and review following their completion. The record shall be the property of the university and housed in the Office of Student Life.

Resolution

- The Decision-maker will communicate his or her decision to both parties concurrently. The Decision-maker will communicate the decision in writing as soon as possible after the hearing. In all cases, the Decision-maker will send the parties a final outcome letter within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- The Decision-maker reaches all conclusions based on an examination of all evidence from the investigation and the hearing. Their conclusion is based on the Preponderance of the Evidence standard: If the evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the Respondent committed the alleged act(s), then the Respondent will be found responsible for violating this policy.
- If the Respondent is found responsible for violating this policy, the Decision-maker will consult with the appropriate individuals in order to determine the corrective actions and/or sanctions to resolve the complaint. Any such corrective actions and/or sanctions will be outlined in the Decision-maker's written decision.

Appeals Process

If either party disagrees with the outcome of the Decision-maker's determination, they must file a written appeal with the Title IX Coordinator within ten (10) working/business days.

Appeals may be filed due to:

- A procedural irregularity that affected the outcome.
- New evidence being discovered that was not reasonably available at the time of the determination or dismissal.
- A conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents, generally or individually, that affected the outcome of the Investigator(s), or Decision-maker(s).

The Title IX Coordinator will examine all evidence in order to determine if the appeal has merit. The Title IX Coordinator will make an unbiased objective conclusion as to the appeal's merit and issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result, and will provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.



TITLE IX RESOURCES

Counseling and Assistance

The violations described in this policy can affect a student in many different ways. In light of this, the university offers professional counseling to assist in overcoming the effects and provide ongoing support and assistance. To set up an appointment, call the Saint Francis Health & Wellness Center at 260-222-9269. These counseling services are provided to students at no charge.

Other Resources

- 24-Hour Rape Crisis Hotline
Phone: 260-426-7273
- Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center, 1420 Kerrway Ct, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Phone: 260-423-2222
- University of Saint Francis Health & Wellness Center
Phone: 260-222-9269

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Washington, DC 20202-1100
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Federal Statistical Reporting Obligations

Certain campus officials have a duty to report sexual misconduct for federal statistical reporting purposes (Clery Act). All personally identifiable information is kept confidential, but statistical information must be passed along to Campus Security regarding the type of incident and its general location (on- or off-campus, in the surrounding area, but no addresses are given) for publication in the annual Campus Security Report. This report helps to provide the community with a clear picture of the extent and nature of campus crime, to ensure greater community safety. Mandated federal reporters include: student life staff, campus security, local police, coaches, athletic directors, residence life staff, student activities staff, human resources staff, advisors to student organizations and any other official with significant responsibility for student and campus activities. The information to be shared includes the date, the location of the incident (using Clery location categories) and the Clery crime category. This reporting protects the identity of the Reporting Party and may be done anonymously.

Federal Timely Warning Reporting Obligations

Victims of sexual misconduct should also be aware that university administrators must issue immediate timely warnings for incidents reported to them that are confirmed to pose a substantial threat of bodily harm or danger to members of the campus community. The university will make every effort to ensure that a Complainant's name and other identifying information is not disclosed, while still providing enough information for community members to make safety decisions in light of the danger. The reporters for timely warning purposes are exactly the same as detailed at the end of the above paragraph.



TITLE IX – STATEMENT OF RIGHTS

- The right to an equitable investigation and resolution of all credible allegations of prohibited harassment or discrimination made in good faith to University of Saint Francis officials.
- The right to timely written notice of all alleged violations, including the identity of the parties involved (if known), the precise misconduct being alleged, the date and location of the alleged misconduct (if known), the implicated policies and procedures, and possible sanctions.
- The right to timely written notice of any material adjustments to the allegations (e.g., additional incidents or allegations, additional Complainants, unsubstantiated allegations) and any attendant adjustments needed to clarify potentially implicated policy violations.
- The right to be informed in advance of any public release of information regarding the allegation(s) or underlying incident(s), whenever possible.
- The right not to have any personally identifiable information released to the public without consent provided, except to the extent permitted by law.
- The right to be treated with respect by University of Saint Francis officials.
- The right to have University of Saint Francis policies and procedures followed without material deviation.
- The right not to be pressured to mediate or otherwise informally resolve any reported misconduct involving violence, including sexual violence.
- The right not to be discouraged by University of Saint Francis officials from reporting sexual misconduct or discrimination to both on-campus and off-campus authorities.
- The right to be informed by University of Saint Francis officials of options to notify proper law enforcement authorities, including on-campus and local police, and the option(s) to be assisted by University of Saint Francis authorities in notifying such authorities, if the party so chooses. This also includes the right not to be pressured to report.
- The right to have allegations of violations of this Policy responded to promptly and with sensitivity by all University of Saint Francis officials.
- The right to be informed of available interim actions and supportive measures, such as counseling; advocacy; health care; legal, student financial aid, visa, and immigration assistance; or other services, both on campus and in the community.
- The right to a University of Saint Francis-implemented no-contact directive (or a no-trespass order against a non-affiliated third party) when a person has engaged in or threatens to engage in stalking, threatening, harassing, or other improper conduct that presents a danger to the welfare of the party or others.
- The right to be informed of available assistance in changing academic, living, and/or working situations after an alleged incident of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation, if such changes are reasonably available. No formal report or investigation, either campus or criminal, needs to occur before this option is available.
- The right to have the University of Saint Francis maintain such actions for as long as necessary and for supportive measures to remain private, provided privacy does not impair the University of Saint Francis's ability to provide the supportive measures.

- The right to receive, as possible, sufficiently advanced written notice of any meeting or interview involving the other party.
- The right to ask the Investigator(s) and Decision-maker(s) to identify and question relevant witnesses, including expert witnesses.
- The right to provide the Investigator(s)/Decision-maker(s) with a list of questions that, if deemed relevant, may be asked of any party or witness.
- The right not to have irrelevant prior sexual history or character admitted as evidence.
- The right to know the relevant and directly related evidence obtained and to respond to that evidence.
- The right to fair opportunity to provide the Investigator(s) with an account of the alleged misconduct and have that account be on the record.
- The right to receive a copy of the investigation report, including all factual, policy, and/or credibility analysis performed, and all relevant and directly related evidence available and used to produce the investigation report, subject to the privacy limitations imposed by state and federal law, prior to the hearing, and the right to have at least ten (10) business days to review the report prior to the hearing.
- The right to respond to the investigation report, including comments providing any additional relevant evidence after the opportunity to review the investigation report, and to have that response on the record.
- The right to be informed of the names of all witnesses whose information will be used to make a finding, in advance of that finding, when relevant.
- The right to regular updates on the status of the investigation and/or resolution.
- The right to have a Title IX team who has received relevant annual training.
- The right to a Hearing Panel that is not single sex in its composition, if a panel is used.
- The right to the preservation of privacy to the extent possible and permitted by law.
- The right to meetings, interviews, and/or hearings that are closed to the public.
- The right to petition that any University of Saint Francis representative in the process be recused on the basis of disqualifying bias and/or conflict of interest.
- The right to have an Advisor of their choice to accompany and assist the party in all meetings and/or interviews associated with the resolution process. If the party does not have an advisor of choice, the right to be assigned a trained advisor.
- The right to the use of the appropriate standard of evidence, preponderance of the evidence, to make a finding after an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence.
- The right to be present, including presence via remote technology, during all testimony given and evidence presented during any formal grievance hearing.
- The right to have an impact statement considered by the Decision-maker(s) following a determination of responsibility for any allegation, but prior to sanctioning.
- The right to be promptly informed in a written Notice of Outcome letter of the finding(s) and sanction(s) of the resolution process and a detailed rationale (including an explanation of how credibility was assessed) delivered simultaneously (without undue delay) to the parties.

- The right to be informed in writing of when a decision by the University of Saint Francis is considered final and any changes to the sanction(s) that occur before the decision is finalized.
- The right to be informed of the opportunity to appeal the finding(s) and sanction(s) of the resolution process, and the procedures for doing so in accordance with the standards for appeal established by the University of Saint Francis.
- The right to a fundamentally fair resolution as defined in these procedures.

Equal Educational Opportunity

- The University of Saint Francis reaffirms its policy of administering all educational programs, related supporting services and benefits in a manner that does not discriminate against a student or prospective student with regard to age, race, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetics, and veteran status. The University of Saint Francis is a Catholic institution and reserves the right to make employment and education decisions based upon religion.

Saint Francis Non-discrimination Statement

- In its employment practices, selection of students, and administration of all programs, the University of Saint Francis maintains a policy of non-discrimination regarding age, race, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetics and veteran status. The university has appointed the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life to serve as the coordinator of compliance with Title IX. Inquiries or complaints should be directed to the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life/Title IX Coordinator (260-399-7700, ext. 6743, Trinity Hall room 100).

COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Here are some of the most commonly asked questions regarding the University of Saint Francis Sexual Misconduct Policy and Grievance Procedures:

Does information about a complaint remain private?

The privacy of all parties to a complaint of sexual misconduct must be respected, except insofar as it interferes with the university's obligation to fully investigate allegations of sexual misconduct. Where privacy is not strictly kept, it will still be tightly controlled on a need-to-know basis. In all complaints of sexual misconduct, all parties will be informed of the outcome. In some instances, the administration also may choose to make a brief public announcement of the nature of the violation and the action taken, without using the name or identifiable information of the Complainant. Certain university administrators are informed of the outcome within the bounds of student privacy (e.g., the President, Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life, Director of Campus Security). If there is a report of an act of alleged sexual misconduct to a conduct officer of the university and there is evidence that a felony has occurred, Campus Security will be notified. This does not mean charges will be automatically filed or that a Complainant must speak with Security, but the institution is legally required to notify law enforcement authorities. The institution also must statistically report the occurrence on campus of major violent crimes, including certain sex offenses, in an annual report of campus crime statistics. This statistical report does not include personally identifiable information.

Will my parents be told?

Whether you are the Complainant or the Respondent, the university's primary relationship is to the student and not to the parent. However, in the event of major medical, disciplinary, or academic jeopardy, students are strongly encouraged to inform their parents.

Will the Respondent know my identity?

Yes, if you want formal disciplinary action to be taken against the alleged Respondent. Sexual misconduct is a serious offense and the Respondent has the right to know the identity of the Complainant. The university does provide options for questioning without confrontation.

Do I have to name the Respondent?

Yes, if you want formal disciplinary action to be taken against the alleged Respondent. No, if you choose to respond informally and do not file a formal complaint (but you should consult the complete confidentiality policy above to better understand the university's legal obligations depending on what information you share with different university officials). The Complainant should be aware that not identifying the Respondent may limit the institution's ability to respond quickly or comprehensively.



What do I do if I am accused of sexual misconduct?

DO NOT contact the Reporting Party. The Title IX Coordinator will contact you and work with you to identify a university employee who can act as your advisor. You may also want to talk to a confidential counselor or seek other community assistance.

How can the University of Saint Francis help remedy the effects of discrimination?

If you want to move, you may request a room change. Room changes under these circumstances are considered emergencies. It is typically institutional policy that in emergency room changes, the student is moved to the first available suitable room. If you want the accused individual to move and believe that you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, you must be willing to pursue a formal university complaint. No Contact Orders can be imposed and room changes for the accused individual can be arranged. Other accommodations available to you might include:

- Assistance from Residential Life staff in completing the relocation.
- Arranging to dissolve a housing contract and pro-rating a refund, if appropriate.
- Assistance with or rescheduling an academic assignment (paper, exams, etc.).
- Taking an incomplete in a class.
- Assistance with transferring class sections.
- Temporary withdrawal.
- Assistance with alternative course completion options.
- Other accommodations for safety as necessary.

What should I do about preserving evidence of a sexual assault?

Physical information of a sexual assault must be collected within about 96 hours of the assault for it to be useful in a criminal prosecution. If you believe you have been a victim of a sexual assault, you should call the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center (260-423-2222) or go to a hospital Emergency Room before washing yourself or your clothing. A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (a specially trained nurse called a SANE) at the hospital is on call and will counsel you. If you go to the hospital, local police will be called but you are not obligated to talk to the police or to prosecute. The exam will help to keep that option open for you should you decide later to exercise it.

The SANE nurse will collect information, check for injuries and address the possibility of exposure to sexually transmitted infections. If you have changed clothing since the assault, bring the clothing you had on at the time of the assault with you to the hospital in a clean, sanitary container such as a clean paper grocery bag or wrapped in a clean sheet. (Plastic containers do not breathe and may render forensic information useless.) If you have not changed clothes, bring a change of clothes with you to the hospital, if possible, as they will likely keep the clothes you are wearing as evidence. You can take a support person with you to the hospital and they are permitted to accompany you through the exam. Do not disturb the crime scene—leave all sheets, towels, etc. that may bear evidence for the police to collect.

Will a student be sanctioned when reporting an act of sexual misconduct if the student has illegally used drugs or alcohol?

No. The University of Saint Francis offers amnesty in such situations. The seriousness of sexual misconduct is a major concern and the University of Saint Francis does not want any of the circumstances (e.g., drug or alcohol use) to inhibit the reporting of sexual misconduct.

What should I do if I am uncertain about what happened?

If you believe that you have experienced non-consensual sexual contact, but are unsure of whether it was a violation of the University of Saint Francis's sexual misconduct policy, you should contact the Title IX Coordinator who can advise you of your options. The University of Saint Francis also provides access to counselors at the Health & Wellness Center who can help you to define and clarify the event(s). Finally, consider calling the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center to see a SANE-trained nurse if you have experienced sexual assault. The Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center is available 24 hours a day (260-423-2222).



COMMUNITY STANDARDS



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AFTER-HOURS BUILDING USE

All classroom buildings are secured after the last class or scheduled event of the day has ended. Access to a secured building is permitted for students who are doing lab work, studio work and work-study tasks in that building. To gain access after a building has been secured, you must have a valid Saint Francis ID and an After-Hours Pass. The After-Hours Pass must be filled out and signed by your professor or supervisor. Both items will need to be presented to the officer on duty at the time access is requested. Passes are valid only for the semester in which they were issued. If access is needed during holidays, spring breaks or between semesters, an After-Hours Pass specific to that time, with a valid Saint Francis ID, will be required.

ALCOHOL POLICY

The following sections describe University of Saint Francis's policy regarding the sale, service, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages on university property or at University of Saint Francis-sponsored events in accordance with federal, state and local laws.

Basic Guidelines

The legal age to purchase, possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages in the state of Indiana is 21 years of age. Saint Francis supports all local, state and federal laws relating to the use of alcoholic beverages and strictly enforces these laws both on and off campus. The university seeks to develop good habits and responsible behavior around alcohol while allowing for moderate and appropriate drinking within the guidelines provided herein. The following policy will be adhered to regarding the use of alcohol on campus:

Individuals Under the Legal Age of 21 Years:

- May not possess, consume or transport alcohol.
- Residing in Padua or Clare Hall (alcohol is not permitted in Trinity Hall or Bonzel Hall):
 - May not have alcohol present in room unless his/her roommate(s) is of legal drinking age and the alcohol belongs to the roommate(s).
 - May not allow people who are of legal drinking age to consume alcohol in the room unless they are guests of his/her roommate(s), and the roommate is of legal drinking age and is also present.
 - May not allow people who are of legal drinking age to drink in the shared space of the apartment unless the person is a guest of a suitemate who is also of legal drinking age and is present.
 - May not possess paraphernalia associated with the rapid ingestion of alcohol or drinking games, e.g. funnels, beer pong tables, etc.
 - May not possess or display alcohol signs or empty alcoholic beverage containers.

Individuals 21 Years and Older Residing in Clare Hall or Padua Hall:

- May possess moderate amounts of alcohol for personal consumption—if residing within Padua Hall or Clare Hall (alcohol is not permitted in Trinity Hall or Bonzel Hall).
 - “Moderate” amounts of alcohol are defined as: one six-pack of beer or wine cooler (i.e., Seagrams, Mike’s Hard Lemonade, Hard Cider, etc.), one 375-ml bottle of hard liquor or one 750-ml bottle of wine.
 - Students may not possess or consume liquor in excess of 100 proof, grain alcohol or possess/consume caffeinated alcoholic energy drinks (including but not limited to: Four Loko, Sparks, Joose, Spylles, 24/7).
 - May not possess paraphernalia associated with the rapid ingestion of alcohol and/or drinking games, including but not limited to funnels, beer pong tables, etc.
 - May not possess kegs or ponies of any size or similar bulk or common-source containers used for mass consumption of alcohol.
 - May not possess or consume alcoholic beverages in public areas, including but not limited to hallways, lounges, stairwells, classrooms, restrooms or anywhere on university grounds including parking lots, unless within the confines of a university-sponsored event that has been approved by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).
 - May not provide alcoholic beverages to any person under 21 years of age.
 - Must dispose of all empty alcohol containers in a responsible manner—possession of empty containers will be considered as part of the total amount a student of legal age may possess in his/her room.
- ➔ **Note:** An individual student’s privilege to possess alcohol may be terminated or suspended at any time based upon violation of these policies, violation of law, misuse of alcohol or other failure to prove responsible use. The university reserves the right to determine the responsible use of alcohol under all circumstances.



Not Permitted Regardless of Age

- Public intoxication—as indicated by appearance or behavior such as slurred speech, unstable walk, unconsciousness, alcohol on breath, vomiting or disorderliness—or offensive behavior resulting from alcohol use is prohibited.
- Off-campus guests and non-residential students are not permitted to bring alcohol onto campus regardless of age, unless within the confines of a university-sponsored event that has been approved by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).
- Alcohol use in college-owned or contracted vehicles is prohibited.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas, including but not limited to hallways, lounges, stairwells, classrooms, restrooms or anywhere on university grounds, including parking lots, unless within the confines of a university-sponsored event that has been approved by the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee). Note: Any door left open of a room containing alcohol is considered a public space.

See Residence Hall Policies for further information about the alcohol policy in the residence halls, including conditions and policies regarding social hosting.

Examples of Violations of the University Alcohol Policy

- Purchasing alcohol by a person under the age of 21.
- Selling or providing alcohol to a person under the age of 21.
- Consumption of alcohol by a person under the age of 21.
- Possession of either full or empty alcohol containers on campus by a person under the age of 21.
- Consumption of alcohol on campus outside of the guidelines identified in the Alcohol Policy.
- Showing physical or mental impairment following or resulting from alcohol use.
- Possessing empty alcohol containers or other paraphernalia for decorative purposes.
- Participating in or being present during the occurrence of any drinking game.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol.

As stated in Section 4 of the Code of Student Conduct, “Failure to comply with the reasonable directives of university officials or law enforcement officers during the performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so” is considered unacceptable behavior for a university student.

A partial list of university alcohol policy violations and their subsequent sanctions is included below. Sanctions are dependent upon a number of factors including, but not limited to: hearing officer discretion, the nature and severity of the incident, a student’s conduct history and a student’s cooperation throughout the conduct process.



Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol or Residential Life Alcohol Policy Violations

First Offense—Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:

- Participation in an alcohol education course and/or activity, at the student's expense and as determined by the Associate Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).
- Authorship of a research/reflection essay.
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students and those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years.
- Written warning up through suspension or expulsion from housing and/or the University of Saint Francis.
- Other sanctions as determined by the Conduct Officer (or designee).

Second Offense—Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:

- Mandated substance abuse assessment by an approved agency and required compliance with the assessing counselor's evaluation at the student's expense.
- Observation of one or more sessions of the County Misdemeanor or Felony Drug Court as determined by the Associate Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).
- Authorship of a research/reflection essay.
- Eligibility and/or activity restrictions.
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students and those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years.
- Written warning up through suspension or expulsion from housing and/or the University of Saint Francis.
- Other sanctions as determined by the Conduct Officer (or designee).

Third and Subsequent Offenses—Possible sanctions and institutional actions may include, but are not limited to:

- Suspension or expulsion from university housing and/or the University of Saint Francis.
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years.
- Other sanctions as determined by the Conduct Officer (or designee).

Purchasing, Selling or Providing Alcohol to Minors

First Offense—Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:

- Participation in an alcohol education course and/or activity at the student's expense and as determined by the responsible authority (or designee).
- Mandated substance abuse assessment by an approved agency and required compliance with the assessing counselor's evaluation.
- Observation of one or more sessions of the County Misdemeanor or Felony Drug Court as determined by the responsible authority (or designee).
- Authorship of a research/reflection essay.
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years.
- Eligibility and/or activity restrictions.
- Written warning up through suspension or expulsion from housing and/or the University of Saint Francis.
- Community service hours to be performed at a specific location as determined by the responsible authority (or designee).
- Other sanctions as determined by the responsible authority (or designee).

Second and Subsequent Offenses—Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:

- Suspension or expulsion from the University of Saint Francis.
- Notification of law enforcement authorities.
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years.
- Other sanctions as determined by the responsible authority (or designee).



Achatz Hall of Science John and Toni Murray Research Center

In honor of John and Toni Murray, the University of Saint Francis cherishes the friendship and transformational support of Toni (71, 72); the memory of John, a loving husband and successful entrepreneur; and the legacy of Toni's mother, Wanda Cierniewski, an inspirational trailblazer for women pursuing careers in science.

Driving Under the Influence/Driving While Intoxicated

The University of Saint Francis is concerned about students who violate state and local laws regarding consumption of alcohol and the operation of motor vehicles. In accordance with state law, the university abides by the legal definition of intoxicated as “not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties by reason of introduction of alcohol, a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, a combination of two or more of those substances, or any other substance into the body” or 0.08 Breath or Blood Alcohol Concentration. In addition, students under the legal minimum drinking age of 21 years who are found to have any detectable amount of alcohol in their systems will be considered driving under the influence of alcohol and subject to penalties under that offense.

First Offense—Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of driving and/or parking privileges on campus for a specified period of time.
- Participation in an alcohol education course and/or activity, at the student’s expense and as determined by the Conduct Officer (or designee).
- Observation of one or more sessions of the County Misdemeanor or Felony Drug Court as determined by the Conduct Officer (or designee).
- Community service hours to be performed at a specific location as determined by the Conduct Officer (or designee).
- Authorship of a research/reflection essay.
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years.
- Eligibility and/or activity restrictions.
- Written warning up through suspension or expulsion from the University of Saint Francis.
- Other sanctions as determined by the Conduct Officer (or designee).

Second and Subsequent Offenses—Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:

- Suspension or expulsion from the University of Saint Francis.
- Notification of law enforcement authorities.
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students and those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years.
- Other sanctions as determined by the appropriate authority (or designee).



COMPLAINT AND COMMENT PROCEDURES

The university and its staff strive to improve student services and welcome input from students. All students are encouraged to resolve concerns or complaints directly with the appropriate faculty, staff, department chairs or deans in an informal manner unless a university policy or procedure exists (examples are the Academic Grade Appeal Policy and Procedure and the Harassment/Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedure). If the informal communication does not adequately address a student's concerns, the student may contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs for academic concerns and the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life for non-academic or student life concerns.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs or the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life will review the situation and will either respond personally to the complaint or direct the appropriate member of the institution to do so within ten days of receipt of the complaint.

➔ **Please note:** Due to federal regulations, the university generally only corresponds with students, not parents or guardians.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The university may disclose directory information about a student without prior consent of the student. "Directory information" is information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed and includes the student's name, addresses (local and permanent), e-mail address, telephone number, date and place of birth, photograph, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate, full time or part time), degrees and awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams and the most recent educational institution attended. A student has the right to withhold the release of directory information. Students may withhold directory information by notifying the Registrar in writing. The university will honor these requests for one academic year; therefore, authorization to withhold directory information must be filed by students annually in the Registrar's Office.

If a student wishes to grant someone else, such as a parent, access to information contained in the student's educational record (i.e., financial aid, billing, grades, etc.), the student must fill out and sign an Authorization for Release of Information form. These forms are available in the Registrar's Office.



Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990

The Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (now known as the Clery Act) is a federal mandate which requires that all current students and employees be provided with information on policies and procedures involving campus security, the reporting of criminal action or other emergencies and the enforcement authority of security personnel. This information must also include descriptions of programs for students and employees about campus security and crime prevention, as well as statistics on the occurrence of specific crimes. Notification of the annual security report is made by the University of Saint Francis's Director of Security and the full report is posted on the University of Saint Francis website each October. Hard copies are available from Campus Security upon request.

FISHING POLICY

Current students, employees and the accompanied guests of those students and employees are welcome to fish in the south basin of Mirror Lake. A signed University of Saint Francis fishing permit is required and can be obtained at the Security Office. Valid university ID is required to obtain a permit. Regulations and restrictions are printed on the permit.



FREE SPEECH POLICY

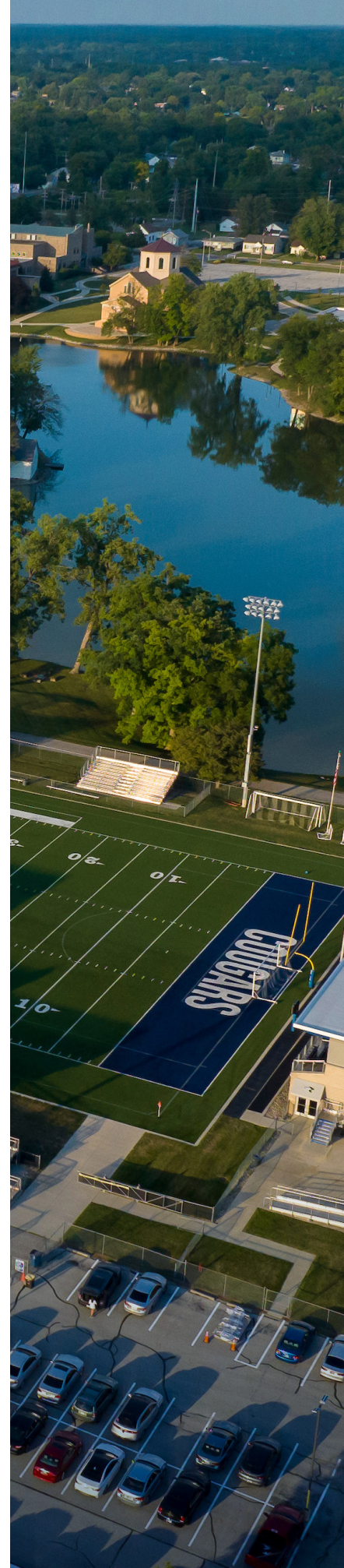
The University of Saint Francis supports every individual's right to freedom of expression consistent with the appropriate forum in which the expression is made. Saint Francis also recognizes the importance of fostering a “trustful, prayerful, community of learners” who “reverence the unique dignity of each person.” As such, we intentionally foster a culture of engagement characterized by mutual respect that supports the Catholic intellectual tradition of faith and reason.

Within the classroom, visual and/or aural demonstrations, depictions or conduct that may sometimes be offensive to an individual will not be restricted when there is a legitimate and necessary pedagogical context, such as material having an appropriate connection to course subject matter. Similarly, campus discourse on topics of political, artistic or social issues that are conducted consistent with the nature of the forum and reasonable institutional limitations (registration to use space, time, place and manner regulations, etc.) that are clear and unambiguous will be supported. Such license, however, should never be in conflict with the mission of the institution.

Expression that is severe, persistent and objectively offensive, that is directed toward an individual or group based upon that individual's or group's protected status (e.g., sex/ gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability or age) and has the effect that limits or denies educational or employment access, participation, benefits or opportunities is not a protected form of speech or expression, and may form the basis of a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, specifically under harassment, bullying or related discrimination policies. Other limitations on free speech include endangering or threatening others; inciting violence; using “fighting words” directed at an individual or group that directly provokes violence; defamation; obscenity; and expression that has a discriminatory effect such that it limits or denies someone's educational or employment access, participation, benefits and/or opportunities.

GAMBLING

Students are expected to abide by the federal laws and the laws of Indiana regarding gambling. Gambling for money or other things of value on campus or at University of Saint Francis-sponsored activities is prohibited except as permitted by law. Such prohibited activity includes, but is not limited to: betting on, wagering on or selling pools on any University of Saint Francis athletic event; possessing on one's person or premises (e.g., room, residence unit, car) any card, book or other device for registering bets; knowingly permitting the use of one's premises or one's phone or other electronic communications device for illegal gambling; knowingly receiving or delivering a letter, package or parcel related to illegal gambling; offering, soliciting or accepting a bribe to influence the outcome of an athletic event; and involvement in bookmaking or wagering pools with respect to athletic events.



GUEST SPEAKERS

It is the policy of the campus to foster a spirit of free inquiry and to encourage the timely discussion of the broad range of issues that concern our community, provided that the views expressed are stated openly and are subject to critical evaluation.

Student Club/Organization Responsibilities

A registered student club or organization may invite guest speakers to the campus, subject to the following provisions:

1. Sponsorship must be by a registered student club or organization, or an organization that is recognized by the institution.
2. Proper arrangements must be made, consistent with institutional policy, to use University of Saint Francis facilities.
3. It is incumbent on the student club or organization to clearly communicate that any content shared by an invited guest speaker is his or her own personal viewpoint and may not be endorsed by the University of Saint Francis.
4. The student club or organization must take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that meetings are conducted in an orderly manner. This may necessitate consultation with campus security and/or the hiring of outside security.
5. The student club or organization must attempt to observe and maintain decorum during all meetings to maintain good order.
6. Guest speakers must be approved in advance by the Dean of Students. The Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life reserves the right to override any approval of a guest speaker.

HAZING

All acts of hazing are prohibited. As defined by this policy, any such acts, whether committed by an individual student or sanctioned or promoted by any University of Saint Francis-registered student club or organization (and any of its members or alumni) are prohibited. Students are entitled to be treated with consideration and respect, and no individual may perform an act that is likely to cause physical or psychological harm to any other person within the university community. Accordingly, any such behavior is expressly forbidden when related to the admission, initiation, joining or any other group-affiliation activity.

Any student or organization found to be involved in any hazing activity will face conduct action and may be subjected to suspension or expulsion from the University of Saint Francis. A violation of this policy may exist regardless of any alleged voluntary or consensual participation in the activity by the person(s) being abused.

ILLEGAL DRUG POLICY

The following sections describe University of Saint Francis's policy regarding the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession and use of illegal drugs on or off university property or at University of Saint Francis-sponsored events or programs in accordance with federal, state and local laws. Consistent with local, state and federal law, the sale, use, possession, manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs or drug-related paraphernalia, including the misuse and/or unauthorized distribution of prescribed drugs, is strictly forbidden both on and off campus. Infraction of these laws constitutes a violation of the Code of Student Conduct and shall be addressed through the university's student conduct process.

Examples of violations include, but are not limited to:

- Misusing over-the-counter drugs.
- Misusing or sharing prescription drugs.
- Possessing medications that are not in properly marked containers identifying the medication and patient.
- Possessing, using, being under the influence of, distributing or manufacturing any form of illegal drug.
- Possessing paraphernalia (i.e., rolling papers, pipes, bongs, etc.) for intended or implied use of any form of illegal drug.
- Possessing paraphernalia that contains or appears to contain illegal drug residue.
- Purchasing or passing illegal drugs from one person to another.
- Using mail services to purchase, pass or distribute illegal drugs.

This policy provides flexibility for the University of Saint Francis in addressing drug-related offenses which occur on or off campus. Moreover, it permits the university to address its fundamental mission of holistic education and the development of human potential. While recognizing that there is a need to address violations related to the use or possession of controlled substances, the university must address the education and well-being of all its students and employees. In addition to University of Saint Francis-imposed sanctions, students and employees are subject to all legal sanctions under federal, state and local law for any offenses involving illegal drugs on university property or at university activities.

Violations of the University of Saint Francis Illegal Drug Policy

A partial list of University of Saint Francis drug policy violations and their possible subsequent sanctions is included below.



Manufacture, Sale or Distribution of Illegal Drugs:

First Offense—Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to:

- Expulsion from the University of Saint Francis.
- Notification of parents/guardians of students under 21 years of age and older dependent students.
- Notification of law enforcement authorities.
- Other sanctions as determined by the Dean of Students (or designee).

For the Possession or Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Synthetic Substances and/or Illegal Drugs:

Drug paraphernalia (e.g., bongos, pipes, grinders, etc.), illegal drugs and synthetic substances (e.g., K2, Spice, etc.) whose common purpose is to replicate the effects of illegal substances are prohibited on campus.

First Offense—Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to:

- Suspension or expulsion from University of Saint Francis housing.
- Suspension from the University of Saint Francis for a period of not less than the remainder of the semester in which the infraction occurred.
- Participation in a drug education activity, at the student's expense and as determined by the Dean of Students (or designee).
- Mandated substance abuse assessment by an approved agency, at the student's expense, and required compliance with the assessing counselor's evaluation.
- Observation of one or more sessions of the County Misdemeanor or Felony Drug Court as determined by the Dean of Students (or designee).
- Authorship of a research/reflection essay.
- Eligibility and/or activity restrictions.
- Notification of parents/guardians of students under 21 years of age and older dependent students.
- Notification of law enforcement authorities.
- Other sanctions as determined by the Dean of Students (or designee).

Second Offense—Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to:

- Expulsion from the University of Saint Francis.
- Notification of parents/guardians of students under 21 years of age and older dependent students.
- Notification of law enforcement authorities.
- Other sanctions as determined by the Dean of Students (or designee).



POSTING POLICY

The University of Saint Francis supports the freedom to publicize activities and distribute materials by internal or external entities relating to functions on and off campus which benefit the University of Saint Francis community and are consistent with the value of the University of Saint Francis. External entities are required to contact the Office of Student Life for permission to post; no solicitation is permitted without the express consent of the Dean of Students (or designee).

Signs, posters, chalkings, napkin dispensers, or any other promotional material not in accordance with the University of Saint Francis mission and values will be removed immediately. A balance of free speech and community standards will be enforced by Student Life. Restrictions may include, but are not limited to, materials that depict violence, obscenity, defamation of an individual or group, or activity that is incongruent with the Code of Student Conduct.

Individuals and campus clubs or organizations assume full responsibility and liability for posted material. Individuals are responsible for ensuring that the posting policy is understood by anyone posting on behalf of the organization or individual.

General Posting

Approval must be obtained prior to making use of the residence halls or campus facilities for the sale, promotion, posting or distribution of any type of material. All material must have a sponsor responsible for the material stated directly on each piece and adhere to all policies that apply.

All printed materials posted or distributed on campus by students and guests must receive approval from the Dean of Students (or designee). Printed materials include flyers, posters, banners, announcements and advertisements.

All postings associated with off-campus organizations, programs, or individuals must adhere to the university policies and procedures.

Additional Approvals

The Dean of Students (or designee) must approve all promotional material for any and all activities before it is posted.

Academic and Administrative office posters do not need approval through the Office of Student Life, but should be marked with department and date (Financial Aid Office, December 10, 2024, Do not remove until December 31, 2024).

The promoting group must obtain permission of the appropriate department to post on bulletin boards in Academic/Administrative areas for non-departmental ads.

Literature Distribution

Literature distribution must be supervised by a student member of the sponsoring registered organization. Non-students may not distribute literature on campus without specific approval of the Dean of Students (or designee).

Each sponsoring organization will be held responsible for the conduct of the distribution activity, including the behavior of any non-student participant.

On Campus: The distribution must be made only in designated areas (see approved posting locations, below). Calling out to people to facilitate the distribution of literature is not permitted. Absolutely no printed materials may be placed on automobiles parked on University of Saint Francis property.

Off Campus: Posting or distribution of materials at an off-campus location requires permission of the proprietor.

Posting Guidelines

Masking tape, blue painter's tape or tacks are suitable for posting on a bulletin board. Persons posting are responsible for providing all materials. A reasonable amount of posted material is permissible.

Materials may remain posted for a maximum of 30 days or until the day after the announced event, whichever is sooner, and the sponsoring group is responsible for removal. Groups may be fined if materials are not removed the day after an event.



Approved Posting Locations

- Academic Buildings: Bulletin boards located in Achatz, Doermer, Pope John Paul II Center, North Campus, Rolland
- Administrative Buildings: Bulletin boards in Trinity Hall
- Campus Ministry: Bulletin boards inside the Campus Ministry building and outside on the walkway
- Library: Designated areas in the Vann Library
- Residence Halls: Provide posting materials to the Office of Residential Life; the Residential Life staff will distribute these materials once they have been approved (the Director of Residential Life may provide permission for the club/organization to disseminate directly)
- Sidewalks: Chalking is acceptable no more than two days before an event; messages must be removed no later than 24 hours after the event
- Cougar Den: Designated bulletin board

Additional Guidelines for Posting

In addition to flyers, posters and banners, the following methods for advertising are acceptable on campus:

- Bulletin boards and strips
- SGA monthly stall calendars
- Yard signs
- Plastic table toppers or flyers that fit in napkin dispensers
- All exit signs and doors must remain visible and clear
- All campus-related advertisements must bear the name of the sponsoring club/organization

Table Tents and Napkin Dispensers

Table tents may be used in campus dining facilities according to these guidelines:

- Table tents may be placed on dining tables in Trinity Dining Hall, The Hideout Cafe and Holy Grounds Coffee Shop
 - For a maximum of one week
 - No more than two table tents are permitted on each table. One table tent is reserved for SGA or SAC
- Sponsoring organizations will place table tents and remove them
- Reservations for table tents must be secured through the Office of Student Life
- The same regulations apply for inserts into the napkin dispensers

Chalking

Chalking is permitted on campus according to these guidelines:

- Organizations may chalk most university pedestrian walkways
- Chalking is not allowed on buildings, artwork, bridges, or under overhangs
- Liquid chalk and/or paint is not permitted

Social Media

Please see the Social Media Guidelines for usage in the Student Handbook.

Posting Violations

Posting materials without proper approval(s).

Posting materials on brick pillars or light stands.

Posters with reference to alcohol.

Use of two-sided, electrical or duct tape.

Covering another announcement or impairing an individual's line of sight.

Posting on glass doors or windows, painted or varnished surface.

Distribution on cars parked on campus.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in losing the privilege to distribute or post printed materials on campus for a period of time to be specified by the Dean of Students (or designee).



PREGNANCY RESOURCES

For a student facing a pregnancy, physical, emotional and spiritual issues can suddenly become overwhelming. In keeping with our mission and identity as a Catholic, Franciscan university, Saint Francis is committed to life and to offering students resources that support the choice of life. The University of Saint Francis will correspondingly make every effort to provide pregnant students with caring, non-judgmental, professional assistance and support. Assistance is also available for those affected by the pregnancy of someone close to them. Counseling is always available both during and after pregnancy, through the university's counseling resources and through Campus Ministry.

Pregnancy and Post-Pregnancy Resources:

Catholic Charities ECHO (in partnership with Lutheran Social Services)
Women's Care Center, 877-908-2341
A Hope Center, 224-585-3544 (call or text)

Post-Abortion Recovery Resources

Project Rachel (email projectrachelhope@gmail.com)

Project Rachel is a post-abortion reconciliation program offered by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. This ministry offers hope and healing for all those who suffer from the pain of abortion and its aftermath. If you are hurting, know that your church cares and understands. God is loving and forgiving, and in His name the Church reaches out to you with compassion and concern. Project Rachel ministers to and counsels individuals of all religions.

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Rachel's Vineyard can help you find your inner voice. It can help you experience God's love and compassion on a profound level. It creates a place where women and men can share, often for the first time, their deepest feelings about abortion. You are allowed to dismantle troubling secrets in an environment of emotional and spiritual safety. Rachel's Vineyard is therapy for the soul. Participants who have been trapped in anger toward themselves or others experience forgiveness. Peace is found. Lives are restored. A sense of hope and meaning for the future is rediscovered.



RELIGION/ASSOCIATION

Students have the right to exercise their religious convictions and associate with religious, political or other organizations of their choice, provided they do so in a manner that respects the rights of other members of the community and complies with the Code of Student of Conduct. Student organizations have the right to affiliate members who subscribe to organizational tenets, beliefs and/or principles as long as all recognized organizations also abide by the University of Saint Francis's non-discrimination policy.

RIGHT OF INSPECTION

The university reserves the right to open and inspect any university-owned locker, room, desk or cabinet, with probable cause, and examine any package, purse, bag or containers on campus, including electronic media. The university also reserves the right to open and inspect any vehicle on campus property.

If a student is suspected of possessing any prohibited materials, the university has the right, and the obligation, to inspect that student's room and suite/apartment. This includes university property such as desks, lockers, other storage devices and any containers that have been furnished by the students, including vehicles. When a search is deemed necessary, it will be conducted by a member within the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life and a member of Security. Searches will be conducted at the convenience of the university.



SALES AND SOLICITATION

Canvassing or solicitation for funds, sales or subscriptions is prohibited on campus or in University of Saint Francis buildings unless written permission has been granted by the Dean of Students (or designee). Additionally, outside and for-profit groups are not allowed to sell items or solicit members of the university community on campus without prior approval from the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).

Posters, flyers and other event advertisements pertaining to sales and solicitation for funds, sales or subscriptions must be approved by the Dean of Students (or designee) prior to posting or distribution.

The sale of merchandise, services or publications on university property, other than by contracted vendors, departments or divisions of the University of Saint Francis, is likewise prohibited except upon written permission of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee).

For information about Fundraising, please see the Student Sales and Fundraising Policy.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

The Marketing Department manages the University of Saint Francis's brand identity and collaborates with others across the university to ensure that all communications serve the university's mission and values.

Saint Francis faculty, staff and students should observe the same professional and behavioral standards online and when using social media as they would in person.

Guidelines for All Social Media Usage:

1. Think before you post. If you would not say something in public, do not post it online.
2. Be respectful. You can be held legally liable for comments you make online.
3. Read, follow and obey the Terms of Service for all social media tools.
4. Do not post confidential or proprietary information. Adhere to university policies and procedures as well as federal standards such as FERPA and HIPAA.
5. Be respectful of copyrighted and trademarked information.
6. Be transparent and authentic. Make it clear that your views are your own and are not necessarily representative of the university.

Blogging/social media views expressed by members of the campus community on social media, websites, blogs or in other public forums do not necessarily represent the view of the University of Saint Francis. The university may respond with disciplinary or legal action toward students who post material that is offensive, sexually explicit, encourages violence, attacks an individual's character, violates law or encourages behavior inconsistent with University of Saint Francis's mission and values.

Guidelines for Institutional Social Media Usage:

You may find that your department, program, club or organization is better served by creating and maintaining its own site. If you post on behalf of the university, all policies and guidelines must be followed.

1. Get approval from your supervisor, director, dean and/or club advisor before creating an official social media presence.
2. When posting online, acknowledge that you are representing the University of Saint Francis.
3. When naming your site, use official names and not pseudonyms.
4. Regularly monitor postings on all social media sites where you have a presence. Respond when appropriate, but never engage in hostile exchanges. Remove comments that are vulgar, obscene, defamatory or libelous. Notify Marketing if such comments appear on your site.
5. Post relevant and timely information. If you no longer want to operate your site, please disable or delete it.
6. Verify that all information is accurate before you post. When mistakes are made, retract or correct them immediately.
7. Use university-approved logos for official sites. Do not alter any University of Saint Francis logos or insignia.
8. When possible, link back to the University of Saint Francis website.
9. Read, follow and obey the Terms of Service for all social media tools.

The University of Saint Francis reserves the right to disable and/or report any social media site or page that does not follow these policies or the Terms of Service as described by the entity. Social media accounts may be used as evidence in the conduct process.



STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

The University of Saint Francis supports and is subject to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This act affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. The rights afforded by FERPA are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education record within 45 days of the day the university receives a request for access. A student wishing to review his or her academic education records must make a written request to the Registrar's Office. A student wishing to review his/her student life records must make a written request to the Student Life Office. The request must list the specific records the student wishes to inspect and review. The Registrar and/or Student Life Office will arrange for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request an amendment of any part of the student's education records that he or she believes is inaccurate. Students may ask the university to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write to the university official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want to be changed and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the university decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the university will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education record, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the university in an administrative, supervisory, academic or support staff position (including law enforcement and health staff); a person or company with whom the university has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the university may disclose education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. Another exception is the release of the student's educational record to parents of a dependent student.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the university to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is available from the Registrar's Office.



STUDENT SALES AND FUNDRAISING

To ensure that the University of Saint Francis and its constituents are aware of all fundraising activities and events that take place throughout the calendar year, this fundraising policy provides processes and procedures for fundraising proposals. To avoid duplication and provide a framework for approvals, the following policy outlines the process for requesting permission to fundraise as a university-recognized student group at the University of Saint Francis. Approved proposals will be added to the Student Fundraiser Calendar. This policy is not intended to create roadblocks, but rather to promote proper planning and adequate time for quality programs.

Definitions:

- Fundraising is defined as the collection of money or goods through donations, sales and/or event programming for the purpose of charitable donation or budget enhancement (for food sales, please see the Food and Catering Policy).
- Student fundraising at the University of Saint Francis can be identified at three different levels:
 1. University-led initiatives (e.g., projects by Advancement, institution-wide campaigns such as U Can Crush Hunger, Formula for Life, etc.).
 2. Departmental-led initiatives (e.g., Athletics Department, Campus Ministry offerings, etc.).
 3. University-recognized student group-led initiatives.

For the purposes of this policy, a university-recognized student group shall be defined as a collection of students associated with or sponsored by:

- Recognized clubs.
- Recognized organizations.
- Athletic teams.
- University-offered courses and subsequent projects.

The aim of this policy is to provide approval for and registration of the fundraising efforts that take place at the third-level, university-recognized student group-led initiatives.

Administration of the Policy

The Office of Student Life will provide oversight of the student fundraising policy, maintain an online student fundraising calendar and communicate with individuals/offices. The approval process will be as follows:

An online Fundraising Request Form will be completed by the requester and automatically submitted to the Office of Student Life. Any additional permission materials (i.e., dining services, bookstore, imprinted merchandise) should be forwarded to the Office of Student Life.



Fundraising as Part of a Class

1. Fundraising requests that are part of a course will be immediately forwarded to the School's Dean for class projects in courses offered by a School. The Dean will also receive information from the Student Fundraising Calendar of previously approved projects for the same period as listed on the request form and additional permission information that has been submitted.
2. Advancement will receive a copy of the fundraising request, the name of the Dean reviewing the request and instructions to contact the Dean if they have any concerns.
3. The Dean will communicate his/her decision to the student and send a copy of the decision to the Office of Student Life so the fundraising event can be added to the Student Fundraising Calendar.

Clubs Connected to a School

1. The Fundraising Request Form shall be submitted at least one week in advance of the date the requester needs a decision.
2. Fundraising requests from a club connected to a School will be forwarded to the School's Dean along with information on any approved fundraising projects for the same time period as listed on the request form and any additional permission materials that have been submitted.
3. Advancement will receive a copy of the fundraising request with instructions to contact the Dean reviewing the request if they have any concerns.
4. The Dean will communicate his/her decision to the club and send a copy of the decision to the Office of Student Life to be added to the Student Fundraising Calendar.

Athletic Teams, Campus Life and Campus Ministry

1. The fundraising request form shall be submitted at least one week in advance of the date the requester needs a decision.
2. Fundraising requests from student groups will be forwarded as listed below with any student fundraising-approved projects for the same time period listed on the request form and additional permission that has been submitted:
 - Athletic Teams: Athletic Director
 - Campus Ministry: Director of Campus Ministry
 - Campus Life (including clubs and organizations not affiliated with a School): Dean of Students
3. Advancement will receive a copy of the fundraising request with instructions to contact the individual reviewing the request if they have any concerns.
4. The individual reviewing the request will communicate his/her decision to the student group and send a copy of the decision to the Office of Student Life to be added to the Student Fundraising Calendar.

University-Sponsored Trip Expenses

Students who desire to fundraise to meet trip expenses for University of Saint Francis-sponsored national or international trips may engage in on- or off-campus fundraising. Funds received through these efforts may be utilized to meet trip expenses such as airfare, ground transportation, housing, meals and trip-related activities. Funds may not be used to cover course-related tuition fees, should a course be tied to the trip.

1. The online Fundraising Request Form shall be submitted to the Office of Student Life.
2. Fundraising requests for trip-related expenses that are not attached to an academic course will be immediately forwarded to the sponsoring Department Head for approval. At the same time, Advancement will receive a copy of the fundraising request and may contact the Department Head if they have any concerns.
3. The Department Head will communicate his/her decision to the student and send a copy of the decision to the Office of Student Life so the fundraising event can be added to the Student Fundraising Calendar.
4. Fundraising requests for trip-related expenses that are attached to an academic course will be forwarded to the Dean of the School offering the course. The process will be the same as listed above.



Petitioning for an Exception to the Fundraising Policy

If a university-recognized student group desires to sponsor a fundraiser that does not meet the guidelines identified in this policy, the sponsoring university-recognized student group may submit a letter of petition explaining the proposed fundraiser, the intended benefactor and a rationale for the proposed fundraiser (i.e., why an exception should be made to this policy). In addition to the letter of petition, the sponsoring university-recognized student group must complete a Fundraising Request Form and supply additional information as requested.

The Appeals Committee will be as follows:

- Minimally, two individuals in areas of the university outside of Student Life.
- Additional campus personnel, as necessary.
- Decisions will be based on input from related areas (see above), Development, Marketing, Fundraising Guidelines and the Student Fundraising Calendar.

Individuals or organizations may not sell or solicit donations off campus in the name of the University of Saint Francis unless prior authorization is given by the Dean of Students and the Vice President of Institutional Advancement.

SURVEY POLICY

Anyone who wishes to survey all students, or large groups of students, must first obtain written approval from the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE). Please allow at least one week for the OIRE approval process. Surveys that are part of an academic requirement must first have the instructor's written approval before authorization will be given by the OIRE. This policy does not apply to classroom opinion polls or questionnaires that will be distributed to a single class by a faculty member. Formal research projects done by students, faculty or staff will require approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Please note that the IRB process can take several weeks to complete.

Appealing a Fundraising Decision/ Petitioning an Exception to the Policy

Decisions on requests for course-related fundraising activities cannot be appealed.

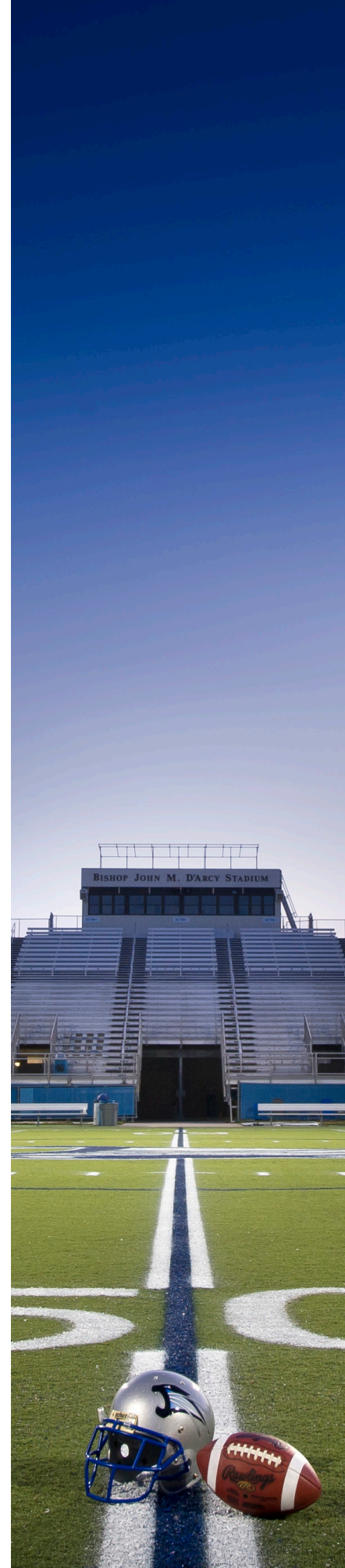
TAILGATING POLICY, D'ARCY STADIUM

As a Catholic university that respects the dignity of each individual, the University of Saint Francis seeks to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit. In this spirit, university security personnel are authorized to remove any individual(s) from campus whose behavior becomes unruly, argumentative, unethical or irresponsible, or who poses a danger to themselves or others.

Tailgating Policy:

1. Tailgating is allowed three hours prior to the game and two hours after the game.
2. Each vehicle is permitted to utilize only one parking space.
3. Large vehicles (i.e., motor homes, trucks with trailers, etc.) are to park in the North or East Campus parking lots.
4. Overnight parking associated with attending a football game is prohibited.
5. Alcoholic beverage consumption by individuals under the age of 21 is prohibited on campus.
6. Permitted areas for alcohol consumption at football games include the designated tailgate areas and the South End Zone corporate hospitality area.
7. Alcoholic beverages must be in cans, plastic bottles or plastic cups. Glass bottles, beer kegs and party kegs are strictly prohibited. Failure to abide by this policy will result in the immediate confiscation of the alcohol.
8. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on campus.
9. No amplified music (DJ, PA systems, oversized speakers, etc.) is allowed in the tailgate area. The university reserves the right to terminate any music that is deemed inappropriate to others in the area.
10. Devices/activities promoting/contributing to excessive consumption of alcohol, personal fireworks, weapons, firepits and bonfires are prohibited and subject to confiscation.
11. Admission to the Corporate Hospitality Area near the South End Zone is by invitation only.
12. Pets on campus must be leashed and controlled at all times. Pets are not permitted inside the stadium.
13. University security personnel are authorized to remove any individual from campus whose behavior becomes unruly, argumentative, unethical or irresponsible.
14. Tailgaters will be held responsible for damage caused to university property.
15. The university is hereby expressly released and discharged from any and all liabilities for any loss, injury or damages to person or property.

This policy has been developed for the comfort and safety of all Cougar football participants and fans. We appreciate your cooperation.



UNMANNED AIRCRAFT (DRONES)

The operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) including, but not limited to, drones and model aircraft, is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and relevant state law. The University of Saint Francis has established procedures required to ensure compliance with those legal obligations and to reduce risks to safety, security and privacy.

The University of Saint Francis must comply with FAA requirements, state law and any other locally applicable laws or regulations regarding UAS. Inherent risks in the operation of such equipment require additional insurance provisions and policy considerations.

Procedures:

- All members of the University of Saint Francis community are personally responsible for complying with FAA regulations, state and federal laws, and university policies. This includes the registration of the unmanned aircraft system (UAS) with the FAA. A copy of the FAA registration must be sent to the Office of Risk Management.
- Any university employee or student wishing to operate a UAS as part of their employment or as part of a university program must first contact the Office of Risk Management to assess the use of the UAS.
- Any university employee or student wishing to operate a personal UAS must first register the UAS with the Office of Risk Management and provide proof of FAA registration and insurance coverage (if applicable), and sign a waiver in which they assume all responsibility for the operation of the UAS and any damage and/or injuries that may result from the operation of their personal UAS. The operation of UAS for personal or recreational use is only allowed at Shields Field and only when it is not being used as parking for other university events.
- In operating a UAS for the purpose of recording or transmitting visual images, operators must take all reasonable measures to avoid violations of areas normally considered to be private. Indiana state law provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally places a camera or electronic surveillance equipment that records images or data of any kind while unattended on the private property of another person without the consent of the owner or tenant of the property commits a Class A misdemeanor.



Prohibited Uses:

- The operation of UAS for personal or recreational use is prohibited at or above all University of Saint Francis property other than Shields Field.
- UAS shall not be used to monitor or record areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy in accordance with accepted social norms. These areas include, but are not limited to, restrooms, locker rooms, individual residence hall rooms, changing or dressing rooms, etc.
- UAS shall not be used to monitor or record residential hallways or lounges.
- UAS shall not be used to monitor or record sensitive institutional or personal information which may be found, for example, on an individual's workspaces, computers or other electronic displays.

Any violations of this or other university policies by students will be subject to the conduct process outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and may result in disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion from the university.

Confiscated items from students may be returned to the owner at the discretion of the Vice President for Catholic Culture and Student Life (or designee) and Campus Security.

WITHDRAWAL DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

A student may request a withdrawal due to extenuating circumstances (including medical reasons) for circumstances that are reasonably beyond the student's control which have caused the student to be unable to attend classes, complete the semester or otherwise become delinquent academically. All withdrawals due to extenuating circumstances are decided on a case-by-case basis and will need verifying documentation. The student should contact the Student Success and Academic Advising Center to initiate the request and receive information about the withdrawal process.

BREACHES OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS

In cases of alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct, Community Standards or Residential Community Standards and/or other university policies, university officials will implement the student conduct process as identified in the Code of Student Conduct. The conduct process includes educational conduct meetings to investigate responsibility and, when necessary, to administer sanctions in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and Community Standards. Appeals must follow the Appeals Procedures outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE



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INTRODUCTION

Any community, including ours, must develop community standards, which serve as a guideline for fostering a healthy living environment. The policies located in the Code of Student Conduct apply to all students. In addition, residential students will adhere to the following policies and procedures in an effort to positively contribute to the community.

All University of Saint Francis residential students will be expected to:

- Recognize and respect the educational mission of the university and the need for students to maintain a climate that supports this mission in the residence halls.
- Uphold the Franciscan values.
- Respect the physical and emotional rights of all other residents.
- Properly care for the residence hall facilities.
- Recognize that academic and personal development are the primary reasons for residing in this community.
- Accept responsibility for one's own behavior at all times.



REQUIRED HOUSING POLICY

The university requires that all full-time undergraduate students reside on campus for two academic years, with the exception of any of the following conditions:

- You are 21 years of age prior to the start of the academic year in which you are enrolling.
- You live with a parent or legal guardian at their primary residence within a 50-mile radius of Saint Francis. Owning or purchasing real estate within the 50-mile radius of Saint Francis does not qualify.
- You are a transfer student who has completed two academic years at another institution.
- You are married (supporting documents required).
- You have dependent children living with you (supporting documents required).
- You are independent by tax definition (supporting documents required).
- You are enrolled in a fully online program or attend on-site classes in Crown Point or Lafayette.

Students who are required to live on campus and do not follow University of Saint Francis guidelines, falsify information, or do not comply with university policy may not be eligible for University of Saint Francis financial aid, including academic and athletic scholarships.

Petitioning for Exemption from Required Housing Policy

Because the University of Saint Francis believes in the positive influence and benefits of living on campus, students must follow the housing policy and are encouraged to participate fully in all aspects of Residential Life programming.

Students whose situation meets one of the criteria below may petition for an exemption from the Required Housing Policy.

Criteria for Exemption Petition

Please note: Cost savings is not a qualifying reason for petitioning.

- Documented medical condition that requires special living accommodations that Residential Life cannot reasonably provide.
- Extenuating personal circumstance that prevents you from living on campus.



The deadline for submitting exemption petitions is two weeks prior to the start of each term. Contact Residential Life at reslife@sf.edu to request a petition form.



RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is a programming and legislative organization for resident students. RHA provides a representative voice for the resident students in the housing system. Executive Board membership includes the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and various Ad Hoc Committee memberships. Membership in RHA consists of resident students from each residence hall who have a sincere desire to improve residential life at the University of Saint Francis.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT

As a condition of the housing contract, the student agrees to be aware of and abide by all published rules in the Code of Student Conduct and all housing regulations. These are outlined in the Student Handbook and in the housing intent form. All residential students agree to be positive contributors to the residential community.

Violation of the terms of the housing contract or any of the rules and regulations outlined in the Student Handbook will normally be handled through the student conduct process. However, the university reserves the right to treat such violations as a breach of contract. Further, students dismissed from the residence halls or from the university during the semester for disciplinary reasons are not entitled to a refund of their housing deposit or payment made toward the semester housing.



ALCOHOL POLICY

See Alcohol Policy in Community Standards section.

BABYSITTING

Due to the possible danger to small children, the university prohibits babysitting within the residence halls. Guests under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or have prior permission of the Director of Residential Life to visit. Residential students who are also parents may have their children visit for short periods of time, but children are not permitted to spend the night with their parents in the residence halls.



CONSOLIDATION POLICY

A student whose roommate does not check in at the start of the semester, or leaves prior to the end of the semester, may be required to participate in a consolidation process to maximize the utilization of residence hall space. A student involved in the consolidation process may:

1. Retain the room and pay additional costs to keep the room private.
2. Retain the room accommodation with a new roommate of his/her choice.
3. Be assigned to another room or have a person assigned to live in the room with them by the Office of Residential Life.

Residents will be asked to choose a roommate before the end of the third week in each semester. Decisions made by students in writing are final for the remainder of the semester.

DAMAGE AND CLEANING CHARGES: GROUP BILLING

In cases of damage or vandalism, and/or extreme cleaning needs, every effort will be made to make the resident(s) responsible for the damage accountable for the costs of repair and/or cleaning. If the responsible parties are not identified, costs for damages and/or necessary cleaning may be split among residents in the area where the damage occurred, for example, floor, wing, apartment, etc. In cases of damage to common areas (TV lounge, bathrooms, study room, laundry area, etc.), fees may be charged to all residents of the hall. In cases where common areas are in need of cleaning beyond that which is provided regularly, fees may be charged to all residents of the hall.



ENTRY INTO RESIDENCE HALL ROOM

The intent of this policy is to provide protection for the rights of each student while at the same time providing residential staff members and university officials the means to maintain and protect the educational environment and the safety of the community. Entry into and/or a room search of any student's room, suite or apartment may be conducted by Resident Assistants, Resident Directors or other university officials or personnel for the following reasons:

- Maintenance/repair.
- Possible violations of the Code of Student Conduct, Community Standards and/or local, state or federal laws.
- Hall closings.
- Emergency situations.
- Fire alarms.
- Health and safety inspections (see Monthly Safety Checks).
- Any other time when, considering the facts and circumstances of the situation, in the judgment of the university personnel, entry appears necessary for the best interest of the university community.

In addition to the above listed situations, a reasonable search of a student's room that has been entered by a residential staff member and/or other university officials or personnel, may be conducted if, after entering the student's room, the residential staff member or other official notices a clear violation of university policy. Searches are initiated by Student Life staff.

Extended Absences

The university urges each residential student to notify a roommate, suitemate, apartment-mate or Residential Life staff member of intentions to be away from campus, particularly for extended periods of time. By notifying staff of such absences from campus, the student can be contacted in case of an emergency.

FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURES

The university takes several precautions to prevent fire in the residence halls. Fire drills are held regularly and participation in all fire drills is mandatory. Fire extinguishers are placed on each floor and are inspected monthly by authorized safety personnel. The use of electrical appliances is regulated.

In the case of a fire:

- Call 9-911 and Security at 7888. Be sure to report both the building name and the address of the university.
- Activate a pull station to sound the alarm.
- Confine the fire by closing all windows and doors.

If the fire is small enough to use an extinguisher, do so. If you have any doubt about using an extinguisher, leave the building immediately.

- Residential Life staff members and Resident Assistants will direct the evacuation by making sure everyone proceeds in an orderly manner and all doors are pulled shut as people leave.

The inappropriate use or tampering of any fire safety equipment (including fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, etc.) will not be tolerated. Such incidents place the entire residential community at risk. As such, incidents will result in the student conduct process.

When hearing a fire alarm in the residence hall:

1. Leave the building. Never ignore an alarm.

2. If you are in your room, feel the door. If it is hot, do not open it.

- Seal the crack at the bottom of the door.
- Signal rescuers from the window or try to telephone for help.
- Do not jump.

3. If you can leave your room:

- Take your key.
- Close the door when you leave.
- Proceed to the nearest exit.
- If you encounter heavy smoke, turn around and go to another exit.

4. Once outside, move away from entranceways and off of driveway.

- Bonzel Hall – Wait in parking lot close to the Cougar Den.
- Padua Hall – Wait in the lawn area across the driveway and east of Padua Hall near Trinity Hall.
- Clare Hall – Wait in the parking lot close to the Cougar Den.

5. If you suspect the alarm is false, you must still exit the building.

6. Do not go back inside the building until clearance is given from a staff member.



GUEST AND VISITATION POLICY

Individual rooms are reserved for the use of the students who are assigned to that room for the academic year. A guest is defined as an individual who does not reside in the campus residence hall that they are visiting.

Guests of the opposite sex are allowed to visit only during Visitation Hours:

- Sunday – Thursday, 1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Friday – Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – midnight

All residents are expected to register their guests by signing them in at the front desk or through the QR code posted at the front desk. Any guest who is not registered is not permitted to remain in the residence hall.

Overnight guests must be of the same sex as the host(s) and must be registered with the Resident Director. Overnight guest registration may be made by phone or e-mail but must include the following information: host's name, guest's name, address, phone number, emergency contact information, and dates the guest will be staying overnight. Overnight guests are limited to no more than two successive overnight periods within a two-week period, and hosts may have no more than two guests per night.

Guests are the responsibility of the host student. The host student is responsible for the behavior and integrity of the guest who is subject to all university regulations and policies. The university reserves the right to deny access to any guest if it is reasonably determined that a guest has disturbed or is likely to disturb the campus environment. If a guest violates the Code of Student Conduct or Community Standards, the host will be subject to the conduct process. In cases where the guest is also a University of Saint Francis student, he/she will also be subject to the conduct process.

Please remember that the preferences of your roommate(s) regarding guests must be taken into consideration before hosting a guest.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKS

Health and safety checks are another form of ensuring the welfare and safety of students living in the residence halls. These checks will occur on the last Thursday of every month. Health and safety checks will occur between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

During months in which the residence halls are closed on the last Thursday of the month, Residential Life staff will conduct health and safety checks as part of the check-out process.



HEALTH SERVICES

Health services and counseling services are available at no charge to all students at the university's Health & Wellness Center located at 1516 Leesburg Road. Visit mySF for hours and scheduling information.

HOLIDAY/SEASONAL DECORATION GUIDELINES

- All decorations must be made of fire-resistant material.
- Live Christmas trees and greenery are NOT permitted in residence halls.
- Christmas lights may be used as decorations as long as they do not touch flammable materials. Lights must be turned off when a room is vacant or occupants are asleep.
- Open flame candles and candle warmers are not permitted.
- Overloading electrical outlets is not permitted; extension cords are not permitted.
- Decorations must be removed before leaving for Christmas break. Artificial snow must be removed thoroughly.
- All exterior decorations to the residence hall building will be left to the discretion of the residential staff.

Residential staff will inspect rooms to ensure that decorations are safe and meet these guidelines.

HOUSING SIGN-UP AND ROOM ASSIGNMENT PROCESSES

All students (new and returning) must submit a Housing Intent Form annually to officially register for on-campus housing.

Incoming first-year student room assignments are made by Residential Life staff. Students can list preferences and requests on their Housing Intent Form.

Returning students select their own housing placements at Returning Student Room Placement nights, held annually in April.

Official room assignments will be posted on mySF in mid-July, before the start of the fall semester. If you have questions about housing sign-up and room assignments, please email reslife@sf.edu.

HUMAN DIGNITY AND SEXUALITY

The university upholds the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding the good of the human person. Since sexual activity is rightly reserved for marriage, and married students are not permitted to live in the residence halls, no sexual activity is permitted in the residence halls. Students involved in sexual activity in the residence halls will be subject to the conduct process.

INCIDENT REPORTS

An incident report is a communication tool within the Office of Student Life and Campus Security in which staff members communicate the behavior of students and their actions in the residence halls. At the time that an incident report is filled out by a staff member, depending upon the nature of the incident, the staff will notify the students involved that their actions are going to be reported to the appropriate officials. A notice letter is sent to students which identifies the date and location of the alleged incident, possible Code of Student Conduct or Community Standards that may have been violated, and a date and time for the student to meet with a staff member.

KEYS AND ONECARD ACCESS

Each resident is issued keys at the time of moving in to his/her assigned room. All keys remain the property of the university. No key may be duplicated, and any student found in possession of unauthorized keys will be subject to disciplinary action. If keys are lost, residents should contact their Resident Assistant or Resident Director to gain entry to their room. Keys must be returned when the room is vacated.

Lost Key Procedure

Residents who lose their room key should request a replacement from their Resident Director. Lost residence hall room keys will be replaced for a fee of \$25 per key (including mail and/or outdoor keys). If needed, a door lock replacement is also \$25.

Lost OneCard Procedure

A lost OneCard should be reported to the Security Office immediately so the card can be deactivated. A new OneCard must be purchased in the Security Office. The replacement fee is \$10.



KITCHENETTES

A community kitchenette area is provided in Trinity, Clare and Bonzel Halls, including a refrigerator, microwave and sink area. Additionally, each apartment in Padua Hall is equipped with a kitchenette area. Cooking of any food item in the residence halls is to be done in the kitchenette area only.

Dishes and cooking utensils are to be washed immediately following their use. Any cooking devices or dishes left in a community kitchenette for a period of 24 hours may be discarded. It is the responsibility of the community to maintain the cleanliness of the kitchenette areas.

LOUNGE HOUSING

The Office of Residential Life reserves the right to use lounge space or study rooms for housing as necessitated by occupancy needs.

MAIL

All students are assigned mailboxes in their residence hall. Outgoing mail is accepted at the mail room in Trinity Hall. Stamps may be purchased at the Business Office in Trinity Hall.

Packages that are too large to fit in mailboxes can be picked up at the mailroom in St. Michael Hall after a student has received a message indicating that a package in his/her name has been delivered to the university. Messages will be sent via email.

Please have incoming mail addressed in the following manner:

Your name
Your hall
University of Saint Francis
2701 Spring Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

MISSING PERSON POLICY

Each resident student should identify the name and contact information of an emergency contact for Residential Life to notify in the event that the student is determined to be officially missing from the campus. Any student who wonders about or is concerned that a student may be missing should contact his or her Resident Director or any Residential Life staff member immediately. The parents or guardians for residents under the age of 18 will be notified if residents are missing as required by federal law outlined in the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

NOISE POLICY AND COURTESY HOURS

Residential Life promotes an environment in which any student can feel comfortable studying or sleeping without the nuisance of loud noise. Quiet hours are to be upheld by students and enforced by Residential Life staff members from the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

All other hours are considered courtesy hours, meaning that noise should not be heard two doors down. Any time a resident has a concern regarding a noise issue, that student should first politely ask the student responsible to resolve the issue. If no resolution can be made, the student can contact a Residential Life staff member. Recurring noise violations may result in a student being asked to remove a stereo, gaming unit, computer or speakers.

PERSONAL CARE OF RESIDENCE ROOM/APARTMENT

Each resident hall room/apartment is inspected at the beginning of each school year by the staff to insure a clean and orderly room. Students are required to fill out a Room Condition Report as part of the check-in process. Residents must also go through an official check out of the room/apartment at the end of each year, when they change rooms or when graduating/withdrawing from the university. A residence hall staff member must be present and will do a follow-up inspection before a resident's check out is considered "official." When a student checks out of the room/apartment, it should be clean enough that another student could check right back in. Failure to officially check out will result in the forfeiture of the housing deposit as well as any additional charges.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE UNIVERSITY'S LIABILITY

The university assumes no financial responsibility for damage to or loss of a student's personal property, nor does it carry insurance on the personal property of students. If a student is not covered by the parents' policy, she/he may contact any general insurance agency to secure renter's or other such insurance.

PREGNANCY

In keeping with the culture of life that is valued at the University of Saint Francis, Residential Life staff will provide compassionate support to a pregnant student living in the residence hall. The student is responsible for informing her Resident Director as soon as her pregnancy is confirmed. In collaboration with the Residential Life staff, the student, and the support systems the student identifies, will formulate a plan for her living arrangements during the pregnancy. A student with a confirmed pregnancy residing in the residence hall will need to sign a release statement. (See Pregnancy Resources.)



PROHIBITED ITEMS IN RESIDENCE HALLS

The following items are prohibited in the residence halls and will be confiscated immediately by Campus Security or a Residential Life staff member:

PETS

Except for aquatic animals such as fish, pets are prohibited in the residence halls. Students found with a pet in university housing will have 24 hours to remove the pet. Pets may be turned over to the Animal Shelter if a student fails to comply.

AERIAL ANTENNAS, MASTS, SATELLITE DISHES AND OTHER SHORTWAVE RADIO TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT

Residents should use only indoor (di-pole, "rabbit-ears," etc.) for television and stereos to avoid FCC interference regulations and safety precautions.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Air conditioners, microwave ovens, room heaters or any other such high-wattage appliances are strictly prohibited. Refrigerators are to be small personal units, approximately 100 watts. (See Kitchenettes.)

CANDLES, CANDLE WARMERS, OIL LAMPS, INCENSE, KEROSENE HEATERS, CHARCOAL OR GAS GRILLS, HALOGEN LAMPS AND OTHER OPEN-FLAMED ITEMS

These items are prohibited due to fire safety regulations.

FIREARMS, FIREWORKS AND ANY DANGEROUS CHEMICAL OR EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL

Because of the obvious danger to self and others, all firearms and other incendiary devices are prohibited on campus. Violations may result in suspension from the university.

KNIVES, SWORDS AND BRANDISHED WEAPONS

Any item brandished in a manner designed to cause harm or threaten another individual will not be tolerated. Further, knives over four inches in length, not purposely used for eating, are not permitted in the residence halls. Also, no decoration with a blade (i.e., sword, machete, saws) is permitted within the residence halls.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Consistent with the Alcohol and Other Drug policies listed in the Code of Student Conduct and Community Standards, possession of alcohol or drug paraphernalia is not permitted on campus, unless specified in the Alcohol Policy or Drug Policy.

LOFTS AND ALL OTHER CONSTRUCTION

For the safety and welfare of all students, the construction of lofts (with the exception of university furniture made for lofting) or other space-saving wooden structures is prohibited. Any special needs associated with construction within the residence hall can be discussed with the Resident Director.

ROOM DECORATIONS

Students must use discretion when hanging posters or items on the residence hall doors or in windows. No alcoholic beverage signs, suggestive posters or offensive materials may be displayed. The Residential Life staff has the authority to determine what material is appropriate. In addition, empty beer or alcohol containers used as room decoration are a violation of the university alcohol policy.

Appropriate adhesives for hanging posters or items in the residence halls are white poster putty and blue painter's tape.

Students should not use command strips, duct tape, scotch tape or other types of adhesives that damage the walls. Damage to the walls will result in fines at the end of the year.

ROOM FURNITURE (University-Owned)

Any unauthorized moving of university furniture or equipment is prohibited. It is unacceptable to remove university furniture or equipment from common spaces and to place it in rooms. In addition, extra or unused university-owned furniture must not be removed from the residence hall room for which the furniture is intended.

University-owned furniture may be lofted but must be returned to its original set-up prior to the student moving out of the space.

Students may bring additional furniture into their room but may not remove or disassemble university-owned furniture.



SECURITY

Uniformed Security Officers are on duty on campus 24 hours every day. Patrols include the areas around the residence halls and parking lots.

A key component in personal safety and security is the individual taking responsibility for his or her person and property. Some standard recommendations:

- Keep your room locked at all times, including while sleeping, away or even in another part of your residence hall.
- Do not lend your keys to anyone or leave them or other valuables lying around your room in plain view.
- If you lose your ID or keys, report it to Security immediately.
- Do not prop open doors, especially exterior doors.
- Use discretion in what information you post on your door and the Internet. Leaving information such as “gone for the weekend” can be used by a potential thief.
- Lock your car and take valuables with you or secure them where they cannot be seen.
- Call Security or report to a member of the Residential Life & Housing staff any suspicious persons you see on campus.
- Always walk with a companion after dark, using a lighted walkway. If no one is available, call Security at 260-399-7888 and ask for an escort.

There are direct-dial emergency phones located at the entrances to Achatz Hall, Doermer Center, Rolland Art Center, Hutzell Athletic Center, on the walkway to Rolland and the Security office. In addition, emergency phones with one-button dial to Security are available at the entrances to Bonzel Hall, Clare Hall and Padua Hall.

SOCIAL HOSTING

The residents in whose room or apartment alcohol is being consumed are responsible for the behavior of their guests and may be held accountable for any policy violations. Guests themselves will also be held accountable for any policy violations.

It is the responsibility of the hosting residents to verify the age of any person consuming an alcoholic beverage and ensure that minors do not consume alcohol. Hosting residents are also responsible for ensuring that guests do not leave the room or apartment with an open container of alcohol and that guests do not become intoxicated and/or disorderly. Guests are also responsible and held accountable for these same behaviors.

Students found responsible for violating hosting policies may be subject to sanctions above and beyond those outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

A gathering of students may be disbursed at any time when university officials determine the gathering represents a threat to the health and/or safety of the community, is a disruption to the community or is in violation of any university policies.

Security officers can be reached at any time at 260-399-7888 or by using any one of the emergency phones.

SINGLE AND PRIVATE ROOMS

While single rooms are not guaranteed, students may request a single room. Students will be placed on a waiting list and granted single rooms as space allows. Students seeking special accommodations must contact the Coordinator of Student Accessibility Services within the Academic and Career Development Center.

TORNADOES

Security staff monitors the weather station for alerts of tornado watches or warnings. In the event an actual sighting is reported by the National Weather Service, the officer on duty will notify the Residential Life staff. If a tornado is imminent, follow these tornado safety procedures:

Bonzel Hall residents: To avoid flying glass and debris, leave your room, stay in the hallway, go to the restrooms, or if you have time, proceed to the basement and stay in the TV room or hallway. **DO NOT STAY IN THE LOBBY AREAS.**

Trinity Hall residents: To avoid flying glass and debris, leave your room, stay in the hallway, go to the restrooms, or if you have time, proceed to the basement and stay in the hallway. **DO NOT STAY IN THE LOBBY AREAS.**

Clare Hall residents: Because of the danger of flying glass and debris, take shelter in the hallways or restrooms. If you have time, go to the first floor. **DO NOT STAY IN THE LOUNGE.**

Padua Hall residents: Because of the danger of flying glass and debris, close all bedroom doors and take shelter in one of the central areas—bathroom, kitchen or hall. In all cases, the best refuge is in the lowest level of a building. If that is not a possibility, go to the interior of the apartment you are in. Stay away from windows and exterior walls.

If you are outside when a tornado approaches and cannot get to a building, a low spot or ditch is the best alternative. Do not take shelter under trees.

When the danger has passed, Security will notify the appropriate Residential Life staff that it is safe to return to your room. Due to the safety issues involved, failure to comply with Residential Life or Security staff during a tornado warning may be grounds for disciplinary action.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND PARKING

All students must register their vehicles through Security and display the provided vehicle tag for the duration of the academic year. Vehicle tags are provided to non-residential students via mail and to residential students after move-in. Students who have not received a vehicle tag by the first day of classes should contact Security (260-399-7888). Student parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis in all student parking lots.

VENDING MACHINES

For the convenience of the students, snack and soft drink machines are located in the residence halls. Money lost in the vending machines should be reported to the Business Office in St. Michael Hall.

