



**Noteworthy Changes to
The Duke Community Standard in Practice: A Guide for Undergraduates
("The DCS Guide"); Effective 2008-09**

✧ Chapter 2: Undergraduate Policies

- *Academic Dishonesty*: Clarified the definition of "assignment": includes work submitted in order to fulfill a disciplinary sanction. Plagiarism is prohibited on any assignment.
- *Academic Freedom*: Affirmed students' academic freedom and outlined procedures for addressing alleged violations of it.
- *Alcohol*:
 - *Underage Possession/Consumption*: Added a group provision stating that groups are considered in violation of the Alcohol policy if they facilitate the acquisition of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21.
 - *Community Expectations Violation*: Added examples of littering and running away from university or public officials, including law enforcement.
 - *Group-Sponsored Social Functions*: Training for and expectations of party monitors is communicated online through the Office of Student Activities and Facilities.
 - *Health and Safety Intervention*: Created flexibility in parental notification and follow-up counseling.
- *Disorderly Conduct*: Added examples of reckless driving; interrupting or interfering with the carrying out of the duties of a university or public official, including law enforcement; vomiting and/or urinating in public; and indecent exposure.
- *Failure to Comply*: Includes failure to comply with instructions of law enforcement officials.
- *Gambling*: Clarified that donations to organizations with the potential for the donor to win prizes falls under this policy. (This will be highlighted on our Web site; no changes to text in *DCS Guide*.)
- *Guests*: Guests can be students or non-students.
- *Noise*: Updated Central to be consistent with East and West Campuses; added that amplified sound is permitted on the Plaza between noon and 1p.m. on weekdays; noted that the Wellness Living/Learning Community on East maintains special quiet hours from midnight until 7 a.m. each day.
- *Properties/Facilities/Services*: Expanded definition of unauthorized access to include any facility or property off campus.
- *Smoking*: Clarified that no substance may be smoked.
- *Weapons/Firearms/Explosives*: Changed to "possess and/or use."

✧ Chapter 3: Resolutions of Student Conflict and Alleged Violations of University Policy

- *Jurisdiction*:
 - Clarified off-campus jurisdiction policy: "The university reserves the right to respond to any report of alleged misconduct on or off campus."
- *Participation*:
 - Reaffirmed that students/groups are invited to participate fully in all aspects of the disciplinary process, but process will proceed without benefit of that student's/group's input if he/she/it elects not to participate.

- *Administrative Hearings:*
 - Added statement regarding student participation: “Upon proper notice, if a student fails to attend an administrative hearing, the hearing officer may proceed to resolve the case without benefit of that student’s input.”
 - Gave student/group option to proceed to a hearing before a panel of the Undergraduate Judicial Board/Greek Judicial Board if he/she/it does not accept an administrative hearing resolution.
- *Undergraduate Judicial Board Hearings:*
 - *Accused Students:* Added bullet to procedural rights: “...to have up to two character statements submitted on his/her behalf that may not specifically address the issue at hand” (as currently stated in *Witnesses* section).
 - *Notice:* Increased minimum advanced notice of a hearing to 120 hours (5 days).
- *Notification and Record of the Hearing Outcome:* Deleted language surrounding audio recording of a hearing of the Undergraduate/Greek Judicial Board.
- *Appeals:*
 - Since students/groups who do not agree with the outcome of an administrative hearing may now request that the Undergraduate/Greek Judicial Board consider the matter, appeals are received only from UJB/GJB hearings.
- *Disciplinary Hold:*
 - Modified language surrounding the placement of a disciplinary hold on a student’s account.

✧ Chapter 4: Residence Life

- Updated introduction
- *Residential Policies and Community Expectations* (title of section changed):
 - Sections added on “Alterations, Additions, and Painting,” “Bathrooms,” “Cleaning,” “Damages,” “Fire Safety,” “Space Reservations,” and “Unauthorized Possession of Room Keys”
 - Clarified that personal air-conditioning units are prohibited.
- Changed authorization of administrative searches of residence hall rooms from Office of Judicial Affairs to Residence Life and Housing Services.
- Added that residents are responsible for damages caused by their neglect or intentional actions.

✧ Chapter 5: Events on Campus

- Title of chapter and introduction revised.
- Focus is now on “space reservations” rather than “event registration.” Changed “Student Organization Event Guidelines” to “Event Policies” and deleted requirement that events must be registered (space must be reserved, however).
- Clarified that DSG-recognized student organizations and those affiliated with academic or administrative units may host events on campus.
- Added that there may be no events during reading periods and finals unless authorized by the vice president for Student Affairs or the vice provost and dean of undergraduate education or their designee.
- Added that the Plaza may have amplified sound weekdays between noon and 1 PM.

✧ Appendices

- *Involuntary Administrative Withdrawal:* Modified the language.
- *Theme Parties and Decorations:* Section moved from *Events on Campus* chapter.
- *Patents and Intellectual Property:* New section added.