

Miami Debate Institute Code of Conduct 2008

STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

This Code applies to all participants in the Miami Debate Institute at Miami University. The Code of Conduct primarily prohibits misconduct on University premises (buildings or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled, or supervised by the University), but may address off-campus conduct when the behavior or the presence of the individual, in the University's sole judgment, impairs, obstructs, or interferes with the mission, processes, or functions of the Miami Debate Institute or Miami University. Institute Students should be aware that Miami University reserves the right to review and take disciplinary action institute students based on conduct occurring off campus.

If an Institute Student breaks a law that also violates the University standards of conduct, that Institute Student may be held accountable by both civil authorities and the University. The University may, at its sole discretion, elect to pursue disciplinary action against the Institute Student at the same time as criminal proceedings, even if criminal charges involving the same incident are not complete, have been dismissed, or were reduced.

Residence is contingent upon your understanding of these rules and regulations and all participants must abide by them regardless of age. You will not be allowed to register for the Miami Debate Institute until you and a parent or guardian has signed a copy acknowledging that understanding. If your parent/guardian is not accompanying you to registration, have them sign and mail us this copy or bring the signed copy with you. Faculty and assistants residing in the hall are subject to these same rules and regulations.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.,

In order to promote a safe and civil campus environment, Miami University expects each Institute Student to follow the standards of conduct. The severity of the offense, prior disciplinary history, whether an offense was committed against a person intentionally selected by reason of their race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age, and other relevant circumstances, will be considered in determining the appropriate disciplinary action.

CONDUCT REGULATIONS

PART I. OFFENSES

SECTION 101. Interfering with, Obstructing, or Disrupting a University Function

University functions, on or off campus, are defined to include teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, University activities, public safety, and public service functions. This section also includes authorized non-university functions when the act occurs on University premises. Actions that interfere with, obstruct, or disrupt University functions are prohibited.

SECTION 102. Dishonesty

Intentionally furnishing false information or omitting relevant or necessary information to gain a benefit, to injure, or to defraud is prohibited. Using or possessing false or altered identification

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(including drivers' licenses and Miami University identification cards) is prohibited. Institute Students may not use another person's University identification card for any purpose. Examples of prohibited behavior include forgery, alteration, or falsification of any University documents or records, or misrepresentation of University credentials. These documents or records include grade transcripts, student identification, computer records, and other official documents. Using a forged or altered document is also prohibited, even if someone else made the changes. Student identification cards are University property and must be shown or surrendered when requested by a University official in performance of his or her duty.

SECTION 103. Physical or Mental Abuse or Harm

Intentional or reckless acts that do cause or reasonably could cause physical or mental harm to any person are prohibited. Actions that threaten or reasonably could cause a person to believe that the offender may cause physical or mental harm are also prohibited. Some examples of prohibited behavior include murder, assault, battery, stalking, telephone harassment, computer harassment, sexual assault, sexual harassment, rape, threats, intimidation, physical abuse, verbal abuse, and any other conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person.

SECTION 104. Damage, Loss, Theft, or Unauthorized Use of Property of the University or of any Person or Entity

Intentional or reckless conduct that results in damage (including tampering or defacing), loss, theft, or unauthorized use of property of the University, or of any other person or entity is prohibited. The unauthorized use of University property for personal gain is also prohibited. Institute Students may not use University property for any activity prohibited by federal, state, or local law or this Code. Examples of prohibited behavior include gambling on University property, theft, and possession of property known to be stolen.

SECTION 105. Possession or Use of Tobacco or Alcohol

Institute Students are not permitted, under any circumstances, to possess or use alcohol. Institute Students are not permitted to smoke.

SECTION 106. Other Drug Use

The use, offer for sale, sale, distribution, possession, or manufacture of any controlled substance or drug, except as expressly permitted by law, is prohibited. The use, offer for sale, sale, distribution, possession, or manufacture of chemicals, products, or materials for the purpose of use as an intoxicant except as expressly permitted by law is also prohibited. Examples of prohibited behavior include huffing or sniffing glue or paint and the use of nitrous oxide (whip-its).

Possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited. Drug paraphernalia, as it applies in this section, means any equipment, product, or material of any kind that is used in propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing a controlled substance into the human body.

SECTION 107. Possession or Use of a Dangerous Weapon

A dangerous weapon is defined as any instrument, device, or object capable of inflicting physical harm or death, and designed or specifically adapted for use as a weapon, or possessed, carried, or used as a weapon. Possession or use of a dangerous weapon is prohibited. Examples of dangerous weapons include firearms, explosive devices, dangerous chemicals, knives, firecrackers, compressed air guns, pellet guns, stun or zip guns, BB guns, smoke bombs, stink bombs and paint ball guns.

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SECTION 108. Discrimination

Discrimination in University programs on the basis of race, ancestry, age, sex, creed, religion, national origin, ability, veterans' status, or sexual orientation is particularly repugnant to the mission of Miami University. Miami University prohibits the unequal treatment in University programs of a person on the basis of race, ancestry, age, sex, creed, religion, national origin, ability, veterans status, or sexual orientation.

SECTION 109. Violation of Law

Conduct which violates any federal, state, or local law is prohibited. The University will review any conduct reported by members of the University community, law enforcement personnel, or citizens as being in violation of the law. If in review the University determines, in its sole judgment, that the alleged conduct interferes with the University's exercise of its mission, processes, or functions, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

SECTION 110. Failure to Comply/False Reports

Failure to comply with the directions of law enforcement or University officials (including resident advisors and dormitory managers), failure to comply with an order of dispersal, incitement to panic or riot, riot, false alarms or reports of emergency are prohibited. Initiation of any false report, warning, threat of fire, or threat of explosion or other emergencies on University premises or at any University-sponsored activity is also prohibited. Examples of prohibited behavior include tampering with, impairing, disabling, or misusing fire protection systems such as fire detectors, sprinklers, alarms, and extinguishers.

SECTION 111. Theft or Other Abuse of Computer Resources

Computing resources include hardware, software, and data owned, licensed, or developed by Miami University, students, or employees. Theft or other abuse of computer resources is prohibited. Examples of prohibited behavior include:

- a. Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose; or unauthorized transfer of a file.
- b. Unauthorized access to, use of, or control of computing resources including circumvention of computing system safeguard.
- c. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification or password.
- d. Use of computing resources to interfere with the work of another Institute Student, student, faculty member, or University official.
- e. Unauthorized copying of computer software that is owned or licensed to the University.
- f. Use of computing resources to interfere with normal operation of the University computing system or educational process.
- g. Violation of copyrights, license agreements, or trade secrets.
- h. Activities for personal financial gain except as provided for by other University policy.

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SECTION 112. Disorderly Conduct

Conduct which is disorderly, lewd, or indecent or which breaches the peace (e.g., causes alarm, annoyance, or nuisance) is prohibited.

SECTION 113. Complicity

Conspiracy to commit, solicitation of another to commit, aiding or abetting the commission of, or attempting to commit any offense is prohibited.

SECTION 114. Leaving Campus

Leaving Campus is prohibited except as described below.

- a. Institute Students are permitted to leave campus to go into Oxford; however, there is no public transportation available for such excursions.
- b. Under no circumstances are Institute Students permitted to be inside of a bar, dance club, or sports bar. Examples of such establishments are The Balcony, Mac & Joe's, Stadium, and Top Deck. (This list should not be viewed as exhaustive.) If it is unclear to you whether an establishment falls into one of the above categories, then subscribe to this adage: When in doubt, stay out!
- c. Institute Students may leave Oxford only with written permission of a parent or guardian. A note of permission should be mailed to: Miami Debate Institute, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056-3414, faxed to (513) 529-1268, or e-mailed to springse@muohio.edu. Verbal permissions will not be honored.

A note of permission must include the following information:

The Institute Student's name.

The day, date, and time of the Institute Student's departure from campus. The day, date, and time of the Institute Student's return to campus.

The name of the person(s) picking up and returning the Institute Student.

The Institute Student's destination.

SECTION 115. Motor Vehicles

Institute Students may not operate a motor vehicle on campus. Institute Students may not ride in or on a motor vehicle in Oxford unless accompanied by a parent, or are in transit into or out of Oxford with written permission from a parent or guardian.

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SECTION 116. Violation of Sanctions

Violation of any terms of disciplinary restrictions, probation, or suspension is prohibited.

PART II. RESIDENCE HALL RULES

A. Curfew

1. Students are to be in the residence hall after 10:00 pm daily.
2. Students are to be on their assigned hallway by midnight daily, there will be a room check at midnight by the Residence Assistant, students can then work with others on their floor until 1 am, but they cannot leave the floor.
3. Students are to be their assigned room by 1:00 am daily, no exceptions.

B. Residence Hall Security

1. The only unlocked entrance to our residence hall is the main entrance. All other doors are locked but can be opened before curfew using your **ID**. An office staff member will be stationed at the entrance of the residence hall 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
2. The Resident Assistants (RAs) will be stationed on one of our floors from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. daily. The RAs will have the authority to challenge and remove any unauthorized person from the residence hall.
3. In addition to the RAs, a dorm manager will be on call 24 hours a day. This staff member will have the medical records and a cell phone that can be accessed by telephone and e-mail.
4. Any person outside of the Institute Students who wishes to gain entry into the Institute Students corridors must first call the party he or she wishes to see. If the party is in and if visitors are allowed at that time of day, then the party would escort that person through the Institute Students corridor.
5. Flames and tobacco possession and use of any kind of any kind are forbidden in the residence hall.

C. Visitation and Guests in Institute Students' Rooms

1. A guest in a room is defined to be anyone who does not reside in that room.
2. Guest or mixed gender visitation is permitted in the residence hall only in designated hours, not on residence hall floors.
3. The visitation program is intended for social or academic interaction, and not for cohabitation or overnight guests.
4. If a resident has a guest who is not an Institute Student, then this guest must not go beyond residence hall common areas, the only exceptions are for move-in and parent or guardians of students.

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5. The Head Resident Advisor or person in charge has the authority to require a guest or guests to leave the premises of the hall for violation of University rules.
6. Each room and common areas (stairwells, restrooms, recreation room, lounges) will be inspected before you depart and damage charges will be assessed equally to all persons who lived in the room. All residence room contents have been inventoried. You must leave the room as you found it: you may not fasten anything to the walls or tamper with the window screens; you may not remove, disassemble or transfer any furnishings. Trash is to be removed on the day of check out. Litter will result in a housekeeping charge. Penalties will be enforced.
7. A refundable deposit of \$50 is required when you check in. The total deposit will be refunded at checkout unless there is an assessment by the Housing Office for failure to turn in keys or meal cards, or if there is room or common area damage. Students may only be checked out of the residence hall by the residence hall staff. The institute or dormitory staff must be notified of an early departure.
8. Miami University does not assume responsibility for your personal property. For maximum security residence hall room doors are to be locked at all times. Outside doors must never be propped open.
9. Any Institute Residence Staff Supervisors who have reason to believe that some violation of rules and regulations is taking place or that a debater is away without permission can conduct a room check.

E. Vacating the Residence Hall

Institute Students must vacate the residence hall by seven p.m. (7:00 p.m.) on the day of their last day of institute. Exceptions to this rule may be granted on a case by case basis to institute students with special travel constraints.

PART III. ADDITIONAL RULES

1. Any University rule, policy, or procedure not covered in this Code will be governed by the current Miami University Student Handbook. In particular, we call your attention to the Policies on Grades and Institute Studentship, Examinations, and Academic Misconduct.
2. Questions about The Code of Conduct for Institute Students or any other rules should be directed to the Director or any Institute Staff member.
3. These rules will ultimately be enforced and interpreted by the Director of the Institute. The Director will initiate additional rules and regulations if situations warrant. All participants will be notified if this becomes necessary and will be expected to abide to them equally.

PART IV. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

A. RESIDENT HALL VIOLATIONS

The commission of a single offense or violation of the Residence Hall Rules will result in disciplinary action to be determined by a Residence Hall Director or Assistant Residence Hall Director and may include either restricted time to dormitory (*i.e.*, denial of free out-of-dormitory time), imposition of dormitory work related projects or other similar type sanctions to be determined in the discretion of the Residence Hall Director or Assistant. In the event of multiple violations of the Residence Hall Rules by an Institute Student (whether resulting from a single

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event or multiple events), then the Resident Hall Director shall submit the information to the Assistant Institute Director. The Assistant Institute Director shall, as soon as practicable, provide notice of the charges to the Institute Student and give the Institute Student an opportunity to respond to the charges. The Assistant Institute Director may impose one or more of the prior sanctions or may expel the Institute Student.

B. NON-RESIDENT HALL VIOLATIONS

1. Complaint. Any person, agency, organization or entity may make a complaint to the Assistant Institute Director alleging misconduct by an Institute Student. A police citation or arrest constitutes a complaint.

2. Notice. The Assistant Institute Director, after reviewing the complaint shall initiate the disciplinary process by giving the accused Institute Student notice of the alleged violation(s). Sanctions for violations of the Conduct Regulations may include expulsion, restricted time to dormitory (i.e., denial of free out-of-dormitory time), imposition of dormitory work related projects or other similar type sanctions to be determined in the discretion of the Assistant Institute Director.

C. APPEAL.

In the event that a student is sanctioned with expulsion then he/she shall automatically have the matter reviewed by the Institute Director prior to the implementation of the expulsion. This Institute Director shall provide notice of the time and place of the review to the Institute Student and shall provide the Institute Student with an opportunity to present his/her objections to the sanction. The Institute Director may uphold the expulsion or lessen the sanction or eliminate the sanction. Any matter that does not involve expulsion may only be reviewed by the Institute Director if he/she chooses to review the matter. If the Institute Director opts not to review the matter, then the Assistant Institute Director's decision is final.

I _____ have read and agree to comply with these rules and procedures

_____ (Institute Student) _____ Date

_____ (Parent or Guardian) _____ Date