

CLASSROOM STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

PURPOSE

Westfield State University students are prohibited from engaging in behavior or activity that causes the disruption of teaching, learning, research, and other academic activities recognized as necessary to the fulfillment of the University mission.

POLICY

- A. Examples of potentially disruptive behavior may include, but are not limited to, using inappropriate language directed at an individual or group, unsolicited talking in class, sleeping in class, using or activating cell phones, arriving at or leaving the classroom while class is in session, and/or failing to comply with the legitimate request of a University faculty member.
- B. When disruptive behavior occurs in the classroom, a faculty member has the right to remove the student from the classroom. The faculty will communicate the reason for the removal to the student and indicate the expected appropriate conduct. If the student continues to engage in disruptive behavior during future class sessions, the faculty member will forward written documentation of the student's inappropriate behavior to the respective department chairperson, who subsequently will meet with the student to review the matter and determine an appropriate course of action.
- C. If the student continues to demonstrate disruptive behavior or does not comply with the documented course of action, the student may be permanently removed from the course after a review conducted by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, or Dean of Graduate & Continuing Education, as appropriate.
- D. Students who exhibit behavior that immediately endangers or more seriously disrupts the establishment or maintenance of an appropriate learning environment in the classroom are subject to an immediate review by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, or Dean of Graduate & Continuing Education, as appropriate, or by student judicial procedures.
- E. *In applying this policy, faculty and academic administrators shall give due*

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regard to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), providing for reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities.

- F. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will act as the sole and final appeal for any decisions made by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, or Dean of Graduate & Continuing Education.
- G. In some cases, the student may also be subject to Student Conduct action as determined by the University.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.