Week 4: Code of Conduct

UAlbany’s Office of Community Standards administers the student code of conduct, called “Community Rights & Responsibilities” (also known as the “Student Code of Conduct”), and ensures students understand how to uphold those principles. It is crucial that you not only read these policies and procedures but understand how they are interpreted by faculty and administrators.

Student Code of Conduct

Please review the Student Code of Conduct. You will see that MyUAlbany also has a required task for all students; it asks you to confirm you reviewed the UAlbany Student Code of Conduct.

As a member of our community, the University expects students to meet a certain standard of behavior. The University at Albany’s “Student Code of Conduct,” also known as “Community Rights and Responsibilities” includes a clear outline of Prohibited Conduct; it is a list of the rules each student must follow as well as their rights. University citizens recognize and uphold standards of behavior befitting a community of scholars.

Academic Integrity

What are Academic Integrity Violations?

We are confident most students would never intentionally violate the academic integrity standards. But we do sometimes see students who unintentionally violate an academic integrity standard because they did not recognize what they did was a violation. Violations of academic integrity- both intentional and unintentional- can have serious consequences for students, so it is important to familiarize yourself with the expectations at UAlbany before you arrive to avoid a violation.

Academic dishonesty can take a number of forms including, but not limited to the following:

- **Cheating**: Using or attempting to use unauthorized assistance, information, or study aids in any academic exercise.
- **Fabrication**: The falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty**: Knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of this policy.
- **Plagiarism**: Representing the words, research findings or ideas of another person as your own in any academic exercise.
- **Misrepresentation of Academic Records**: Misrepresenting, tampering with or attempting to tamper with any university academic document.

Suggested Resource: The International Center for Academic Integrity
Title IX & Sexual Misconduct

What is Title IX?

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”), 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, school districts, colleges, and universities (hereinafter “schools”) receiving any federal funds must comply with Title IX. Under Title IX, discrimination on the basis of sex can include sexual harassment or sexual violence, such as rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion.

Section 5 of the Student Code of Conduct explains procedures for Cases of Sexual Misconduct. The burden of proof in all sexual misconduct cases is a “preponderance of the evidence,” meaning that the determination is whether it is more likely than not that the sexual misconduct occurred. If the evidence meets this standard, then the Respondent must be found responsible of a violation of this code.

Violations may include behaviors ranging from sexual assault & rape; domestic violence; stalking; harassment (in-person and online); and other abuse (physical and/or verbal).

Students have a number of options for reporting an incident, and there are many resources for survivors, including:

- The UAlbany Title IX Office
- Albany County Crime Victims Advocates

Diversity & Inclusion-Know Your Rights

We take great pride in our diverse and inclusive community at UAlbany. As an international student you are a valuable member of that community. While we hope that you never encounter incidences of discrimination or intolerance either on campus or in the United States, we want you to know that there are resources available to support you in the event that you do.

- You can report the incident to the Bias Incident Response Team on campus
- You can seek support from the Multicultural Resource Center
- You can meet with a trained counselor/psychologist on campus for mental health and emotional support. Many counselors are multilingual, so you may be able to seek counseling in your preferred language, if available

Suggested: Visit the Multicultural Resource Center’s Website