

**PROHIBITED CONDUCT** The following are examples of prohibited conduct. This list is not designed to be all-inclusive or exhaustive. Any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following misconduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in this document.

**A. Acts of Dishonesty, Including but Not Limited to the Following:**

1. **Cheating, Plagiarism or Other Forms of Academic Dishonesty.**
2. **Furnishing False Information to Any University Official, Faculty Member or Office.**
3. **Forgery, Alteration or Misuse of Any University Document, Record or Instrument of Identification.** This includes signing of another student's name, using another student's I.D. card, credit card, or other personal documents, affixing the signature of a University official to any document circumventing the procedural process of the University or of gaining an unfair advantage.
4. **Misuse of Student Identification Card and Meal Card.** University issued identification may be required to enter the dining hall or other designated facilities and events. The identification must be used by the person to whom it is issued, it is nontransferable and must be used for the purpose it was issued. Students are not allowed to use another student's I.D. card for any reason. If your card is lost or stolen, report it to the Prairie View A&M University Department of Public Safety and Auxiliary Services immediately. Students are required to present their I.D. card when asked by any University official.

**B. Physical Abuse, Verbal Abuse, Threats, Intimidation, Harassment, Coercion and/ or Other Conduct Which Threatens or Endangers the Health or Safety of Any Person.** PVAMU has zero tolerance for physical abuse. This includes attempting, causing, or threatening an individual with injury or inflicting pain. Causing physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative or reacting violently to the behavior of others. A student should make every effort to avoid a physical altercation. It is not a defense that the person or group against whom the physical abuse was directed consented to, or acquiesced to the physical abuse. No student shall threaten or intimidate any member of the University community. If at any time a student feels threatened or intimidated, they should report the incident to the proper authorities.

**C. Hazing.** Means an intentional, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student and endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are students at an educational institution. Hazing is also a violation of Texas State Law.

**D. Sexual Misconduct.**

1. **Sexual Assault/Rape.** Sexual assault is the oral, anal or vaginal penetration by sexual organ of another or anal/vaginal penetration by any means against the victim's will or without his/her consent. An individual who is mentally incapacitated, unconscious or unaware that the sexual assault is occurring is considered unable to give consent. The type of force employed may involve physical force, coercion, intentional impairment of an individual's ability to appraise the situation through the administering of any substance, or threat of harm to the victim.
2. **Sexual Abuse.** Attempting or making sexual contact, including but not limited to inappropriate touching or fondling, against the person's will, or in circumstances where the person is physically, mentally or legally unable to give consent.

**E. Harassment.** Conduct (physical, verbal, graphic, written or electronic) that is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to threaten an individual or limit the ability of an individual to work, study or participate in the activities of the University.

1. **Sexual Harassment.** Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature, submission to which is made a condition of a person's exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege, power or immunity, either explicitly or implicitly. Sexual harassment may range from unthinking, intentional and sometimes unintended verbal denigration of a person on the basis of gender to actual physical assault. Some examples that may constitute sexual harassment are: offensive sexual flirtations, advances, or pressure for sexual activity, unwanted touching, pinching or unnecessary brushes; unwanted exposure to sexual graffiti, photographs or suggestive objects; sexual innuendoes or statements made at inappropriate times or disguised as humor or obscene gestures; disparaging remarks about one's gender or any offensive or abusive physical contact.
2. **Racial and Ethnic Harassment.** Any repeated conduct that is directed at a person or group of persons because of race, color, ethnicity or national origin. Even if the actions are not directed at specific persons, a hostile environment can be created when the conduct is severe, persistent or pervasive as to substantially interfere with the person's education, work or activities on campus.
3. **Stalking.** Any repeated conduct directed at another person that causes that person to fear his/her safety. Such conduct includes following another person and acts that threaten or intimidate another person through fear of bodily injury or death of self or members of that person's family or household.
4. **Retaliation.** Harassment of complainant or other person alleging misconduct, including but not limited to intimidation and threats.

**F. Alcoholic Beverage Violation.** PVAMU has zero tolerance for students using alcoholic beverages on campus. This includes drinking or having in possession any alcoholic beverage in any University owned or leased facility or its grounds not approved for such activity. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is controlled by Texas statutes, city ordinances and University regulations. All members of the University community are expected to obey these laws and regulations. The University desires to provide an environment where driving while intoxicated or alcohol consumption by underage students is neither encouraged nor made available.

**G. Illegal Drugs and Controlled Substances.** Manufacturing, possessing, having under control, selling, transmitting, using or being party thereto to any illegal, unprescribed or dangerous drug, controlled substance or drug paraphernalia on University premises or at University sponsored activities is prohibited.

**H. Disorderly Conduct, Inciting Riots and Disturbances.** Conduct (physical, verbal, graphic, written or electronic) that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive so as to threaten an individual or limit the ability of an individual to work, study or participate in activities of the University. All students are required to exhibit good behavior and the highest moral standards is prohibited at all times in order to ensure an atmosphere of proper decorum and respect for the University community and its inhabitants.

- I. Explosives, Fire Arms or Weapons.** The possession, storage or display of explosives, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, bb or pellet guns, slingshots, martial arts devices, knives, clubs or any missile projecting weapons on campus, or at activities sponsored by the University is prohibited. The term weapon may be defined as any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury or pain or to incapacitate. Facsimiles and dancing canes may not be used in a manner that is injurious or dangerous to others. If you are aware of someone in possession of a prohibited item and have not reported it to the proper authorities, you are also in violation of the student conduct code.
- J. Disruptive Activity.** Participation in disruptive activity that interferes with teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, other University missions, processes, or functions including public-service functions, or other University activities is prohibited. Disruptive activities may include, but are not limited to:
1. Leading or inciting others to disrupt scheduled and/or normal activities on University premises.
  2. Classroom behavior that seriously interferes with either (a) the instructor's ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program.
- K. Gambling.** Gambling of any kind is strictly forbidden on campus, at University sponsored activities or in any vehicles retained by the University to transport students to and from a University related event.
- L. Insubordination.** Direct disobedience of an order from a University official acting within appointed authority is strictly prohibited. This includes failure to respond to an official summons from any administrative officer of the University.
- M. False Reporting.** This includes, but not limited to, intentionally making a false warning of fire, explosion or other emergency when no emergency is present.
- N. Breaching Campus Safety or Security.** This includes but is not limited to:
1. Unauthorized access to University facilities or unauthorized possession of, use of or duplication of master keys or access cards to University offices or residence facilities; and unauthorized occupancy of or entry to locked or off limit University buildings. This includes burglary and trespassing. No propping open of exterior residence hall doors.
  2. Tampering with Fire Alarms, Extinguishers and Emergency Safety System. This includes tampering with any emergency system, pulling alarms, using extinguisher and covering smoke detectors, all of which are prohibited.
  3. Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on University premises or at University sponsored or supervised functions.
- O. Rendering False Information.** Furnishing false information includes withholding material from the University, misrepresenting the truth before a hearing of the University and making false statements to any University official. This includes giving a false address or failure to maintain a current mailing address.
- P. Selling and Soliciting.** No individual, group or organization may act as a vendor, sales agent or in any manner set up a business enterprise on University premises without the permission of the Director of Student Center Operations. To safeguard the privacy and prevent exploitation, no room-to-room solicitation is permitted in residence halls.
- Q. Theft.** Unauthorized removal or stealing of public or private property or unauthorized use or acquisition of services on University premises or at University sponsored activities. This includes knowingly possessing stolen property.
- R. Destroying, Damaging or Littering on Property.** Behavior that destroys, damages or litters University, state or personal property is prohibited.
- S. Unauthorized Use of University Name.** No student may use the name or likeness of the University unless such has been approved, in writing, by the Office of Public Relations. Such use constitutes misrepresentation of the University and may equate to fraud.
- T. Violating Residential Hall Policies.** Failure to abide by the required rules and regulations published in the Residential Lease Agreement.
- U. Misuse of Computing Resources.** Failure to abide by all applicable University, state or federal guidelines protecting the use, privacy, confidentiality or maintenance of computing resources. Failure to comply with laws, license agreements and contracts governing network, software and hardware use. Failure to protect your password or use of your account. University equipment may not be removed from an office, building or the grounds of the University without completion of University custody card and final official approval.
- V. Failure to Appear.** Failure to appear for a University conduct proceeding, to respond to allegations or to appear as a witness when reasonably notified to do so. This includes conduct hearings, University investigations and appeals hearings.
- W. Hindering, Obstructing or Interfering.** Action or conduct that hinders, obstructs or otherwise interferes with the implementation of the Student Conduct Code.
- X. Violation of Published University Rules.** Such rules could include but are not limited to housing lease agreements, parking rules and regulations, rules relating to the use of student identification cards, entry and use of University facilities and dining hall conduct.
- Y. Off-Campus Conduct.** When a student is alleged to have violated this Student Conduct Code by an offense committed off of University premises, the University reserves the right to investigate and adjudicate. The University may take action in situations occurring off University premises involving: student misconduct demonstrating flagrant disregard for any person or persons; or when a student's or student organization's behavior is judged to threaten the health, safety and/or property of any individual or group; or any other activity which adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its Conduct Code objectives. This action may be taken for either affiliated or non-affiliated activities.
- Z. Violation of any Federal, State or Local Law.**
- AA. Misuse of University Phone and Computer Network Systems.** The unauthorized entry or dissemination of electronic information; prank or harassing calls or e-mail messages (including Facebook, MySpace, alias e-mail addresses and Instant Messenger); charging any long distance telephone calls or messages to any telephone on University premises or University related premises without proper authorization.