

## **Guidelines for Student Conduct**

The primary concern of the University is the welfare of the student. All actions that may affect the future of the student are part of this concern.

The following behavior may precipitate disciplinary action:

1. Actions indicating a lack of concern for the welfare or safety of others or conduct which may discredit the University.
2. Actions or conduct that are intended to intimidate another person because of race, color, religious or national origin, gender, disability, or sexual orientation;
3. Involvement in difficulties with law enforcement bodies;
4. Abuse of property — public or private;
5. Irresponsible fiscal conduct;
6. Non-compliance with the University policies and commonwealth and federal laws relative to drugs, alcoholic beverages, and gambling;
7. Plagiarism, academic dishonesty, stealing, or cheating;
8. Behavior that results in blocking the administrative, educative process at Wilkes.
9. Furnishing false information to the University.
10. Fraud, forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records, or identification cards.
11. Assault, obscene, lewd, vulgar conduct or public profanity.
12. Actions that demean or debase a person's sexual freedom, gender, sexual or affectional preference.
13. The display of sexually demeaning written or visual materials in living or work areas of the University.
14. The deliberate creation on the part of an individual student or a group of students of a hostile environment.
15. Hateful acts or utterances that are flagrantly abusive and intended to insult and/or stigmatize an individual.
16. Hostile conduct or behavior that might incite violence.

Students are responsible for maintaining standards of conduct that are not only in compliance with University regulations and the law, but for maintaining behavior that is not detrimental to the University. This obligation extends to the campus, the community, and University-sponsored activities and events held at off-campus locations.

Students have the right to expect they can be free from being exposed to hateful acts or utterances while in the privacy of their residence hall rooms.

Students have a basic obligation to maintain conduct that supports the health, safety, and well-being of all members of the community.

The University holds students responsible for their behavior at all times.

Students are expected to comply with written or verbal directives given by University officials in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities for the University.

Because students participate in the development and adoption of programs, policies, and regulations, the University deems it undesirable to retain those students who are unwilling to support policies that have been adopted after consultation and deliberation among students, faculty, and administration. The University, therefore, may require the withdrawal of students whose influence and behavior are deemed detrimental to the best interests of the University.