

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Division of Student Affairs 2013-2014 Yearly REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The Office of Student Conduct (OSC) is responsible for investigating alleged violations of the Code of Conduct (Code) and for coordinating the conduct process. Summary statistical reports are generated for public review. ***This report reflects data for the time period of May 13, 2013 – May 11, 2014 (2013-2014).***

II. CONDUCT CASE REFERRALS

The OSC receives referrals for conduct action from a variety of sources. Referrals with sufficient information to indicate a potential violation of the Code are assigned to a conduct officer for further investigation and eventual resolution.

ORIGIN OF CASES REFERRED
DURING 2013-2014

University Housing	312
UGA Police	229
ACC Police	224
Georgia State Patrol	26
Faculty/Staff	16
UGA Student	5
EITS	3
Citizen	2
Other Law Enforcement Agency	1
Athletics	1
Other	1
TOTAL	820

STATUS OF CONDUCT CASES REFERRED DURING
2013-2014

Resolved	Cases in which the student has been found responsible or not responsible for violating the Code.	757
Pending	Cases that remained under investigation as of 5/11/2014.	63

III. CONDUCT CASE RESOLUTIONS

Conduct cases are not necessarily resolved in the semester in which they were referred to the OSC. Statistics in the remaining portion of the report reflect data for cases that were resolved during 2013-2014 regardless of when they were referred (i.e. some cases were referred before May 13, 2013).

Cases are resolved in one of three ways: *no action*, *informal resolution*, or *formal resolution*. A conduct officer may find that there is not enough information to indicate that the student has violated the Code, resulting in a *no action* resolution. Cases are resolved *informally* when the student accepts responsibility for violating the Code, agrees with the sanctions assigned by the conduct officer, and waives the right to a formal hearing and appeal. If a student disputes involvement in a violation of the Code or does not agree with the sanctions assigned by the conduct officer, the case is resolved through a *formal* hearing.

RESOLUTION TYPES AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFO
FOR CASES RESOLVED DURING 2013-2014

	Informal	Formal	No Action	TOTAL
Male	391	30	83	504
Female	189	14	58	261
Freshman	191	17	50	258
Sophomore	170	10	61	241
Junior	102	7	12	121
Senior	84	10	15	109
Graduate	7	0	2	9
Professional	25	0	1	26
Transient	1	0	0	1
Student Org.	1	1	0	2
TOTAL	581	45	141	767

VI. VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Multiple alleged violations of the Code may be applied to a case, resulting in a difference between the number of cases resolved and number of violations reported during the same time period. **The first number in the charts below reflects alleged violations, while the second reflects the number of violations students were found responsible for during 2013-2014 whether through the informal or formal resolution process.**

NOTE: Regulation 2.2 changed in May 2013 to address dishonest intent. Regulation 2.4 changed from addressing only University officials to also addressing offices or other law enforcement officers. Additionally, provision for accounts was added to Regulations 5.1

REGULATION 2: Other Acts of Dishonesty		Alleged/Actual
2.1	Furnishing false information to any University official, office, or other law enforcement officer.	17/15
2.2	Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any document, record, or instrument of identification, or possession of any false identification or identification belonging to another person with dishonest intent.	141/135
2.3	Causing, condoning, or encouraging the completion of any University record, document, or form dishonestly.	2/2
2.4	Offering or causing to be offered any bribe or favor to a University official, office or other law enforcement officer in order to influence a decision.	0
2.5	Tampering with the election of any University recognized organization.	0
2.6	Casting or attempting to cast more than one ballot in any election or referendum on campus.	0
<i>TOTAL Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		160/152

REGULATION 3: Disorderly Conduct		Alleged/Actual
3.1	Intentional or reckless disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration or other University activities, including its public service functions on or off campus, or other authorized non-University activities taking place on University property with the exception of constitutionally protected freedom of speech and expression.	3/2
3.2	Engaging in conduct that intentionally or recklessly causes or provokes a disturbance that disrupts the academic pursuits, or infringes upon the rights, privacy, or privileges of another person.	22/13
3.3	Physical abuse, physical intimidation, coercion, and/or other conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of another person or violates a legal protective order.	31/23
3.4	Sexual assault, illegal sexual harassment, other forms of illegal harassment, and discrimination of individuals outside of the University community.	1/1
3.5	Violation of published University policies, rules, or regulations.	4/2
3.6	Failure to comply with directions of any University official, office or law enforcement officer acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.	41/27
3.7	Participation in a campus demonstration that violates the University's Policy on Freedom of Expression, intentionally or recklessly disrupts the normal operations of the University or infringes on the rights of other members of the University community.	0
3.8	Intentional obstruction, which unreasonably interferes with freedom of movement (pedestrian or vehicular).	1/0
3.9	Entering an athletic contest, dance, social or other event without the proper credentials for admission (ticket, identification, invitation).	0
3.10	Circulation of any advertising media that violates the University's Policy on Freedom of Expression, intentionally or recklessly disrupts the normal operations of the University or infringes on the rights of other members of the University community.	0
<i>TOTAL Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		103/68

REGULATION 4: Alcohol & Other Drug Related Misconduct		Alleged/Actual
4.1	Use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by law and University policies.	437/324
4.2	Providing or facilitating the use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by law and University policies.	26/20
4.3	Disruptive or disorderly conduct caused by the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.	223/182
4.4	Use, possession, or distribution of narcotic or other controlled substances except as permitted by law.	115/77
4.5	Providing or facilitating the use, possession, or distribution of narcotic or other controlled substances except as permitted by law.	5/2
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		806/605

REGULATION 5: Theft, Damage & Disregard for Property

Alleged/Actual

5.1	Taking, attempting to take, or keeping in one's possession items of University property; items or services rented, leased or placed on the campus at the request of the institution; items or accounts belonging to students, faculty, staff, guests of the University or organizations; or items or accounts belonging to individuals or businesses off campus without proper authorization.	45/37
5.2	Malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction, or attempted damage or destruction, of items of University property; items rented, leased, or placed on the campus at the request of the institution; items belonging to students, faculty, staff, guests of the University or organizations; or items belonging to individuals or businesses off campus is prohibited.	25/20
5.3	Selling or attempting to sell a textbook unless the seller is the owner of the textbook or has the permission of the owner to do so.	1/1
5.4	Taking, attempting to take, or keeping items belonging to the library or items placed in the library for display.	0
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		71/58

REGULATION 6: Fire Safety & Sanitation

Alleged/Actual

6.1	Misusing, damaging or tampering with fire safety equipment.	2/2
6.2	Setting or causing to be set any unauthorized fire.	2/1
6.3	Possessing or using fireworks, explosives or other incendiary devices on University property without authorization.	0
6.4	Making or causing to be made a false fire alarm.	1/1
6.5	Intentionally or recklessly obstructing a fire exit in any University building.	0
6.6	Failure to exit a University building when the fire alarm sounds.	2/2
6.7	Failure to maintain an organization's facilities and/or surrounding property creating a potential danger to the health or safety of the occupants or other individuals.	0
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		7/6

REGULATION 7: Weapons

Alleged/Actual

7.1	Possessing firearms, explosives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on University property unless permitted by law.	4/3
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		4/3

REGULATION 8: Unauthorized Entry or Use

Alleged/Actual

8.1	Unauthorized entry or attempted entry into any property, including but not limited to any building, office, or other facility, automobile, backpack, or account.	37/33
8.2	Making or attempting to make unauthorized use of facilities.	1/1
8.3	Unauthorized possession, use, or duplication of keys or other methods of controlled access (i.e. cards, codes).	1/1
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		39/35

REGULATION 9: Student Housing

Alleged/Actual

9.1	Unauthorized entry, attempted entry, or remaining in restricted areas, including roofs, of any University-owned student residence.	5/2
9.2	Failure to comply with policies established in various residence halls for the protection of the privacy, rights, privileges, health or safety of the community. University Housing community guides can be found at housing.uga.edu/about/publications/guides .	37/25
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		42/27

REGULATION 10: Computer Use

Alleged/Actual

10.1	Failure to comply with University computer use policies.	1/1
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		1/1

REGULATION 11: Gambling

Alleged/Actual

11.1	Conducting, organizing, or participating in any activity involving games of chance or gambling except as permitted by law and University policy.	0
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		0

REGULATION 12: Hazing

Alleged/Actual

12.1	Participating in, condoning, encouraging, requiring, or allowing opportunity for hazing.	2/1
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		2/1

REGULATION 13: Interference with the Orderly Operation of the Conduct Process

Alleged/Actual

13.1	Unreasonably delaying the conduct process by failing to schedule or appear for a meeting as requested by a conduct officer.	0
13.2	Intentionally providing false, distorted, or misrepresented information to a conduct officer or judicial body or knowingly initiating a false complaint.	1/0
13.3	Disrupting the orderly operation of a conduct proceeding.	0
13.4	Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the conduct process.	0
13.5	Harassing and/or intimidating a member of a judicial body or any participant in a conduct proceeding prior to, during, or after that proceeding.	0
13.6	Failure to comply with the sanctions imposed under the Code of Conduct.	0
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		1/0

REGULATION 14: Shared Responsibility for Violations

Alleged/Actual

14.1	Acting in concert to violate University conduct regulations.	16/14
14.2	Knowingly condoning, encouraging, or requiring behavior that violates University conduct regulations.	25/18
14.3	Allowing, condoning, permitting or providing opportunity for a guest to violate University conduct regulations.	1/1
<i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i>		42/33

V. SANCTIONS

Students found in violation of the Code are assigned **one or more** sanctions based on type of violation, circumstances of the case, and a student's prior record with the OSC, resulting in a difference between the number of cases resolved and the number of sanctions assigned during the same time period.

**SANCTIONS ASSIGNED FOR CASES
RESOLVED DURING 2013-2014 CODE YEAR**

Probation	497
Alcohol/Drug Education	460
Community Service	193
Other Educational*	159
Reflection or Research Paper	143
Reprimand	54
Follow-up Meeting	48
Suspension**	30
Letter of Apology/Explanation	22
Restitution	18
Mentor Program	8
Restriction	5
Expulsion***	4

**Other Educational sanctions are specifically designed to educate a student in connection with the effect of his/her behavior.*

***Two suspensions were over-turned on appeal, resulting in 28 actual suspensions in 2013-2014.*

****One expulsion is currently under review within the appeal process.*