

# Preamble

## **HOWARD UNIVERSITY POLICY**

**POLICY NUMBER:** 600-001 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:** Vice President for Student Affairs  
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, or Designee  
Director of Student Conduct & Community Standards

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 17, 2015 (Approved by Board of Trustees)

Conforming Amendments: February 2022, September 2022,  
August 2023

Howard University affirms that the central purpose of a university is the pursuit of truth, the discovery of new knowledge through scholarly research, the teaching and overall development of students, and the transmission of knowledge and learning to the world at large. However, the establishment and maintenance of a community where there is freedom to teach and to learn is dependent on maintaining an appropriate sense of order that allows for the pursuit of these objectives in an environment that is both safe and free of invidious disruption.

Rules and regulations are necessary to mark the boundaries of this needed order. However, the rights of the individual demand that honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect for persons and property must form the core values upon which those rules and regulations are based. All members of the University community share a mutual responsibility to practice the values that inform the rules and regulations.

It is expected that student conduct will be in concert with, and supportive of, the University's mission, vision, central purpose, and core values. Examples of prohibited student behavior are described in this Student Code of Conduct ("Code"). Behaviors that indicate a violation of any provision contained within the Code will immediately be reported and referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards for prompt adjudication in accordance with the University's disciplinary process.

The rules and regulations contained in the Code apply to the following categories of individuals: ALL students, including all persons taking courses at the University, either full-time or part-time, undergraduate, graduate, professional and unclassified studies. Additionally, persons who withdraw from the University after allegedly violating the Code, those who are not officially enrolled for a particular semester or term, but have a continuing relationship with the University, and those who have been notified of their acceptance for admission are also considered to be students under this Code. Finally, persons who are living in university residence halls, although not enrolled in this institution, are also considered students for purposes of the Code. These persons include, but are not limited to, new, continuing and transfer students; participants involved in pre-college or dual-enrollment programs; and those attending workshops, seminars, special classes, summer programs, athletic programs/events/activities, and/or camps affiliated with the University. Students living in off-campus housing and students involved in clinical rotations, practicum, internships, externships, or other activities directly involved with an academic program of study are also subject to the Code.

It is presumed that every student, from the date of their initial acceptance or affiliation with the University, has knowledge of University policies including, but not limited to, the Code, the Academic Code of Conduct, and the Title IX Policy. Students are also expected to know and abide by the policies and procedures contained in the H-Book, the Bulletin, the Student Reference Manual and the

Directory of Classes. Therefore, it is the responsibility and duty of each and every student to become acquainted with all provisions contained in the Code. All students are deemed to have agreed to the Code and are required to adhere to the Code as a condition of their continued enrollment at the University.