

# 2023-2024 Dickinson College Student Handbook

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# Access and Disability Services

Dickinson College is committed to ensuring that the college's programs and facilities are accessible to all qualified students on a nondiscriminatory basis. A student with a disability is not required to disclose a disability unless that student is seeking accommodations.

The office charged with facilitating accommodations for students with disabilities is Access and Disability Services (ADS), located in the "OWLL" (Old West Lower Level), Room 005. Students can inquire about services by emailing [access@dickinson.edu](mailto:access@dickinson.edu), by calling 717-245-1734, or by visiting the office on a drop-in basis during the open hours of noon to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday (no appointment necessary).

The procedure for disclosing a disability and requesting accommodations is provided on the [Access and Disability Services \(ADS\) Website](#). Dickinson College acknowledges that each student's circumstance is unique, and that a flexible approach should be taken in determining reasonable accommodations. To support eligibility for reasonable accommodations as an individual with a disability - covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - a student must disclose a disability and provide documentation that meets the college's guidelines to establish that the student has a physical or mental impairment substantially limiting one or more major life activities. Documentation should substantiate each functional limitation and its nexus to each accommodation request. Disability documentation can be hand delivered, sent by email to [access@dickinson.edu](mailto:access@dickinson.edu), faxed to 717-254-8139, or mailed to ADS, Old West 005, Dickinson College, PO Box 1773, Carlisle, PA, 17013.

*The college does not provide assessment for disabilities.* The student is responsible for obtaining the appropriate medical documentation, testing or evaluation report by referring to the Guidelines for Documenting a Disability on the [ADS website](#). ADS will be happy to provide those who ask with a list of psychologists in the area who perform psychoeducational and neuro-psychological testing. If you are seeking an evaluation (or other disability-related supports), but are limited by financial constraints, you are welcome to complete our [Request for Disability-Related Financial Assistance](#) form.

If you have a physical, psychological, learning, or another type of disability and need accommodations in the academic and/or living environment, or if you have any questions regarding your options, please contact ADS for a confidential consultation by stopping in during Open Hours, emailing [access@dickinson.edu](mailto:access@dickinson.edu) or by calling 717-245-1734.

## ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Students requesting academic accommodations are required to register with ADS to verify their eligibility for reasonable and appropriate accommodations. Once documentation has been reviewed, and eligible students are notified that academic accommodations have been granted, it is important to schedule an accommodation intake meeting as early as possible in the semester to be made aware of the

accommodations and the process for setting them up in each class. Academic accommodations are not applicable retroactively.

Students who are eligible for academic accommodations are instructed as to how to access their customized *Access Plan* via CLIQ on the Gateway. Students should indicate on the plan which accommodations they intend to use or not use for each class and share those intentions electronically with their professors. Students should then schedule a meeting with the professor of each class in which they are seeking accommodations to discuss how each accommodation will be implemented for that class. By the end of the meeting, the student should finalize their accommodation choices and the professor should electronically “acknowledge” the plan for each accommodation. These can be revised later, if necessary, but the student should be sure to email the professor and ADS to notify them of any revisions.

Students seeking test-taking accommodations will need to take both their schedule and each professor's schedule into consideration when determining whether test proctoring is needed. Requests for test proctoring (which are submitted through the *Access Plan*) are to be made at least one week prior to any scheduled exams. Questions regarding test proctoring can be sent to [proctoring@dickinson.edu](mailto:proctoring@dickinson.edu).

Students with questions related to notetaking, including access to supplemental notes or to the ability to record class using a smartpen (if granted as an accommodation) should email [notes@dickinson.edu](mailto:notes@dickinson.edu).

Students can find information related to assistive technology, such as text-to-speech (hearing digital text read aloud), speech to text (having your phone or computer type what you dictate), or converting software from an “inaccessible format” to one that can be read by your computer can be found at [www.dickinson.edu/ADS-AT](http://www.dickinson.edu/ADS-AT). You can also email any related questions you may have to [ADSTechnology@dickinson.edu](mailto:ADSTechnology@dickinson.edu).

Students seeking support with academic success strategies are encouraged to refer to the numerous resources found on the website for SOAR (Strategies, Organization & Achievement Resources), which is [www.dickinson.edu/SOAR](http://www.dickinson.edu/SOAR). You can also come to the “OWLL” (Old West Lower Level) to get hard copies of SOAR’s resources related to time management, study strategies, note-taking, test-taking, etc., or you can schedule one on one support by emailing [SOAR@dickinson.edu](mailto:SOAR@dickinson.edu).

## **HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS**

Dickinson is a residential college, and the residential experience is understood to be an integral part of a Dickinson education. Dickinson is fully committed to the full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of college life, including residential life. At times, students with disabilities may require an accommodation in their living environment. ADS works in cooperation with professionals in Campus Life, the Wellness Center, Facilities, and other relevant campus partners to evaluate requests for accommodation from students with documented conditions that might necessitate an accommodation to ensure equitable access to reasonable housing under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Housing Accommodation

Committee thoroughly reviews each request on a case-by-case basis and determine eligibility for reasonable accommodations. Housing accommodations are made only in situations where the documentation clearly demonstrates that the accommodation is necessary to mitigate a functional limitation resulting from the disability.

Students who wish to request a housing accommodation need to have rendered to ADS all the documents outlined on the [Housing Accommodations](#) webpage by the posted deadline.

Note that consideration of housing accommodation requests and possible subsequent assignments will begin two weeks prior to posted deadlines. While requests and documentation submitted after these dates will be accepted and considered, Dickinson College cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet late applicants' accommodation needs, including any needs that develop during the semester.

## **DIETARY ACCOMMODATIONS**

A major facet of living at a residential college is dining together, along with the opportunity for developing a sense of community that arises in this setting. To this end, all students living on campus are required to purchase a Meal Plan. Occasionally, however, students have special dietary needs based on documented health conditions, which may necessitate dietary-based accommodations. Dickinson College is committed to the full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of college life, including dining experiences, and Dining Services can often accommodate these needs.

Accommodations that support the way in which a student participates in the meal plan are granted when a diagnosis and supporting documentation clearly demonstrates that an accommodation is necessary to mitigate a functional limitation resulting from the disability.

Dickinson College offers many dining options capable of accommodating a multitude of [dietary needs](#), including but not limited to lactose-free meals, gluten-free soups, breads and meals, vegetarian and vegan options, and kosher dining, in addition to a wide array of healthy eating choices. There are also a variety of atmospheres in which students can eat, ranging from the large Dining Hall to smaller venues, such as Union Station, Farm Works, and the Juice Bar. Please visit the [website](#) to learn more.

Students who wish to request a dietary accommodation will need to complete and submit to ADS all the forms outlined on the [Dietary Accommodations](#) webpage by the following dates:

- July 31<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester
- December 31<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester

While applications submitted after these dates will be accepted and considered, Dickinson College cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet late applicants' accommodation needs, including any needs that develop during the semester.

## **Bias Incident Protocol**

### **BIAS EDUCATION & RESPONSE TEAM FUNCTION OF BERT**

The Bias Education & Response Team (BERT) represents a cross section of the Dickinson community (faculty, administrators, and students) who support anti-bias education. BERT is a non-sanctioning body that responds to bias incidents in a proactive manner, emphasizing educational resolutions. The Team oversees a system that provides direct support to any individual(s) affected by a bias incident. BERT's Coordinator documents incidents for information gathering and archival purposes, and coordinates responses to incidents of bias that take place on Dickinson's campus and/or between Dickinson affiliated individuals including employees and students.

### **SUPPORT & PARTNER**

BERT responders provide direct support to any reporters, respondents, and witnesses through the process for reporting and resolving bias-motivated incidents.

BERT responders also connect individual(s) to campus resources as additional sources of support. For example, individuals sometimes benefit from consulting with the Wellness Center or with campus mentors to process their experiences.

### **EDUCATION**

BERT views proactive community education as an integral part of creating an inclusive community and minimizing bias. In addition to collaborating with resolution resources on campus for addressing incidents, BERT hosts annual educational programs and provides resources that increase cultural awareness and equip our community with the skills for navigating multiple forms of diversity productively.

### **DOCUMENTATION**

Incident reports are confidential because they typically include sensitive information that requires private, secure storage of reports. All BERT incident reports are made online and reviewed by the BERT Coordinator, Executive Director for Equity & Inclusivity, and the Vice President of Student Life. The BERT Coordinator reviews all incident reports and archives them in a secure electronic file for archival purposes.

BERT regularly analyzes the reports to identify any patterns of bias and discrimination that exist on campus, which will inform our efforts toward addressing future incidents as well as advancing overall goals concerning diversity education. Evaluation of

responses occurs to improve the college's response and education around incidents of bias and discrimination.

Collection of data will be coordinated with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to ensure compliance with the Clery Act with regards to hate crimes occurring on college campuses.

## **COORDINATE RESPONSE(S)**

BERT responders will work in conjunction with other campus resources (e.g., Academic Affairs, Student Life, The Center for Spirituality and Social Justice, and the Wellness Center) to coordinate responses to bias incidents/hate crimes. Responses to bias incidents will be both proactive and responsive. It is our aim that all responses are educative in nature, educating the community on what constitutes bias, and the impact bias has on a community.

## **PURPOSE OF PROTOCOL**

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

In the spring of 2010, a group of faculty and administrators met to discuss several concerning incidents reported by students involving issues of race, gender, and sexual orientation. The key questions that were raised included what resources are available for affected individuals. How does the college respond to an expression that may be offensive or inflammatory to some but does not constitute a violation of our Community Standards or the law? What are the protocols for addressing these types of incidents?

In the spring of 2011, a group of faculty, students, and administrators gathered to pull together and expand upon policies and procedures already in existence related to issues of bias and discrimination. What follows is a product of those conversations, research of our peer institutions' policies and our commitment as outlined in Strategic Plan III (2011) to "build a supportive and inclusive community characterized by respect, equality, and accountability".

### **PURPOSE**

The Bias Incident Protocol will provide members of the Dickinson community with information on the process for reporting bias incidents and hate crimes; identify campus resources for targets, witnesses, and alleged perpetrators involved in the incident; and outline the purpose, structure, and make-up of a Bias Education & Response Team (BERT). The Protocol outlines steps for addressing incidents whereby students are targets and the alleged perpetrators are students, faculty, or staff of Dickinson College.

This protocol and the mechanisms created by it (such as the BERT) are intended to serve as resources for students seeking assistance in navigating existing policies and procedures of Dickinson College, where such exist, and not to supersede policies and procedures already in place. For situations not covered by existing college policies and procedures, this protocol and the mechanisms created by it are intended to assist students in determining their options for redress and to support them as they seek resolution.

## **STATEMENT OF VALUES**

The following are supporting statements from the college's strategic plans that helped guide the development of this protocol:

### **THE AMERICAN PROJECT**

As a college, we are committed to the American project-yet unfulfilled-of promoting principles of openness, pluralism, inclusiveness, and democracy. We believe that no college can achieve its academic and social goals without reflecting the richness of diverse peoples and voices in America and in the world. To reach our goals in this area, we will continue to enhance the diversity of our own community and broaden the range of other communities with which we must regularly interact in Carlisle, the nation, and the world. Our programs and activities teach students respect for all peoples.

Diversity includes the presence of persons different from one another on a variety of parameters. It recognizes that each individual possesses multiple characteristics that comprise their identity and impacts how they are perceived by and how they interact with others. These characteristics include but are not limited to race, age, color, gender identity and expression, national origin, sexual orientation, religious affiliation or no affiliation, ability, and disability status. To this regard we continue to work toward our strategic objective to "support a climate on campus that builds community and encourages open dialogue on issues of intellectual, ethical and social importance, teach and model for students the practice of engagement with critical and controversial issues related to difference in our culture, and foster a sophisticated understanding of the balance between our diversity and the commonalities inherent in our shared humanity."

Dickinson welcomes reports of behaviors that a student believes are based on personal characteristics shared by several individuals. While there may be no formal solution to such acts, the college is committed to exploring opportunities to open communications and build community under these circumstances.

## **COLLEGE POLICY**

**Discrimination based upon sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or legally protected characteristics such as race, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, or military status is strictly prohibited.**



Under this policy, no Dickinson College student, staff, or faculty member shall, on the basis of a characteristic protected by law or college policy, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any college program or activity.

## DEFINITIONS

- **Bias incident** is defined as a pejorative act or expression that a reasonable person would conclude is directed at and/or impacts a member or group based on but not limited to those characteristics outlined above. A bias motivated incident can occur whether the act or expression was intentional or unintentional.
- **Hate Speech** is speech that is both discriminatory, offensive, or harassing in nature towards a specific group of people AND it must also incite or is reasonably perceived to incite imminent violence or other criminal activity (hate crime) against the group in question. Distasteful, hateful, and offensive speech, in and of itself, is not hate speech and is protected by the first amendment.
- **Hate crime** is “a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias. Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their [perceived] race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity.” (Clery Act cited in Handbook for Campus Safety & Security Reporting, p. 55)
- *While all hate crimes are bias incidents, not all bias incidents are considered hate crimes.*

Although the expression of an idea or point of view may be offensive or inflammatory to some, it is not necessarily a violation of our Community Standards or law. Dickinson embraces the free exchange of ideas essential to an academic community of inquiry.

## REPORTING, RESPONSE AND RESOLUTION

### REPORTING

The following options are available for students who believe they have been a target or witness to a bias incident or hate crime:

#### VISIT THE INTERRUPTING BIAS WEBSITE

[www.dickinson.edu/bias](http://www.dickinson.edu/bias)

Complete an online form to report the incident and/or contact the BERT Coordinator. If your report involves conduct for which there is already a reporting process in place, BERT will help you access this process.

#### FILE A COMPLAINT WITH DPS

Students who are targeted by or witness to a bias incident or hate crime are encouraged to contact DPS immediately. Whenever possible, physical evidence (emails, written statements, Facebook posts, etc.) related to the incident should not be disturbed or destroyed before it is documented and preserved as necessary by an officer.

**You may also report information anonymously through the [DPS Anonymous Tip website](#).** Please note that reporting via the Anonymous Tip website will make follow up by a staff member not possible.

**File or report directly under reporting processes outlined in existing college policies and procedures, such as the Community Standards, the Sexual Misconduct Policy, and the Grievance Policy.**

## **RESPONSE**

### **WHEN CONTACT INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN A NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION**

A member of the BERT will be in contact within 72 hours. A meeting will be scheduled which may include completing or filling out any missing information from the reporting form, providing the affected individuals with information regarding existing reporting processes, relevant campus resources and notifying DPS to begin an investigation of the incident (if DPS has not been previously notified).

### **WHEN NO CONTACT INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED**

The form will serve as a record for institutional memory to identify any patterns regarding bias and hate crime incidents. To the extent that enough information is provided on the reporting form DPS will be asked to investigate the incident.

## **RESOLUTION**

The goals for resolving bias motivated incidents/hate crimes include the following 1) enhance the principles of openness, pluralism, inclusiveness, and democracy, 2) to restore for targets and witnesses a sense of safety and repair to one's sense of community, 3) to be educative rather than simply punitive, 4) to model for the community at large effective approaches for addressing and interrupting bias, and 5) to restore and maintain a discriminatory and bias free environment for all members of the campus community.

In cases where bias incidents are not violations of the Community Standards, the Sexual Misconduct Policy, the Grievance Policy or any other applicable policy of the college, the Bias Education & Response Team (BERT) will serve as primary coordinators for seeking resolution. Approaches to resolving incidents may include

but are not limited to conflict resolution sessions between target/witness and perpetrator(s), organizing community forums, community service requirement, etc.

## **CAMPUS RESOURCES**

### **Department of Public Safety**

Kaufman Building (corner of W. Louther St & Cherry St)

24-hour service, Sunday-Saturday

[security@dickinson.edu](mailto:security@dickinson.edu)

717-245-1349 (non-emergency line)

717-245-1111 (emergency line)

Point of Contact: Dolores Danser, Chief of Public Safety

### **Division of Student Life**

Student Life Office, Upper Level, Holland Union Building

Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Point of Contact: George Stroud, Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students

717-245-1639, [stroudg@dickinson.edu](mailto:stroudg@dickinson.edu)

Point of Contact: Angie Harris, Associate Vice President for Student Life

717-254-8974, [harrisa@dickinson.edu](mailto:harrisa@dickinson.edu)

### **Popel Shaw Center for Race & Ethnicity**

Landis House

Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Point of Contact: Yvette Davis, Director and BERT Coordinator

717-245-1931

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

### **YWCA Carlisle**

301 G. Street (Carlisle, PA)

717-243-3818

<http://www.ywcacarlisle.org/>

The mission of the YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

### **LGBT Center of Central PA**

1306 N. Third Street (Harrisburg, PA)

717-920-9536

<http://www.centralpalgbtcenter.org/>

The mission of the LGBT Center of Central PA is to create common ground for the LGBT community and allies in central Pennsylvania by providing services through educational, cultural and community activities that foster wholeness.

# Student Life Publicity Policy

Dickinson College respects the needs for all students and student groups to express themselves publicly. Whether advertising an event or supporting a community issue, we want our students to feel that they can share their views. However, we have guidelines to be consistent among all groups.

Dickinson College disclaims all responsibility for the content of advertising materials posted on campus. All materials should follow college policies and regulations. Students, faculty, and staff should be aware of current laws regarding libel, defamation, obscenity, fair labor regulations, and other applicable laws.

All posters must have the name of the sponsoring individual or group as well as an email address. They must also have an expiration date for when the poster can be removed (event dates or registration deadlines will be used as expiration date in most cases).

All advertising should be removed by the sponsoring group within 24 hours following the event.

Advertising may only be placed on available bulletin boards. Do not place advertising on the following: glass, wood, campus designs, painted surfaces, or exterior surfaces. Posters placed on glass, wood, campus designs, painted surfaces or exterior surfaces will be removed.

Advertising may not depict alcohol or suggest alcoholic beverages will be provided or served at an event. Promotion of specific brands or types of alcohol, by whatever means, is not allowed. Advertising that an event is BYOB is allowed.

Any advertisement/promotion larger than 11" x 17" must be approved by Campus Life at least 48 hours prior to placement.

Permission for displaying authorized posters inside glass display cases or on bulletin boards assigned to specific organizations or departments must be obtained from that organization or office. Several bulletin boards which are not assigned to a specific organization or office are located throughout the HUB and in other buildings for general use. Please check with staff in academic and other administrative buildings about appropriate locations for displaying signs.

All advertising must be distributed by recognized campus organizations and departments. Non-Dickinson advertising can be dropped off at the Campus Life Office and up to five copies will be posted on general use bulletin boards in the HUB.

Exceptions to the policy may be authorized by Campus Life due to a need to post special announcements.

Violators of this policy will be issued a warning by Campus Life. Further violations may result in loss of advertising privileges and disciplinary action.

## **Community Standards**

### **INTRODUCTION**

As Dickinsonians, students have the opportunity to benefit from a rich and stimulating learning experience. By accepting membership in our community, students also accept a critical role in contributing to an intellectual and social environment characterized by civility, understanding, accountability, and respect. Being a member of the Dickinson College community is a privilege that carries with it the responsibility for the well-being of all other members and aspects of the community.

This document provides information to help students understand the conduct that is expected of all Dickinsonians. It also outlines how the College will move to educate when behaviors occur that are inconsistent with the standards outlined in this document. All students are expected to know and uphold the Community Standards.

The Vice President and Dean of Student Life's Office coordinates the administration of the student conduct process at Dickinson College, including social and academic misconduct. The Vice President and Dean of Student Life also has oversight responsibility for incidents involving social misconduct. The Provost and Dean of the College oversee situations that involve academic misconduct. These responsibilities have been delegated by the President and faculty [Charter and Bylaws of Dickinson College, Chapter IV, Section 2(a)].

### **MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY**

Dickinson's mission is inspired by our founder Dr. Benjamin Rush and his vision to educate citizens to meet the societal and economic demands of an emerging democracy. Our residential environment provides a chance to develop these leadership and citizenship skills as students learn to assume responsibility for self and for the welfare of their community.

In this environment, students may occasionally exercise poor judgment or conduct themselves in a manner that disrupts the community. For this reason, the College maintains Community Standards that set forth expectations for behavior, as well as outline educational procedures regarding student conduct. The goals and objectives of the College's Community Standards differ from those of the civil and criminal justice systems. Ours is a process with education and accountability to community as its top priorities. We do not adhere to "courtroom" principles but rather to educational objectives that seek to balance individual learning and community welfare.

The College affirms a student's right to be treated fairly, which includes receiving appropriate notice of concerns about specific behaviors and the opportunity to

respond to those concerns. In formal resolution proceedings, this also includes the right to be assisted by an advisor and to appeal the initial hearing outcome.

## COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR CONDUCT

The expectations articulated in the Community Standards are designed to create an environment that supports a vigorous academic life and respectful community. Dickinson expects that its students will demonstrate standards of behavior that demonstrate:

- Respect for Ideas
- Respect for Self
- Respect for Others
- Respect for Community
- Respect for Property

These standards apply to on-campus behavior, to behavior while studying as an active student away from the Carlisle campus, and to off-campus behavior that does or has the potential to adversely affect any member of the Dickinson College community or Dickinson College. While it is impossible to enumerate every possible violation of the five standards identified above, the following sections provide students specific guidance about conduct that clearly violates our expectations.

The College has determined that certain violations are of such a serious nature that they will likely result in a student's or organization's *interim separation*, *suspension*, or *expulsion* from Dickinson College (these terms are described in the **Outcomes** section of this document). Violations fall within this category when they cause, or have the potential to cause, significant adverse consequences for the safety, health and/or wellbeing of the student, others, or the community at large. These violations are noted with an asterisk (\*) below.

## ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Students are expected to do their own work on quizzes, papers, examinations, class assignments, etc. Normally, a paper may be submitted in fulfillment of an assignment in only one course. Exceptions require permission from the instructors. Collaboration must be noted in writing and requires the consent of all instructors. Any of the following are considered academic misconduct (this list is illustrative and not intended to be exhaustive).

*Respect for ideas* - our own and others' - is a hallmark of academic integrity. We show respect for ideas by acknowledging when we have used another's words or ideas in our work. We expect others to acknowledge when they use our ideas or words in their work.

## **CHEATING**

Cheating involves deception or the provision or receipt of unauthorized assistance. Students are expected neither to receive nor to provide unauthorized assistance with academic work. **Cheating may take many forms including plagiarism.** The examples below are illustrative but not exhaustive:

- Copying from another person's work or answers.
- Referring to and using prohibited materials in the preparation for assignments or the taking of examinations or quizzes.
- Obtaining and using a copy of the examination or answers to an examination without the knowledge of the instructor.
- Collaborating on assignments or examinations unless such collaboration has been permitted.
- Submitting the same paper or assignment in two courses without permission of both professors. Using substantive sections of an assignment or paper completed for another course also requires permission of both instructors.
- Assisting another to do any of the above or to cheat in a similar manner.
- Using online translators to complete assignments, quizzes, or examinations in a language course.

## **PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism may take several forms. To plagiarize is to use without proper citation or acknowledgment the words, ideas, or work of another.

The most serious degree of plagiarism involves the wholesale and deceptive borrowing of written material from sources such as published authors, websites, other students, or paper-for-hire services. Students who submit papers or significant sections of papers that they did not write themselves are committing this type of violation.

Another serious degree of plagiarism involves less wholesale but still repeated and inappropriate borrowing from outside sources. In some situations, students borrow several phrases or sentences from others, and do so without both quotation marks and proper attributions. In other situations, students secretly collaborate on assignments in defiance of specific prohibitions outlined by their instructor.

Finally, there is a degree of plagiarism that involves the borrowing of specific words or phrases without quotation marks. In such situations, citations may be present, but they are inadequate. This problem most commonly occurs when students paraphrase sources by attempting to change a few words in a sentence or brief series of sentences. It can also occur when students rely too heavily on parents or friends for ideas or phrases which they mistakenly claim as their own.

Students can avoid plagiarism by:

- Always provide clear and accurate citations for the sources that inform your work. This is an admonition that goes to the heart of your academic responsibility.
- Remember that almost all quotations and statistics require citations. Specific facts and ideas borrowed from others, even if expressed in your own words, also require citations.
- Summaries of an author's argument require citations. It is true that matters of general knowledge do not usually require citations, but when in doubt, students should provide citations for them.
- Students who rely on parents, friends, or others for specific contributions to their work should acknowledge this indebtedness in a citation.
- Understand that paraphrasing means to summarize in your own words. The surest way to avoid plagiarism when summarizing is to write with sources and notes closed. If you cannot explain what an author argued from memory, then you probably do not understand it well enough to paraphrase.

## **FALSIFYING/FORGING ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS**

Falsifying or forging documents involves the unauthorized alteration of information provided by the College on records or documents. Falsifying/Forging academic documents includes, but is not limited to, the following conduct:

- Altering information on a transcript.
- Changing a grade or the comments/markings on a paper, assignment, or lab report.

## **SOCIAL MISCONDUCT**

Maintaining a civil, safe, and respectful environment in which learning can best occur is the responsibility of all members of our community.

## **ALCOHOL AND DRUG AMNESTY**

While the College expects all students to adhere to its Community Standards, there are times when health and safety issues take precedence over conduct standards and students are encouraged to put their health and safety or the health and safety of others above all other concerns. The College encourages reporting of health and safety emergencies and seeks to remove any barriers to reporting by providing limited amnesty for individuals who report such emergencies. Consequently, when a student in need of immediate medical assistance to prevent their own death or serious injury or that of another person contacts DPS, calls 911 or contacts Residence Life & Housing, neither the reporting student nor the student at risk will be held responsible for their own consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs provided:

- The reporting student reasonably believed they were the first person to make a call to DPS, 911 or Residence Life & Housing staff,
- The reporting student provides their own name when making the report, and
- The reporting student remains with the person needing medical assistance until



help arrives.

This offer of amnesty refers to isolated incidents only and does not excuse or protect those who flagrantly and/or repeatedly violate the College's drug and alcohol standards and expectations. It applies only to cases of suspected extreme intoxication or other life-threatening circumstances due to alcohol or drug use and does not extend to related infractions such as assault or property damage. Although student or student organizations covered under this policy will not be subject to the conduct process, individuals involved will be required to meet with an administrator to discuss the incident and may be required to complete educational sessions and/or a substance use assessment. The incident may also result in notification of parent(s) or guardian(s). This policy only covers how the College will respond to students who could be involved in our student conduct process and does not cover criminal charges that could result from law enforcement based on the incident.

## **STANDARDS OF SOCIAL CONDUCT**

Below are descriptions of specific departures of the Community Standards addressed through our student conduct system.

Students should also understand that, in addition to the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of the Community Standards, there may be other consequences that arise from their behavior including, but not limited to adverse effects to student's immigration status, impact on financial aid, or effect eligibility for other campus opportunities, including but not limited to membership or participation in certain organizations, certain honors, awards and scholarships, leadership positions, club sports or varsity athletics.

*Respect for Self - Knowing and respecting your worth, helps to teach others how to treat you. We show respect for ourselves when we respect our boundaries and*

## **ALCOHOL**

The possession, use, sale, provision and/or distribution of alcohol, except as permitted by law, is a violation of the Dickinson College Community Standards as well as a possible violation of local, state and/or federal laws. Students are expected to comply with the [Drug and Alcohol Policy](#) as outlined in the [Campus-Wide Policies](#) page.

### **Possible Sanctions for Violating the Alcohol Provision for Possession and Use**

While the College aims to manage situations on a case-by-case basis regarding alcohol. The College also aims to respond consistently to students and to be transparent with outcomes. The following are recommended sanctions for violations of the alcohol policy. Depending on the severity of the incident and impact on community in an incident, the College can alter sanctions to address safety and security concerns more appropriately.

## **Range of sanctions: Warning (minimum) to Suspension (maximum)**

### Recommended for First Violation of the Alcohol Policy

- Warning or Probation
- Parental Notification
- Self-Reflection

### Recommended for Second Violation of the Alcohol Policy

- Probation for one semester to probation for one year
- Parental Notification
- Mentor Meetings with faculty or staff member
- Ethical Decision-Making Workshop

### Recommended for Third Violation of the Alcohol Policy

- Probation for one year to suspension for one semester
- Substance Use Assessment (BASICS course, for which there is a \$75.00 fee), Extended Substance Use Assessment (for which there is a \$75.00 fee), or Substance Use Assessment/Treatment while Suspended (you are responsible for all costs)
- Parental Notification

### Recommended for Fourth Violation of the Alcohol Policy

- Suspension for one semester to suspension for one year
- Substance Use Assessment/Treatment While Suspended (you are responsible for all costs)
- Parental Notification

## **DRUGS**

The possession, use, distribution(\*), manufacture(\*), cultivation(\*), sale(\*), transfer(\*), or the attempt or conspiracy to possess, use, distribute, manufacture, cultivate, sell or transfer any substance the possession of which is prohibited by federal, state or local drug laws (*NOTE: The intention to distribute, sell or transfer drugs may be inferred from the quantity and/or types of drugs involved*).

Effective August 2011, Pennsylvania added certain **synthetic substances** to the list of drugs and substances it is illegal to possess, use or sale. These include chemical substances contained in bath salts, synthetic marijuana, or other synthetic drugs including, but not limited to, salvia and 2C-E.

Students are expected to comply with the [Drug & Alcohol policy](#) as outlined in the [Campus Wide Policies](#) page.

## **MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

The possession and use of marijuana remain illegal under federal law. Consistent with federal law, including the Controlled Substances Act and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the use and/or possession of marijuana (even for medical purposes) continues to be prohibited while a student is on college owned or college-controlled property, and/or at any function hosted, authorized, or supervised by the college regardless of where held. All products containing THC are prohibited.

### **Possible Sanctions for Violating the Drug Provision for Possession and Use**

While the College aims to manage situations on a case-by-case basis regarding drugs, the College also aims to respond consistently to students and to be transparent with outcomes. The following are recommended sanctions for violations of the drugs policy. Depending on the severity of the incident and impact on community in an incident, the College can alter sanctions to address safety and security concerns more appropriately.

## **MARIJUANA**

### **Range of sanctions: Probation (minimum) to Suspension (maximum)**

#### Recommended for First Marijuana Violation

- Probation for one semester
- Parental Notification
- Warning regarding illegal nature of drugs

#### Recommendation for Second Marijuana Violation

- Probation for one semester to or one year
- Parental Notification
- Ethical Decision-Making Workshop or Mentor Meetings

#### Recommendation for Third Marijuana Violation

- Probation for one year to suspension for one semester.
- Substance Use Assessment (BASICS course, for which there is a \$75.00 fee), Extended Substance Use Assessment (for which there is a \$75.00 fee) or Substance Use Assessment and Treatment While Suspended (you are responsible for all costs)
- Parental Notification

#### Recommendation for Fourth Marijuana Violation

- Suspension for one semester to suspension for one year
- Substance Use Assessment/Treatment while suspended (you are responsible for all costs)
- Parental Notification

## **OTHER DRUGS (\*) – *Not including marijuana***

### **Range of sanctions: Suspension (minimum) to Expulsion (maximum)**

#### Recommended for First Violation for Other Drugs

- Suspension for one semester to suspension for one year
- Substance Use Assessment and Treatment While Suspended
- Parental Notification

#### Recommendation for Second Violation for Other Drugs

- Expulsion
- Parental Notification

## **DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

Possession and/or use of any paraphernalia prohibited by federal, state, or local drug laws violates the Dickinson College Community Standards.

## **FALSE IDENTIFICATION**

Creating (\*), distributing (\*), or possessing an identification card that falsely identifies or that is intended to falsely identify the bearer by name, age, date of birth, photograph, or other personally identifiable criteria or possessing or using the identification card of another or by possessing or using an identification card that has not been issued to or in the name of that person who possesses the card.

## **HARM TO SELF**

Engaging in activities or behaviors that intentionally or unintentionally jeopardize one's safety or well-being or which disrupt the community or any member of the community.

## **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

Students and organizations are expected to obey federal, state, and local laws. Any violation of such laws on Dickinson's campus or which affects Dickinson College or members of its community is also a violation of the Community Standards.

Respect for Others – Dickinson is a diverse community, appreciating, listening to, and affirming others makes us more inclusive. Respect for Others is demonstrated by giving value to other's beliefs, ideals and understanding that everyone, regardless of any differences you have with them, deserves to be respected.

## **ADULTERATION OF FOOD AND/OR BEVERAGE (\*)**

The intentional placement of drugs or other illicit substances into the food or beverage to be consumed by others, and without their knowledge and consent.

## **DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT (\*)**

Engaging in conduct that has the purpose or effect of creating a hostile environment or which deprives another person of the ability to fully participate in the programs or opportunities of the college based on that person's race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or other characteristic protected by law (other than sex discrimination) or College policy is a violation of the Community Standards. Discriminatory Conduct may occur in a single egregious instance or may be the cumulative result of a series of incidents and may include, but is not limited to, acts of verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility, including such conduct that occurs electronically or via social media. Conduct that is alleged to be based on discrimination based on sex, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression is addressed according to the processes set forth in the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy (current policy can be found at <https://www.dickinson.edu/titleix> or on the [Campus-Wide Policies](#) page).

When there are allegations of discriminatory conduct based on sex, as well as the characteristics set forth in these Community Standards, the College will coordinate the investigation and resolution efforts to address Harassing Conduct related to the targeted individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression together with the conduct related to the targeted individual's race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, or disability. Coordination of the investigation will not delay the prompt and equitable resolution of a report under this policy.

## **Possible Sanctions for Violating the Discriminatory Conduct Policy**

### **Range of sanctions: Warning (minimum) to Expulsion (maximum)**

#### Recommended for First Violation

- Warning to Suspension for one semester
- Educational Programs or Meetings Attendance and Participation

#### Recommendation for Second Violation

- Probation for one semester to Expulsion
- Educational Program or Meeting Attendance and Participation

## **DISHONESTY**

Students and organizations are expected to be honest and truthful in all interactions with members of the Dickinson College community, including the College itself, its faculty and

employees, alumni, and fellow students, as well as with local, state, and federal officials. This includes, but is not limited to, falsifying, forging, altering, or misusing any document or record.

## **ELECTRONIC CONDUCT**

College-provided computers, electronic devices and Internet access are available on campus. Students also use their own electronic equipment on campus as well. In all cases, policies governing the use of the College's electronic equipment, Internet access, network and computer system apply. The policies are on the [Campus Wide Policies](#) page under [Library and Information Services](#). Using any computer or other electronic device, and/or the college's network or Internet access in violation of these policies is prohibited.

## **FAILURE TO COMPLY**

Students and organizations are expected to comply with the directions of college officials and follow all College policies. Specific expectations include:

- following the directions of college officials and not hindering any College employee (including student employees) in the performance of their duties or interfering with the operations of the College.
- complying with college policies and regulations, including but not limited to, those found in the Student Handbook.
- complying with the results of hearings and procedures in which they participate.
- student organizations are also expected to comply with the policies and regulations that govern their organization, including but not limited to risk management policies and regulations for behavior.
- complying with college policies and instructions related to health & safety of the community.

## **HARM TO OTHER (\*)**

Physical, verbal, or psychological abuse, harassment, intimidation, or other harmful conduct, including those made electronically or via social media, that threatens, endangers, or has the potential to endanger the health, well-being, or safety of another individual. It can include, but is not limited to, threats, intimidation, assaulting another person, and/or purposefully injuring another individual.

## **HAZING (\*)**

Any act that, as an explicit or implied condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, acceptance in, or continued membership in a group or organization, could be seen by a reasonable person as endangering the physical well-being of an individual, as causing mental distress to an individual, or as being disruptive to the campus community, regardless of the individual's willingness to participate. The complete [Hazing Policy](#) can be found on the [Campus Wide Policies](#) page under Student Resources and Services.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND MISCONDUCT (\*)**

The College's policy and procedures for resolution of sexual harassment can be found in the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy (on the [Campus Wide Policies](#) page). Allegations which meet the definitions within the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy may only be adjudicated under that policy and cannot be adjudicated through any other process when the jurisdictional requirements of Title IX are met. When the Title IX Coordinator determines that the allegations do not meet the jurisdiction of the College as defined by Title IX regulations, or where the misconduct allegations do not meet the definitions within the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy, the Title IX Coordinator must dismiss the allegations but may refer concerns or reports of prohibited misconduct to the Student Conduct office for review and possible resolution under this or another relevant policy. Note that in its adjudication of cases involving allegations of sexual harassment, the Student Conduct office will utilize the definitions articulated in the Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy, except that the definitions for Sexual Harassment and Gender-Based Harassment are altered to remove the requirement that the conduct be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access.

## **COMPLICITY**

Assisting or facilitating the commission of a violation of the Community Standards.

## **DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT**

Conduct that is disorderly, annoying, disruptive, lewd, overly aggressive, obscene or which causes alarm.

## **FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES (\*)**

All members of the College community, including faculty, staff, and students, as well as visitors to Dickinson College, are prohibited from possessing firearms, explosives or weapons (hereafter collectively referred to as "weapons") on the premises of the College or in any building under College control or at any College-sponsored event without the explicit authorization of Dickinson College, whether or not a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor. The complete [Firearms and Weapons policy](#) can be found on the [Campus Wide Policies](#) page.

## **INTERFERENCE WITH COLLEGE ACTIVITIES**

The obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administrative duties, conduct proceedings or other college activities.

## **RESIDENTIAL LIVING GUIDELINES & POLICIES**

Students on campus are expected to participate actively in their communities and fulfill the obligations of a respectful and responsible citizen in the community. Residential policies and guidelines are designed to foster safe, productive, and respectful environments that allow students maximal opportunities for growth and development. While living in college-sponsored facilities, you are expected to follow these guidelines and policies and any other guidelines established by an individual community. The complete list of Residential Guidelines & Policies can be found on the [Campus Wide Policies](#) page under [Student Resources and Services](#).

## **RETALIATION**

Seeking retribution or revenge or attempting to seek retribution or revenge against anyone involved in the bringing, defense or resolution of allegations of any violation of the Community Standards, including the complainant, the respondent, anyone acting on behalf of either party, or anyone participating in the investigation, hearing and/or appeal.

## **UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS**

Unauthorized access to or use of college buildings, facilities, or other properties. This includes, but is not limited to, gaining access to a room, location, or building without authorization, unauthorized use of a college vehicle, and/or improper possession or duplication of a key or key card.

## **FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT (\*)**

Tampering with fire safety equipment and/or the intentional or reckless starting of a fire.

## **DAMAGE TO PROPERTY**

Damage to college property or the property of others, and any attempt to damage it.

Respect for Property is essential when interacting with others' belongings. We show our respect for property by not stealing, destroying or accessing property without permission.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT**

Tampering and/or the misuse of safety and security equipment.

## **THEFT/POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY**

Taking, attempting to take, and/or being in possession of the property of another without permission.



## **PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING MISCONDUCT**

When the actions of a student(s) or organization violate the Dickinson College Community Standards, a process of review and resolution is implemented. This section describes the various procedures employed for the resolution of concerns about behavior and conduct that is inconsistent with our values and standards as an academic community. Generally, reports of violations of standards are submitted to the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office at which point they are resolved formally or informally. All academic misconduct situations must be reviewed by a panel as part of the formal resolution process.

### **INFORMAL RESOLUTION**

The College aims to respond to student misconduct in an educational and restorative manner whenever appropriate. Informal resolution seeks to resolve conflict, restore an individual or group's relationship with the community and to promote and maintain community trust and civility. This is achieved through outcomes mutually agreed to by the college and the student. Outcomes of informal resolutions do not appear on a student or organization's conduct record; however, these outcomes can be taken into consideration if additional violations occur.

Informal resolution is reserved for allegations of social misconduct in which:

- the facts of the incident are not in dispute,
- the student(s) or organization(s) involved has accepted responsibility for their/its actions and agrees to amicable and respectful discussion throughout the process,
- and when, based upon the behavior at issue, the likely outcome does not alter a student or organization's relationship or status with the College.

Violations likely to alter a student's status at the college (asterisked in the Community Standards section of this document) are not eligible for review under informal resolution.

As part of the informal resolution process students may participate in one or more of these options: student (peer) panel meetings, restorative conferences with a college community member or conflict mediation. The resolution achieved in each situation will be based upon the specific incident under consideration.

Regardless of which process is used, the success of informal resolution requires that the meeting(s) include honest and candid dialogue, input from the parties involved, an acknowledgement and understanding of responsibility by the parties involved, and a resolution that is agreed upon by all participants.

Because the outcomes of informal resolution conversations are mutually developed and agreed upon by parties involved, an appeal of the process and its result is not permitted. If the parties are unable to agree on the outcomes of the informal resolution proceeding, any party may request that the matter be resolved through formal resolution proceedings.

## **FORMAL RESOLUTION**

Generally, there are two means of formal resolution: administrative hearings and hearing panels. Violations that do not meet the criteria for informal resolution and that are not likely to alter a student's or organization's status at the institution may be heard by a single administrative hearing officer. The administrative hearing officer is appointed by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life office. All other violations that will be resolved by formal resolution will be reviewed by a hearing panel.

Students' rights concerning conduct resolved through formal resolution are:

- The right to appropriate notice of concerns about specific behavior (this information is in the notice letter that the student receives).
- The opportunity to be assisted by an advisor.
- The opportunity to respond to the concern (your opportunity is to provide a written statement or your account of what occurred during the hearing).
- The opportunity to appeal the initial hearing outcome if grounds for appeal are met.

Formal resolutions are reserved for allegations of social misconduct in which:

- A student(s) or organization has requested a formal resolution process,
- the alleged violation(s) of the Community Standards likely to alter a student's status at the college,
- the facts of the underlying incident are in dispute,
- the student(s) or organization(s) involved have challenged or have failed to acknowledge responsibility for their/its actions or where the outcome of a hearing may alter a student or organization's relationship, and/or,
- all academic misconduct situations must be heard through the formal resolution process.

Information regarding the resolution of sexual harassment and misconduct claims handled through a Title IX process may be obtained from the Title IX Coordinator.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**

In situations where informal resolution is not available or the parties have requested, an administrative hearing will be held. Typically, these are for violations of a more serious nature or where there is a conduct history. Students cannot be separated from the college through suspension or expulsion in an administrative hearing. A hearing officer reads a script and asks the student whether they believe they are responsible or not responsible for the possible violations of the standards. The hearing officer then listens to the students' account of what occurred and asks clarifying questions before deciding responsibility.

## HEARING PANEL

For social (non-academic) conduct violations, the hearing panel consists of three voting members: a student, a faculty member and an administrator or staff member, with the exception of any hearings to resolve the Sexual Harassment or Misconduct provision. For any violations related to Sexual Harassment or Misconduct, the panel will consist of a faculty member and two administrator or staff members. The Director of Student Conduct, or designee, will serve as the chairperson (non-voting) facilitating the hearing process and assuring the process is followed appropriately. Cases involving an organization will be heard before a hearing panel.

For academic conduct violations, the hearing panel consists of three voting members: a student, a faculty member and an Associate Provost who serves as chairperson (voting member). The individuals who serve as hearing officers or on hearing panels are chosen from a pool of eligible panel members.

The various members of the pool are chosen as follows:

- **Students** who are members of the hearing panel pool are nominated by members of the College community, interviewed by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office, and then confirmed by Student Senate. The students are trained by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office and Academic Affairs to hear incidents involving academic and non-academic violations of the College policy. Students will not serve on hearing panels for the violation of Sexual Harassment or Misconduct.
- **Faculty** who are members of the hearing panel pool are elected by the faculty. The faculty members are trained by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office and Academic Affairs to hear incidents involving academic and non-academic violations of the College policy. The faculty are trained by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office and Academic Affairs to hear incidents involving academic and social conduct violations of the College policy.
- **Administrators and staff** who are members of the pool from which hearing panel members are selected and appointed by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office or the Provost's Office. Staff members are trained by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office to hear incidents involving non-academic violations of the College policy.

The individuals from our community who may appear before a hearing panel are the *complaining party*, the *responding party*, any individuals who are *advisors*\* and any individuals who appear as *witnesses*\*\*.

The **complaining party** may be any member of the College community, including students, faculty, other employees, or the College itself who believes that a student or student organization has violated the Community Standards. In some instances, the complaining party may be a community member.

The **responding party** is any student, group of students, or organization accused of a violation of the Community Standards.

As used in this policy, “**parties**” refers collectively to the complaining party and the responding party.

\*The complaining party and the responding party may each be assisted by an **advisor**. This person may help prepare the party for the hearing and may accompany the party attending the hearing. An advisor must be a current student, full-time faculty member or full-time staff member of Dickinson College. This person must not have a law degree and cannot speak on behalf of the responding party or complaining party during the hearing. However, parties can have any advisor of choice in cases referred by the Title IX office for handling – with the advisor speaking restriction remaining intact. This person cannot serve as the advisor, for an academic misconduct case, if they have reviewed the case prior to the complaining faculty submitting the case to the Associate Provost.

\*\*The complaining party and the responding party may each have **witnesses** who have relevant information pertaining to the incident appear during the hearing or, in lieu of appearing, submit statements from witnesses in writing in advance of the hearing according to the schedule described in this policy. <sup>1</sup>Witness information must be submitted in advance and witnesses must be approved by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office before information will be shared with the hearing administrator or hearing panel. Similarly, any written statements must be submitted in advance.

<sup>1</sup> While the Vice President and Dean of Student Life office will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the schedules of the parties and their witnesses, accommodating everyone’s schedules is not always possible and may unreasonably delay the timely disposition of the violations. When this point is reached, and the Vice President and Dean of Student Life office determines that the hearing will go forward on a certain date, there will be no further efforts to accommodate schedules of witnesses and statements in lieu of appearing will be the offering party’s only option.

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Director of Student Conduct, or designee, makes an initial determination of whether a student and/or organization may have violated the Community Standards and/or College policy. Throughout this document, Director of Student Conduct, or designee, refers to the Director of Student Conduct, or designee, with oversight of the conduct process. A notice letter provides a student or organization with information about the policy or policies violation(s) that are alleged to have taken place. Notice of informal resolution or administrative hearing will be provided no less than two (2) business days in advance of the resolution proceeding. In general, notice of a hearing before a hearing panel will be given approximately five (5) business days before the scheduled date of the hearing. Under extenuating circumstances, the timeframes set forth in this section may be extended by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life. The time frames set forth in this policy are meant to provide guidance and the College may alter or set new time frames as appropriate. In addition, the notice letter also provides a student or organization with the date, time, and place of the hearing, as well as the name(s) of the person(s)

hearing the case. If the student or organization wishes to contest their hearing officer or panel member(s) based upon a perceived conflict of interest they should contact the Director of Student Conduct, or designee, as soon as possible, but within 24 hours after receiving notice of an informal resolution or administrative hearing and within three (3) business days before the date of a hearing before a hearing panel. A conflict of interest exists where, based upon facts and circumstances, the hearing officer or panel member cannot listen without bias or render a fair and impartial decision. Any documents a student receives related to a hearing are confidential and must not be shared other than with an advisor, who is also expected to maintain confidentiality.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

If a student requires accommodations for a disability during the hearing process, they must inform the Director of Student Conduct, or designee, no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled informal resolution, administrative hearing or hearing panel. The Director of Student Conduct, or designee, will work with Disability Services and the student to determine if the accommodation is appropriate and the nature of the accommodation.

## **THE HEARING PROCESS**

The panel or administrative hearing officer will listen to and consider all relevant information presented at the hearing. Information supporting the violation(s) alleged may be offered in the form of documents and/or oral information from the complaining party and other individuals. The responding party shall be provided with an opportunity and is encouraged to respond to the allegations and present any information available to support their position regarding the alleged violation(s) by offering documents and/or oral information. Individuals that either party intends to call as witnesses either in person or by written statement must be identified within 24 hours in advance of an administrative hearing and within three business days before the date of a hearing panel. Likewise, any documents that either party intends to use in conduct proceedings, including statements of witnesses, must be submitted 24 hours in advance of an informal resolution or administrative hearing and within three business days before the date of a hearing panel. The parties will be notified of the approval of documents and witnesses at least two business days before the resolution proceeding. The Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office will share the identity of witnesses and any documents, including witness statements, to be offered with the other party at least two business days before the proceeding.

Parties and other individuals who offer information at a hearing are expected to respond to questions presented via the hearing panel chair and/or by the panel members themselves. Once all the information has been presented, everyone will be dismissed from the hearing room so that the panel or administrative hearing officer may deliberate in private.

Administrative and panel hearings are audio-recorded. The audio recording is created for two limited purposes only: for reference by the hearing board or officer during deliberations and for review by the appellate officers during an appeal. No other

recordings of conduct proceedings are allowed and no other access to the recordings is permitted.

The hearing panel or hearing officer will determine whether it is more likely than not, based upon the available information, that the responding party is responsible for the violation alleged. If it is determined that a violation of the Community Standards has occurred for which the responding party is responsible, the panel or hearing officer will determine sanctions, taking into account any previous disciplinary action for which the responding party has been responsible.

The result of the hearing and any sanction imposed are communicated to the responding party. This will typically occur within five (5) business days from the date of the hearing. There are some violations, as determined by law, for which a victim or victims will be notified about the outcome of a hearing.

Students and/or organizations are expected to attend scheduled hearings. If a student or organization fails to attend a hearing for any reason other than an emergency, the hearing may be held in the absence of the student or organization. Students and/or organizations can request to have a hearing rescheduled. Requests to reschedule must be submitted to the Director of Student Conduct, or designee, within 24 hours after receiving notice of an administrative hearing or hearing panel. Requests must come directly from the student receiving a notice letter.

If a hearing must be held at or after the end of the semester and/or a hearing panel cannot reasonably be convened, those matters will proceed either with a modified panel or to an administrative hearing. When proceeding as an administrative hearing, hearings for academic misconduct violations will be heard by two Associate Provosts, or designees of the Provost, and hearings for social violations will be heard by the Director of Student Conduct, or designee, or their designee.

Because the goals and objectives of the College's Community Standards and policies differ from those of the civil and criminal justice systems, in situations which give rise to both violations of the Community Standards as well as violations of any local, state or federal law, student conduct proceedings may move forward without regard to pending civil litigation, criminal arrest, and/or prosecution. Proceedings under the College's Community Standards may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off-campus. On-campus adjudication does not preclude or limit a student's access to the state and federal justice systems.

## **INTERIM SEPARATION**

The Vice President and Dean of Student Life, or their designee, may place a student or organization on interim separation for any behavior that, in their judgment, poses an ongoing risk of harm to the safety or well-being of an individual or other members of the campus community. Pending formal resolution of the situation as provided by the Community Standards, the student or organization will be denied access to the entire campus. During interim separation, a student may continue their coursework. When

Interim Separation is imposed, the College will make reasonable efforts to complete the hearing within two weeks of the interim separation beginning.

## **INTERIM MEASURES**

The Vice President and Dean of Student Life, or their designee, may impose conditions on any student or organization associated with a hearing process which, in the Dean's judgment, are necessary to maintain order, preserve the integrity of the hearing process and provide for the safety and well-being of individuals and organizations associated with the hearing process.

## **OUTCOMES**

Hearing panels or administrative hearing officers who find a student or organization responsible for a violation of the Community Standards or College policy, will issue sanctions, including but not limited to, those outlined below. Sanctions may be issued individually, or a combination of sanctions may be imposed. The determination of sanctions is based upon several factors, including: the interest of the College community; the impact of the violation on the community, its members, or its property; any previous conduct violations; and any mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

## **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT OUTCOMES**

Academic honesty and integrity are a necessary foundation for scholarly work. Cheating in any form, including plagiarism, is unacceptable. Students found responsible for violations of the Academic Standards will receive sanctions as appropriate. In addition to the sanctions described in the Community Standards for social violations (such as warning, stayed suspension, suspension, expulsion, revocation and/or withholding of diploma), which are also applicable to academic violations, students found responsible for academic misconduct may also receive:

- **A zero on the assignment in question**  
The lowest score that can be earned for the assignment in question will be given and the student's final grade calculated based on the grading information stated in the course syllabus.
- **Required withdrawal from the course with a penalty grade of "F"**  
Students immediately lose the privilege of attending the class. A letter grade of "F" will be recorded on the student's academic record and calculated into the semester and cumulative GPA as 0.00. A failed course may be retaken for credit. Both the original grade and the new grade are calculated in the cumulative grade point average. All "F" grades continue to appear on the student's academic record regardless of course repetition.
- **The typical sanction for academic misconduct is an "F" in the course and stayed suspension.**

In most situations, conduct files of students who have been found responsible for academic misconduct but have not been suspended or expelled are destroyed seven (7) years after graduation or permanent separation from the college. The conduct files of students who withdrew with pending disciplinary action or have been suspended or expelled from the College are maintained in the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office indefinitely. In incidents where a student is found responsible for an academic violation, the student's academic advisor and class dean will be notified of that outcome.

## **SOCIAL MISCONDUCT OUTCOMES**

The outcomes which may be imposed individually or in combination on a student or organization found to have violated the Community Standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

### **Warning**

Notice to a student or organization that continuation or repetition of conduct found to be in violation of the Community Standards or policies may result in further disciplinary action.

### **Restitution/Restoration**

Restitution includes reimbursement for damages to or the misappropriation of property. Restoration includes the performance of appropriate services to repair or otherwise compensate for damages. Restitution and restoration may also include personal apologies, or other direct efforts to compensate for or address an issue.

### **Housing Restriction(s)**

Housing restrictions include, but are not limited to, restricted access to any or all parts of residence halls, the loss of room selection/lottery privileges, the loss of ability to engage in social or residential off-campus noncommercial spaces, requirement to move on-campus at your own expense, removal of guest privileges, and/or restriction from autonomous housing options.

### **Housing Relocation**

Housing relocation includes the involuntary relocation of a student from one residence hall to another residence hall on campus. If a student is relocated, they may be restricted from the prior residence.

### **Off Campus Nuisance House**

Any off-campus residence currently occupied or used by Dickinson College students where one or more residents or participants in social activities at the residential space has been placed on probation may be designated by the College as a nuisance house. During the period of designation, exemplary community behavior is expected. Carlisle Police will also be notified of the designation. Additional violations of the Community Standards during this designation period may result in citations from the Carlisle Police.



### **Assessment and/or Treatment**

Referral to the Wellness Center or approved off-campus agencies for various assessments, evaluations and/or treatment. This includes but is not limited to substance abuse assessment and/or treatment, anger management evaluation and/or treatment, and conflict mediation.

### **Restrictions on Participation or Use**

Restrictions on participation include the revocation, or the loss for a stated period or under a stated set of conditions, of a student's ability to participate in certain College approved activities, including but not limited to varsity sports, clubs, organizations (including but not limited to Greek organizations) or leadership positions with such sports, clubs, and organizations. Restrictions on use include the denial of access to, or use of, certain College facilities, programs, or equipment for a stated period of time or under a stated set of conditions.

### **Parental Notification**

Disclosure to a parent that the student has been found responsible for a violation of the alcohol and/or drug provisions of the Community Standards. **This is a typical sanction for an alcohol and/or drug violation.**

### **Probation**

A specified period of time requiring maintenance of exemplary conduct. Further violations during this time may result in more serious sanctions. This may also include all residents of a house, apartment, or suite on or off campus.

### **Stayed Suspension**

A student or organization on stayed suspension has been found responsible for conduct that warrants suspension from the College. In the exercise of its discretion, Dickinson College has determined to withhold immediate imposition of suspension and to allow the individual or organization to remain on campus, usually with additional terms of compliance. If a student or organization is found in violation of any aspect of the Community's Standards or of terms of compliance during the period of the stay, the stay on this suspension may be lifted and the suspension will become effective immediately, resulting in separation from the College for the remainder of the suspension period. In addition, any other sanctions for the new violation(s) will be imposed. During a period of stayed suspension, the terms imposed on an organization will also be binding on the members of the organization.

### **Suspension From the College**

A student suspended from the College may not participate in classes or other College activities and may not be on College property (except by appointment, arranged in advance with the Provost and Dean of the College or the Vice President and Dean of Student Life or one of their designees) for the period specified in the notice of suspension. Suspension extending beyond the semester in which action is taken shall consist of units of full semesters, and/or summer sessions. In no case shall the suspension terminate prior to the end of a semester. Courses taken at another institution during this suspension period will not be accepted for transfer at Dickinson. Conditions for resuming active status

on campus following suspension may be imposed by the College. An organization that is suspended shall be required to forfeit its ability to conduct group sponsored activities, to participate in College-sponsored activities and any College support for the organization will be withdrawn during the period of suspension.

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### **Revocation or Withholding of Diploma and Degree**

If a student has graduated, or otherwise satisfied the requirements for earning a degree, from Dickinson College before violations of the Community Standards are discovered or before a determination of violations is complete, the College reserves the right to revoke the diploma and/or degree conferred, or to withhold the conferring of a degree or diploma otherwise earned for a specified period of time or indefinitely.

### **Expulsion**

For an individual, expulsion is permanent termination of student status, which includes exclusion from any Dickinson College property, College sponsored or College affiliated events. A person expelled from the College is denied the rights and privileges of inclusion in the Dickinson College community both as a student and as an alum. For an organization, expulsion is permanent termination of the organization's relationship and status with the College, which includes termination of access to facilities, funding, and/or right to assemble as an organization on College property, and College sponsored or affiliated events. An organization expelled from the College is denied the rights and privileges of inclusion in the Dickinson College community as an organization.

### **Other**

Other sanctions may be appropriate in the judgment of the College.

## **APPEALS PROCESS**

Decisions made by a hearing panel or hearing officer following a formal resolution can be appealed by either party within five (5) business days of the date of notification of the decision by the Vice President and Dean of Student Life office.

The appeal may be based only on one or more of the following grounds:

- A deviation from College policy or procedures that materially affected the outcome,
- The sanctions imposed were too harsh or too lenient, or,
- New information that could affect the finding and that was not available through the exercise of due diligence at the time of the investigation.

All appeals must be in writing and submitted to the Director of Student Conduct, or designee. The appeal shall consist of a plain, concise, and complete written statement expounding on the grounds for the appeal. The Director of Student Conduct, or designee, shall determine whether one or more bases for the statement of appeal have been met.

If they have, the appeal will be reviewed by an appellate officer or panel. Situations which were resolved through an administrative hearing will be reviewed by an appellate officer and situations which were resolved through a panel hearing will be reviewed by an appeal panel.

The appeals panel shall consider the merits of an appeal only based on the information provided in the written request for appeal, and the record of the original hearing. The appellate officer or the panel may request to meet with the hearing officers, responding party and/or the complaining party to seek clarification of the hearing record only. Any decision of the appeals panel shall be made by majority vote. The appeals panel must be persuaded to act by clear and convincing reasons. All appeal panel decisions are final, except for cases of expulsion\*. The complaining party and the responding party will be notified of the appeal panel's decision by letter within five (5) business days, or as soon as reasonably possible after the decision is rendered.

In situations involving social misconduct (non-academic) violations, the appeals panel is comprised of the Vice President and Dean of Student Life, or their designee, most commonly the Director of Student Conduct, one student and one faculty member none of whom participated in the original hearing. In situations which involve academic conduct violations, the appeals panel is comprised of an Associate Provost, one student and one faculty member none of whom participated in the original hearing. The appeals panel must be persuaded by clear and convincing evidence that is presented in writing in the appeal letter. The individual appealing will be notified of the appeal panel's decision by letter within five (5) business days, or as soon as reasonably possible after the decision is rendered.

If an appeal needs to be held at or after the end of the semester and/or an appeal panel cannot reasonably be convened, regardless of whether the hearing took place while classes were in session or not, the appeal shall be reviewed by the Provost/Dean of the College, or their designee, in matters of academic violations or to the Vice President and Dean of Student Life, or their designee, most commonly the Director of Student Conduct in matters of social violations.

\* In matters where expulsion is the sanction recommended by either the hearing panel or the appeal panel, the responding party may appeal the decision of the appeal panel to the President. The President, or their designee(s), shall conduct the final appeal. The appeal must be in writing, addressed to the President of the College and be delivered to the Vice President Dean of Student Life Office within five (5) business days of the date of notification of the decision by the appeals panel. The appeal may be based only on the grounds that procedures set forth in the Community Standards were not followed by the appeals board, the sanctions imposed by the appeals board were excessive for the violation, and/or new or relevant information, not available at the time of the hearing, has arisen. The appeal is a review of the written request for appeal, review of the recording and all documents from the original hearing. Appeals are non-oral, and the President will normally make a decision within ten business days or as soon as practicable.

## **STUDENT RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

All resolution proceedings, whether informal or formal, are conducted in compliance with the requirements of FERPA and College policy. No information shall be released from such proceedings except as required or permitted by law and College policy.

It is generally the policy of Dickinson College to obtain consent from a student before releasing information from a student's education record, including the disciplinary proceedings of the College, to parents. However, where in the judgment of the College the release of such information to parents is appropriate and is not otherwise prohibited by FERPA or other applicable laws, the College reserves the right to release information without student consent. The College's complete FERPA policy may be found in the Student Handbook.

Informal resolution is an administrative proceeding, and matters resolved through informal resolution processes are not part of a student's conduct files, subject to the exception noted in the previous description of the Informal Resolution section.

Affirmative findings of responsibility in matters resolved by formal resolution proceedings are part of a student's conduct record. Once a student has been found responsible for violating the Community Standards by formal resolution proceedings, all records of matters addressed by informal resolution shall be transferred to and become a part of a student's conduct record. Such records shall be used in reviewing any further conduct, developing sanctions, and shall remain a part of a student's conduct record for all purposes.

Disciplinary sanctions are not typically noted on a student's transcript. The conduct files of students who withdrew with pending disciplinary action or have been suspended or expelled from the College are maintained in the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office indefinitely. In most matters, conduct files of students who have not been suspended or expelled are destroyed seven years following their graduation. Students who withdraw prior to graduation and who have not been suspended or expelled are destroyed seven years following their departure. Further questions should be directed to the Director of Student Conduct, or designee.

Records of disciplinary action involving organizations (other than stayed suspension, suspension, or expulsion) are maintained in the Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office indefinitely.

Students who declare an interest in studying abroad through the Center for Global Study and Engagement (CGSE) are subject to a conduct record check. Information that will be shared with the CGSE includes but is not limited to; violations that resulted in the suspension of the student, violations that resulted in a student being placed on stayed suspension or conduct probation, violations involving illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia, sexual harassment, sexual offenses, other acts of violence, and major damage to property. It is within the sole discretion of the College, through the CGSE and the CGSE Conduct Committee, to determine whether a student who has violated College policy

and/or the Community Standards is eligible to study abroad. Consideration and qualification for study off-campus are not disciplinary determinations but may be affected by a student's disciplinary record.

## Catering

### PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

This policy establishes procedures for the use of institutional funds to purchase food and beverage or catering services. The objectives include the following:

- Ensuring the college maximizes the value of limited resources used to buy food services and leverages opportunities found through internal resources.
- Providing guidance on how institutional funds shall be used, i.e., the requirement to give Dickinson College Catering the first-right-of-refusal for all events.
- Ensuring College community members execute advance planning and preparation to ensure successful college events for all parties involved.
- Providing guidance on purposes and circumstances under which institutional funds should and should not be used.
- Ensuring appropriate parties are involved in the decision to use institutional funds.
- Ensuring catered functions advance the mission of the college through application of the institution's strategic plan.

Use of Dickinson College Catering is required for on-campus events where food is served because the college has invested in the fixed resources (staff and equipment) associated with delivering complete dining and catering services.

This policy describes the general procedures to follow under normal circumstances as outlined in the Process for Requesting Catering Services Using Institutional Funds section. Should other-than-normal circumstances occur, and deviation from the policy is contemplated, the consideration of such deviation shall follow the process outlined in Process for Requesting Catering Services Using Institutional Funds section. It is also understood that this policy may be modified in the future from time-to-time. Proposed changes to this policy would be presented to the college's senior officers (i.e., President's Staff) and to the All-College Committee on Planning & Budget (P&B) for recommendation to the President.

### POLICY GOAL

The goal of this policy is to maximize to the greatest extent possible the overall value obtained from the use of institutional funds and to minimize the real dollars leaving the campus. The true incremental cost to the college associated with any catering order consists only of the variable costs (i.e., food and additional staff who are scheduled to work for the event). The use of outside vendors incurs true costs to the college consisting of both the fixed and variable costs. Maximum value can be achieved through the use of internal resources, i.e., reduced costs to the college by using Culinary Services' volume

purchase agreements and utilizing production staff who are already on the schedule, as well as equipment which the college already owns.

## **USE OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS**

Use of institutional funds for any purpose is subject to the approval process described in the Process for Requesting Catering Services Using Institutional Funds section. Requests for all catered functions that are to be funded by institutional funds shall be made through Dickinson College Catering.

- Dickinson Culinary and Catering Services prices are listed in the online Catering Menu [Guidelines for Catering at Culinary Services' website](#).

The use of institutional funds for purchase of food, beverage or catering shall be:

- To support college community events.
- To support officially recognized college group events.
- To support academic initiatives that broadly affect college community members.
- To support college fund-raising and community outreach efforts.

## **INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING OF CATERED SERVICES**

Institutional funds for the purchase of food and beverage or for catered functions shall be requested through the college budgeting process. Budget requests shall be reviewed and approved or denied by the College Planning and Budget Committee.

## **PROCESS FOR REQUESTING CATERING SERVICES USING INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS**

- Provide catering services with written approval to use institutional funds by delivering a completed Internal Requisition or Student Senate Authorization Form. Provide catering services appropriate approval for service of alcohol as applicable.
- Place request for services by following standards and guidelines published by Catering Services. Customized, complex, or global and authentic themes require significant pre-planning and advance notification.
- Requests made after published deadlines may be declined or may be assessed an additional fee as published in the catering guidelines. Declined requests do not mean an event cannot be held; however, the event will not have food and beverage service.
- Catering requests may be granted an exemption from use of Dickinson College Catering at the discretion of the Director of Culinary Services and the Catering Manager providing the request was submitted prior to established deadlines. Exemptions typically are granted if Catering Services' resources will be overextended upon review of each event.
- There is an automatic exemption for events with fewer than twenty-five people and spending less than \$200. The rationale for these numbers is that food for groups

of twenty-five or more people have greater risks of foodborne illness outbreaks and require more planning for food safety controls.

- Other exemptions from the requirement to use Dickinson College Catering Services are requested through the Director of Culinary Services and may include:
  - o Contracts with “food trucks” to support Student Senate and Student Life programming.
  - o Specific ethnic cuisine to support a related cultural program or event.

## **Deliveries and Solicitations**

For the safety and privacy of all members of the campus community, solicitors, peddlers, and door-to-door solicitation are not permitted on campus, including in any campus buildings.

Members of the campus community are not permitted to raise funds or sell products on campus without permission from the office of Campus Life. No one, including members of the campus community, is permitted to solicit, raise funds, or sell products in the residential facilities.

No deliveries are to be made to an individual room in any campus building, including the residential facilities. All personnel delivering personal products should be directed to meet you at the main entrance to a campus building.

## **Drug Free College Community**

### **DRUG FREE COMMUNITY STATEMENT**

The Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and its amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226, 20 U.S.C. 1011i) require that all institutions who receive federal funds or any other form of federal financial assistance certify a drug-free environment.

It is the policy of Dickinson College to comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and its amendments (DFSCA). Accordingly, Dickinson College is required to adopt and put into effect programs to prevent the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of illegal drugs or alcohol by students and employees on Dickinson property, at college sponsored activities or events, and to offer anti-drug and alcohol abuse programming.

These federal regulations also require the college to distribute annually to students and employee’s information which outlines the following:

- The health risks associated with alcohol and drug use and abuse.
- Alcohol and drug abuse resources for students and employees,

- Policies on alcohol and other drugs.
- Information on state, municipal and federal laws, and sanctions.
- Standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on its property or as part of its on-campus or off-campus activities,

These guidelines are reviewed by Dickinson College annually to determine the effectiveness of the program and consistency of sanction enforcement, in order to identify and implement any necessary changes.

## **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Dickinson College recognizes that illegal or abusive use of alcohol and other drugs by members of the college community has a detrimental effect on the college's commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and education. Misuse of drugs by students, faculty and staff members poses hazards both to the individual involved and to the community. Students, faculty, and staff share the responsibility for creating attitudes conducive to eliminating the abuse of alcohol and other drugs within the college community.

Dickinson's comprehensive approach to addressing substance abuse emphasizes:

- Taking effective steps to create and maintain a drug-free workplace and educational environment for students, faculty, and staff.
- Providing access to medical and behavioral healthcare services, along with referrals to off-campus treatment facilities as appropriate.
- Engaging in a wellness model that focuses on prevention, the development of personal skills and environmental management.
- Encouraging individuals who are diagnosed with at-risk substance abuse disorders or are otherwise experiencing problems associated with alcohol and other drugs to seek assessment and treatment.
- Engaging in ongoing self-assessment of college sanctions for the illegal manufacture, distribution, use or possession of drugs and the unlawful possession or use of alcohol.

This document includes information on:

- The health risks associated with alcohol and other drugs,
- Resources for students,
- College drug and alcohol policies which address standards of conduct and sanctions for students and
- Information on state and federal laws related to violations.

### **HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

All drugs, including alcohol, have well-documented risks which may affect not only substance users but also the user's peers, family, friends, and communities. General



effects of substance use and/or abuse include impaired brain functioning; compromised job or academic performance; relationship difficulties; physical or verbal aggression; financial distress; physical injuries or accidents; legal or campus sanctions; willfully destroying property; and death.

The following summaries describe some of the additional substance-specific risks associated with the use and misuse of alcohol and other substances.

Sources: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse> and <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets>

## **ALCOHOL**

Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant that is absorbed into the bloodstream and transmitted to all parts of the body. The NIAAA recommends that men drink no more than four standard drinks per day or 14 drinks per week. The recommendation for women is no more than three standard drinks per day or 7 drinks per week. A standard drink is defined as: 12-ounces of beer, 1.5 ounces of liquor, or five ounces of wine. Drinking at levels above the recommended guidelines is considered high-risk drinking. Specific effects on the body are outlined below.

### *Brain*

Alcohol consumption can cause drowsiness, changes in mood and behavior, memory loss or blackouts, or seizures because it causes your neurotransmitters to relay information too slowly. Long-term, heavy alcohol use can shrink brain mass and subsequently interfere with sleep, mood, cognitive functioning, temperature regulation and motor coordination.

### *Lungs*

The “alcoholic lung” refers to severe oxidative stress that may predispose those who abuse alcohol to lung infections.

### *Heart*

Long-term alcohol use causes alcoholic cardiomyopathy, which is a condition marked by a weakened heart muscle that can cause fatigue, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat, or swollen legs/feet. Both heavy drinking and long-term drinking can cause abnormal heart rates called arrhythmias and lead to strokes. Chronic alcohol use and heavy drinking can cause high blood pressure or hypertension. Alcohol exacerbates the medical conditions that often lead to strokes (e.g., hypertension, arrhythmias, and cardiomyopathy).

### *Liver*

Heavy, chronic alcohol use can make the liver fatty, which in turn causes alcoholic hepatitis. Cirrhosis of the liver is another possible complication.

### *Stomach*

Alcohol can irritate your stomach and chronic use can damage the stomach lining.

Possible health consequences include ulcers, gastritis (inflammation of the stomach lining) and bleeding.

### *Kidney*

Heavy or chronic alcohol consumption can interfere with kidney function directly or indirectly due to liver disease. In addition, alcohol can have the diuretic effect of increasing urine output. This in turn can disturb the electrolyte balance and cause dehydration.

### *Pancreas*

Alcohol causes the pancreas to secrete enzymes internally, harming the pancreas. Excessive, long-term alcohol use can cause inflammation (pancreatitis) and swelling of tissues and blood vessels.

## **THC AND OTHER CANNABINOIDS**

THC is a mind-altering substance derived from the Cannabis Sativa or Cannabis Indica plants. THC is in marijuana, marijuana extracts, and resins. Short-term effects include impaired short-term memory, altered sensory experiences, a distorted sense of time and decreased motor coordination. At high doses, psychotic symptoms are possible (e.g., hallucinations and delusions). Long-term effects on the brain can include impaired thinking, learning and memory. Physical health effects from marijuana use are increased heart rate, breathing problems, reproductive system changes, and intense nausea and vomiting in long-term, heavy users.

## **COCAINE AND OTHER STIMULANTS**

Stimulants speed up your body's systems. Stimulants include cocaine, ADHD prescription medications such as Adderall, Dexedrine, and Ritalin; diet pills; and methamphetamine.

**Cocaine** is a stimulant drug made from the leaves of the coca plant. Short-term effects of use include dilated pupils, constricted blood vessels, increased blood pressure, higher body temperature, nausea, fast or irregular heart rate, muscle twitches or tremors, restlessness and irritability, euphoria, high energy, hypersensitivity to sound, sight or touch, and paranoia. Cocaine's effects appear almost immediately and disappear within a few minutes to an hour. Long-term effects can include problems swallowing, nosebleeds, loss of smell, and frequent runny nose in those who snort cocaine. Those who smoke might experience lung-related problems such as cough, asthma, or greater risk for lung infections. Those who inject might experience skin and soft tissue infections and greater risk for diseases like HIV. Those who use orally could experience bowel decay.

**Amphetamines** are prescription medications that have similar effects to cocaine except that they last longer. They can cause increased blood pressure, higher heart rates, decreased appetite, insomnia, and physical exhaustion. Taking amphetamines not prescribed to you or in ways not prescribed is abuse. Chronic abuse can manifest in symptoms such as paranoia, skin picking, hallucinations or erratic behavior.

**Depressants** can decrease anxiety, induce sleep, prevent seizures, and relieve muscle spasms. Specific types of depressants include barbiturates, Benzodiazepines including Rohypnol (anti-anxiety medications), GHB and sedative-hypnotic sleep medications (e.g., Lunesta or Ambien). Taking depressants not prescribed to you or in ways not prescribed is abuse. Short-term effects include sleepiness, decreased anxiety, slower reaction time, impaired judgment, and confusion. Other effects include dizziness, low blood pressure, slowed breathing, lightheadedness, slurred speech, weakness, loss of coordination, headache, blurred vision, and nausea and vomiting.

**Hallucinogens** are found in plants or synthetically made. PCP, LSD, MDMA/Ecstasy, and ketamine are types of hallucinogens. They cause perceptual distortions related to space and time. Dilated pupils, increased blood pressure and heart rate, panic, anxiety, confusion or suspicion and flashbacks are possible effects of use.

**Inhalants** (sprays, solvents, glue) are chemicals inhaled or “huffed” that produce anesthetic-like effects. These effects include slurred speech, dizziness, loss of consciousness, euphoria, lack of motor coordination, slight stimulation, and lowered inhibition. Long-term effects include disorientation, muscle weakness, weight loss, mood changes (depression and irritability) and loss of consciousness.

**Opioids** include heroin and prescription pain medications such as codeine, morphine, Vicodin, OxyContin, methadone, and fentanyl. Short-term effects include pain relief, slowed movement, facial and neck flushing, constipation, slowed breathing, nausea and vomiting, and pupil constriction. Overdose and addiction are risks associated with opioid use.

## **DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE STUDENT RESOURCES**

### **ASSESSMENT, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT**

The Wellness Center provides counseling, assessment, and campus-wide psychoeducational programming for drug and alcohol use. The Wellness Center employs an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Services Coordinator, who oversees a peer educator program focused on prevention of alcohol and drug abuse.

### **ALCOHOL E-CHECKUP TO GO**

Incoming and transfer students are required to complete the Alcohol E-Checkup To Go program prior to the start of their first semester. The Alcohol eCHECKUP TO GO is an interactive web program that allows college and university students to enter information about their drinking patterns and receive immediate, personalized feedback about their use of alcohol. It takes about 20-30 minutes to complete, is self-guided, and requires no face-to-face contact time with a counselor.



a physician. This list is not comprehensive; there may be substances omitted that are also illegal and fall under the designation of controlled substances.

Dickinson College prohibits the unlawful manufacture, cultivation, possession, distribution, dispensation, and use of any drug by any member of the college community on any college-owned property, at any college activity or activity offered by an organization recognized by the college, or during any college-sponsored event or travel.

The possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia is also prohibited.

While the possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes is legal under Pennsylvania law, the manufacture, possession, distribution, dispensing and use of marijuana and products containing THC remains illegal under federal law. Consistent with federal law, including the Controlled Substances Act and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the use and/or possession of marijuana, even for medical purposes, continues to be prohibited while a student is on college owned or college-controlled property, and/or at any function hosted, authorized, or supervised by the college regardless of where held.

## **ALCOHOL**

The shortened term for ethyl alcohol, is a depressant that slows the activity of the central nervous system and the brain. Alcohol is a substance regulated by local, state, and federal agencies with respect to its purchase, transportation, consumption, and possession.

Dickinson College prohibits the use, sale, provision, and distribution of alcohol, except as permitted by law, on any college-owned property, at any college activity or activity offered by an organization recognized by the college, or during any college-sponsored event or travel. The following items and activities are also prohibited on any college-owned property, at any college activity or activity offered by an organization recognized by the college, or during any college-sponsored event or travel:

### *Underage possession or consumption*

A person under the legal drinking age may not possess, consume or be under the influence of alcohol.

### *Drinking games*

Any activity or game that promotes or encourages the consumption of large amounts of alcohol is prohibited, including but not limited to, activities such as beer pong, quarters, and flip cups.

### *Alcohol Paraphernalia*

The possession of materials used in drinking games or activities that promote or encourage the consumption of large amounts of alcohol is prohibited, including but not limited to beer pong tables, beer funnels and beer bongs.

### *Hosting Underage Guests*

Students are prohibited from serving alcohol to underage guests and must have the service of alcohol monitored by a TIPS-trained bartender. If students under the legal drinking age are found to be in a location where alcohol is being consumed, the college will presume that the underage students are in the possession of and have been consuming alcohol.

#### *Public Intoxication*

Creating a disturbance to any member of the college community, college officials or law enforcement while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.

#### *Hosting/Attending an Unregistered Event*

Any event with alcohol and five (5) or more guests, in addition to the residents, must be registered. Hosting or attending an unregistered event that is required to be registered is prohibited.

#### *Large Volume Containers*

Kegs, beer party balls, punch bowls or other large volume containers of alcohol are prohibited unless pre-authorized by the office of Campus Life.

#### *Multiple Locations*

Events or activities, whether formally or informally organized, which encourage persons to consume alcohol in three or more places or encourage the consumption of large amounts of alcohol are prohibited, including but not limited to "Around the World" or "Progressive" parties.

#### *Other Dangerous Conduct*

The consumption of quantities of alcohol or the sustained consumption of alcohol that interferes with a person's participation in the college community and/or that pose a risk to the health or safety of students or others is prohibited.

Because issues around the use, misuse, and abuse of alcohol have an impact on the academic and social success of students, the college expects that students who are legally eligible to drink will use alcohol responsibly and in a manner that does not put underage students at risk. Additionally, the host of any event at which alcohol is provided is responsible for complying with applicable laws and policies of the college. The "host" is the person, persons, or organization who provides the food, beverages, or accommodations for any activity. The college reserves the right to prohibit or restrict consumption of alcohol at certain events and in certain facilities.

## **COMMUNITY STANDARDS**

Maintaining a civil, safe, and respectful environment in which learning can best occur is the responsibility of all members of our community. Below you will find descriptions of specific departures of the community standards related to alcohol and other drugs that will be addressed through our student conduct system.

- Adulteration of Food and/or Beverage

The intentional placement of drugs or other illicit substances into the food or beverage to be consumed by others, and without their knowledge and consent.

- **Drugs**  
The possession, use, distribution, manufacture, cultivation, sale, transfer, or the attempt or conspiracy to possess, use, distribute, manufacture, cultivate, sell, or transfer any substance the possession of which is prohibited by federal, state, or local drug laws (NOTE: The intention to distribute, sell or transfer drugs may be inferred from the quantity and/or types of drugs involved). Effective August 2011, Pennsylvania added certain synthetic substances to the list of drugs and substances it is illegal to possess, use or sale. These include chemical substances contained in bath salts, synthetic marijuana, or other synthetic drugs including, but not limited to, salvia and 2C-E.
- **Alcohol**  
The possession, use, sale, provision and/or distribution of alcohol, except as permitted by law, is a violation of the Dickinson College Community Standards as well as a possible violation of local, state and/or federal laws. Students are expected to comply with the Alcohol Policy as outlined in the Student Handbook.
- **Drug Paraphernalia**  
The possession and/or use of any paraphernalia which is prohibited by federal, state, or local drug laws is a violation of the Dickinson College Community Standards.

## **ALCOHOL AND DRUG AMNESTY**

While the college expects all students to adhere to its Community Standards, there are times when health and safety issues take precedence over conduct standards and students are encouraged to put their health and safety or the health and safety of others above all other concerns. The college encourages reporting of health and safety emergencies and seeks to remove any barriers to reporting by providing limited amnesty for individuals who report such emergencies.

Consequently, when a student in need of immediate medical assistance to prevent his or her own death or serious injury or that of another person contacts DPS, calls 911 or contacts Residential Life & Housing, neither the reporting student nor the student at risk will be held responsible for his or her own consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs provided:

- The reporting student reasonably believed s/he was the first person to make a call to DPS, 911 or Residence Life & Housing staff.
- The reporting student provides his/her own name when making the report.
- The reporting student remains with the person needing medical assistance until help arrives.

This offer of amnesty refers to isolated incidents only and does not excuse or protect those who flagrantly and/or repeatedly violate the college's drug and alcohol standards and expectations. It applies only to cases of suspected extreme intoxication or other life-threatening circumstances due to alcohol or drug use and does not extend to related infractions such as assault or property damage. Although students or student organizations covered under this policy will not be subject to the conduct process, individuals involved will be required to meet with an administrator to discuss the incident and may be required to complete educational sessions and/or a substance use assessment. The incident may also result in notification of parent(s) or guardian(s). This policy only covers how the college will respond to students who could be involved in our student conduct process and does not cover criminal charges that could result from law enforcement based on the incident.

## **COLLEGE DISCIPLINE**

Dickinson College will impose disciplinary sanctions on members of the college community for violations of the College's Standards of Conduct regarding drugs and alcohol. The outcomes which may be imposed individually or in combination on a student or organization found to have violated the Community Standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assessment and/or Treatment Referral to the Wellness Center or approved off campus agencies for various assessments, evaluations and/or treatment. This includes but is not limited to substance abuse assessment and/or treatment, anger management evaluation and/or treatment, and conflict mediation.
- Restrictions on Participation or Use Restrictions on participation include the revocation, or the loss for a stated period of time or under a stated set of conditions, of a student's ability to participate in certain college approved activities, including but not limited to varsity sports, clubs, organizations (including but not limited to Greek organizations) or leadership positions with such sports, clubs, and organizations. Restrictions on use include the denial of access to, or use of, certain college facilities, programs, or equipment for a stated period of time or under a stated set of conditions.
- Parental Notification Disclosure to a parent that the student has been found responsible for a violation of the alcohol and/or drug provisions of the Community Standards. This is a typical sanction for an alcohol and/or drug violation.
- Warnings, suspension, or expulsion. Violations involving the possession, use, distribution, manufacture, cultivation, or sale of drugs are of such a serious nature that they are likely to result in the suspension or expulsion of a student.

In addition to any college discipline, the college may refer any violation of this policy to law enforcement agencies for prosecution or other action. The college will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies regarding any unlawful conduct involving drugs or alcohol.



## **STUDYING ABROAD**

Students who declare an interest in studying abroad through the Center for Global Study and Engagement (CGSE) are subject to a conduct record check. Information that will be shared with the CGSE includes but is not limited to; violations that resulted in the suspension of the student, violations that resulted in a student being placed on stayed suspension or conduct probation, violations involving illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia, sexual harassment, sexual offenses, other acts of violence and major damage to property. It is within the sole discretion of the college, through the CGSE and the CGSE Conduct Committee, to determine whether a student who has violated college policy and/or the Community Standards is eligible to study abroad. Consideration and qualification for study off-campus are not disciplinary determinations but may be affected by a student's disciplinary record.

A person who violates any law governing illicit drugs and alcohol is subject to criminal sanctions provided by law. In addition, a student who is convicted of any offense under state or federal law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance will not be eligible to receive certain kinds of financial aid. (See "Suspension of Financial Aid Eligibility for Drug-Related Offenses" in the Student Handbook).

## **LEGAL SANCTIONS**

The following provisions of law serve as the foundation for the college's policy on the unlawful use of alcohol and drugs, including college disciplinary action. (Note: this list is not a complete summary of relevant laws, ordinances, or penalties.)

### **PENNSYLVANIA UNDERAGE DRINKING LAW**

A person under twenty-one commits a summary offense if they attempt to purchase, purchase, consume, possess, or knowingly and intentionally transport any liquor or malt or brewed beverages.

A person convicted of violating this law may be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500 for the first violation and not more than \$1000 for the second and subsequent violation. In addition, whenever a person is convicted under this law, the court shall order the motor vehicle operating privilege of the person suspended. The duration of the suspension will be 90 days for a first offense, one year for a second offense, and two years for third or subsequent offenses.

Source: 18 Pa. C.S. 6308 and 18 Pa. C.S. 6310.4

### **SELLING OR FURNISHING LIQUOR OR MALT OR BREWED BEVERAGES TO MINORS**

A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if they intentionally and knowingly sell or intentionally and knowingly furnish or purchase with the intent to sell or furnish, any liquor or malt or brewed beverage to a person who is less than 21 years of age.

A person convicted of violating this law shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$1000 for the first violation and a fine of \$2500 for each subsequent violation

Source: 18 Pa. C.S. 6310.1

### **CARRYING A FALSE IDENTIFICATION CARD**

A person commits a summary offense for a first violation and a misdemeanor of the third degree for any subsequent violation if they, being under 21 years of age, possess an identification card falsely identifying that person by name, age, date of birth or photograph as being 21 years of age or older or obtains or attempts to obtain liquor or malt or brewed beverages by using the identification card of another or by using an identification card that has not been lawfully issued to or in the name of that person who possess the card.

In addition to a loss of motor vehicle operating privileges as defined in Pa. C.S. 6310.4, a person convicted of violating this law shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500 for the second and subsequent violations.

Source : 18 Pa. C.S. 6310.3

### **PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS**

A person is guilty of a summary offense if they appear in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to the degree that they may endanger themselves or other persons or property or annoy persons in their vicinity.

A person convicted of violating this law may be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500 for the first violation and not more than \$1000 for the second and subsequent violation.

Source: 18 Pa. C.S. 5505

### **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (D.U.I.)**

- General Impairment
  - An individual may not drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle after imbibing a sufficient amount of alcohol such that the individual is rendered incapable of safely driving, operating or being in actual physical control of the movement of the vehicle.
  - An individual may not drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle after imbibing a sufficient amount of alcohol such that the alcohol concentration in the individual's blood or breath is at least 0.08% but less

than 0.10% within two hours after the individual has driven, operated or been in actual physical control of the movement of the vehicle.

- High rate of alcohol
  - An individual may not drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle after imbibing a sufficient amount of alcohol such that the alcohol concentration in the individual's blood or breath is at least 0.10% but less than 0.16% within two hours after the individual has driven, operated or been in actual physical control of the movement of the vehicle.
- Highest rate of alcohol
  - An individual may not drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle after imbibing a sufficient amount of alcohol such that the alcohol concentration in the individual's blood or breath is 0.16% or higher within two hours after the individual has driven, operated or been in actual physical control of the movement of the vehicle.
- Controlled substances
  - An individual may not drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle under any of the following circumstances:
    - There is in the individual's blood any amount of a Schedule I controlled substance, a Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substance which has not been medically prescribed for the individual; or the individual is under the influence of a drug or combination of drugs to a degree which impairs the individual's ability to safely drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle; or the individual is under the influence of alcohol and a drug or combination of drugs to a degree which impairs the individual's ability to safely drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle; or the individual is under the influence of a solvent or noxious substance in violation of Pennsylvania law relating to sale or illegal use of certain solvents and noxious substances.
- Minors
  - A minor may not drive, operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle after imbibing a sufficient amount of alcohol such that the alcohol concentration in the minor's blood or breath is 0.025 or higher within two hours after the minor has driven, operated or been in actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle.

## **PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

- General Impairment [Undetermined to 0.099% Blood Alcohol Content (BAC)]

- For a first offense undergo a mandatory minimum of six months' probation; pay a fine of \$300; attend an alcohol highway safety school; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
  - For a second offense undergo imprisonment for not less than 5 days; pay a fine of not less than \$2500; attend an alcohol highway safety school; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
  - For a third or subsequent offense undergo imprisonment of not less than 10 days; pay a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5000; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
- High Rate of Alcohol; Minors; Commercial Vehicles and School Vehicles
    - For a first offense undergo imprisonment of not less than 48 consecutive hours; pay a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5000; attend an alcohol highway safety school; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
    - For a second offense undergo imprisonment for not less than 30 days; pay a fine of not less than \$750 and not more than \$5000; attend an alcohol highway safety school; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
    - For a third offense undergo imprisonment of not less than 90 days; pay a fine of not less than \$1500 and not more than \$10,000; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
    - For a fourth or subsequent offense undergo imprisonment of not less than one year; pay a fine of not less than \$1500 and not more than \$10,000; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
- \*Under the law minors, commercial drivers, school vehicle or bus drivers, and offenders involved in an accident that injures someone or causes property damage may be subject to the high BAC penalties even if their BAC is not in the high category.
- Incapacity; Highest Blood Alcohol; Controlled Substances
    - For a first offense undergo imprisonment of not less than 72 consecutive hours; pay a fine of not less than \$1000 and not more than \$5000; attend an alcohol highway safety school; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
    - For a second offense undergo imprisonment for not less than 90 days; pay a fine of not less than \$1500; attend an alcohol highway safety school; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.
    - For a third or subsequent offense undergo imprisonment of not less than one year; pay a fine of not less than \$2500; and comply with all drug and alcohol treatment requirements imposed by the court.

- \*Individuals who refuse breath or chemical testing may be subject to the highest BAC penalties.

Source: 75 Pa. C.S. 3802 and 75 Pa C.S. 3804

## **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

The following acts are prohibited under Pennsylvania law: the manufacture, sale, or delivery, holding, offering for sale, or possession of any controlled substance, other drug, device, or cosmetic that is adulterated or misbranded.

A person convicted of violating this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to pay a fine not exceeding \$5000, or both. Subsequent convictions will result in a greater length of imprisonment and an increased fine.

Source : 35 Pa. C.S. 780-113(a)(1)

## **MANUFACTURE, DELIVERY OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

The manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled substance by a person not registered under the law, or a practitioner not registered or licensed by the appropriate State board, or knowingly creating, delivering, or possessing with intent to deliver, a counterfeit controlled substance is prohibited.

A person convicted of violating this law shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to imprisonment of three to fifteen years, or to pay a fine of \$10,000 to \$250,000 or both depending on the Schedule of the drug in question.

Source: 35 Pa. 780-113(a)(30)

## **POSSESSION OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA**

Possession of marijuana (even in a small amount or an amount for personal use) is prohibited. For the purposes of this law, a small amount of marijuana is considered marijuana thirty grams or less, or hashish of 8 grams or less.

A person convicted of violating this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment up to 30 days, a fine of no more than \$500, or both.

Source : 35 Pa. C.S. 780-113(a)(31)

## **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

The use of, or possession with intent to use, drug paraphernalia for the purpose of planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packing, repacking, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance is prohibited.

A person convicted of a violation of this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment up to 1 year, a fine of no more than \$2500, or both.

Source : 35 Pa. C.S. 780-113(a)(32)

*\*Pennsylvania law, specifically 18 Pa. C.S. 7508, addresses mandatory minimum sentences for drug trafficking crimes. Mandatory minimum sentences under PA law provide little flexibility upon conviction. There are also additional factors that may amplify or aggravate sentencing, such as possession of a firearm.*

## **DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR DRUG CRIMES IN PENNSYLVANIA**

There are certain criminal offenses in Pennsylvania that carry a suspension of an individual's driver's license as part of the penalty for that criminal offense, including some non-driving-related criminal offenses. Some common examples of criminal offenses that carry license suspension as part of the penalty include any offense under the PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. Suspension of a driver's license is part of a separate administrative proceeding handled by the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Drug Enforcement Agency Resource Guide 2017 Edition: Drugs of Abuse:  
[https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/drug\\_of\\_abuse.pdf](https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/drug_of_abuse.pdf)

Drug Enforcement Agency Resource: Campus Drug Prevention website:  
<https://www.campusdrugprevention.gov/>

Drug Enforcement Agency List of Controlled Substances:  
[https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/orangebook/c\\_cs\\_alpha.pdf](https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/orangebook/c_cs_alpha.pdf)

Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Facts and Scheduling:  
<https://www.dea.gov/drug-scheduling>

## **Election Activities Policy**

Dickinson College encourages its students to participate in national, state, and local political activities to prepare themselves for active lives as engaged citizens. While all students, faculty and staff are free to express political opinions and engage in political

activities, it is important that they avoid the appearance that they are speaking or acting for the college in political matters.

As a non-profit, private institution of higher education whose activities are regulated in part by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, Dickinson College may not participate or intervene in the political campaign of any candidate for public office. Federal Elections Commission regulations also prohibit Dickinson College from facilitating the making of contributions or funding communications that influence, or are intended to influence, the outcome of federal elections. Nevertheless, every individual has the right to organize and to join political associations and to advocate and publicize political opinions. In addition, student groups on campus have the opportunity to provide educational and programmatic activities around political issues, current elections, and voter registration.

College facilities and funds may be used by political groups on campus so long as the use does not favor one political party over another. Student activities funds may not be used for direct political action, for disbursement to any organization that is not an officially recognized Dickinson College organization or contributed to a political campaign or other political fund or organization. Student organizations that use college facilities for political presentations must open such presentations to all members of the campus community. No campaign political rallies may be held on campus. For a fuller description of "Do's" and "Don'ts" of Political Campaign-Related Activities at Colleges and Universities, see the [American Council of Education memorandum](#) (September 2014).

## Events with Alcohol Policy

### OVERVIEW

Dickinson College expects the responsible use of alcohol at events that are hosted and/or attended by students. Our support is demonstrated in the provision of clear expectations and education to hosts and is predicated on the expectation that students of legal age who choose to drink will do so responsibly and safely. It is a shared commitment to promote personal responsibility and respect for the well-being of self and peers.

The College recognizes the choice not to drink alcohol and actively discourages and holds students accountable for the irresponsible use of alcohol. In compliance with Pennsylvania laws and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the College does not approve of the consumption of alcohol by students (or their guests) who are under the age of 21, on or off the campus. Inappropriate behavior involving the furnishing or consumption of alcoholic beverages will result in appropriate disciplinary proceedings and penalties. The College recognizes and cooperates with law enforcement authorities in their efforts pertaining to alcohol and will seek to educate students about laws pertaining to alcohol, as well as about the use and abuse of alcohol.

By establishing this policy, the college supports:

- Events where alcohol is served to students of age.
- Educational efforts that will assist event hosts in the responsible management of events involving alcohol.
- Organizations and individuals being held accountable to Community Standards for responsible use of alcohol.

By establishing this policy, the college recognizes different types of events with alcohol that may require separate processes:

- Student events
- College events without students, sponsored by Advancement & the President's Office
- Off-campus rentals of campus space coordinated through the Office of Conferences & Special Events (CASE)

## **POLICY**

### **EVENTS REQUIRING ALCOHOL REVIEW**

- Events with alcohol where college space is reserved.
- Events with alcohol in a residential space (room, house, etc.).
- Any event with more than twenty-five people in attendance.

### **ALCOHOL REVIEW PROCESS**

- Events that require the reservation of college space must be submitted to EngageD two weeks in advance of the event.
- Events being held in college owned or operated areas that do not require reservation of college space must be submitted through the submission of the EngageD form to the office of Conferences & Special Events (CASE) & the office of Campus Life at least two weeks in advance of the event.
- Students are encouraged to notify Campus Life (by phone, in-person, or via email) of any event not meeting the review requirement where alcohol is served. This allows Campus Life and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to be informed of the event and to identify a contact person.
- Events with alcohol must be submitted by the hosting department, office, or organization by creating an event on EngageD.
- Events submitted on EngageD that have the alcohol portion filled out will be sent to the Office of Student Leadership and Campus Engagement for review.
- The Office of Conferences & Special Events (CASE) will review the event submission except for the alcohol portion. Approval by CASE does not convey approval to have alcohol at the event.
- The Alcohol Request page of the event submission must be complete to be reviewed.
- Campus Life will review all events with alcohol on a weekly basis.
- Within one week of the submission, Campus Life will notify the sponsor regarding the status of the alcohol review. This may include the approval of the request,



questions for additional information, or any adjustments required to comply with Dickinson policy.

- Sponsors are encouraged to submit the request as soon as possible, but at least two weeks in advance of the event to allow questions and the opportunity to resolve any concerns.

## **COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION GUIDELINES**

- All students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to the [Dickinson Community Standards](#) as they relate to alcohol and its use.
- All departments, offices, and programs are expected to be familiar with this policy to be in full compliance with institutional and Commonwealth guidance when alcohol is served on campus.
- If the host of the event is an organization affiliated with a national organization with its own risk management policies and event guidelines, the host is expected to be in full compliance with the policies and guidelines of that national organization in addition to those of Dickinson College. Fraternities, sororities, and Greek-letter organizations are included in this policy.

## **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**

- **Event Sponsor:** The primary office, department, or club sponsoring and organizing the event.
- **Sober Host(s):** Designated persons responsible for compliance with the Events with Alcohol Policy & proper management of the event.
  - Must not be First-Year students.
  - Must be non-drinking and sober for the entirety of the event.
  - Must ensure that attendees who are underage do not have access to alcohol.
  - Must check IDs of attendees planning to consume alcohol.
  - Must remove tabs to correspond with amount of time remaining in the event. For more information, see the Tabs section below.
  - Must attach wristbands to attendees who are of age to drink. ○ Must relay to attendees that wristband tabs are to be removed by the TIPS server, that the tab is void if otherwise torn, and that wristbands, tabs, and beverages are non-transferrable.
  - Must remember to retain surplus wristbands and return them to Campus Life the next business day.
  - A sober host is required at each event with alcohol. ○ A sober host is required for every twenty-five (25) attendees expected for the event.
  - A sober host may not act as a TIPS server for the event.
- **TIPS Server(s):** Designated persons responsible for serving alcohol who hold a current TIPS certification ([On-Premise Course through TIPS](#)) or [RAMP certification](#).
  - The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that servers hold a RAMP certification, which is built included in the TIPS curriculum. Additionally,

TIPS certification from other states is valid in Pennsylvania, but state produced certifications outside of Pennsylvania are not.

- A copy of each TIPS server's certification (either TIPS or RAMP) must be on file with Dickinson prior to their service at an event. Dining Services retains certifications for their TIPS servers, while others must upload it via the alcohol events form or email it to Campus Life.
- A TIPS server is required at each event with alcohol.
- A TIPS server is required for every fifty (50) attendees expected to consume alcohol at the event.
  - TIPS servers can be hired as part of the catering order for an event utilizing Dickinson Catering Services. If the event is not utilizing Dickinson Catering Services, student TIPS servers can be hired through Campus Life.
- Wristbands: Wristbands that designate attendees over the age of twenty-one years.
  - The type of wristband may differ between events consistent with policy.
  - Wristbands, tabs, and beverages are non-transferrable. Sober hosts should be
  - Some offices or departments may be permitted to utilize nametags in lieu of wristbands consistent with policy.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR REVIEW**

- For events with alcohol where attendance of one hundred (100) or more is expected, the event sponsor must meet with Campus Life prior to the event to review policy and procedures.
- Events with alcohol must have a start and end time.
- The maximum length of events with alcohol will be three hours. Any exceptions will be determined by Campus Life, DPS, and Dining Services.
- Simultaneous events serving alcohol should be avoided, when possible. Simultaneous events serving alcohol will not be permitted during Senior Week.
- Activities planned at the event should be considered in order to address and mitigate any further potential for risk due to physical activity.
- To be consistent with the Student Life Publicity Policy, advertising may not depict alcohol or suggest that alcoholic beverages will be provided or served at an event. Promotion of specific brands or types of alcohol, by whatever means, is not allowed.
- Attendance at events serving alcohol is limited to members of the Dickinson community and approved guests. Exceptions can be made in consultation with Campus Life and DPS.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTS**

- All events with alcohol with students present will require wristbands with 1-3 removable/detachable tabs.
- Some events, such as Senior Class events or events coordinated by Advancement may have wristband exceptions. This is arranged between the event sponsor, Dining Services, and Campus Life.

- Only TIPS servers may serve alcohol at events with alcohol.
- Events with alcohol may serve each attendee one drink per hour. Events serving a mimosa or similar beverages may serve each attendee one drink every 45 minutes. This will be conveyed as part of the alcohol review approval and will be reflected in tab signage.

Events with alcohol that take place outdoors must have a defined exterior to contain alcohol consumption. Undefined outdoor venues must be roped-off prior to the event by Facilities. Events with alcohol that take place outdoors must display appropriate signage prohibiting the removal of alcohol outside of the event space. All events are subject to checks by Campus Life and/or the Department of Public Safety.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOL**

- Alcohol to be served at an event must be checked to the TIPS server prior to the start of the event. The TIPS server will note who provided each item and at the end of the event any remaining item may be returned only to the person who provided it at the start of the event.
- The type of alcohol allowed for events are beer (cans or bottles), hard ciders (cans or bottles), wine (boxed or bottled), and flavored malt beverages (FMBs) (cans or bottles).
  - Wine includes champagne and FMBs include hard seltzers and drinks like Mike's Hard Lemonade.
  - Kegs for alcohol are not permitted on-campus to eliminate the risk of leaks and potential damage to campus facilities.
  - Kegs for non-alcoholic beverages and/or refrigerated kegs for alcoholic beverages may be considered by Campus Life on a case-by-case basis for outdoor events.
  - Other types of alcoholic beverages and containers may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- At any event where alcohol is served, food/snacks and non-alcoholic beverages must be available. Dining Services can assist with determining appropriate type and quantity of food.
- Alcohol By Volume (ABV) should not exceed 15%.
- Bring Your Own Beverage/Beer (BYOB) events are not permitted under this policy.

## **MONEY, FEES, AND FUNDING EVENTS WITH ALCOHOL**

- Event hosts may not charge for alcohol, charge an entry fee, charge for cups or other containers in which alcohol is served unless the host or provider has an appropriate Pennsylvania Liquor License. If you are considering charging for an event ticket or registration fee, collecting a suggested donation, or collecting money in association with an event with alcohol, please contact Campus Life immediately. Dickinson College does not have a Pennsylvania Liquor License and cannot authorize the sale of alcohol on-campus.
- Event hosts should be aware that wristbands are provided by Campus Life for an at-cost fee as detailed in the Wristbands & Signage section of this policy.
- Offices and departments may purchase alcohol in compliance with Dickinson policy & practice.

- Clubs may use funds from their -04 accounts to pay for alcohol in accordance with Student Senate guidance, budget allocation, and full Authorization of Services.
- Clubs may use funds from their -06 accounts to pay for alcohol.
- To receive approval, clubs must submit a copy of their Authorization of Services for the purchase of alcohol demonstrating approval by Student Senate and/or availability of -06 funds.

## **WRISTBANDS & SIGNAGE**

- Along with the approval, Campus Life will include instructions about how the sponsor can pick up wristbands and tab signage prior to the start of the event.
- Wristbands will be provided to event sponsors by Campus Life for a fee that covers the cost of the wristbands. The cost will be determined by subtracting the number of wristbands returned to Campus Life from the total number provided by Campus Life. This ensures that sponsors are charged for the number used for the event. The cost per wristband can vary by type but is generally \$0.13 each for tabbed wristbands and \$0.04 each for paper wristbands.
- Tab signage must be given to TIPS servers to display during the event. Each sign will state which tab will be accepted at which time. For example, "Tab 1 8:00 – 9:00 p.m."
- Attendees are given a wristband upon entrance to the event after showing appropriate ID to the sober host. If a list of students over the age of 21 is provided to the sponsor by Campus Life or the Office of the Registrar, then a Dickinson ID will suffice. If a list is not provided, then state or national ID will be required.
- Sober hosts should explain to attendees that the tabs on the wristband should only be removed by a TIPS server and are void if removed.
- To receive a drink, attendees present their wristband to the TIPS server, who then tears off the appropriate tab. If the attendee tears off their own tab, they will not be given a drink.
- Any wristbands remaining at the end of the event are the responsibility of the event sponsor and must be returned to Campus Life the next business day.

## **WRISTBAND DRINK TABS**

- Tabs are void if removed by anyone other than a TIPS server.
- The number of tabs on a wristband corresponds to the remaining number of hours of the event.
- Attendees who arrive at the beginning of an event will receive all of the tabs available for the event. (Example: If the event is from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. anyone who arrives when the event begins will receive two tabs.)
- During the event, one tab will be used per hour and no tab can be used after the designated hour is up. (Example: At the earlier party, if an attendee arrives between 8:00 – 9:00 p.m., they could use "Tab 1" to get a drink. After 9:00 p.m. "Tab 1" is no longer accepted by TIPS servers.)
- As the event progresses the sober hosts handing out wristbands must tear off tabs as each hour passes. So, an attendee who arrives at the two-hour event at 9:20 p.m. will only receive one tab on their wristband, the other having been torn off.

## **QUANTITY OF ALCOHOL**

Campus Life determines the quantity of alcohol to be served at an event. This is done using the following methodology.

- Multiply the expected number of guests over the age of 21 years by the number of hours of the event. This determines the maximum/total number of drinks that could be served.
- Divide the total number of drinks by number of types of alcohol. For example, if the event includes beer & wine, divide it in two. If beer, wine, & cider, then divide by three. This determines the number of drinks for each type of alcohol.
- Divide the number of drinks for each type of alcohol by the number of drinks per unit. This determines how many units of each type of alcohol may be available for the event.
- Amounts are rounded down to the nearest unit since not all attendees will arrive within the first hour of an event.
- The maximum quantity of alcohol is three drinks per person per event.

Example: If the Juggling Club held a three-hour dinner for 80 guests, 50 of whom were 21+, they could purchase 6 cases of beer, OR 30 bottles of wine, OR some combination of the two, 15 bottles of wine and 3 cases of beer.

## **EVENTS WITH ALCOHOL WITHOUT STUDENTS**

Recognizing that the Events with Alcohol Policy centers student responsibility and learning, there are also events with alcohol that do not include students. For these events, attendees will be issued nametags and those over the age of 21 will be designated with a sticker particular to that event. This sticker will identify to TIPS servers those who have been confirmed by sober hosts to be eligible to consume alcohol.

## **RELIGIOUS, SECULAR, AND SPIRITUAL RELATED EVENTS**

Religious communities at Dickinson College routinely employ the use of alcoholic substances as a part of their practices on campus. For events of a religious nature in which alcohol is routine, the Director of the Center for Spirituality and Social Justice shall work with the sponsors to determine appropriate use. Any use of alcohol by religious, secular, and spiritual communities which is not already commonplace within the religious culture shall be subject to the Events with Alcohol Policy.

## **Expectations for Fraternities and Sororities**

The mission of the college is to prepare young people, by means of a useful education in liberal arts and sciences, for engaged lives of citizenship and leadership in the service of society.

*- Dickinson College Mission*

The purpose of this section of the Student Handbook is to set basic expectations between Dickinson College and its (general/social) fraternities and sororities which have collegiate chapters in operation at the college, and to explain the mutual benefits and responsibilities which the relationship between these organizations entail.

The college, by action of the president and board of trustees, has officially recognized the College Interfraternity Council and the College Panhellenic Council and their constituent member organizations as members of the college community.

These relationships are founded upon the college's acceptance of fraternities and sororities as a constituent part of campus life and a source of support for the mission of the college. Student participation in sorority or fraternity life offers students a chance to find a group that shares common ideals, encourage leadership and personal development, and excel in academics and the development of a philanthropic mindset. The success of the fraternity and sorority community will depend upon the mutual efforts of the collegiate chapters, headquarters staff, faculty/staff and alumni advisors, and alumni volunteers and association. The college will support efforts through staffing in the Division of Student Life and by guidance and recommendations from the Enrollment Student Life Committee.

## **EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The relationship between members of the Greek community and the college should be one of mutual respect, cooperation, understanding and trust. This trust is based on shared goals and objectives, expectations of Dickinson College, the college community, fraternity and sorority chapters, and the responsibilities of each within this relationship.

Dickinson College will provide support to Greek Life in the following ways:

- Advising
  - Each chapter is required to have staff/faculty advisor, as well as an alumni advisor. The college will appoint a member or members of the student life staff to assist in advising the various Councils as well as serving as Greek Life Advisor.
- Use of campus facilities
  - All Greek organizations have access to campus facilities according to the guidelines for use within the CASE Office, the Student Handbook and Residential Life policies. Failure to adhere to guidelines or community standards may result in restriction of use or removal from housing.
- Membership/Advisor Support & Development
- Student life staff will provide ongoing support and training for Panhellenic, IFC, chapter presidents & officers, and alumni and faculty advisors in areas including but not limited to leadership development, scholarship, risk management, recruitment, and new member education.

**PANHELLENIC, IFC, COLLEGE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- Scholarship
  - Members of all fraternities and sororities are expected to be in good academic standards. Each chapter will have a member of the executive committee who is responsible for working with members on academic support and referral. Members falling below the chapter required GPA for membership for the college minimum of 1.75 for first years or 2.0 for sophomore and above, whichever is higher, will be placed on social restriction or probation as defined in their bylaws. All members of each fraternity and sorority are required to sign a grade release at the beginning of the year.
  
- Risk Management
  - All chapters are expected to minimize the risk of liability and harm to people and property; to adhere to national chapter and FIG standards for best practice in risk management; to have a written chapter risk management plan that meets the college's expectations and levels for appropriate insurance coverage and to work with membership on cultivating a culture that holds members accountable for their collective actions. Chapters and members will recognize that the group and individual members are expected to be in compliance with the college's Community Standards, as well as all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
  
- Financial Management
  - All chapters are expected to conduct their financial affairs responsibly; pay off debts in a timely manner; and maintain sound financial business practices with outside vendors.
  
- Chapter Management
  - Each chapter is expected to live into the ideals set forth by their founders through a strong program of chapter management that focuses on values that are congruent with the college; develops leaders; forges lifetime connections with individuals and the college; and provides a beneficial extracurricular experience for those involved.

## **RECOGNIZED/UNRECOGNIZED FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES**

The fraternity and sorority community at Dickinson College is composed of organizations which have petitioned the college for recognition and have accepted and met the conditions for recognition. The fraternities and sororities are organized under the jurisdiction of their respective governing/coordinating bodies recognized by the college, the College Interfraternity Council, and the College Panhellenic Council. These bodies and the fraternity and sorority chapters are recognized as official components of the Division of Student Life and contribute to the fulfillment of its mission and objectives as well as to those of the college.

The following organizations are officially recognized by Dickinson College as of Fall 2023:

**Fraternities:**

- Delta Sigma Phi - Theta Lambda Chapter
- Kappa Alpha Psi - Xi Kappa Chapter
- Sigma Lambda Beta - Dickinson College Colony

**Sororities:**

- Delta Nu - Local Chapter
- Delta Sigma Theta – Upsilon Delta Chapter
- Kappa Alpha Theta - Epsilon Lambda Chapter
- Kappa Kappa Gamma - Epsilon Omega Chapter
- Pi Beta Phi - PA Gamma Chapter
- Sigma Lambda Gamma - Beta Epsilon Chapter

Participation in organizations that have had their recognition suspended or revoked by the college is prohibited and is a violation of the Community Standards. These violations may result in individual sanctions up to and including suspension from the college. Organizations will also be charged when an individual is charged with unauthorized fraternity or sorority membership, and unrecognized organizations found to be operating (including participation in recruitment, new member activities, or living in a house or apartment run by or on behalf of an unrecognized group) will face an extension of current sanctions.

Currently the college is not entertaining any new groups or re-colonization of prior groups until the college has completed its review and prioritization of Greek life goals. Recommendations made in the report regarding expansion will be carefully considered by ESLC and it should be noted that any expansion will be a collaborative conversation between the college and either IFC or Panhellenic as we seek to maintain the appropriate size of our Greek life community.

## **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act**

### **NOTIFICATION TO STUDENTS OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review your education records within 45 days of the day the college receives a request for access.
  - o You should submit to the registrar a written request that identifies the record(s) you wish to inspect. The college official will make arrangements for access and notify you of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the college official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise you of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.



- The right to request the amendment of your education records that you believe are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of your privacy rights under FERPA.
  - If you wish to ask the college to amend a record, you should write the college official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record you want changed and specify why it should be changed.
  - If the college decides not to amend the record as requested, the college will notify you in writing of the decision and your right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to you when notified of the right to a hearing.
  
- The right to provide written consent before the college discloses personally identifiable information from your education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. While it is the policy of Dickinson College to deal only with the student on matters addressed within the education record, the college reserves the right to advise others of information within a student's education record without the student's consent to the fullest extent provided by FERPA.
  - The college discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the college in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including public safety personnel and staff of the health and counseling centers); a person or company with whom the college has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using college employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
  - A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the college.
  - Upon request, the college also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which you seek or intend to enroll.
  
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the college to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:
  - Family Policy Compliance Office  
 U.S. Department of Education  
 400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
 Washington, DC 20202-5901

## NOTICE FOR DIRECTORY INFORMATION

FERPA requires that the college, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your education records. However, Dickinson College may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the college to the contrary in accordance with college procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the college to include this type of information from your education records in certain publications. Examples include:

- The college directory, which is accessible via the Dickinson College website,
- A playbill, showing your role in a drama production,
- The annual yearbook,
- Honors or other forms of recognition,
- Graduation programs and
- Sports team activity sheets showing weight, height, and other individual statistics of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without your prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

If you do not want the college to disclose directory information from your education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the Registrar's Office in writing by within the first week of any fall semester, within one week of arrival as a new student in any spring semester, or within two days of the start of any summer session.

Dickinson College has designated the following information as directory information:

- Full name
- Home address and telephone number
- Date and place of birth
- Campus address, local address, email address and telephone number
- Matriculated status (full-time, part-time, or non-matriculated) plus college major and class
- Dates of college attendance
- Most recent previous institution attended by the student
- Date of graduation
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Photograph or likeness

# Financial Responsibility Statement

## PROMISE TO PAY

I understand that when I register for any class at Dickinson College or receive any service from Dickinson College, I accept full responsibility to pay all tuition, fees and other associated costs assessed as a result of my registration and/or receipt of services. I further understand and agree that my registration and acceptance of these terms constitutes an agreement in which Dickinson College is providing me educational services, deferring some or all of my payment obligations for those services, and I promise to pay for all assessed tuition, fees, and other associated and miscellaneous charges (hereinafter “my Student Account”) by the published or assigned due date.

I understand and agree that if I drop or withdraw from some or all of the classes for which I register, I will be responsible for paying all or a portion of tuition and fees in accordance with the published tuition [refund policy](#). I have read the terms and conditions of the published tuition refund policy and understand those terms are incorporated herein by reference. I further understand that my failure to attend class or receive a bill does not absolve me of my financial responsibility as described above.

## METHOD OF BILLING

I understand that Dickinson College uses electronic billing (e-bill) as its official billing method for my Student Account, and therefore I am responsible for viewing and paying my Student Account e-bill by the scheduled due date. I further understand that failure to review my e-bill does not constitute a valid reason for not paying my bill on time. E-bill information is available through your Dickinson Gateway E-Billing and Financial Aid channel. (<https://dickinson.edu>), scroll to lower left of main page to log in to the Dickinson Gateway to access your secured Dickinson Gateway to view the E-Billing and Financial Aid channel.

## BILLING ERRORS

I understand that administrative, clerical, or technical billing errors do not absolve me of my financial responsibility to pay the correct amount of tuition, fees and other associated financial obligations assessed as a result of my registration at Dickinson College.

## WITHDRAWAL

If I decide to completely withdraw from Dickinson College, I will contact the Registrar's Office to receive and complete the appropriate paperwork for the withdrawal from Dickinson College.

## DEFAULT

I understand and accept that if I fail to pay my Student Account bill or any monies due and owing to Dickinson College by the scheduled due date or fail to make acceptable payment arrangements to bring my Student Account current, I will be in default of my obligation to Dickinson College and my Student Account will be considered delinquent. As a result, I understand and accept all of the following:

- **Financial Hold**

I understand and agree that if I fail to pay my Student Account bill or any monies due and owing to Dickinson College by the scheduled due date, Dickinson College will place a financial hold on my Student Account, preventing me from registering for future classes, requesting transcripts, receiving a diploma, and charging to my Student Account.

- **Late Payment Charge**

I understand and agree that if I fail to pay my Student Account bill or any monies due and owing to Dickinson College by the scheduled due date, Dickinson College will assess late payment and/or finance charges at the rate of 1.5% per month on the past due portion of my Student Account until my past due amount is paid in full. July and December Invoices, only: If my Student Account is not paid in full by the due date indicated on the invoice for July and December, I understand Dickinson College will assess a late charge of \$50.

- **Returned Payments**

If my financial institution returns a payment I have made, my Student Account will be in default. I agree to repay the original amount of the payment plus a returned payment fee of \$40.00. I understand that multiple returned payments and/or failure to comply with the terms of any payment plan or agreement I sign with Dickinson College may result in cancellation of my classes and/or suspension of my eligibility to register for future classes at Dickinson College.

## **COLLECTION**

If I am in default, I understand Dickinson College may refer my Student Account to an agency or an attorney for collection. I further understand that I am responsible for paying reasonable collection agency fees or attorneys' fees which may be based on a percentage of my Student Account, together with all costs and expenses necessary for the collection of my Student Account.

## **CREDIT REPORTING**

If I am in default, I understand Dickinson College may report my Student Account to one or more of the national credit bureaus.

## **COMMUNICATION**

I understand and agree that Dickinson College uses email as an official method of communication with me and that therefore I am responsible for reading the emails I receive from Dickinson College on a timely basis.

## **CONTACT**

I authorize Dickinson College and its agents and contractors to contact me at my current and any future cellular phone number(s), email address(es) or wireless device(s) regarding my Student Account(s)/loan(s), any other debt I owe to Dickinson College, or to receive general information from Dickinson College. I authorize Dickinson College and its agents and contractors to use automated telephone dialing equipment, artificial or prerecorded voice or text message, and personal calls and emails, in their efforts to contact me. Furthermore, I understand that I may withdraw my consent to call my cellular phone by submitting my request in writing to Dickinson College, Student Accounts Office or in writing to the applicable contractor or agent contacting me on behalf of Dickinson College.

## **UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION**

I understand and agree that I am responsible for keeping Dickinson College records up to date with my current physical addresses, email addresses and phone numbers by following the procedure at [www.dickinson.edu/studentaccounts](http://www.dickinson.edu/studentaccounts). The linked procedure is incorporated herein by reference. Upon leaving Dickinson College for any reason, it is my responsibility to provide Dickinson College with updated contact information for purposes of continued communication regarding any amounts that remain due and owing to Dickinson College.

## **GOVERNING LAW**

I agree my acceptance of these terms and conditions governing my Student Account has been executed and delivered in Pennsylvania and the validity, construction, and enforceability of these terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## **Firearms and Weapons Policy**

Reason for Policy: Dickinson College is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment in which to conduct educational activities and house its students. This policy is one step towards reducing the risk of injury or death associated with intentional or accidental use of weapons.

All members of the college community, including faculty, staff and students, as well as visitors to Dickinson College, are prohibited from possessing firearms, explosives or weapons (hereafter collectively referred to as “weapons”) on the premises of the college or in any building under college control or at any college-sponsored event without the

explicit authorization of Dickinson College, whether or not a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor.

The only exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- Commissioned law enforcement officers to the extent they are legally permitted to possess weapons in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Carlisle Borough.
- Persons in the military in performance of their official duties to the extent they are legally permitted to possess weapons in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Carlisle Borough; and
- Faculty or staff legally permitted to possess weapons in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Carlisle Borough, may do so on college property only to the extent that such possession is necessary as part of an academic or research activity. Such use must have received prior written approval by the chief of public safety.
- College sanctioned groups or events where a particular weapon(s) is a required part of the curriculum or activity, i.e., martial arts classes/clubs; fencing classes/clubs; theatrical events, etc. Such use must have received prior written approval by the chief of public safety.

Anyone possessing a weapon other than those in the exception categories will be asked to remove them from the campus or event immediately. They may also be subject to arrest and/or disciplinary action as discussed below. Exceptions to this policy may be requested in writing to the chief of public safety. The chief will review the request with the vice president for student life and general counsel. Only under the most unusual circumstance would an exception be granted. Questions about the applicability of this policy to specific items may also be directed to the chief of public safety.

Any student, faculty or staff member violating this policy shall be subject to the disciplinary policies and procedures applicable to students, faculty, or staff. Additionally, possession of unlicensed firearms or weapons may lead to criminal prosecution by the appropriate jurisdiction.

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **• Firearm**

- Any device that shoots a bullet, pellet, flare, tranquilizer, spear dart, paintball, or other projectile, whether loaded or unloaded, including those powered by CO<sub>2</sub>. This includes, but is not limited to, guns, air guns, dart guns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, cannons, etc. and any ammunition for any such device.

### **• Weapon**

- Any device that is designed to or traditionally used to inflict harm. This includes but is not limited to: (1) firearms, slingshots, switchblades, daggers, blackjacks, brass knuckles, bows and arrows, hand grenades, hunting knives, nun-chucks, throwing stars, etc.; (2) any object that could be reasonably construed as a weapon; or (3) any object legally controlled as a weapon or treated as a weapon under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- **Explosives**

- Any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that contains any oxidizing and combustible units, or other ingredients, in such proportion, quantities or packing that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, or detonator, or any part of the compound or mixture, may cause a sudden generation of highly heated gases that results in gaseous pressures capable of producing destructive efforts on contiguous objects or of destroying life or limb. This includes, but is not limited to, firecrackers, black powder, dynamite, etc. as well as detonating devices such as detonators, blasting caps, timers, incendiary wire, and the like.

## **First Year Vehicle Policy**

First year students are not permitted to possess or operate motor vehicles on the Dickinson campus or in the Carlisle area. This restriction applies to any vehicle regardless of its type, ownership or registration. This policy is in effect seven days a week.

Exceptions to the policy are granted according to strict guidelines and may only be made by the Department of Public Safety.

- Requests for exemptions can be filled out using the form on the parking website under "[First Year parking](#)"
- Requests for exceptions for medical reasons may require the submissions of documents from your health care provider. Public Safety may consult with Access and Disability services for requests of this type.

In the event that a first-year student is granted permission to possess a vehicle and they wish to park in a campus parking lot, they will be restricted to west end of the Kline Center West Lot, and they will receive a tag with a green hang tag to designate their status.

## **Gender Inclusive Housing**

At Dickinson, we hold diversity and inclusion as a central tenet because it is an essential foundation for learning and excellence in a global society. The residential experience represents an important foundation for student's overall academic and social success. As an integral part of the out-of-classroom experience, students living in college residences can expect an inclusive living environment to fully benefit from the Dickinson experience.

### **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS**

#### **WHAT EXACTLY IS GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

Gender-inclusive housing is a residential space in which roommates of any combination of biological sexes, gender identities or gender expressions choose to live together. This

includes small houses, apartments, suites, and traditional rooms that comprise our current residential facilities.

## **WHY DOES DICKINSON COLLEGE OFFER A GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING OPTION?**

There are some students for whom traditional, same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate, and we believe it is important that housing policies evolve to meet the needs of all students to create an inclusive, welcoming environment. This policy helps create an environment that acknowledges, appreciates, and respects the diverse nature of the Dickinson student body, while giving students more options in finding a roommate who is truly compatible.

This provides the opportunity for first-year students to share a multiple-occupancy bedroom regardless of students' sex or gender. This option may be meaningful for a variety of students: those who feel uncomfortable rooming with members of the same sex, transgender students in the process of discovering their gender identity, students who feel they would be more compatible with a roommate of a different sex or gender, and students who do not want sex or gender to be a primary factor in choosing a roommate.

## **HOW DO I SELECT GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

First-year students who feel that gender-inclusive housing will be the best option for them will signal this request on the housing preference form that goes out in May as part of the housing selection process.

Students who indicate a preference for this option will be contacted by a professional staff member for a conversation that will help us provide housing that best meets a student's individual needs.

## **ARE BATHROOMS GENDER-INCLUSIVE AS WELL?**

Generally, there are two types of bathrooms within residential facilities: single person and group bathrooms. All single person bathrooms (one toilet, one sink and one shower) are gender-inclusive (anyone can use the bathroom).

Group bathrooms are those with multiple toilets, sinks and showers. These bathrooms are designated at the beginning of the year as male or female, but residents are given the opportunity to review and determine the final designation of these bathrooms.

Based on the conversation with a staff member, students will be assigned to a housing facility that will best meet their needs regarding housing and bathrooms.

## **HOW WILL VACANCIES BE MANAGED?**



When there is a vacancy in a stand-alone gender-inclusive double room, the student remaining in the room may elect to pull in any new roommate. Both students must agree to live together. If a roommate cannot be identified, the room will default back to single sex status. In this case, Residence Life and Housing may place a student of the same sex in the room.

### **CAN STUDENTS BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO A ROOMMATE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX?**

No. Students who wish to take advantage of this option must enter into any roommate arrangement as willing partners.

### **WHAT IF A STUDENT CHOOSES TO LIVE WITH SOMEONE IN A GENDER INCLUSIVE ARRANGEMENT AND BECOMES UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE SITUATION?**

As with any roommate or housing issue, the college has an established room-change process, the outcome of which may allow for re-assignment in any living situation where there is a problem that cannot be resolved.

### **WHAT IF MY PARENTS DON'T WANT ME TO LIVE IN A GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING SPACE? WILL THEY BE NOTIFIED IF I SELECT THIS OPTION?**

Students 18 years of age and older may make decisions about their housing assignment without parental consent. We encourage students to maintain an open dialogue with their families so that they can be supportive of a student's housing decision. For adult students, it is the student's choice whether or not to tell their parents or guardians. Students under 18 should discuss housing plans with their families, as they must provide parental consent for a gender-inclusive option.

### **WHAT IF I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION?**

If you have questions regarding gender-identity, gender-expression, gender nonconforming or transgender student support, feel free to contact the [Office of LGBTQ Services](#).

### **FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS MAY BE HELPFUL:**

- **Gender non-conforming**
  - individuals whose gender expression is different from societal expectations related to gender.
- **Gender expression**
  - the external manifestation of one's gender identity, usually expressed through "masculine", "feminine" or gender non-conforming behavior, clothing, haircut, voice, or body characteristics.

- **Transgender**

- o people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth, including but not limited to transsexuals, cross-dressers, androgynous people, genderqueers, and gender non-conforming people.

*Definition Source: National Center for Transgender Equality; Mara Keisling, Executive Director, <http://transequality.org>.*

## **UPPER CLASS STUDENTS**

During the housing selection process for the 2013-2014 academic year, an explicit gender-inclusive housing option was implemented to continue the college's commitment toward an inclusive living and learning environment.

### **WHAT EXACTLY IS GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

Gender-inclusive housing is residential space in which roommates of any combination of biological sexes, gender-identities or gender expressions choose to live together. This includes the small houses, apartments, suites, and traditional rooms that comprise our current residential facilities.

### **WHY DOES DICKINSON COLLEGE OFFER A GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING OPTION?**

There are some students for whom traditional, same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate, and we believe it is important that housing policies evolve to meet the needs of all students to create an inclusive, welcoming environment. This policy helps create an environment that acknowledges, appreciates, and respects the diverse nature of the Dickinson student body, while giving students more options in finding a roommate who is truly compatible.

While this housing option has been available for upper-level students, this new policy allows two or more students to share a multiple-occupancy bedroom, suite, or apartment regardless of students' sex or gender. Gender-inclusive housing is not intended for romantic couples. Rather, it provides options for a variety of students: those who feel uncomfortable rooming with members of the same sex, transgender students in the process of discovering their gender identity, students who feel they would be more compatible with a roommate of a different sex or gender, and students who do not want sex or gender to be a primary factor in choosing a roommate. Gender-inclusive housing intends to help create a campus climate that is welcoming, inclusive, and supportive of all students.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE BATHROOMS? ARE THEY GENDER-INCLUSIVE AS WELL?**

Generally, there are two types of bathrooms within residential facilities: single person and group bathrooms. All single-person bathrooms (one toilet, one sink and one shower) are gender-inclusive (anyone can use the bathroom).

Group bathrooms are those with multiple toilets, sinks and showers. These bathrooms are designated at the beginning of the year as male or female, but residents are given the opportunity to review and determine the final designation of these bathrooms.

With the exception of the following facilities that house upper-class students, a gender-inclusive bathroom facility is available in each residential unit:

- Kisner-Woodward (KW)
- Spradley-Young
- Reed House
- Baird-McClintock
- Todd House
- High Street Residence

While the option to designate a bathroom as gender-inclusive within the buildings above is extended to the residents, it cannot be guaranteed. Please take this information into consideration as you make your housing selection.

## **HOW DO I SELECT GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

The information below reviews Dickinson's approach to gender-inclusive housing for upper-class students. Incoming first year and transfer students will receive housing selection information that will detail the way that they may request gender-neutral housing. Interested first year and transfer students will have a conversation with a professional staff member so that the college can provide housing that best meets the needs of the student

### **If you are a rising sophomore, junior or senior:**

- To live with a roommate of any sex or gender you will simply select to do so online through the MyHousing system and as a part of the roommate preferencing process.
- You must apply with your prospective roommate(s) following the same processes and deadlines of all students entering the housing selection process.
- Students will not be assigned to gender-inclusive housing unless they have elected to do so.
- This housing option is intended for students who wish to share a room, suite, or apartment with friends regardless of gender identity. As with any housing option, it is not recommended or encouraged that any couple, heterosexual or LGBTQQI live together. The majority of upper-class gender-inclusive room assignments are friends with similar living habits, regardless of gender.
- We encourage students to maintain an open dialogue with their families. Students 18 and older are legally able to make decisions about their housing placements.

- The gender-inclusive housing option is available in all residential facilities. This avoids segregation and offers students gender-inclusive housing within all housing styles and at the various housing price points. The default designation for a room, apartment or suite will be single-sex unless the students selecting into the space choose to create a gender-inclusive pair/group. Once a room, apartment or suite is gender-inclusive, that space will continue to be gender-inclusive as long as the residents can maintain the occupancy of the living space.

## **HOW WILL VACANCIES BE MANAGED?**

When there is a vacancy in a stand-alone gender-inclusive double, the student remaining in the room may elect to pull in any new roommate. Both students must agree to live together. If a roommate cannot be identified, the room will default back to single-sex status. In this case, the Office of Residential Life and Housing may place a student of the same sex in the room.

When there is vacancy in a gender-inclusive triple, apartment or suite, the residents may elect to pull in any roommate(s). If the residents in a triple, apartment or suite cannot fill the vacancies, the Office of Residential Life and Housing will first attempt to place students in the apartment or suite who are interested in living in a gender-inclusive space. If the Office of Residential Life and Housing needs to maximize use of all available spaces on campus and if the above is not possible, then the Office of Residential Life and Housing staff will work closely with the student group to determine next steps.

## **IS THIS A CHANGE IN POLICY?**

Mixed-gender housing options have been available at Dickinson for many years. Gender-inclusive housing is a more explicit and campus wide housing option, officially implemented during fall of 2013. As with all policies, gender-inclusive housing will be continuously reviewed and improved to meet student needs most effectively.

## **CAN STUDENTS BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO A ROOMMATE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX?**

No. Students who wish to take advantage of the new policy must enter into any roommate arrangement as willing partners.

## **WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CO-ED /MIXED-GENDER AND GENDERINCLUSIVE HOUSING?**

The terms co-ed /mixed gender operate on the assumption that there are two genders: male and female. It leaves no room for those who do not identify as their biological sex or those who are transgender or gender non-conforming. This idea is based on the notion that there are more than two genders, in fact an infinite amount. Allowing for gender-inclusive housing, as opposed to co-ed /mixed-gender, shows more inclusiveness and room for diverse identities.

## **WHAT IF A STUDENT CHOOSES TO LIVE WITH SOMEONE IN A GENDERINCLUSIVE ARRANGEMENT AND BECOMES UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE SITUATION?**

As with any roommate or housing issue, the college's established room change process may allow for re-assignment in any living situation where there is a problem that cannot be resolved.

## **WHAT IF MY PARENTS DON'T WANT ME TO LIVE IN A GENDERINCLUSIVE HOUSING SPACE? WILL THEY BE NOTIFIED IF I SELECT THIS OPTION?**

Students 18 years of age and older may make decisions about their housing assignment without parental consent. We encourage students to maintain an open dialogue with their families so that they can be supportive of a student's housing decision. For adult students, it is the student's choice whether or not to tell their parents or guardians. Students under 18 should discuss housing plans with their families, as they must provide parental consent for a gender-inclusive option.

## **WHAT IF I WANT TO LEARN MORE GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION?**

If you have questions regarding gender-identity, gender-expression, gender nonconforming or transgender student support, feel free to contact the [Office of LGBTQ Services](#).

The Office of LGBTQ Services offers education, outreach, advocacy, and support to the Dickinson LGBTQQA community. Please visit the [Office of LGBTQ Services'](#) Web site for more information.

## **FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS MAY BE HELPFUL:**

- **Gender non-conforming**
  - individuals whose gender expression is different from societal expectations related to gender.
- **Gender expression**
  - the external manifestation of one's gender identity, usually expressed through "masculine", "feminine" or gender non-conforming behavior, clothing, haircut, voice, or body characteristics.
- **Transgender**
  - people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth, including but not limited to transsexuals, cross-dressers, androgynous people, genderqueers, and gender non-conforming people.

# Hazing Policy

Hazing is a violation of college policy and a criminal offense in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Dickinson College is committed to preserving the individual dignity and well-being of each and every member of the campus community and supports students' desire to build community through groups and associations. These associations can offer powerful opportunities for student engagement and learning. The college also acknowledges the need for belonging that students often feel and value, that these contributions that student groups make toward fulfilling that need.

Within every group there exist organizational structures (e.g., hierarchies, practices) that define the relationships among its members. These structures can be:

- formal and/or informal
- explicit and/or implied
- planned and/or spontaneous

Groups are encouraged to consider these structures and relationships, as understanding them is critical to positive group development and the prevention of hazing. Groups are cautioned that within any of those structures, any activity which serves to reinforce, or has the effect of reinforcing dominant-subordinate relationships among group members must be approached with great care and guidance. This is particularly true when a group affiliates new member.

Hazing occurs across campus in a wide variety of student groups. Hazing is often about power and control and does nothing to build group or team unity. More than half of students in colleges and universities have experienced hazing. On a yearly basis, across the country, a significant number of hazing incidents and death involve alcohol consumption.

## **DEFINITION**

Dickinson College defines hazing as any act that, as an explicit or implied condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, acceptance in, or continued membership in a group or organization, could be seen by a reasonable person as endangering the physical well-being of an individual, as causing mental distress to an individual, or as being disruptive to the campus community, regardless of the individual's willingness to participate. Specific examples of hazing include but are not limited to the following:

- Requiring members to perform unnecessary duties not assigned to existing members
- Required calisthenics or other forms of physical exercise
- Sleep deprivation
- Required carrying of certain items
- Restriction of communication; confiscation of phone, tablets, or laptops

- Yelling or screaming
- Personal servitude or chores
- Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting objects, or harassing other groups
- Wearing embarrassing or uncomfortable clothing
- Restrictions on showering, bathing, or taking care of personal hygiene

Individuals or organization who are found responsible for particularly high-level hazing will face sanctions likely to include suspension or expulsion of the student and/or the organization. Specific examples of high-level hazing include but are not limited to the following;

- Lineups for purposes of interrogation, intimidation, or debasement
- Forced consumption of food, liquid, or alcohol
- Paddling or whipping
- Branding, cutting, labelling, or shaving parts of the body
- Pushing, showing, tackling or other forms of personal contact
- Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting objects, or harassing other groups

## **REPORTING HAZING**

All members of the college community should report hazing when they see it occurring or believe that it has occurred. If you or someone you know is being hazed or if you have questions about anything that is being done as part of a membership experience, please say something. You can employ the following options:

- Contact the Department of Public Safety to speak to an officer
- Talk to the IFC or Panhellenic Council Advisors
- Use the Anonymous Tip Form to provide information anonymously- assuming this is not an emergency or crisis situation- at [this link](#)
- IF SOMEONE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, PLEASE DIAL 911

## **HAZING OUTCOMES**

The college recognizes a continuum of group development activities. At one end of the continuum are positive group development activities that do not constitute hazing because they stand the test of transparency, foster a sense of group unity, and do not compromise the well-being of any individual participants. At the other end are behaviors that are clearly hazing because they are dangerous, abusive and/or disruptive, and involve only subordinate members of the group. In between are activities that could be seen by groups as benign but are considered hazing because they serve no legitimate group-related purpose, could be considered disruptive to the academic community or when occurring in the context of individuals' personal history have the potential to cause physical, mental, or emotional harm.

In the event that the college must intervene in a situation involving hazing, the dean of students will determine the nature of the intervention by where along this continuum the behavior falls. The primary purpose of any intervention is to ensure that the hazing ends,

and that those who participate in hazing are appropriately held accountable to the Dickinson community. Toward that end, individuals associated with the group (e.g., organizational executives) may be held personally accountable along with the group. The college also reserves the right to engage other authorities as appropriate (e.g., law enforcement agencies, Greek national offices, etc.)

Specifically, consequences for hazing for groups and/or individuals include but are not limited to:

- Warnings
- Mandated educational programs for members &/or others
- Community restitution
- Student status and/or housing restrictions
- Suspensions
- Expulsion

Students are also reminded that hazing is a violation of Pennsylvania law. The text of the law is available in the Dean of Students office and [online](#).

## **Library Services**

### **INFORMATION LITERACY & RESEARCH SUPPORT**

Reference librarians are trained professionals who help library users find information needed for papers and other projects. Librarians can help you:

- Find information (books, articles and more)
- Choose the most relevant databases for your topic
- Improve your research strategy
- Critically evaluate information
- Cite sources properly

For more information including self-help library tutorials and FAQs, visit our [website](#) or contact a [librarian](#).

### **BORROWING FROM THE LIBRARY**

#### **STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF**

May borrow items with their college photo ID issued by the Dining Services ID office.



## Student Loan Periods

Item Type	Borrow	Renew	Fines & Fees
<b>Books and Scores</b>	Unlimited number of items for 16 weeks	No renewals	
<b>Reference Books</b>	1 item for 1 day	No renewals	Fine per day per item \$1; Max \$15
<b>Films and CDs</b>	3 items for 1 week	2 renewals	
Reserves	<b>2 items for 4 hours</b>	<b>No renewals</b>	<b>Fine per hour per item \$1; Max \$50</b>

## Recalls

The library will recall items to be placed on academic course reserves. If an item has been recalled from you, please return it by the date and time specified on the recall notice to avoid replacement costs billed to you, regardless of the original loan period or due date. Please note library items may be recalled from you at any time.

## INTERLIBRARY LOAN POLICIES

The purpose of Interlibrary loan is to support faculty and student research by providing access to materials either that the Dickinson College library does not own or that are currently unavailable by requesting those materials from other institutions. We reciprocate by lending our books and copying documents to other institutions. Detailed information is found on our [website](#).

### BORROWING MATERIALS THROUGH INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Dickinson College faculty, administrators, staff, students, and emeriti faculty are permitted to use Interlibrary loan services at no charge. If studying off campus, see our [Guide for Study Abroad](#).

### TEXTBOOKS THROUGH INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Many students use ILL to supplement class materials. Before borrowing, please consider the following:

- Due dates are determined by the lending library. Books may come due before the end of the semester.
- Books can be recalled by the lender at any time and will need to be returned immediately.
- Many libraries do not lend textbooks, so the book you need may be unavailable.

## PHOTOCOPYING, PRINTING & SCANNING

The library has three Toshiba multifunctional printers/copiers, one located on each floor. More information about using the printer/copier in the library can be found [online](#).

Printing/copying dispute resolution can be sent to [studentprinting@dickinson.edu](mailto:studentprinting@dickinson.edu).

Please notify the circulation desk if there is a problem with any of the Toshiba printers/copiers.

## STUDY ROOM USE & RESERVATION POLICY

The library has 13 study rooms located on the upper level, main level, and lower level of the library. Study rooms are quiet, enclosed spaces but are not soundproof. Most study rooms on the main and upper level of the library are equipped with a flat panel television monitor, VCR/multi region DVD player and computer ready or computer installed. Dickinson College students, faculty, and administrators always have priority in the use of the library's study rooms.

Reservations for study room use are strongly encouraged and must be made 8 hours in advance. You can make your reservations [online](#).

## TERMS OF RESERVATIONS

- Only students, faculty, and staff can submit a reservation.
- Reservations last no longer than three hours per day.
- Reservations end at 10 p.m., Sunday – Thursday (although you may remain in the room until closing) and 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

## LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Materials purchased for the library collection are supportive and inclusive of our rigorous liberal arts curriculum and encourage student learning beyond the minimum requirements of the classroom. More information is available on the library's [Collections Guidelines](#) webpage. Information on more “popular” materials to support extracurricular interests is available on the library's [“browsing collections”](#) guide.

## GIVING TO THE WAIDNER-SPAHR LIBRARY

The Waidner-Spahr Library appreciates gifts that support our mission. Please see [details and guidelines for gifts](#).

## COPYRIGHT USE POLICY

The Dickinson College Copyright Use Policy is available [here](#).

The library maintains additional guidance for complying with copyright law [here](#).

## Magnetometer Use

Dickinson College values the safety of all students, faculty, staff, and guests of the campus. Towards that end, the college reserves the right to employ a magnetometer (metal detector) at campus events.

Metal detectors may be used if any of the following criteria are met:

- At dances, parties, and concerts when these events are:
  - open to the public outside of the Dickinson community (the Dickinson community consists of current Dickinson students, faculty, staff, and alumni), and
  - the event is expected to draw more than 100 people.
- When deemed necessary by the chief of public safety, or other appropriate college administrators.

The following information should be provided to all individuals purchasing tickets for events in which a metal detector will be used:

*All guests at this event are subject to search, including screening with a metal detector before being admitted. By seeking admission to this event, you are consenting to such a search.*

The following should be posted at the entrances to events subject to the policy:

*All guests at this event are subject to search, including screening with a metal detector, before being admitted.*

## Missing Student Policy

If a member of the college community has reason to believe a student is missing, they should immediately notify Dickinson's Department of Public Safety (DPS) at 717-245-1111, whether or not the student resides on campus. DPS will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation. DPS will notify the Student Life On-Call (SLOC), the chief of DPS and other appropriate personnel to initiate actions to locate the student. All possible efforts will be made to locate the student to determine their state of health and well-being. If the student is an on-campus resident, DPS, working with Residence Life personnel and the SLOC, may make an entry into the student's room to check on their welfare. If the student is an off-campus resident, DPS will enlist the aid of the police agency having jurisdiction.

Concurrently, college officials will endeavor to determine the student's whereabouts through contact with friends, associates, and/or employers of the student. Whether or not the student has been attending classes, scheduled academic or organizational meetings, or appearing for scheduled work shifts, will be established. If located, verification of the student's state of health and intention of returning to the campus will be made.

In addition to registering a general emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify confidentially an individual to be contacted by the college in the event the student is determined to be missing. If a student has identified such an individual, the college will notify that person no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. A student who wishes to identify a confidential contact may do that through the housing registration process. A student's confidential contact information will be accessible only by authorized campus officials and police in the course of the investigation.

After investigating a missing person report, should DPS determine that the student has been missing for 24 hours, DPS will notify Carlisle Police (or other law enforcement agency with jurisdiction) and the student's emergency contact no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. The notification of the emergency contact will be made by SLOC or the dean of students. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, the SLOC or the Dean of Students will notify the student's parent or legal guardian immediately after DPS has determined the student has been missing for 24 hours.

If the circumstances related to a student's disappearance appear to be related to foul play, i.e., kidnapping or other criminal acts, then the appropriate notifications and actions will be initiated immediately.

## **Noise Policy**

All members of the Dickinson College community are expected to respect the rights of students and area residents to live in an environment free from excessive noise pollution, thereby enabling all community members to pursue their academics free from harassing noise and excessively boisterous activities. Although students should expect that some events and activities will entail music and noise, they also have a right to expect that the level of noise will be reasonable and appropriate to the time and place. Responsibility for providing an environment free of excessive noise falls first upon individuals and groups who are expected to regulate themselves.

Any persons who object to the time, place and level of noise have the right to request that the noise be eliminated. When the complainant and the person or group responsible for the music or noise cannot agree concerning a reasonable level, the appropriate procedure is to ask a third party to mediate the problem. Appropriate third parties include: resident advisors, community advisors, house & apartment managers, student life staff, and public safety officers.

In those cases where a third party is involved, disciplinary action may be initiated through the college conduct system. Sanctions for violations of the noise policy will be drawn from sanctions found in the Community Standards, individually or in any combination.

For more specific guidelines in residential spaces see "Noise Guidelines" under the Residential Living Guidelines.

## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

Dickinson College is an intellectual and social community that values justice, free inquiry, diversity and equal opportunity. It is a fundamental policy of the college to respect pluralism and to promote tolerance, civility and mutual understanding within its community. The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation or any other protected class.

## **Open/Closed Social Events Policy**

Dickinson College does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or legally protected characteristics such as race, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, or military status. Its social policies reflect this commitment and strive to promote a campus-wide sense of community. In order to foster such an environment and to provide college organizations with choices based on purpose of social events, resources and support of the institutional mission, the college policy on open and closed social events is:

### **CLOSED SOCIAL EVENTS**

This means the social event is open to organization members only.

- All college organizations holding social events on college-owned facilities or premises may designate their social event as "Closed" when the purpose of the event supports this designation.
- Two or more organizations may co-sponsor a "Closed" social event in college owned facilities or premises which are open to members of the co-sponsoring organizations only. Co-sponsorship involves use of the resources and assumption of responsibility for compliance with college policies in an equal manner by all organizations involved.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS OPEN TO MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS**

If a social event is open solely to organization members and their invited guests, the only restrictions which can be made in advance regarding a guest list are on the basis of:

- Past behavioral problems
- Minimum age

- Status as a member of the Dickinson College community (student or potential student, faculty, administrator, staff, alumnus/a, parent/family member, trustee)

## **OPEN SOCIAL EVENTS**

An “Open” social event is one with no invited guest list and upon which no limits or restrictions on access are imposed. If a social event is open to the college community at large, the same restrictions listed above apply. The only persons who may not be permitted access to an open social event are those whose behavior in the past has caused problems, those below the minimum age, and/or those who do not belong to the college community.

Note: Any organization whose inter/national bylaws and/or insurance guidelines contain restrictions on the type of social event the organization may host must comply with those restrictions.

## **Parental Notification Policy**

Please see the FERPA section, along with the college's [complete FERPA policy and FAQs](#).

## **Parking and Vehicle Registration Policy**

### **OVERVIEW**

The following policy provides parking information and guidance for students, employees, retirees, alums and campus visitors. The policy provides information for registering vehicles and obtaining a parking permit. The goal of the policy is to provide an organized, safe and fair method of managing parking and parking lots on campus.

### **STUDENTS**

- All students who wish to park in student designated parking lots during weekday hours (7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) are required to purchase a parking permit for \$60 per year, or \$30 per semester.
  - Students can park in any lot after these hours, on weekends, and between semesters (Winter Break and Summers).
  - [First Year Students](#) must receive permission to have a car on campus. More information on this is found on the parking webpage. If permission is received, First Year students must register their vehicle using the process below.
- A parking permit provides access to campus parking lots but does not guarantee a parking spot. If students wish to park legally curbside on the street, no parking permit is required.

- The fine for parking in a campus parking lot without a parking permit is \$75 for the first occurrence, and \$100 for subsequent occurrences.
- Students who wish to park in a campus parking lot are required to fill out the parking permit registrations form, pay a parking fee, and obtain a parking permit in the form of a decal.
  - Registration decals must be placed in the lower passenger-side portion of your windshield in a location that does not impede or impair any views.
  - Registration permits must be renewed each year.
  - Vehicle license plate, make and model, for all permits will be required during registration.
- Lost parking permits can be replaced for \$60.00 for an annual permit, or \$30 for a semester permit.
  - Parking permits will be replaced for no additional cost in the event that the permit is stolen, and a police report is filed.
- Student parking permits are purchased via direct billing from student accounts. Billing will be initiated after filling out the online registration form accessed from the Dickinson College parking webpage.
- Student registration will commence on August 1<sup>st</sup> each year for the fall semester, and January 1 for the spring semester. Permits can be picked up from Public Safety any time after registration, with a student identification.
- Ticketing will not start until the beginning of the second week of classes each semester.

## VISITOR PARKING

- Visitors who wish to park in campus parking lots during time periods when permits are required must park in a visitor parking space or obtain a visitor parking permit from Public Safety.
- Visitor parking permits are not required at night, on weekends, during the summer, or during winter break.
- The requirement to obtain visitor parking permits may be waived on days that are specifically targeted for visitors to be on campus, such as big Admissions days in the spring.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Parking in the **Dickinson Park Parking Lot** does not require a parking permit
- The east end of the **5 North Orange Parking Lot** (the area to the east of the gas pump) will continue to be dedicated parking areas for Project Share and the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet (CPYB).
- Curbside parking is prohibited for college students and employees on **Conway Street and Parker Street**.
- The **50 Mooreland Parking Lot** will be for employees only, including on nights and weekends.
- **Winter Break:** Persons needing to leave vehicles parked on campus during Winter Break must contact Public Safety to be directed where to park the vehicle. Vehicles parked on campus may be parked in the Kaufman Lot or the West Kline Lot, but

only at the direction of Public Safety. In the event of a storm, cars not parked in the areas designated by Public Safety may be towed at the owner's expense.

- Students and employees who have a state-issued ADA license or permit are not required to purchase a parking permit.
- Students who park in visitor parking spaces will receive a fine of \$50. Multiple offenses will result in an increased fine of \$100.00 per occurrence.
- The college will continue to support a bicycle culture on campus, and there are plans to install additional bike racks and shelters on campus when funding is available.
- The college has six Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations on campus and users do not need a parking permit or decal when charging their car.
- Vehicles parked in the EV parking spaces that are not charging their car will receive a fine of \$50. Multiple offenses will result in an increased fine of \$100.00 per occurrence.
- Parking lot designations will remain as they currently exist, both for faculty and staff and for students. Signs exist at the entrances to lots, or in some cases portions of lots, denoting the lot designation. The current designations are as follows:
  - Red Lots are for faculty and staff only
  - Blue Lots are for students, faculty and staff

## Preferred or Chosen Name Policy

Dickinson recognizes that faculty, staff and students may use names other than their legal name to identify themselves. These may include, but are not limited to, people who use their middle name instead of their first name, people who use nicknames of a legal name, people who use an anglicized name, or people who use a name that affirms their gender identity.

It is the policy of the college that students, faculty, staff and administrators may use whatever preferred or chosen first name they want, regardless of whether they have legally changed their name, except where their legal names are required by law, industry standard or strong business need.

The use of a preferred or chosen name cannot be for illegal purposes.

### SYSTEMS USING PREFERRED OR CHOSEN NAME

The college administration will begin working as early as June 1, 2017, to implement preferred first name use on college information systems, reports and processes. It is important that you review and update your preferred first name before this time. This will be a phased implementation with a goal to have select systems using preferred first name by September 2017. A list of updated systems is provided [here](#).

The policy uses the language of both “Preferred” and “Chosen” names. Both terms describe the intent of this initiative. A person may prefer to be known by a shortened name or a nickname. Alternatively, a person may choose to be known by a different name. The



FAQs below use the term “preferred name” or “preferred name use,” so whether you choose a different name or prefer a nickname, we will refer to it as preferred name.

### **Can anyone select a preferred name?**

Yes. This option is available for all current students, faculty, staff and administrators.

### **Do I have to specify a preferred name?**

No, you do not have to specify a preferred name. This is an option for people who wish to use a name other than their legal name to identify themselves. If you use your legal name, you do not need to specify a preferred name.

### **How do I submit a preferred name request?**

Current students and employees can view and request a preferred first name by using the “College Name Registration” widget on their Gateway home page.

### **Can I use my preferred name for everything at Dickinson College?**

Dickinson College will strive to use your preferred name where possible, but your legal name will continue to be used in business and other processes that require use of a legal name. Examples of where your legal name is necessary include but are not limited to the following.

- Financial Aid documents
- Payroll
- Billing records
- Medical records
- Federal Immigration documents
- Non-Resident Visas and supporting documentation
- Tax forms (i.e., W2, 1095C, 1099s)
- Checks and direct deposit files issued by Accounts Payable
- Student loan documents

Dickinson College’s implementation of the Preferred or Chosen Name Use policy began in the summer of 2017. The goal of the implementation is to provide a consistent name experience across all college information systems and services. We strive to use your selected preferred name everywhere, except where legally necessary. Full implementation of this policy is ongoing as new information systems and services are added each year.

### **Where will my preferred name appear?**

We strive to have your preferred name appear wherever legal name is not required. As we transition our information systems and processes to use preferred name, we will list them [here](#).

### **When will my preferred name show up in the campus directory or my class rosters**

Beginning in September 2017, you may expect your preferred name to be displayed within two weeks of submission.

**Will professors receive a notification of my name change?**

No. Your preferred name will display in the CLIQ Class Roster within 2 weeks of submission.

**Can I change my preferred name to whatever I want?**

We trust the members of the Dickinson community to choose preferred names after careful consideration, with good intentions, and with the community's best interests in mind. We do not anticipate having to deny a name change request or remove a preferred name. However, we do reserve the right to reject inappropriate requests and to remove preferred names with or without notice.

We cannot give an exhaustive account of which uses, or names would be inappropriate, but we can illustrate the idea with a few examples. Name changes may not be used to avoid legal obligations or for illegal purposes. Names requested should not include offensive or derogatory language. The purpose of the preferred name policy is to foster a campus environment that is inclusive and that encourages self-expression; we expect to approve all name changes that do not contravene this purpose.

If you would like to speak with someone to determine whether use of a preferred name is right for your needs, please contact the Office of LGBTQ Service Director.

**How do I delete my preferred name?**

If you are a current student or employee who has submitted a preferred first name and later decide that you would prefer to use your legal first name or a different preferred first name everywhere on campus, you may delete your preferred first name.

Current students and employees can delete a preferred first name by using the "College Name Registration" widget on their Gateway home page. Click the "Remove Name" button on the "College Name Registration" form.

**How do I change or correct my legal name at Dickinson College?**

If you are a current student, visit the [Registrar's website](#) for information about changing your legal name.

If you are an employee, visit the [Human Resource Services website](#) for information about changing your legal name or other personal information. You will need to provide appropriate documentation.

**Does changing my preferred first name automatically update my Dickinson username and email address?**

No. If you would like to use your preferred first name as the basis for your username, please contact the [LIS Helpdesk](#).

Changing your username may have an impact on your ability to use Dickinson computing resources while your new username is synchronized across all campus information systems and services. Upon request, the LIS help desk can provide more information on the process of changing your username.

### **Will my preferred name appear on my Dickinson College ID card?**

Cards issued after August 1, 2017, will have the preferred name printed on the front of the Dickinson College ID card.

In order for your preferred first name to appear on your ID card, you must have already indicated your preferred first name in Gateway. Note that the processing of your preferred first name request may take two weeks.

Visit the card office to request a replacement ID with your preferred name. The standard fee for ID card replacement will apply.

Your Dickinson College ID card is not a legal form of identification. Carry your driver's license or other legal identification when you leave campus or need to provide legal identification.

### **How does the preferred name policy affect F-1 & J-1 visa students?**

Preferred name is for use within the college community. International students may feel free to select a preferred first name for on-campus use. However, this does not apply in situations where one's legal name is required. For the purpose of F-1 or J-1 student visa status, the legal name is required on I-20s and DS-2019s. An individual's legal name is what appears in the passport.

**I have more questions about the Preferred Name Policy. Who do I contact?** Todd Nordgren, director of the Office of LGBTQ Services, will assist in answering questions about the Preferred or Chosen Name Use policy. He can be reached at [nordgret@dickinson.edu](mailto:nordgret@dickinson.edu).

For issues with your preferred name appearing in any information system or service, please contact the [LIS help desk](#).

[Preferred or Chosen First Name Use - System Availability](#)

## **Protection of Minors Policy**

### **PURPOSE**

This policy is designed to educate our community members- faculty, staff, students, volunteers- about the state laws and regulations regarding the prevention, identification, and reporting of child abuse. Dickinson College is committed to the protection and safety of minors. While the vast majority of the members of the Dickinson community are adults, age 18 and over, our community also includes minors less than 18 years of age, both in formal relationship to the College, and more informally, as frequent visitors. For example, minors may be matriculated or prospective students, participants in camp programs,

volunteer programs, outreach and enrichment programs or children in our [Children's Center](#).\*

\*Nothing in this policy is intended to supersede obligations imposed by law regarding the maintenance of privilege by specified professionals.

## **POLICY**

It is the obligation of every member of the college community to report suspected child abuse as soon as possible as outlined below.

## **DUTY TO REPORT**

Every member of the Dickinson Community has a duty to report as soon as possible if he/she has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse based on:

- Information shared with him/her by the child or any individual; or
- His/her own observations or knowledge.

The duty to report is triggered by reasonable suspicion or belief. There is no requirement that there be actual evidence of abuse, nor should any individual seek to investigate the matter for him/herself. Any doubt as to whether or not to report should be resolved in favor of making the report to ensure that the appropriate professionals in child protective services can assess the report and evaluate the safety of the child.

## **PROCEDURE**

Under this policy, any Dickinson community member (faculty, staff, students, volunteers) suspecting abuse of a child is required to bring all reasonable suspicions or beliefs to the immediate attention of the appropriate state authorities immediately.

### **Child Line: 1-800-932-0313**

As soon as the report is made, you must contact the Director of Enterprise and Risk Management and/or the Chief of Public Safety. These individuals, in turn, have the obligation to verify that appropriate authorities have been notified and to coordinate investigations by police or other agencies.

Failure by any member of the Dickinson community to report information related to suspected child abuse as soon as possible to either Child Line or the designated officials will result in discipline up to and including termination for employees and dismissal for students. Failure of these officials to initiate timely notice and timely and appropriate investigation will result in discipline up to and including expulsion and/or termination.

## **DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE**

A child is defined as anyone under the age of 18. The term "child abuse" shall mean intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly doing any of the following:

- Causing bodily injury to a child through any recent act or failure to act.
- Fabricating, feigning, or intentionally exaggerating or inducing a medical symptom or disease which results in a potentially harmful medical evaluation or treatment to the child through any recent act.
- Causing or substantially contributing to serious mental injury to a child through any act or failure to act or a series of such acts or failures to act.
- Causing sexual abuse or exploitation of a child through any act or failure to act.
- Creating a reasonable likelihood of bodily injury to a child through any recent act or failure to act.
- Creating a likelihood of sexual abuse or exploitation of a child through any recent act or failure to act.
- Causing serious physical neglect of child.
- Engaging in any of the following recent acts:
  - Kicking, biting, throwing, burning, stabbing or cutting a child in a manner that endangers the child.
    - Unreasonably restraining or confining a child, based on consideration of the method, location or the duration of the restraint or confinement.
  - Forcefully shaking a child under one year of age.
  - Forcefully slapping or otherwise striking a child under one year of age.
  - Interfering with the breathing of a child.
  - Causing a child to be present at a location while a violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 7508.2 (relating to operation of methamphetamine laboratory) is occurring, provided that the violation is being investigated by law enforcement.
    - Leaving a child unsupervised with an individual, other than the child's parent, who the actor knows or reasonably should have known
- Is required to register as a Tier II or Tier III sexual offender under Pennsylvania law, where the victim of the sexual offense was under 18 years of age when the crime was committed.
  - Has been determined to be a sexually violent predator under Pennsylvania law.
  - Has been determined to be a sexually violent delinquent child as defined by Pennsylvania law.
- Causing the death of the child through any act or failure to act.

Child abuse may be committed by any individual, including an employee, student, volunteer, parent, caregiver or any other party in the child's life. The duty to report exists regardless of whether or not the suspected perpetrator is a member of the Dickinson community and regardless of the specific role he/she occupies in the child's life.

## **DUTY TO REPORT**

Pennsylvania law requires that private colleges, including Dickinson College their employees and persons affiliated with the college, such as students, and volunteers (the Dickinson community), report suspected child abuse. Reports of suspected abuse must

be made by members of the Dickinson community to **Child Line at 1-800-932-0313**. Consistent with this policy, however, it is expected that notice of this report will also be shared as soon as possible with the Associate Vice President of Human Resource Services and/or the Chief of Public Safety after Child Line has been notified.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF ABUSE**

The employment of any college employee who is convicted of a charge related to abuse of a minor will be terminated, whether the abuse occurred on or off campus. Any employee against whom a credible allegation of child abuse has been made as determined by a preponderance of the evidence, on or off campus, is subject to college discipline up to and including termination. Any Dickinson student who is convicted of a charge related to abuse of a minor will be expelled from the college, whether the abuse occurred on or off campus. Any Dickinson student against whom a credible accusation has been made as determined by a preponderance of the evidence, on or off campus, is subject to discipline up to and including expulsion.

## **RELATED INFORMATION**

[Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy](#)

[Children's Center Policies and Procedures](#)

See Protection of Minors Policy & Procedure to review the entire policy, process and applicable forms. \* Nothing in this policy is intended to supersede obligations imposed by law regarding the maintenance of privilege by specified professionals

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## **Religious Holidays Policy**

Dickinson College is fully committed to understanding and support of the diverse faith traditions to which members of our community adhere. While classes will still be held, the administration and faculty will make every effort not to schedule college-wide and/or public events on major religious holidays. Students of any faith who observe the major religious holidays or other minor religious holidays that typically restrict their participation in regular activities may also be excused from academic, athletic, and other responsibilities on those days by following the guidelines in the policy below.

The Religious Holiday Policy reads: *The college (offices and departments) will not schedule public and/or college-wide events on the following major religious holidays: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first night of Passover, Eid-al-Fitr, and Eid-al-Adha. The college calendar already excludes events on Christmas and Easter. Students must make arrangements with their faculty members in advance when an exam (including quizzes), papers, and other work are due on major religious holidays. A student will not be penalized*

*for missing class or not handing in work on a holiday due to religious observance. However, students must notify faculty, in writing, reasonably in advance of the holiday if they will be absent from class for religious observance. Likewise, students who observe these holidays must notify, in advance, their coaches should they have athletic practice or scheduled competition at a time of religious observance. While faculty and staff are expected to be sensitive to the needs of observant students of all faiths when planning lectures, field trips, work and other curricular activity that might conflict with observance of a major religious holiday, any course work or other obligation that is missed remains the student's responsibility to complete. Faculty members are expected to make reasonable arrangements for students to complete missed work; students must make up the work.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Director for the Center for Service, Spirituality and Social Justice at 717-245-1577 or visit our [office website](#).

## **Residential Living Guidelines and Policies**

Students living on campus are expected to participate actively in their communities as well as fulfilling the obligations of a respectful and responsible citizen in the community. Residential policies and guidelines are designed to foster safe, productive and respectful environments that allow students maximal opportunities for growth and development. While living in college- sponsored facilities, you are expected to follow these guidelines and policies and any other guidelines established by an individual community.

### **AIR CONDITIONING**

Some residence halls are equipped with air conditioning. If you live in a building without air conditioning and have a documented medical condition that requires air conditioning, submit this information in writing to the [Access and Disability Services](#). The installation of a personal air conditioning unit is strictly prohibited.

The College strives to maintain an occupied target temperature of 68 degrees +/- 2 degrees for the heating season and an occupied target of 74 degrees +/- 2 degrees in the cooling season. The most challenging times of year are the spring and fall when outdoor temperatures can change rapidly from hot to cold – even within the confines of a single day. Window air conditioning units are not installed in the spring unless a student received an accommodation for air conditioning from the [Access and Disability Services](#) due to a documented medical condition.

Please see the College's [temperature policy](#) for additional information.

### **ALCOHOL**

In accordance with the college's Community Standards, students who are under the legal age for possession/consumption of alcohol may not have alcohol in their residential space. Guests who are of age to possess/consume alcohol may not have alcohol in

spaces where the residents are not of the legal age. Please see the College's [Drug & Alcohol Policy](#) for additional information.

## **APPLIANCES**

The following appliances have been approved for residential use within your bedroom:

- Personal refrigerator no larger than 4.1 cubic feet
- Microwave oven using less than 700 watts
- UL approved coffee makers
- Any appliances with concealed heating elements (ex. hot pots)
- Multiple strip outlets (fused, with at least 14-gauge wire, grounded cord) are allowed when needed to power electronic devices.
- Additional UL approved cooking appliances may be permitted for use and storage in pre-identified kitchen areas with prior approval from the Campus Life office.

The following appliances are not permitted in residential facilities:

- Any electrical appliances with open heating elements (hot plates, George Forman Grills, barbeques, toasters/toaster ovens)
- Halogen lamps
- Electric blankets
- Concealed extension cords or multiple outlet adapters.

## **BALCONIES & PORCHES**

Certain housing assignments have access to balconies and/or porches. Occupancy of these spaces is limited to the total number of residents in the housing assignment plus 2 additional students. Over-occupancy of these spaces is a potentially serious safety issue and use of these spaces is monitored by College staff such as Department of Public Safety and Facilities Management. Students seen to be over-occupying these spaces will be asked to reduce the occupancy to established limits. Repeated reminders about safe occupancy limits may result in a loss of use of the space for a short- or long-term basis.

## **BICYCLES**

You are permitted to have a bicycle on campus. Storage spaces or racks are provided around the campus at a variety of locations. You may not store bicycles in lounges, hallways or stairwells as this can block an exit in case of an emergency evacuation. If your bicycle is stolen or damaged, it is your responsibility to report it to the Department of Public Safety.

## **BREAK AND VACATION HOUSING**

Housing remains open during the following break periods: mid-term pause, Thanksgiving vacation, spring vacation. During these breaks, you may remain in your assigned room at no additional cost. You may leave personal items in your room during any break period;



however, the college does not assume responsibility for personal articles. Campus services such as Dining Services may alter their hours during these times.

During Winter Vacation students are not permitted to remain on campus without approval from Campus Life. Certain Winter sport athletes are permitted to return to campus on the date established by the Athletic Department. During Winter Vacation the following spaces will not be used to house students who are approved to be on campus during the break: Adams Hall, Drayer Hall, or Morgan Hall. If you live in any of these residences and require housing over the winter break, you will be assigned to a temporary space.

Students requesting housing during any break period and/or after exams must request permission directly with the Residence Life and Housing office prior to the start of each break period. Students who have an active discipline record will not be permitted to remain on campus over any break and/or after exams without permission from the Associate Director of Campus Life for Residence Life & Housing.

At the end of the academic year, only graduating seniors and students involved in commencement are allowed to remain on campus. All students, other than graduating seniors, who need to stay on campus must request permission to remain in housing directly with the Residence Life and Housing office. The student will then be notified if their request has been approved.

## **BUSINESS VENTURES & SOLICITATION**

You may not conduct or solicit business in college housing. This includes using your computer network access to conduct business through your computer or the internet. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

For the safety and privacy of all members of the campus community, solicitors, peddlers and door-to-door solicitation are not permitted on campus, including in any residential buildings.

Members of the campus community are not permitted to raise funds or sell products on campus without permission from the Executive Director for Campus Life. No one, including

members of the campus community, is permitted to solicit, raise funds, or sell products in the residential facilities.

No deliveries are to be made in an individual room in any campus building, including the residential facilities. All personnel delivering personal products should be directed to meet you at the main entrance of a campus building.

## **CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT**

When checking-in to housing, you will be issued a key(s) that will grant you access to your room and building assignment. You will also receive a [Room Condition & Inventory report](#)

and be asked to note any previous damages to the room or furnishings to your RA, HAM, or the Residence Life and Housing office.

You are required to officially check out with the appropriate staff member when moving out of college housing which includes turning in your key(s). Plan to check out of your room **within 24 hours of your last final exam** unless given permission prior to the start of final exams.

- If you change rooms during the year, you are expected to check-out of your initial room by having an RA or HAM evaluate the condition of your room when you leave. When you check-in to your new room, you should complete a new Room Inventory form.
- If you leave for any other reasons (Disciplinary action, Leave of Absence, etc.) please contact the Residence Life and Housing office for further instruction.

## **CLEANING & REPAIRS**

Facilities Management provides housekeeping services for the public areas of each traditional residence hall, including bathrooms, hallways, and lounges. You are expected to keep your own room clean and orderly. If you discover your room is in need of repair, you should contact Facilities Management [directly](#).

Houses and apartments are independent living spaces. As such, students in these spaces are expected to maintain the cleanliness of these spaces on their own. At the end of the academic year, Facilities Management and Residence Life and Housing staff will inspect all houses and apartments; if the condition of these spaces requires excessive cleaning or repair, the residents may be charged.

Students can notify Facilities Management by completing a work order [online](#). Facilities Management is open Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. For emergency repairs, after these hours, contact the Department of Public Safety.

The right to inspect and repair rooms at times convenient to the college or its authorized agents is unconditionally reserved by the college. If you have concerns or questions about the service provided in the residence halls, please contact Facilities Management at (717) 245-1212.

## **COMMUNITY BILLING**

The purpose of community billing is to promote individual responsibility and to hold students mutually accountable for the condition of their shared living spaces. Public areas (i.e., corridors, stairways, lounges, bathrooms) are the collective responsibility of the residents of that suite, wing, floor, or building, apartment or house. Charges for damages to those areas may be divided among the residents of those facilities. Areas covered under the community billing policy may include but are not limited to vandalism, stolen furniture, or housekeeping charges in a common or public area when it is not directly possible to determine the responsible person(s).

For more information, see [Residential Damage](#).

## **COOKING**

Cooking within a residential facility is permitted within pre-identified kitchen areas or with approved appliances (see [Appliances](#)) within an individual room.

Using self-heating packets to cook meals within residential spaces is prohibited. Self-heating packets use water to create a reaction with heat, and it produces dangerous levels of carbon monoxide as a byproduct.

## **DAMAGE BILLING**

Vandalism, damage, destruction of college or personal property, or creating a condition that requires clean up or repair is not permitted. Damage to your room and college provided furnishings shall be the financial responsibility of you and other assigned occupants. In instances when unnecessary cleanup or repairs are necessary, students may be subject to the financial responsibility either individually, or as a suite, wing, floor or building in such instances when it is not directly possible to determine the responsible person(s).

For more information, see [Residential Damage](#).

## **DECORATING YOUR RESIDENTIAL SPACE**

As part of personalizing your residential space, you are encouraged to decorate your room. You may not make any permanent or semi-permanent alterations to the room, including structure, painting, partitions, paneling, and electrical system modifications. You may not affix anything to any internal or external structure of the housing facility (e.g., flag, signs, satellite television dish, antenna, etc.) or have anything hanging or protruding from the facility unless approved by the Associate Director of Campus Life for Residence Life & Housing. Organizations wishing to have identifying letters, signs, or flags visible from the outside of their residential facility must submit a letter to the Associate Director for Residence Life and Housing to request approval.

- Lights – You may not have halogen or decorative lights, including string lights that are not battery powered.
- Wall Decorations – You may not use items that would result in damage in the walls and/or paint. This includes, but is not limited to, screws, nails, staples and/or adhesives such as Scotch or duct tape on walls. Glue may not be used on walls, furniture or floors.
- Nothing may be hung on ceilings, sprinkler pipes, block fire safety devices or block any egress or exit, including any tapestries or other fabric items.
- Holiday Decorations – No cut or live trees or wreaths are permitted in college operated residential facilities.

- Outdoors – Only furniture intended for use outdoors (patio/deck furniture) may be used or stored outside. Indoor furniture (i.e., couches, loveseats, etc.) may not be used or stored outside. In addition, other items are prohibited that may cause damage to I, including “kiddie pools” and fire pits.

## **DRONES**

All members of the College community, including faculty, staff and students, as well as visitors to Dickinson College, are prohibited from operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs), also known as drones, without the permission of the Director of Academic Technology.

## **ENTRY & INSPECTION OF STUDENT ROOMS**

The College reserves the right to enter any room at any time without advance notice for the purposes of inspection, repair, maintenance, protecting the health, safety, and security of residents and in cases of emergency, as determined by the college. Entry may be made by members of the Student Life staff, including members of the Department of Public Safety.

The College further reserves the right to inspect a room at any time and its contents for violation of College policies, including the Community Standards, or residence hall regulations, including but not limited to possessing illegal substances or substances believed by the College to be illegal or conducting activities that could endanger the life, safety, order or welfare of another person.

Routine health and safety inspections of residential spaces will be announced at least one day in advance of the inspection. During any such inspection of residential spaces, any evidence of violations of the Community Standards may be confiscated and processed accordingly.

## **FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT & PROCEDURES**

All residential facilities are equipped with fire detection and firefighting equipment. Tampering with fire safety equipment is strictly prohibited. Tampering with fire safety, including discharging fire extinguishers or disabling smoke detectors, may result in suspension from the college, plus the cost of restoring equipment to its original condition. Failure to comply with these policies will likely result in disciplinary action.

Students may be fined for a fire alarm resulting from the use of a prohibited appliance, such as a toaster, or prohibited activities (smoking, burning candles or incense, etc.).

It is vital that all fire alarms are taken seriously, and you are expected to leave the building during a fire alarm. You must remain outside the building until such time as the Department of Public Safety or Facilities personnel indicate that it is safe to re-enter the building.

Your Resident Advisor or House and Apartment Manager will have information on proper procedures for evacuating the building during a fire alarm. Failure to leave the building during a fire alarm may result in fine or disciplinary proceedings. Fire drills will be held during the semester and are coordinated by Residence Life and Housing and the Department of Public Safety.

## **FIRE SAFETY GUIDELINES**

The following appliances have been approved for residential use within your bedroom:

- Personal refrigerator no larger than 4.1 cubic feet
- Microwave oven using less than 700 watts
- UL approved coffee makers
- Any appliances with concealed heating elements (ex. hot pots)
- Multiple strip outlets (fused, with at least 14-gauge wire, grounded cord) are allowed when needed to power electronic devices.

Additional UL approved cooking appliances may be permitted for use and storage in pre-identified kitchen areas with prior approval from the Residence Life and Housing office.

The following appliance/items are not permitted in residential facilities:

- Any electrical appliances with open heating elements (hot plates, George Foreman Grills, outdoor grills, toasters/toaster ovens)
- Electric blankets
- Halogen lamps or decorative lights, including string lights (battery operated string lights are OK)
- Concealed extension cords or multiple outlet adapters.
- Spark or flame-producing items such as fireworks, firecrackers, explosive materials, candles, incense burners, oil-burning lamps and lanterns.
- Gasoline motors of any type, including motorcycles, mopeds, etc. as well as fuels, such as gasoline, propane, or lighter fluids
- Nothing may be hung on ceilings, sprinkler pipes, block fire safety devices or block any egress or exit, including any tapestries or other fabric items
- Hoverboards (self-balancing scooters, battery-operated scooters, hands-free Segways)
- Three-dimensional (3-D) printers

## **FLAMMABLE MATERIALS**

Spark or flame-producing items such as fireworks, firecrackers, explosive materials, candles, incense burners, oil burning lamps and lanterns are prohibited in all residential spaces.

Grills may not be used or stored indoors. All grills must be placed at least 25 feet from any building and may never be used on rooftops, roof decks or fire escapes. Do not dump hot coals onto the grass or into trashcans. Cold coals may be emptied into trashcans.

Fire pits are prohibited and cannot be used indoors or outdoors.

You may not store gasoline motors of any type, including motorcycles, mopeds, etc., within residential spaces. You may not keep fuels, such as gasoline or propane, in residential spaces.

## **FURNITURE**

All furniture must remain in the assigned room. No college-provided furnishings may be removed from the room. You may provide additional furnishings such as carpets, chairs, and sofas as long as the items meet federal fire resistance standards; however, they may not block or unduly restrict exits to the room. All personal articles must be removed prior to your departure from your room or you may be charged for the removal of property not original to the room.

Outlined below are additional guidelines to adhere to when furnishing your residential space:

- Waterbeds are prohibited.
- Do not place mattresses directly on the floor.
- Only beds specifically designed to be lofted will be permitted.
- Do not use concrete blocks or bricks to raise the bed, as these cause unusual wear and tear and pose a potential safety hazard. Bed raisers specifically designed for this purpose are permitted.
- No college-issued furniture may be used for outdoor purposes unless it is deck furniture on approved balconies, porches or other outside areas.
- Only furniture intended for use outdoors (patio/deck furniture) may be used or stored outside. Indoor furniture (i.e., couches, loveseats, etc.) may not be used or stored outdoors. In addition, other items are prohibited that may cause damage, including “kiddie pools” and fire pits.
- Lounge or common room furniture may not be removed from the public area and/or placed in individual rooms.
- All college-issued furniture must remain in the room/apartment. Students will be charged for missing furniture.

## **GUEST POLICY**

A guest is considered anyone not currently assigned to the residential living space in question, including other Dickinson students. The college encourages you to have guests visit you in your room with the consent of your roommate(s). Students are reminded that residential spaces are shared spaces and you should proactively discuss with your roommate(s) how to manage guests and any additional policies that will govern guests in the room. Especially in the case of an overnight guest you should consult and work with your roommate(s) ahead of time to determine what will be most appropriate. A student should expect to have access to his or her room without the presence of inhabitants not assigned to that space by the college.

Guests are not permitted to stay in your room for more than any 2 consecutive nights. **No guests may visit more than a total of 7 days per semester.** You are responsible for the behavior of your guests and for informing your guests of the appropriate policies.

Guests to the college should remember that they are subject to the laws, rules, and regulations governing behavior in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Dickinson College. Dickinson students will be held responsible for the behavior of their guests and may face disciplinary proceedings within the Community Standards as a result of the behavior of a guest.

## **HALL RECREATION**

You may not play sports in any public areas or hallways of any residential building, including, but not limited to rollerblading, skateboarding, soccer, frisbee, basketball and bicycle riding.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

The Residence Life and Housing staff regularly conduct inspections of each area on campus. Student rooms are given a brief inspection during the fall and spring semesters. The purpose of these inspections is to provide the appropriate education and assist with correcting any health or safety concerns. Policy violations that are discovered during these inspections may be referred to the college's conduct system and prohibited items may be confiscated. Students with questions about these inspections should speak with Residence Life and Housing

## **HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you need housing accommodations due to medical, psychological or other health-related reasons, you should follow the process outlined in the [Access and Disability Services](#) website. The Residence Life and Housing office works in collaboration with [Access & Disability Services](#) and the [Wellness Center](#) to review all requests and recommendations for appropriate accommodation.

## **INSURANCE & LIABILITY**

The College cannot and does not assume responsibility for personal accident, injury or illness to residents, guests or visitors, or for the loss or theft of money or loss, theft or damage of personal property of students. Damages that result from unforeseeable maintenance issues (burst pipes, power failure, etc.) are the responsibility of the student. The college does not carry insurance covering residents or their property. You are encouraged to protect yourself from loss by purchasing appropriate insurance. In that regard, you should review any homeowner's policy that you or your caregiver's might have to determine whether the contents of your College housing are already covered or could be covered with a policy rider.

## **KEYS**

You will be assigned a key(s) that will allow you access to your building and individual room. Rooms should be locked and you should carry your keys and College ID with you at all times. You are prohibited from duplicating housing keys for any reason. You may not loan, sell or transfer any housing key or College ID to any person for the purpose of allowing that person to enter college housing unescorted or use the residence hall or apartment's facilities.

- In the event that keys are lost, stolen or misplaced, you are responsible for immediately reporting that the key is missing to the Residence Life and Housing office and the Department of Public Safety.
- Failure to return the key(s) upon departure from the room/apartment/house will result in a charge to your student account to change the key lock cylinder.
- You will be charged \$100 for a lock change if your key is lost or not returned after moving out. For houses, suites or apartments where two keys are assigned, there will be a \$75 charge per additional lock that must be changed. Your key(s) should be returned immediately upon moving out of your residential space.
- Students issued a temporary ID card for residential access at the beginning of the year are required to return this ID upon receipt of their permanent College ID. Anyone who loses or fails to return the temporary ID card will be charged \$25.

Residential facilities are locked at all times. Many residential areas are equipped with card access to exterior doors. Students should not take action that prevents the exterior doors from closing and locking such as propping the door or taping the lock.

## **LOCKOUTS**

For the first two weeks of every semester, there will be no charge for lockouts. After the first two weeks, there will be a \$25 charge for every lock-out handled by Residence Life and Housing staff or Department of Public Safety staff. If a student is locked out more than three (3) times in a semester, the charge will increase to \$50 per occurrence. If you are locked out of your residence, you should contact the following as applicable:

- Traditional Residence Halls can contact the RA on duty for assistance from 7:00 pm until 1:00 am. You can contact an RA on duty by calling the duty phone for the area (the number is posted in your residence hall). The Department of Public Safety will handle lockouts from 1:00 am until 7:00 pm (call 717-245-1349). On Saturdays and Sundays, please call the duty phone for the area between 9:00 am until 1:00 am.
- Houses/Apartments can contact the Department of Public Safety at all times.

## **NOISE GUIDELINES**

To support your academic success, the college maintains both quiet hours and courtesy hours in all residences. Courtesy hours mean that residents are prohibited from making noise that significantly disturbs other residents, including those in the Carlisle community.



During quiet hours, noise should not be heard outside your room, suite or apartment. Quiet hours are as follows:

- Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 pm until 8:00 am the following morning
- Friday and Saturday, midnight until 10:00 am the following morning

Quiet hours are in effect 24 hours a day during Reading Periods and Final Exams. Any disturbance of the larger community (floor, building or neighbors) is not permitted during these times.

## **OCCUPANCY**

For safety and noise related reasons, the maximum number of people in your residential space is double the stated occupancy for the room, apartment, or suite. For example, a four-person suite can host a total of eight people.

## **PETS**

You may not keep or host animals in residential facilities unless it is fish within a bowl or tank. The bowl or tank may not exceed 20 gallons in a residence hall. The college will not be responsible for the care of fish during break periods. Violation of the [Animals on Campus Policy](#) may result in damage billing for the replacement and/or refurbishment of carpeting, furniture or other affected areas of the facility. Failure to remove the animal from the residence in a timely manner may result in removal by animal control services.

Residents with appropriate documentation of a disability requiring the use of a service or support animal are encouraged to contact [Access and Disability Services](#) to discuss their disability-related housing accommodation requests.

## **ROOM & BOARD AGREEMENT**

All students are required to read and sign a [Room and Board Agreement](#) prior to moving into their residence at the beginning of the academic year. This document, together with other policies, procedures and regulations in this handbook or published by the Division of Student Life, constitutes the agreement between you and the College. Many of the residential living guidelines and policies are outlined in the agreement.

## **ROOM CHANGES, REASSIGNMENTS, & VACANCIES**

Requests for room changes must be made directly to the Residence Life and Housing office and are limited at times due to space availability. The change of rooms or substitution of one occupant for another without approval in writing from the Residence Life and Housing office is prohibited. You should work with a professional staff member in Residence Life and Housing to discuss options related to a room change request.

Room/hall changes are not permitted during the first two and last two weeks of each semester in order to complete accurate occupancy reporting.

The College reserves the right to reassign students in order to make the most efficient and beneficial use of available facilities, including the consolidation of spaces to create completely vacant rooms. Additionally, the occupancy of a room may be increased when, in the judgment of the College, it is necessary to do so to accommodate the housing needs of the student body.

Reassignment may also occur as a result of ADA accommodation requirements, disciplinary action (violation of Community Standards), violation of the agreed upon standards of your floor, area, or building, and/or administratively at the discretion of the Associate Director of Campus Life for Residence Life & Housing.

When a vacancy occurs, you may request a specific roommate to fill that space. If no request is made the Residence Life and Housing office will make the space available for general occupancy and may reassign a vacant space at any time. If there is a vacancy in your room, you must leave the room ready for another student to move in at any time. The Residence Life and Housing office will notify you as soon as plans are made to fill the vacancy in the room you are occupying. Behavior which discriminates against or impedes an interested student or assigned occupant will be considered a violation of the Community Standards and reviewed as such.

## **ROOM CONDITION & INVENTORY**

During the move-in process, you have the obligation to conduct a thorough room inspection and report any concerns (condition of the room, furniture, maintenance needs) to the Residence Life and Housing office. Any difference between your room's condition at check-in and check-out will be the responsibility of the room's occupants. Completed Room Condition and Inventories will be maintained annually by the Residence Life and Housing office.

Public areas (i.e., corridors, stairways, lounges, bathrooms) are the collective responsibility of residents of that building, suite, apartment or house. Charges for damages to those areas may be divided among the residents of those facilities.

If you change rooms during the year, you are expected to check out of your initial room by having an RA or HAM evaluate the condition of your room when you leave. When you check into your new room, you should complete a new Room Inventory form. Failure to check out with your Resident Advisor or HAM may prevent you from appealing any damage charges that result from the final inventory of your room.

## **ROOM SELECTION**

Room assignments for all returning students are completed through an online room selection program called Housing Self-Service during the spring semester (students can find their Housing Self-Service in Gateway, look for the icon with a house). Returning

students who have registered for courses for the following fall semester and do not have any holds on their account may participate in the room selection process. Students receive a randomly generated lottery time and select a room in order of their class year. More detailed information about room selection and housing options is available from the [Residence Life and Housing office](#) early in the spring semester.

## **STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD**

Students who plan to study off-campus are reminded that the room selection process will occur in the spring semester. Students have the option to select another student to act as a proxy on their behalf; however, it is the responsibility of the individual(s) who will be away from campus to make and communicate these arrangements with the Residence Life and Housing office. The proxy will then be responsible for participating in the room selection process on behalf of the students away. The Residence Life and Housing office does not assume responsibility for selecting rooms or filing off-campus applications for students who are away from campus during the spring semester.

## **FIRST-YEAR HOUSING**

First-year students receive room assignments and the name(s) of roommates via email. First-year students are assigned rooms based on information provided to the Residence Life and Housing office. First-year students generally are housed in double, triple or quad rooms and in facilities that are largely populated with other first-year students.

## **SMOKING**

Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is prohibited in all areas of the residential spaces, including rooms, bathrooms, lounges, hallways, and stairwells. Additionally, smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of residential buildings. Smoking is limited to a location that does not impede traffic flow in and out of residence halls and where smoke cannot drift into the interior of residence halls.

## **STORAGE**

The college does not provide storage spaces during the summer months. Individual students, fraternities and sororities, and special interest houses are encouraged to make storage arrangements by working with area storage companies. Items left in and around residential facilities at the end of the spring semester will be given to the U-Turn project or discarded by Facilities Management. You may be charged for the removal of property not original to the room.

## **WINDOWS**

You may not remove window screens at any time. Throwing any object out of a residence window or balcony is prohibited. Food, plants, shoes, flags, banners, or other items are not permitted outside windowsills or balconies unless granted permission by the Associate Director for of Campus Life for Residence Life & Housing.

## **Sexual Harassment & Misconduct Policy**

Dickinson will not tolerate any type of sexual harassment, misconduct or intimate partner violence. The college is committed to taking all appropriate steps to eliminate sexual harassment, misconduct and violence, prevent its recurrence and address its effects. This policy outlines Dickinson's institutional values, prohibited conduct, resources, reporting options, and complaint processes for the review, investigation and resolution of reports of sexual harassment, misconduct and violence.

The full Sexual Misconduct Policy can be viewed on the Dickinson College website on the following pages <https://www.dickinson.edu/titleix> or on the [campus-wide policies](#) page [found here](#).

## **Smoking Policy**

Dickinson College promotes a smoke-free environment and smoking, and the use of electronic cigarettes is permitted only in outdoor areas of the campus not within 25 feet of a building. No smoking is allowed in any building on campus. This includes private offices, residence hall rooms and public buildings. The use of electronic cigarettes is also prohibited in buildings on campus. The success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. In all cases, the right of nonsmokers to protect their health will take precedence over a smoker's desire to smoke.

## **Suspension of Financial Aid Eligibility**

The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 includes provisions that authorize Federal and State judges to deny certain Federal benefits -- including Title IV, HEA student aid -- to persons convicted of drug trafficking or possession. The Department of Education maintains a list within the Central Processing System (provided by the Department of Justice) against which all FAFSA applicants are matched. Applicants on the DOJ Drug Abuse Hold list are notified that they are not eligible for Title IV, HEA funds and told whom they can contact if they have questions.

## **Technology Policies**

These policies serve as guidelines to support operational efficiencies and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

# **RESPONSIBLE USE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES**

## **PURPOSE**

Dickinson College is a private institution fully committed to the ideals of academic freedom, freedom of expression and cultural diversity. This policy describes the appropriate uses of computers, networks, servers, hardware and software (“Information Technology”) at Dickinson College. In addition, it describes responsibilities of individuals and Dickinson College with respect to the confidentiality and privacy of information stored on institutional computers and servers.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all individuals using Dickinson College’s Information Technology. Use of the college's Information Technology constitutes the user’s agreement to abide by this policy, including consent to monitoring and inspection (as permitted and limited below). “Monitoring” refers to the observation and examination of system-wide general activity, usage patterns and performance metrics, including but not limited to, CPU loads, network traffic patterns, and volume, and attached devices. “Inspection” refers to the observation and examination of individual electronic communications, including electronic mail, mailboxes, Internet use, and the contents created or stored on any college computer, server or network-related equipment. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the loss of email and/or computing/networking privileges and discipline up to and including censure, expulsion or termination of employment in addition to any applicable civil or criminal penalties.

## **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Library and Information Services (“LIS”) is responsible for monitoring. It is the responsibility of all individuals in the Dickinson community to use Information Technology resources in accordance with this policy. Inappropriate behavior or malicious misuse of Information Technology resources that in any way degrades college equipment and/or services or that violates the rights of others in the community or that violates the law or college policy is strictly prohibited. Each member of the community is responsible for using only those accounts or computers for which he or she has authorization and is responsible for protecting all passwords. Individuals are urged to report unauthorized use of computers, networks, or other LIS facilities on campus by calling the LIS help desk or by notifying the Assoc Vice President for Enterprise Systems.

## **INSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGES**

Dickinson College reserves the right to monitor and allocate Information Technology resources. To accomplish allocation of resources, the system administrators may suspend or terminate privileges of individuals without notice if malicious misuse or use inconsistent with this policy, any other relevant college policy or applicable law is

detected. Privileges may also be suspended, without notice, to meet time-dependent, critical operational needs.

Because of its obligations with respect to compliance and the integrity of services provided under this policy, except as outlined below, Dickinson asserts sole ownership of all electronic communications, including electronic mail, mailboxes, files and their contents, created or stored on any college computer/network related equipment.

Nothing in the policy is intended to supersede the rights, title and interests, including copyrights, of faculty and students in their intellectual property and Dickinson College asserts no ownership or proprietary rights in such works outside the intellectual property policies of the college regardless of the presence or storage of such works on any college computer, network or network related equipment.

Similarly, the college asserts no ownership or propriety rights in the works of other college employees where such works were not created for, and are not related to, their employment.

## **USER LOGINS AND PASSWORDS**

Access to Information Technology resources is provided via user login and password systems. Users are personally responsible for the security of the password that they select. Viewing, copying, altering, or destroying any file, or connecting to a computer on the network without explicit permission of the owner is prohibited.

Passwords should be known only to the person responsible for the account and user login. Any suspected breach of password security should be immediately reported to the LIS help desk.

## **PROTECTING DESKTOP EQUIPMENT AND FILES**

Backups and protection of files stored on employee desktop and laptop equipment are the responsibility of the user of the equipment. Users must back up their work files on a regular basis. LIS licenses software for this purpose that may be obtained by contacting the LIS help desk.

Individual users are responsible for safeguarding the equipment entrusted to them by the college. This includes reasonable protection of equipment from damage and theft.

## **MANAGEMENT OF PERSONALLY OWNED DEVICES**

With the approval of the relevant senior officer, the college subsidizes the purchase and operation of personally owned computing devices such as smartphones to conduct college business. Employees participating in these programs are expected to treat these devices with the same care with regard to institutional information as they would college owned devices. This obligation includes the requirements that employees employ

passcodes on these devices and that they establish the ability to remotely disable these devices in the event of loss or theft.

## **USE OF CLOUD SYSTEMS AND STORAGE**

Most cloud systems and storage services do not meet Dickinson College safety and security standards and are not compliant with federal data storage laws. Please contact the Help Desk ([helpdesk@dickinson.edu](mailto:helpdesk@dickinson.edu)) for information about which systems and storage options have been approved by the college.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY AND RIGHT TO MONITOR AND INSPECT**

Users of Dickinson College information technology should understand that uses of these resources are not completely private. Under normal circumstances, the General Counsel and the relevant senior officer, in consultation with the Chief Information Officer, must approve in advance any individual inspection, other than that which is voluntary, required by law, or necessary to respond to emergency situations.

The circumstances under which such inspections without notice may occur include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To protect the integrity, security, or functionality of college or other information technology resources, or to protect the college or individuals in the community from harm;
- There is reasonable cause to believe that the user has violated, or is violating, any Dickinson College policy or applicable civil or criminal law; or
- An information technology resource appears to be engaged in unusual or unusually excessive activity that disrupts the system, as indicated by system monitoring.
- The normal operation and maintenance of the college's technology resources require backup and caching of data and communications, logging of activity, monitoring of general use patterns, and other such activities that are necessary to provide service.

The college, in its discretion, may use or disclose the results of any such inspection, including the contents and records of individual communications, as it considers appropriate, to college personnel, third parties, or law enforcement agencies.

## **PERSONAL USE**

Dickinson College provides Information Technology to faculty, staff and students for use in the pursuit of legitimate academic and business pursuits for the college. Incidental personal use of Information Technology is permitted provided that such use:

- Does not affect productivity, quality or service to students and others whom we serve.

- Does not interfere with the user's job responsibilities or other obligations to the college.
- Does not create a conflict of interest or contribute to personal financial gain related to commercial activity.
- Does not directly or indirectly interfere with the college's operation of electronic mail services, computing capacity or network capacity.
- Does not interfere with other users' access to or use of the campus network.
- Does not violate federal, state, or local laws, or college policy.

## **LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

All existing federal, state, and local laws and relevant college regulations and policies apply to the use of computing resources and all users of such resources are required to be in compliance with all such laws, regulations and policies at all times. This includes not only those laws and regulations that are specific to computers and networks, but also those that apply generally to personal conduct. As such, any of these resources may be subject to review by designated college personnel in accordance with college policies.

## **INAPPROPRIATE USES EXAMPLES**

The following are examples of violations of this Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy. This list is not dispositive.

- **Malicious misuse**  
Using logins or passwords assigned to others; disrupting the network; destroying information; intentionally erasing stored information or modifying equipment, accounts, disks or files that are not your own; removing software from public computers; spreading viruses; sending email that threatens or harasses other people; downloading, uploading or sharing images or information that violates any law; invading the privacy of others; subscribing others to mailing lists or providing the email addresses of others to bulk mailers without their consent; running a personal business, downloading material from the Internet that violates federal, state or local law, or college policy (except when disclosed in advance to the provost and dean of the college, and determined to be related to legitimate research or learning purposes); illegally duplicating or otherwise copying copyrighted or licensed software or using illegal copies of copyrighted materials; or using Information Technology in violating any federal, state or local law.
- **Unacceptable use of software and hardware**  
Knowingly or carelessly running or installing unlicensed software on any computer or computer system or network; giving another user a program intended to damage the systems or network; violating terms of applicable software licensing agreements, including copying or reproducing any licensed software; or violating copyright laws and their fair use provisions through inappropriate reproduction or dissemination of copyrighted text, images, music or other materials; using imaging equipment to duplicate, alter and subsequently reproduce official documents.



- **Inappropriate access**  
Unauthorized use of a computer account; providing misleading information in order to obtain access to computing facilities; using the campus network to gain unauthorized access to any computer system; connecting unauthorized equipment to the campus network including wireless access points; unauthorized attempts to circumvent data protection schemes to uncover security loopholes (including creating and/or running programs that are designed to exploit security vulnerabilities and/or decrypt intentionally secure data); intentionally locking another user out of that user's account; knowingly or carelessly performing an act that will interfere with the normal operation of computers, peripherals, or networks; or deliberately wasting or overloading computer resources.
- **Inappropriate use of electronic mail and Internet access**  
Initiating or propagating electronic chain messages; inappropriate mass mailing including multiple mailings to newsgroups, mailing lists, or individuals, forging the identity of a user or machine in an electronic communication; using another person's email account or identity to send email messages; attempting to monitor or tamper with another user's electronic communications; reading, copying, changing or deleting another user's files or software without the explicit agreement of the owner; using e-mail or personal web page advertising to solicit or proselytize others for commercial ventures, religious or political causes, or for personal gain related to commercial activity; any use that otherwise violates federal, state or local law, or college policy

## **NONCOMPLIANCE AND SANCTIONS**

LIS may suspend or terminate all computing privileges of any individual without notice who engages in any improper computing activities. Serious cases, as determined by the Vice President for Library and Information Services, and in consultation with the appropriate senior officer of the division with supervisory authority over the individual may result in disciplinary action against the individual up to and including the suspension, expulsion, or termination of employment of the offending individual, as appropriate. Disciplinary actions involving faculty will be initiated in compliance with the processes outlined in the Academic Handbook. Disciplinary actions involving college administrators or staff will be initiated in compliance with the applicable personnel procedures. Disciplinary actions involving students will be referred to the student disciplinary hearing process by the dean of students or his/her designee or the provost and dean of the college or his/her designee. Where violation of federal, state, or local law is involved, cases and related information may be referred to the proper legal authorities for action.

## **Visual Identity**

The name "Dickinson College" is synonymous with high quality education and is a valuable asset of this institution. The use of the college's name or other college marks, logos, or seals, in whole or in part, by unauthorized individuals, clubs and organizations

is prohibited. Those clubs and organizations recognized by the college and who are in good standing, are extended the privilege of using the college name and its marks and logos in association with their club or organization in ways that are consistent with the college's mission and that promote the college's image and reputation. Such use must not misrepresent the association between the college and the club, organization, or activity and must not suggest that the college endorses the product or activity. Use of the college name, marks, or logos in connection with vulgar language, profanity, sexually explicit graphics, words with inappropriate double meanings, weapons, illegal drugs, or alcohol is prohibited. Use of the college name, marks, or logos in a way that promotes dangerous, offensive, or illegal products or activities is prohibited. The college maintains an unlimited right to disapprove or stop any use of its name, marks, and logos that the college believes, in its sole discretion, violates this policy, creates a risk of liability, or causes or has the potential to cause reputational harm to the college.