

## So, you got a letter from

### Student Conduct?

A student's first contact with the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) usually starts with a letter. The letter outlines that OSC has received a report alleging that the student may have violated the Student Conduct Code, what sections of the Conduct Code are at issue, and what the student should do next. You will also be asked to set up a meeting with OSC to discuss the incident.

### Who hears my case?

- Senior Coordinator for the Office of Student Conduct:

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- A Graduate Assistant or
- Judicial Peer Advisory Council (JPAC)

Some students are required to set up a meeting with JPAC, a group of MU students called Justices.

### What Happens at the meeting?

The Senior Coordinator, Graduate Assistant, or JPAC will meet with you to discuss the incident. This is an informal hearing which gives the student the opportunity to tell their side of the story.

The hearing body will read the violation report, listen to the student, discuss the case, and then make a decision as to whether you are responsible or not, and if so, make a sanction recommendation.

## Common Violations Covered

### in the Code of Conduct:

- Anything alcohol related, including MIP, DWI, fake ID, open container, or supplying to a minor
- Drug possession, use, or sale
- Physical abuse, threats, or disorderly conduct
- Theft (including identity theft)
- Trespassing on University grounds
- Public urination
- Sexual misconduct
- Classroom Disruption/Verbal Abuse
- Parking and Transportation violations
- Misuse of University Computing facilities

### What kind of sanctions could I get?

It depends on the violation. Sanctions can range from a letter of warning to expulsion from the University. Other possible sanctions include being placed on probation, or being required to complete reflection papers, alcohol workshops, community service, or research papers.

### What if I don't show up to my meeting?

If you do not show up to your meeting, the hearing body will decide the case in your absence based on the report they received. It is treated as a waiver of the right to tell your side of the story. If you are unable to attend your meeting, it is your responsibility to contact our office before the start of the meeting.

## What if I don't agree with

### the decision?

You have a right to reject the decision. To do so, you must return the decision letter within 5 working days to the Office of Student Conduct and sign the line that says "Do not accept." Submitting this signed letter triggers the University's formal process. Students in this process will appear before the Chancellor's Student Conduct Committee, a formal hearing before a panel of faculty, staff, and student members.

### Do I need a Lawyer?

A student charged may have an advisor throughout any part of the student conduct process. This advisor can be anyone from a family member to an attorney of their choosing at their expense. Most students do not hire an attorney for this process. For more information on student representation, please contact Student Legal Services (573-882-9700).

### But I'm Already going to court!

The OSC is not a part of the criminal justice system, therefore "double jeopardy" does not apply. If you have already been to court for the alleged incident, then you have fulfilled your obligation to any violation of Missouri Law. However, you have not met your obligation to the University of Missouri policy.



## **Our Mission:**

*The mission of The Office of Student Conduct is to support the University's educational mission and goals by promoting growth through individual responsibility and a positive university climate through behavioral standards, intervention efforts, educational endeavors, increased civility, training, informational programming and disciplinary processes, encouraging students to assume self and social responsibility, to learn conflict resolution skills, to enhance decision-making ability and to advance ethical values development. The services offered are developed to maintain a University environment that is conducive to academic success, protects the rights of all members of the University community, provides interventions for the resolution of conflict, and provides opportunities for individual growth and development.*



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