AN INTRODUCTION TO
Student Conduct at Dartmouth

Values
Dartmouth strives to cultivate an environment conducive to the highest levels of learning, research, and intellectual exploration. The value of the education that can be earned here is dependent on academic honor and personal integrity. We expect our students to be actively responsible citizens of this community, to respect the rights of others, and to hold each other accountable for behavior that is corrosive to our community values, harms oneself, or harms another. Our standards of conduct and the work of this office exist to promote a safe and secure environment in which you and your peers can learn and achieve.

When will I hear from Judicial Affairs?
If we hear that your behavior may have violated Dartmouth’s Standards of Conduct, the Judicial Affairs Office will contact you. In most cases, the incident can be resolved through an administrative-level hearing. However, in cases which may result in suspension or separation (i.e. expulsion), the incident will be referred to the Committee on Standards (COS) for a hearing.

Not all students who interact with our office are found responsible. Our primary goal is not to “get students in trouble” but to promote the responsibility and integrity befitting a Dartmouth student.

When will my family find out?
If you are classified as a dependent, the Judicial Affairs Office will notify your parents if you are placed on probation after an administrative-level hearing. Judicial Affairs will also notify your parents if you have a pending COS case. Parents are also notified of the outcome of COS cases.

Summary of Dartmouth’s Standards of Conduct

I. Students may not cause or threaten physical harm to another person.
II. Students may not threaten the safety, security or functioning of others or the College.
III. Sexual misconduct of any kind is prohibited.
IV. Students shall abide by the Alcohol and Drug Policy.
V. Students shall abide by the Academic Honor Principle.
VI. Students may not violate the laws of any jurisdiction.
VII. Students must abide by College policies, rules, and regulations.
VIII. Students must not disrupt, interfere with, or obstruct teaching, research, or College administration.
IX. Students must comply with the directives of College officials and shall not make false statements.

For more information please visit http://www.dartmouth.edu/~deancoll/student-handbook/
What should I talk with my family about before coming to Dartmouth?

- Openly discuss your personal and family values and expectations for behavior and treatment of others.

- Review the Standards of Conduct in the Student Handbook together.

- Discuss making responsible decisions about drugs and alcohol. For more information see the Alcohol and Drug Policy.

- Ask your family to help you identify areas of stress or poor time management habits. Students who violate the Academic Honor Principle often report time pressures or academic stress.

- Set reasonable expectations for academic achievement.

- Leave BB guns, knives, alcohol and other drugs at home. Please note, Dartmouth’s Alcohol Policy prohibits hard alcohol on campus or at campus events regardless of the age of the students involved. A first violation of this policy is likely to result in a period of probation; a second in a period of suspension.

- Plan to seek help when needed.

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Additional Resources

Academic Skills Center
https://students.dartmouth.edu/academic-skills/
603-646-2014

Health Services
www.dartmouth.edu/~health/
603-646-9400

Institute for Writing & Rhetoric (RWIT)
http://writing-speech.dartmouth.edu/
603-646-9748

Office of Pluralism & Leadership (OPAL)
www.dartmouth.edu/~opal/
603-646-0987

Residential Life
https://students.dartmouth.edu/residential-life/
603-646-1491

Safety & Security
www.dartmouth.edu/~security/
603-646-4000

Student Accessibility Services
https://students.dartmouth.edu/student-accessibility/
603-646-9900

Student Wellness Center
www.dartmouth.edu/~healthed/
603-646-9414

Title IX Coordinator
www.dartmouth.edu/sexualrespect/
603-646-0922

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