STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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All Quinnipiac students are responsible for abiding by the standards of the Quinnipiac community and university policies, rules and/or regulations, and those who violate them are subject to disciplinary action. Any attempt to violate the Quinnipiac standards, policies, rules and/or regulations is also considered an offense worthy of discipline. Moreover, Quinnipiac recognizes and respects local, state and federal laws and does not provide safe haven or sanctuary for students who violate such laws.

The university may pursue enforcement of its own policies, whether or not legal proceedings are underway or forthcoming, and may use information from third-party sources, including but not limited to law enforcement agencies, the courts and outside media to determine whether Quinnipiac’s policies have been violated. Quinnipiac makes no attempt to shield members of the university community from the law, nor does it intervene in legal proceedings against a member of the community. These standards are announced in writing to give students general notice of community standards. The standards should be read broadly and are not designed to define misconduct in exhaustive terms.

The Student Code of Conduct process may review and impose sanctions on an individual or group involved in any criminal or civil offense. Violations of specifically stated policies as written in the Student Handbook, or otherwise distributed or published rules of Quinnipiac, are prohibited. These include but are not limited to:

1. Alcohol

Students should review and are expected to abide by Connecticut state laws and Quinnipiac’s Policy Statement on the Prevention of Alcohol Abuse and Other Drug Use or Abuse, as published in the Student Handbook, or otherwise distributed or published by Quinnipiac. In addition:

A. Members of the Quinnipiac community or guests/visitors under the age of 21 may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages.

B. Individuals may not distribute, transport, serve and/or purchase alcohol to/for minors.

C. Students who are disruptive as a result of intoxicated behaviors due to the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs are subject to disciplinary action.

D. Kegs/beerballs, common sources, and/or excessive quantities of alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

E. Large gatherings or events where alcohol is present are prohibited.

F. Possession or use of drinking paraphernalia, devices and/or games that promote consumption of alcohol (e.g., beer bongs, beer-pong tables, funnels, empty alcohol containers) are prohibited. Such items may be confiscated and not returned.

G. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas, except where designated, or at University events where alcohol is not served, regardless of age, is prohibited.

H. Selling of alcoholic beverages without a license is prohibited.

2. Controlled Substances

Students should review and are expected to abide by Connecticut state laws and Quinnipiac’s Policy Statement on the Prevention of Alcohol Abuse and Other Drug Use or Abuse, as published in the Student Handbook, or otherwise distributed or published by Quinnipiac. In addition:

A. The possession and/or use of illegal or harmful drugs is prohibited.

B. The manufacture, distribution, sharing, storage, possession with intent to sell and/or sale of prescription medication, illegal or harmful drugs is prohibited.

C. The possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

D. The improper possession and/or misuse of prescription medication is prohibited.

3. Civility and Respect

Quinnipiac expects students to be mature, honest and responsible members of the campus and the larger community. Behavior that infringes upon the rights, safety, and privileges of another person, or impedes the educational process of Quinnipiac is unacceptable. Quinnipiac prohibits:

A. conduct that is disruptive to the university community, disturbs the peace, obstructs university objectives and/or operations, interferes with the rights and/or activities of others and/or interferes with the performance and duties of university staff;

B. conduct that violates the Good Neighbor Policy;

C. conduct that violates the Residential Life Quiet Hours Policy; and

D. conduct that violates the Policy Statement on University Shuttles. Misconduct on the university shuttle and/or shuttle stop (including, but not limited to, damage, vandalism, verbal and/or physical abuse and intoxication) is prohibited.

4. Complicity

Quinnipiac prohibits students, through act or omission, from assisting another student or group in committing a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Students who are present when the Student Code of Conduct is violated may be held responsible, even if they are not directly involved in the violation itself, when they could reasonably remove themselves from the situation.

5. Harassment, Abuse, Health and Safety

Quinnipiac prohibits:

A. personal harassment, intimidation and/or verbal abuse;

B. the threat to inflict physical harm, physical abuse, or injury to any person;

C. acts of physical aggression, or actions that inflict physical harm, physical abuse, or injury to any person;

D. non-physical or physical coercion;
E. slanderous, false or malicious statement(s) about a person or defamation of character;
F. endangerment of the health and safety of self and/or others;
G. operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of any substance;
H. failure to comply with university directives designed to limit the spread of, or exposure to contagions, including viruses, bacteria, fungi, parasites, etc.

6. Discrimination, Discriminatory Harassment and Bias-Motivated Acts and Behavior

Quinnipiac University is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination, discriminatory harassment, and misconduct based on race, color, religion, gender, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, alienage, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by law. Students should review and are expected to abide by Connecticut state laws and Quinnipiac’s Discrimination, Discriminatory Harassment and Bias-Motivated Acts and Behavior Policy (http://catalog.qu.edu/university-policies/harassment-discrimination-policy/), as published in the Student Handbook, or otherwise distributed or published by Quinnipiac. Students are also required to complete any university-mandated training related to this policy.

7. Gender-Based Discrimination and Harassment

Quinnipiac University is committed to providing an environment free from gender-based or sexual discrimination and misconduct. As reflected in the statement on jurisdiction, Quinnipiac reserves the right to address, through the Student Code of Conduct process, incidents that occur off campus that may endanger the health, safety and welfare of self or others and/or adversely affect the University and/or the pursuit of its objectives.

The university prohibits:

A. Sexual harassment, as defined by the Title IX Policy (http://catalog.qu.edu/university-policies/titleix-policy/)
B. Gender-based discriminatory harassment, as defined in the Discrimination, Discriminatory Harassment and Bias Motivated Acts and Behavior Policy (http://catalog.qu.edu/university-policies/harassment-discrimination-policy/)
C. Sexual assault, as defined by the Title IX Policy
D. Dating violence, as defined by the Title IX Policy
E. Domestic violence, as defined by the Title IX Policy
F. Stalking, as defined by the Title IX Policy
G. Sexual exploitation, as defined within this policy

Under these policies, sexual exploitation is defined as a nonconsensual act or acts committed through exploitation of another person’s sexuality for the purpose of sexual gratification, financial gain, personal benefit or advantage, or for the purpose of causing harm to another’s reputation. Sexual exploitation includes but is not limited to:

- invasion of sexual privacy and voyeurism (in-person or through audio or video recording);
- knowingly transmitting a sexually transmitted infection;
- exposing of a person’s body or genitals;
- involvement in the trafficking of another person for sexual purposes.

Allegations containing any element of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, including sexual exploitation or gender-based discriminatory harassment, shall be investigated and adjudicated pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Title IX Policy.

Students who believe they have experienced or witnessed an incident of discrimination or harassment should immediately contact the Title IX coordinator:

Dennis Kwarteng
Title IX Coordinator
275 Mount Carmel Avenue, CCE-180
Hamden, CT 06518
dennis.kwarteng@qu.edu
203-582-7327

8. Hazing

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac’s Policy Statement on Hazing (https://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/graduate/university-policies/policy-statement-hazing/). Hazing is defined as, but not limited to, any action taken or situation created intentionally as a method of initiation into any student organization, student athletic team or group of students, in which there is a perceived or real power differential between members, to create mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, physical or psychological shock, or possibly mental or physical injury. The expressed or implied consent of the person being hazed will not be a defense. Knowledge of, apathy toward or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts and will be construed as violations of this standard.

9. Property

A. Unauthorized use, misuse or possession of another’s property or Quinnipiac property is prohibited.
B. The theft of another’s property or Quinnipiac property or unauthorized possession of another’s property or Quinnipiac property is prohibited.
C. Damage and/or vandalism to another’s property or Quinnipiac property is prohibited.
D. Tampering with locks and duplication or unauthorized use of Quinnipiac keys or access cards is prohibited.
E. Propping or tampering with doors to prevent them from closing or locking is prohibited.
F. Creating messes and littering on campus or University-owned property is prohibited.
G. Throwing, launching or propelling objects is prohibited.
H. Failure to report damage is prohibited.

10. Orders and Directions
A. Failure to comply with reasonable directions of Quinnipiac officials (or someone acting in the name of Quinnipiac) is prohibited.

B. Harassment, intimidation and/or verbal abuse of Quinnipiac officials (or someone acting in the name of Quinnipiac) acting within the scope of their duties is prohibited.

C. Unauthorized entry into or use of Quinnipiac property or attempting to gain entrance to unauthorized premises is prohibited.

D. Fleeing the scene of an incident is prohibited.

E. False 911 and/or campus emergency system calls both on and off campus are prohibited.

11. Misuse of Documents/Property

A. Knowingly using or furnishing false information or identification to a Quinnipiac official (or to someone acting in the name of Quinnipiac) is prohibited.

B. Forgery, alteration, distribution or unauthorized possession of Quinnipiac documents, records or instruments of identification is prohibited.

C. Forgery, alteration, possession or manufacturing or distribution of false identifications, documents or records is prohibited.

D. Unauthorized use of Quinnipiac’s name or logo or failure to use Quinnipiac’s name or logo in a manner consistent with its designated objectives is prohibited.

E. Violation of the Computer and Information Resources Policy (https://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/computer-information-resources/) is prohibited.

12. Fire and Fire Protection Systems

A. Tampering, damaging or removing fire safety equipment is prohibited.

B. Causing or attempting to cause a fire or false fire alarm is prohibited.

C. Failure to evacuate during fire alarm or emergency is prohibited.

D. The setting of fires, arson or adding to unauthorized fires is prohibited.

13. Firearms, Weapons and Explosives

A. Possession, storage or use of firecrackers, fireworks, fire bombs, smoke bombs or any other explosive device is prohibited.

B. Possession, transportation, storage or use of firearms, air guns, paint ball guns, BB guns, any other dangerous weapon or weapon facsimile is prohibited.

C. Bomb scares or threats are prohibited.

14. Misuse of University Funds

A. Embezzlement or misuse of the funds of the university and/or its student organizations is prohibited.

B. Forgery, falsification or alteration of student employee timesheets or misuse of the Kronos system is prohibited.

15. Gambling

Gambling or being part of a gambling ring, bookmaking or illegal transactions is prohibited.

16. Smoking and Tobacco

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac’s Policy on Smoking and Tobacco (https://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/smoking-tobacco/). Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.

17. Solicitation and Promotion

Solicitation and promotion are prohibited at the university and in the residence halls.

A. The direct sale of merchandise or services, and the solicitation of donations (with or without products or services rendered) without university approval is prohibited.

B. Posting or distributing solicitation materials in unauthorized areas is prohibited.

18. Residential Life

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac’s Residential Life Policies (https://catalog.qu.edu/handbook-undergrad/#residentiallifetext), as listed in the Residential Life section of the Student Handbook. A violation of these policies may subject a student to disciplinary action.

19. Visitor and Guest Policy

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac’s Policy Statement on Visitors and Guests (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/overnight-visitors-guests/). Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.

20. Federal, State and Local Laws

Students who are sanctioned, criminally or civilly, or formally charged and/or convicted of a violation of federal, state or local law, which adversely affects the community and/or the university and the pursuit of its objectives, may be subject to disciplinary action.

21. Risk Management Policy

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac’s Policy Statement on Risk Management (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/student-organizations/student-organization-overview/student-organization-policies/) as listed in the Organizations section of the Student Handbook. Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.

22. Student Organizations

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac’s General Policy Statement for Student Organizations (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/student-organizations/student-organization-overview/student-organization-policies/) as listed in the Organizations section of the Student Handbook. Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.
23. Expressive Activities and Speech

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac's Expressive Activities and Speech Policy (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/expressive-activities/). Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.

24. Animals

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac's Policy Statement on Animals (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/animals/). Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.

25. Noise

Students should review and are expected to abide by Quinnipiac's Policy Statement on Noise (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/noise/). Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.

26. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)/Drones

Students should review and are expected to abide by the Quinnipiac University Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/Drone Policy (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/unmanned-aircraft-system-drone-policy/). Violation of this policy may subject a student to disciplinary action.

27. Abuse of the Student Conduct Process

A. Providing false statements during conduct proceedings is prohibited.

B. Harassment and/or intimidation of a conduct officer, witness, victim, or other involved party prior to, during and/or after a conduct proceeding is prohibited.

C. Failure to appear at an investigation meeting and/or failure to fulfill the terms and conditions of sanctions imposed is prohibited.