STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All Quinnipiac students are responsible for abiding by the standards of the Quinnipiac community, and those who violate them are subject to disciplinary action. Any attempt to violate the policies and regulations of Quinnipiac is considered sufficient information for having committed the violation itself. 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. Conversely, Quinnipiac makes no attempt to shield members of the university community from the law, nor does its attempt to 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 the Quinnipiac alcohol policy as published in the Student Handbook, or otherwise distributed or published rules of Quinnipiac, are prohibited. These include but are not limited to:

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 (i.e., beer bongs, beer pong tables, funnels, empty alcohol containers, etc.) 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

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

B. The manufacture, distribution, 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. failure to comply with the Good Neighbor Policy

C. failure to comply with the Bias, Harassment and Discrimination Policy

D. violation of Residential Life Quiet Hours Policy

E. Misconduct on the university shuttle and/or shuttle stop (including, but not limited to, damage, vandalism, verbal and/or physical abuse and intoxication)

4. Complicity

Quinnipiac prohibits students, through act or omission, from assisting another student or group in committing a violation of the Code of Conduct. Students who are present when the 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. 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 is prohibited.
6. Gender-Based Discrimination and Harassment

Quinnipiac University is committed to providing an environment free from gender-based or sexual discrimination and misconduct. Members of the university community, guests and visitors have a right to be free from sexual harassment, violence and gender-based discrimination and harassment. Please refer to the full Title IX Policy Against Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct (https://catalog.qu.edu/university-policies/titleix-policy). Quinnipiac prohibits:

A. sexual harassment  
B. non-consensual sexual contact  
C. non-consensual sexual intercourse  
D. sexual exploitation  
E. intimate partner violence  
F. stalking  

7. 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.

8. 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.  

9. 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.  

10. 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 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 (see below) is prohibited.  

11. 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.  

12. 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.  

13. 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.  

14. 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.

15. Gambling

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

16. Smoking and Tobacco

Violation of the Policy Statement on Smoking and Tobacco.

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

Violation of Residential Life Policies (http://catalog.qu.edu/handbook-undergrad/#residentiallifetext), as listed in the Residential Life section of the Student Handbook.

19. Visitor and Guest Policy


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


22. Student Organization Policy