

Article II. Definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following definitions will be utilized:

1. **Accused** is an individual who is charged with committing a violation of the *Student Code of Conduct*.
2. **Appellate Board** is any person or persons authorized by the Associate Dean of Students to consider an appeal of the outcome from a hearing body.
3. **Charge** is an allegation of a potential violation of the *Student Code of Conduct*. Charges are issued after a Student Conduct Officer has determined sufficient information exists to hold a hearing to determine whether or not a student has violated the *Student Code of Conduct*.
4. **Complainant** is any person(s) who submits information indicating that a student may have violated the *Student Code of Conduct*. Information brought forth by the individual may result in an investigation. This individual may or may not be a victim of the alleged violation.
5. **Conduct Hearing** is a proceeding before a hearing body in which the reporting party, the alleged victim and/or the accused may have the opportunity to present information relevant to the incident under review.
6. **Faculty Member** is any person employed by the University to provide academic instruction, educational supervision and/or engage in scholarly activities.
7. **Gender Based Discrimination** is violence, harassment or other unfavorable behavior which, absent the individual's gender, would likely not occur.
8. **Incident Report** is a written or electronic report indicating that an individual or group may have committed a violation.
9. **Investigation** is a process used by a student conduct officer to ascertain details and circumstances associated with an incident. Investigations may result in charges, mediation or dismissal.
10. **Failure to Comply Hold** is a restriction placed on a student's account by the Office of the Associate Dean of Students which may prevent a student from registering, obtaining enrollment, withdrawing and/or receiving an official transcript.
11. **Good Conduct Standing** is when a student is not currently on conduct probation, suspension or expulsion resulting from academic and/or behavioral misconduct.
12. **Hearing Body** is any person or persons authorized to determine whether a student has violated the *Student Code of Conduct* and to impose sanctions. Hearing Bodies may include, but are not limited to, the Student Conduct Board, the Student Organization Conduct Board, the Student Conduct Officer, The Student Hearing and Appellate Panel and any other person or persons as deemed appropriate by the Associate Dean of Students.
13. The term **May** is used in the permissive sense.
14. **Member of the University Community** is any person who is a student, faculty member, resident, University official, guest of the University, person employed by the University or employed on University grounds or off- campus sites. A person's status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Associate Dean of Students or designee.
15. **Notice/Notification** is verbal communication, electronic mail, letter delivered in person or to on-campus property or correspondence sent by mail, addressed to the addressee at the location shown in University records. The OADS presumes that students are receiving all communication sent to their official University email address and/or other means of communication provided to OADS by the student.
16. **Notice of Charge(s)** is a written or electronic statement identifying the accused, the specific violations(s) of the *Student Code of Conduct* that has/have allegedly occurred, and a short summary of information leading to the charges.

17. **On-Campus** - Any grounds or building under University control, when relevant to the lawful mission, processes and functions of the University.
18. **Off-Campus - under University control:** Any location not on Ward Island or at Momentum campus where the location is under the control of the University and/or a University event is occurring.
19. **Premises** are a building or a portion of a building. The term does not include any public or private driveways, streets, sidewalks, walkways, parking lots, parking garages, or other parking area.
20. **Preponderance of Information** is a standard of proof that indicates that the information provided leads the hearing body to the conclusion that “more likely than not” a violation did or did not occur.
21. **Presenter** is a University official who was appointed to investigate and/or present the case to the hearing body on behalf of the University.
22. **Procedure** is the written policy of the University as found in, but not limited to, the *Student Code of Conduct*, Miramar Lease Contract, Momentum Village Lease Contract, Graduate/Undergraduate Catalogs, University Rules and Procedures and Texas A&M University System Policies/Procedures.
23. **Sanction** is an outcome imposed for the violation of the *Student Code of Conduct*. Generally, sanctions are educational in nature and intended to modify the student’s behavior as well as build an awareness of personal responsibility and community standards.
24. The term “**Student**” means all persons admitted for enrollment at or through the University, both full-time and part-time, pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees (including those enrolled at TAMU-CC who are seeking degrees from other institutions, or those individuals who are enrolled students at the time of a violation of the Code, as well as individuals on University premises for any purpose relating to registration for enrollment), as well as certificate and other educational programs. Individuals are still considered students for the purpose of this Code between academic sessions, until such time that a student’s degree has been awarded. Once enrolled, students with interruptions in active enrollment may be subject to this Code until the point at which the student is required by the Office of Admissions to reapply for enrollment. In addition, persons who are living at Momentum Village or Miramar, although not enrolled in this institution, may also be considered students, for the purposes of student conduct.
25. **Student Conduct Officer** is a University official authorized to initiate charge letters, articulate charges in hearings, present information to support charges, to conduct hearings, and to impose sanctions upon any student(s) found to have violated the *Student Code of Conduct*.
26. **Student Organization** is a group comprised of any number of persons who have complied with the formal requirements for University recognition, registration, or is departmentally supported.
27. **Title IX Coordinator** is the designated University Employee who is entrusted with oversight of all Title IX compliance at the University.
28. **University** means Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.
29. **University Official** is any person employed or authorized by the University to perform assigned administrative or professional responsibilities.
30. **University Function** is any activity on or off-campus that involves the University or University resources.
31. **Victim** is an individual who was subjected to negative consequences, unwillingly, as a result of another individual’s actions.