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INTRODUCTION TO PVAMU

Your choosing to join this academic community obligates you to perpetuate a long legacy of being a proud productive Panther. In reflecting over this legacy, several guidelines for Panthers have emerged.

These include:

- **UNIVERSITY CORE VALUES,**
- **COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE,**
- **PANTHER CODE OF HONOR,** and
- **IDEALS FOR THE PVAMU STUDENT.**

These statements are included for you to ponder as you examine your rights and responsibilities as a PVAMU student.



University Core Values

LEADERSHIP

Prairie View A&M University will create and execute programs and services that inspire and guide students, faculty, and staff in advancing their professional knowledge and skills, developing self-confidence, self-discipline, and other qualities essential to becoming successful leaders in their professions and communities. Additionally, the University will provide on-campus and distance education programs to improve the opportunities for individuals in its service areas.

INNOVATION

Prairie View A&M University will be dedicated to the pursuit and discovery of new knowledge, ideas, and artistic creation that have a transformative impact on our communities, state, nation, and the world.

ACCESS AND QUALITY

Prairie View A&M University will provide high-quality educational opportunities to academically talented individuals from unserved and underserved populations, particularly those in economically and socially bypassed communities, as well as under-prepared students. The university aims to offer educational programs that will prepare all graduates to successfully compete in graduate and professional schools, as well as in the labor force. Furthermore, the university is dedicated to promoting the employment and advancement of faculty and staff, irrespective of age, ethnicity, gender, national origin, or socioeconomic background.

RELEVANCE

Prairie View A&M University will respond to the need for highly literate, technologically competent graduates educated to excel in the 21st century work force; further, the University will extend the products of its research and service to address concerns and solve problems such as violence, abuse and misuse; drug and alcohol abuse; mental, physical, and psychological neglect; environmental injustice; and other forms of social dissonance that compromise the quality of life for the citizenry.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Prairie View A&M University will encourage its faculty, staff, and students to actively participate in constructive social change through volunteerism, leadership, and civic action. Additionally, the university will utilize available channels to influence public policy on the local, state, national, and international levels.

commitment to excellence

Upon admission to and enrollment at Prairie View A&M University, an undergraduate and graduate student becomes a loyal Panther who agrees to uphold a commitment to excellence.

IN ATTITUDE Exhibiting a positive desire to accept the challenges of college life, refusing to allow obstacles to impede progress toward future goals and aspirations.

IN PERSONAL MANAGEMENT
Exhibiting the highest respect for self and for the property and rights of others.

IN WORK ETHIC AND SCHOLARSHIP
Exhibiting determination that leads to meeting expectations of class attendance, course requirements, work-study positions, student organizations, and other commitments; exhibiting dedication and persistence required to realize one's full academic potential.

IN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PEERS Exhibiting leadership among peers that openly repudiates violence, illicit drug use, possession of weapons, vulgarity, apathy, or any form of destructive and inappropriate behavior.

IN PROFESSIONAL CAREER PREPARATION
Exhibiting deliberate pursuit of professional and career readiness as evidenced by participation in student organizations, academic learning communities, athletic competition, career planning, leadership training, graduate professional school orientations, and other career preparation activities.

IN MEMBERSHIP Exhibiting responsible citizenship, taking social and political positions that advance the common good while contributing skills and talents in a manner that promotes the general welfare of local, state, regional, national, and international communities.

IN HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND CHARACTER
Exhibiting commitment to being truthful in the conduct of personal and academic matters, resisting any form of deceit, malfeasance, misrepresentation or fraudulence; exhibiting a high standard of moral conduct as evidenced by one's being fair, dependable, and ever mindful of how one's behavior affects the greater community.

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Honor

All members of the Prairie View A&M University community should conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a community of scholars. All students are expected to obey the law, follow regulations, and maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work and personal interaction.

ideals for the PVAMU Student

Source: Adapted from the Prairie View A&M
College Student Handbook 1971-1972

In 1878, eight male students seeking an education came from rural Texas to what is now Prairie View A&M University.

They entered a wooden frame building named Kirby Hall and there, they found a spirit, the spirit of Prairie View. Through the years, this spirit has been handed down to each generation of Panthers. It is now handed to you. When you are characterized by this spirit, you truly bear the mark of the Prairie View student.

In 1971, the Prairie View A&M College Student Handbook contained the following ideals for the PVAMU student. Even though the language may have changed, many of the ideals presented are just as current today. We commend these ideals to you, the present generation of students.

FRATERNITY Prairie View students are united in brotherhood and sisterhood. This fraternity is expressed through kindness, thoughtfulness, respect, consideration, encouragement, and assistance to fellow students. They share, inspire, aspire, and seek to always enhance and strengthen their peers. They never do anything that will diminish or degrade. They are understanding of the shortcomings of others without excusing them from responsibility. They have a love for their fellow student, and seek joy, pleasure, and accomplishment through mutual association. There is a tie that binds Prairie View students together; no one goes his or her way alone. All that they send into the lives of others comes back into their own.

FRIENDLINESS Prairie View students are known by their friendliness. They are cheerful and hospitable. They greet their fellow students, faculty, friends, and visitors with a warm smile and cheerful "hello." They are polite and considerate of others. They make everyone feel welcome by their friendliness.

HONESTY Prairie View students are honest with themselves and fellow students. They will not tolerate dishonesty in themselves nor in their fellow students. They will not cheat, lie, steal, or foster dishonesty in any form. Their honor is their greatest asset.

SCHOLARSHIP Prairie View students are scholars. They are scholarly in dress, in attitude, in disposition, in philosophy, and in intellectual pursuits. Prairie View students are in continuous pursuit of excellence; they do not permit themselves nor their fellow students to engage in mediocrity of any form.

CLEANLINESS Prairie View students are clean. They work continuously to maintain a clean residence and clean campus.

HEALTH Prairie View students know the value of health. They realize that their bodies are the temples of the mind; therefore, they seek to protect and safeguard their bodies. Prairie View students never engage in an act or practice that may be injurious to their health or the health of any one person. They respect their bodies and mind. They have knowledge of its functions and engage in those habits that always keep themselves healthy and alert.

RESPECT Prairie View students give respect to others and command respect for themselves. Whether alone or with others, they maintain their dignity and honor by seeking truth and knowledge. They never act in any way that might bring disrespect or dishonor to themselves, their fellow student, or their University.

RESPONSIBILITY Prairie View students are responsible people. They are responsible for truth, order, and self-discipline. They have trusteeship with other students, the faculty, the administration, and the alumni for supporting and strengthening the University. They place responsibility before pleasure or privilege. They never perform an act or deed for which they are not willing to take full and complete responsibility. They maintain that they and their fellow students should not evade responsibility; they welcome it as an opportunity for growth and maturity.

SERVICE Prairie View students are characterized by a concept of service. They understand that the greatest achievement of a person is to be of service to others. They use their skills, knowledge, and talents not only to sustain themselves but also to help their fellow students, the campus community and the world community. They are willing to give something of themselves for which they receive no pay and find personal fulfillment in knowing that they have been of help to others.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM Prairie View students are free to express religious or non-religious preferences or any spirituality as long as they do not infringe on the rights of others.



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The General Order on Judicial Standards of Procedure and Substance in Review of Student Discipline in Tax-Supported Institutions of Higher Education supports higher standards of behavior for students.

Attendance at a university is not compulsory. The voluntary attendance of a student at a university is a voluntary entrance into the academic community. By such voluntary entrance, the student voluntarily assumes obligations of performance and behavior reasonably imposed by the university. These obligations are generally much higher than those imposed on all citizens by the civil and criminal law. A university may discipline students to secure compliance with these higher obligations as a teaching method or to sever the student from the academic community.

The General Order further emphasizes the ability of universities to establish standards of superior ethical and moral behavior that occur either on or off campus.



ADMINISTRATION OF STUDENT CONDUCT

A. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Dean of Students reports to the Vice President for Student Affairs and is the senior administrator responsible for the management and enforcement of the Code of Student Conduct. The Dean of Students may take immediate interim disciplinary action when they believe a student poses a continuing danger to persons or property or presents a threat of disrupting the University environment. Either official may take immediate interim disciplinary action when he/she believes the aforementioned danger exists.

If the Dean of Students should take such action, a student conduct conference will be scheduled as soon thereafter as possible. Authority is delegated to the senior student conduct administrator, who reports to the Dean of Students, to investigate, consistent with rules and regulations, violations of the Code of Student Conduct and after thorough review, render decisions that are consistent with approved disciplinary actions. The senior student conduct administrator shall determine the composition of the Student Conduct Panel and determine who is authorized to hear each case.

B. CONDUCT STANDARDS

Rules and regulations of the University are set forth in writing to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. They should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms. Regulations may also be found in other University publications, such as the catalog, residential lease agreements, and posted dining hall policies. When changes are necessary, they will be written and approved, and the updated documents will be posted on the Student Affairs website.

Violation of any municipal ordinance, law of the state of Texas, or law of the United States may result in disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action imposed by the University may precede and may be in addition to any penalty that is imposed by any off-campus authority.

C. DUE PROCESS

Procedures and rights in student conduct proceedings are conducted with fairness to all, but do not include the same protections of due process afforded by the courts. Due process, within these procedures, assures:

1. Written notification will be sent to the student's official University-issued email address;
2. A conference before an objective decision-maker;
3. A finding that the PVAMU Code of Student Conduct was violated will not be made without information

showing that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred; and

4. Sanctions will be proportionate to the severity of the violation.

D. AWARENESS OF POLICIES

Every student, including those who are participating in any program that is university-sponsored, on or off campus, must abide by the rules and regulations governing student conduct. The rules and regulations listed here are available on the Division for Student Affairs website or by contacting the Office for Student Conduct.

E. JURISDICTION OF THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The PVAMU Code of Student Conduct shall apply to conduct that occurs on University premises, at PVAMU-sponsored activities, and to off-campus conduct that adversely affects the University community or the pursuit of its objectives. Each student shall be responsible for their conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of a degree, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end, as well as during the academic year and during periods between terms of actual enrollment. The Code of Student Conduct shall apply to a student's conduct even if the student withdraws from school while a disciplinary matter is pending. A student conduct administrator shall determine whether the Code of Student Conduct shall be applied to conduct occurring off campus, on a case-by-case basis.

F. NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOMES

The outcome of an administrative conference or a student conduct conference is part of the educational record of the accused student and is protected from release under federal law, FERPA. However, Prairie View A&M University observes the following legal exceptions:

1. Complainants in non-consensual sexual contact/penetration incidents have an absolute right to be informed of the outcome and sanctions of the student conduct conference and any subsequent appeals, in writing, without condition or limitation.
2. Complainants in sexual exploitation/sexual harassment complaints have a right to be informed of information regarding sanctions that personally identify and are directly pertinent to them, such as the imposition of a restriction on physical contact between the complainant and the accused student. Otherwise, information on the outcome and sanction cannot be shared.



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3. Prairie View A&M may publicly release the name, nature of the violation and the sanction for any student who is found in violation of a PVAMU policy that is a non-forcible sex offense or a "crime of violence," including: arson, burglary, robbery, criminal homicide, sex offenses, assault, destruction/damage/vandalism of property, and kidnapping/abduction. PVAMU may release this information to the complainant in any of these offenses regardless of the outcome, but complainants are cautioned that FERPA does not permit them to re-release this information to others.
4. The University may, in its discretion, send notice or copies of disciplinary documents to the parents or legal guardians of students involved in disciplinary matters. The University may also contact parents or legal guardians of students involved in alcohol or drug violations, if the student is under 21 at the time of the violation.

G. AUXILIARY AIDES AND SERVICES

Students with disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, requiring special accommodations should notify the Office of Student Conduct and the Office of Disability Services and Diagnostic Testing in writing at least three (3) calendar days prior to scheduled student conduct conference.

H. DEFINITION OF TERMS APPLIED TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Accused Student: Any student accused of allegedly violating this Code of Student Conduct.
2. Alleged: According to allegation, or to assert without proof.
3. Appeal: To request a review of a disciplinary decision.
4. Business Day: The official operating hours of the University, usually from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
5. Campus, University or Institution: Prairie View A&M University has a main campus located in Prairie View, Texas, and two other locations, the Northwest Houston Center and the College of Nursing.
6. Complainant: Any person who submits a charge alleging that a student violated this Code of Student Conduct. When a student believes that they have been a victim of another student's misconduct, the student who believes they are a victim will have the same rights under this Code of Student Conduct as are provided to the complainant, even if another member of the community submitted the charge itself.
7. Consent: Clear, voluntary, and ongoing agreement to engage in a specific sexual act. Persons need not verbalize their consent to engage in a sexual act for there to be permission. Permission to engage in a sexual act may be indicated through physical actions rather than words. A person who was asleep or mentally or physically incapacitated, either through the effect of drugs or alcohol or for any other reason, or whose agreement was made under duress or by threat, coercion, or force, cannot give consent. For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions and appeals process for gender-based and sex-based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01.(policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf)
8. Disciplinary Actions: The proceedings that are used to determine if the Code of Student Conduct has been violated.
9. Disciplinary Hold: A hold placed on a student's record preventing any enrollment activity. To clear this hold, students must contact the Office for Student Conduct. Students may be required to submit evidence supporting their ability to function properly in a university environment.
10. FERPA: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a federal regulation that guarantees students or their parent's access to all educational records that pertain to them and protects the privacy of these records. Upon reaching the age of 18 or enrolling in an institute of higher education, the student is the primary owner of the record. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. Students have the right to inspect and review their own educational records as well as to request that the school correct records they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. Students may waive their rights under FERPA through a signed document and can rescind the waiver of those rights at any time. This form is available by contacting the Office of the Registrar.
11. Good Standing: Refers to a student who is not currently under a penalty - conduct probation, suspension or expulsion - as a result of violating the Code of Student Conduct.
12. Group: A number of persons who are associated with one another and operate as an organization but who have not complied with University requirements for registration as a recognized student organization.
13. Notification: The Office for Student Conduct will communicate all official correspondences through the student's University-issued student email address.
14. Organization: A number of persons who have complied with University requirements for registration as a recognized student organization.



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15. Paraphernalia: Any object that contains the residue of alcohol or an illegal drug or any object that is used in the consumption or distribution of an illegal drug. Examples include but are not limited to: a beer pong and empty alcoholic containers;
 - a. Marijuana pipes, bongs, or blow tubes;
 - b. Scales used in measuring quantities of an illegal drug; or plastics bags used to package prescription or manufactured pills or other illegal drugs.
16. Published Policies: All University rules and regulations, policies and procedures produced as a result of approval of The Texas A&M University Board of Regents or the President of the University.
17. Records: All evidence produced as a written statement, a document, or a report, or produced as a result of a tape or digital recording or computer entry.
18. Referral: An official written or verbal request made by a University official to report to the Office of Student Conduct or other University offices.
19. Sanctions: Any penalty that is determined to be an appropriate and just response to violations of the Code of Student Conduct.
20. Student: Any person admitted to the University, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies, whether full time or part time and who is either currently enrolled, was enrolled the previous semester or who is registered for a future semester. This could include students who have been placed on suspension or academic probation, or who have been dismissed from the University.
21. Student Conduct Panel: A group authorized to determine whether a student has violated the Code of Student Conduct and to apply sanctions that may be imposed when a violation has been committed.
22. Temporary Sanctions: Any interim action that is determined to be an appropriate and just response to an alleged violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Temporary actions are effective immediately without prior notice.
23. University: Prairie View A&M University, PVAMU, PV, or Prairie View.
24. University Official: Any administrator, faculty member, staff, including community assistants, learning community coordinators, graduate assistants, or other authorized individuals employed by the University.
25. University Premises: Buildings or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled, or supervised by the University.
26. University Property: Possessions that are within the control, possession, use, or ownership of the University.
27. University-Sponsored Activity: Any activity on or off campus that is initiated, aided, authorized, or supervised by the University.
28. Weapon: Any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury, or incapacitate, including, but not limited to, all firearms, pellet guns, knives, razors, paint ball guns, clubs, brass knuckles, and explosives.



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The following are examples of prohibited conduct. This list is not designed to be all-inclusive or exhaustive. Any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following misconduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in this document.

A. ABUSE OF STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESS INCLUDING INVESTIGATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND APPEALS

Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

1. Failure to obey the notice from a Student Conduct Panel, Student Conduct Administrator, and/or University official to appear for a meeting or conference as part of an official University disciplinary process.
2. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information.
3. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of an investigation, conference, or an appeal process.
4. Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated any false report.
5. Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, a student conduct process.
6. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a Student Conduct Panel prior to, and/or during the course of, the Student Conduct Panel proceeding.
7. Verbal or physical intimidation, and/or retaliation of any party to the Student Conduct proceeding prior to, during, and/or afterwards.
8. Committing a violation of University rules while serving a conduct probation or failing to meet deadlines imposed in accordance with University rules.
9. Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the Student Conduct Code system.

B. ACTS OF DISHONESTY

include but are not limited to:

1. Cheating, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty
2. Furnishing false information to any University Official, faculty member or office

3. **Forgery, alteration or misuse of any University document, record, material, file or instrument of identification, including falsification of University records:** Includes signing of another student's name, using another student's identification card (Panther Card), credit card, or other personal documents, affixing the signature of a University official to any document circumventing the procedural process of the University or to gain an unfair advantage.
4. **Misuse of Student Identification Card and Meal Card:** University-issued identification may be required to enter the dining hall or other designated facilities and events. This identification must be used by the person to whom it is issued, it is non-transferable and must be used for the purpose it was issued. Students are not allowed to use another student's identification card (Panther Card) for any reason. If your card is lost or stolen, report it to the Prairie View A&M University Department of Public Safety and the Office of Auxiliary Services immediately. Students are required to present their identification card (Panther Card) when it is requested by any University Official.
5. **False Reporting:** includes, but is not limited to, intentionally making a false warning of fire, explosion, bomb threat or other emergency when no emergency is present.
6. **Lying, deceiving or furnishing false or misleading information for the purpose of causing another person or University Official to act or refrain from acting:** This includes giving a false address or failure to maintain a current mailing address.
7. Deliberately or purposefully providing false or misleading verbal or written information about another person that results in damage to the person's reputation.

C. ALCOHOL

Alcohol use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly authorized by University regulations), is prohibited on Prairie View A&M University premises and University sponsored events. In addition, use, possession, or distribution of alcohol beverages while driving or riding in or on a vehicle on University premises is prohibited. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Individuals may not be in a state of public intoxication or drunkenness. Individuals may not operate a motor vehicle or another form of transportation while intoxicated or while under the influence of alcohol.



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D. BREACHING CAMPUS SAFETY OR SECURITY includes but is not limited to:

1. Unauthorized access to University facilities or unauthorized possession of, use of or duplication of master keys or access cards to University offices or residential facilities; and unauthorized occupancy of or entry into locked or off-limit University buildings. This includes burglary and trespassing. No propping open exterior facility doors is allowed.
2. Tampering with fire alarms, extinguishers and emergency safety systems. This includes tampering with any emergency system, pulling alarms, using extinguishers and covering smoke detectors, all of which are prohibited.
3. Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on University premises or at University-sponsored or supervised functions.

E. COMPLICITY

Attempting, aiding, abetting, conspiring, hiring or being an accessory to any act prohibited by this code shall be considered to the same extent as completed violations.

F. DESTROYING, DAMAGING OR LITTERING ON UNIVERSITY, STATE OR PERSONAL PROPERTY IS PROHIBITED.

G. DISORDERLY CONDUCT, INCITING RIOTS, AND DISTURBANCES

Includes but is not limited to conduct (physical, verbal, graphic, written, digital or electronic) that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive so as to threaten an individual or limit the ability of an individual to work, study or participate in activities of the University. All students are required to exhibit good behavior and the highest moral standards are expected at all times to ensure an atmosphere of proper decorum and respect for the University community and its inhabitants.

H. DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY

Disruptive Activity that interferes with teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, other University missions, processes or functions including public-service functions, or other University activities is prohibited. Disruptive activities may include but are not limited to:

1. Any act that deliberately interferes with the academic freedom or the freedom of speech of any member or guest of the University community.

2. Classroom behavior that seriously interferes with either (a) the instructor's ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program (see Civility in the Classroom).
3. Leading or inciting others to disrupt scheduled or normal activities on University premises.
4. Conduct that is disorderly, lewd or indecent.

I. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions and appeals process for gender-based and sex-based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01. (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf)

J. DRUGS

The act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or illegally obtained/possessed controlled substances is prohibited. Except as expressly permitted by law, use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution or being a party thereto of marijuana, heroin, narcotics, or other controlled and/or prescribed substances and/or drug paraphernalia and/or dangerous drug is also prohibited. Individuals may not operate a motor vehicle or another form of transportation while under the influence of drugs or while intoxicated.

K. ENDANGERMENT

Any form of physical abuse

This includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Fighting and/or physical violence toward another person or group.
2. Action(s) that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of self or others.
3. Interference with the freedom of another person or group to move about in a lawful manner.
4. Threatening or intimidating behavior. If at any time students feel threatened or intimidated, they should report the incident to the proper authorities.

L. EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS OR WEAPONS

Possession, storage or display on campus, or at activities sponsored by the University is prohibited, including brass knuckles, explosives, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns, BB or pellet guns, slingshots, all firearms, taser, stun gun, pepper spray/mace, razors, martial arts devices, knives, clubs, or any missile projecting weapon. Facsimiles, dancing canes, pepper spray and any other self-defense chemical sprays may not be used in a manner that is injurious or dangerous to others. If



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you are aware of someone in possession of a prohibited item and have not reported it to the proper authorities, you are also in violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

M. FAILURE TO COMPLY

1. Failure to respond or properly identify oneself pursuant to a request by properly identified officials of the University while in the performance of their duties.
2. Failure to report to the office of a University official for a conference, meeting, or appointment scheduled by the official.
3. Failure to appear as a witness in a disciplinary case when properly notified.
4. Failure to comply with any disciplinary condition imposed on a person by any student conduct hearing body or administrator.
5. Failure to comply with oral or written instruction from duly authorized University officials acting within the scope of their job duties or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties.

N. GAMBLING

Gambling of any kind is strictly forbidden on campus, at University-sponsored activities or in any vehicle retained by the University to transport students to and from a University-related event.

O. HARASSMENT

Harassment is conduct (physical, verbal, graphic, written, digital, or electronic) that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent so as to threaten an individual or limit the ability of an individual to work, study, or participate in the activities of the University. Harassment of employees or students violates an individual's rights and is inconsistent with the University's policies of equal employment and academic opportunity without regard to age, sex, sexual orientation, alienage, or citizenship, religion, race, color, national or ethnic origin, disability, veteran or marital status.

1. **Sexual Harassment:** For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions, and appeals process for gender based and sex-based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01. (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf)
2. **Racial and Ethnic Harassment:** Any repeated conduct that is directed at a person or group of persons because of race, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Even if the actions are not directed at specific persons, a hostile environment can be created when the conduct is severe, persistent or pervasive as to

substantially interfere with the person's education, work, or activities on campus.

3. **Stalking:** For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions, and appeals process for gender-based and sex-based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01. (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf)
4. **Retaliation:** Harassment of a complainant or other person alleging misconduct, including, but not limited to, intimidation and threats.

P. HAZING

Hazing is prohibited for initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization or as part of any recognized recognized student organization or student activity.

Prohibited behavior includes any act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or that destroys or removes public or private property; performing personal chores or errands, discomfort that may demean, disgrace or degrade a person regardless of location, intent or consent of participation, and assisting, directing, or in any way causing others to participate in degrading behavior and behavior that causes ridicule, humiliation, or embarrassment; engaging in conduct that tends to bring the reputation of the organization, group or University into disrepute for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or confirming any for affiliation or continued membership in a student organization regardless of an individual's consent to participate in the activity.

Previously relied upon "traditions," (including any other group or organization activity, practice or tradition) intent of such acts, or coercion by current or former members of such groups or former students will not suffice as a justifiable reason for participation in such acts. It is not a defense that the person (or group) against whom the hazing was directed consented to, or acquiesced to, the behavior in question. The actions of either active or associate members (pledges) of an organization may be considered hazing.

Examples of such behavior include but are not limited to:

- Misuse of authority by one's class rank or leadership position
- Striking another student by hand or with any instrument
- Any form of physical bondage of a student
- Taking of a student to an outlying area and dropping them off
- Forcing a student into a violation of the law or a University rule, such as indecent exposure, trespassing, violation of visitation, etc.



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- Having firsthand knowledge of the planning of such activities or firsthand knowledge that an incident of this type has occurred and failing to report it to appropriate University officials is also a violation under this section. The hazing rule is not intended to prohibit the following conduct:
 - a. Customary public athletic events, contests, or competitions that are sponsored by the University or the organized and supervised practices associated with such events; or
 - b. Any activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate extracurricular program or a legitimate military training program as defined and approved by the University.

Hazing is also a violation of Texas state law. See the Texas Education Code, sections 37.151 and 51.936 and Appendix A.

Q. HINDERING, OBSTRUCTING, OR INTERFERING

Hindering, obstructing, or interfering with the implementation of the Code of Student Conduct is prohibited.

R. INSUBORDINATION

This includes failure to comply with oral or written instruction from duly authorized University officials acting within the scope of their job duties or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties. Students are expected to respect persons in authority. To disagree or hold a different point of view is normal, but the rule of mutual respect should prevail. Gross disrespect to persons in authority will not be tolerated.

S. LOITERING

Loitering on University-owned or controlled property, including buildings and parking lots, is prohibited. Loitering on University premises is defined as lingering idly or aimlessly in any area of the campus without official authority. Hanging around in clusters or wandering aimlessly about campus (especially around residence facilities and parking lots) in such a manner as to block the egress to and from buildings, disrupt the flow of traffic or create or cause unusually loud and disturbing noises, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. in violation of the Code of Student Conduct. The University Police Department will respond to loitering complaints and request that the offending behavior desist. Persons refusing to cooperate or are repeatedly loitering will be cited for violation of the loitering policy and reported to the Office of Student Conduct. Offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

T. PETS

Pets are not permitted on campus in any university building, including but not limited to, administrative buildings, classroom buildings, all on-campus housing, dining facilities or University food service areas at any time. "Pets" are considered animals, domestic or wild, in the company of a student, faculty member, guest or visitor to the University, and does not apply to service animals. The only exceptions are service animals.

U. MISUSE OF COMPUTING RESOURCES

Misuse of computing resources through failure to comply with laws, copyrights, license agreements, and contracts governing network, phone, software, and hardware use is prohibited. Abuse of the University computer use policy includes but is not limited to:

1. Any use deemed commercial or for profit.
2. Any use that likely, intentionally, or negligently causes unauthorized network disruption, system failure, or data corruption, including failure to protect your password or use of your account.
3. Any use related to achieving, enabling, or hiding unauthorized access to network resources, PVAMU-owned software or other information belonging to PVAMU, either within or outside the PVAMU network.
4. Any use related to sending/receiving electronic mail that includes, but is not limited to, the following: solicitation or commercial use, forging any portion of an electronic mail message, spamming (bulk unsolicited email), sending unwanted messages to unwilling recipients, or invasion of privacy. Additionally, willful and repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cellphones, and other electronic or digital devices is prohibited. It can be referred to as "cyber bullying," "electronic bullying," "e-bullying," "sms bullying," "mobile bullying," "online bullying," "digital bullying," or "Internet bullying."
5. Use of another individual's identification; network, email or other university-based account; or related passwords, including charging any long distance telephone calls or messages to any telephone on University premises or University-related premises without proper authorization.
6. Unauthorized transfer or entry into a file, to read, use, change the contents; or for any other reason.
7. Use of computing facilities or network resources to send obscene, harassing, threatening messages or computer viruses or worms.
8. Any use that violates Prairie View A&M University policies, procedures, and contractual agreements.



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9. Any use that violates local, state, or federal laws.
10. Illegal downloading, file sharing, and digital piracy is prohibited. All of these activities are a violation of the Code of Student Conduct and students will be held accountable. These unethical acts are considered theft as well as a violation of our network policies. Students involved could lose network privileges, face disciplinary sanctions, and may be held criminally liable.

V. OFF-CAMPUS MISCONDUCT

When a student is alleged to have violated this Code of Student Conduct by an offense committed away from University premises, the University reserves the right to investigate and adjudicate. The University may take action in situations occurring off University premises involving: student misconduct demonstrating flagrant disregard for any person or persons; or when a student's behavior is judged to threaten the health, safety, or property of any individual or group; or any other activity that adversely affects the University community or the pursuit of its Code of Student Conduct objectives. This action may be taken for either affiliated or non-affiliated activities.

W. SELLING AND SOLICITING

Selling and soliciting by an individual, group, or organization acting as a vendor, sales agent or in any manner and sets up a business enterprise on University premises without the permission of the Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services is prohibited. To safeguard privacy and prevent exploitation, no room-to-room solicitation is permitted in residential facilities.

X. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions, and appeals process for gender-based and sex-based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01. (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf).

Y. STALKING

For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions, and appeals process for gender-based and sex based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01. (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf)

Z. THEFT

Theft or unauthorized removal or stealing of public or private property or unauthorized use or acquisition of services

on or off University premises or at University-sponsored activities is prohibited. This includes knowingly possessing stolen property.

AA. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF UNIVERSITY NAME OR LIKENESS

Unauthorized use of university name or likeness by students is prohibited. Permission must be obtained, in writing, from the Office of Public Relations to use any of the University branding images. Use without permission constitutes misrepresentation of the University and may equate to fraud.

BB. VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW

CC. VIOLATION OF PUBLISHED UNIVERSITY RULES AND PROCEDURES

Violation of any University policy, rule, regulation, or procedure published in hard copy or available electronically on the University website. Such rules include, but are not limited to, lease agreements, parking rules and regulations, rules relating to the use of student identification cards, entry and use of University facilities, and dining hall conduct.

DD. VIOLATION OF RESIDENTIAL HALL POLICIES PUBLISHED IN THE RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT IS PROHIBITED.

EE. VISITORS OR GUESTS

Visitors or guests of students must adhere to the Code of Student Conduct and University policies. In instances where guests violate rules or policies, the student host may be held responsible.

1. Whether a visitor is a student, non-student or non-identified guest, the student host may be held responsible for violations of the Code of Student Conduct and University policies.
2. Responsibility under these rules may occur even if the host is not a participant in the activity or has left the visitor(s) alone.



VIOLATIONS OF LAW AND UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINE

The focus of inquiry in student conduct proceedings shall be the determination of whether a violation of University rules occurred. Student conduct proceedings shall be informal in nature and need not comply with the formal processes associated with the criminal and civil courts, nor shall deviations from prescribed process necessarily invalidate a decision or proceeding unless significant prejudice to the student or University may result.

Standards outlined by the University for students may be higher than those standards set for the general population.

As each person is subject to multiple layers of expectations through the Federal, State, County, and local governments, students are further expected to maintain a higher standard of behavior as members of the University community.

Students failing to adhere to those standards may be subject to a University conduct process in addition to civil or criminal litigation should the behavior also be a potential violation of the law. The attempted analogy of student discipline to criminal proceedings against adults and juveniles is not sound.

Students may be charged with conduct that potentially violates both the criminal law and this Student Conduct Code (that is, if both possible violations result from the same factual situation) without regard to the pendency of civil or criminal litigation in court or criminal arrest and prosecution. Proceedings under this Student Conduct Code may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off campus at the discretion of Associate Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee.

Determinations made or sanctions imposed under this Student Conduct Code shall not be subject to change because criminal charges were dismissed, reduced, or resolved in favor of or against the criminal law defendant.

When a student is charged by federal, state, or local authorities with a violation of law, the University will not request or agree to special consideration for that individual because of his or her status as a student. If the alleged offense is also being processed under the Student Conduct Code, the University may advise off-campus authorities of the existence of the Student Conduct Code and of how matters are typically handled within the University community. The University will attempt to cooperate with law enforcement and other agencies in the enforcement of criminal law on campus.

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Prairie View A&M University views the student conduct system as an educational standard designed to facilitate each student's personal growth and understanding of the acceptable behavior of PVAMU students. The Office for Student Conduct will accept written notification of potential violations of the Code of Student Conduct by any member of the University community.

Any charge should be submitted in writing as soon as possible after the alleged violation takes place, preferably within five (5) business days. The University may choose not to issue charges for other policy violations, which may include alcohol and/or drug possession or use, when the individual is providing information regarding an incident of alleged sexual misconduct, either as a victim or witness.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

If you wish to report an incident that involves a student and potentially violates the Code of Student Conduct, please use our online Student Conduct Report Form to submit your concern. To learn about the process, please visit the PVAMU Student Handbook or contact the Office for Student Conduct at 936-261-3524 located in Anderson Hall 3rd floor or by email studentconduct@pvamu.edu.

Once an incident is reported, the Office for Student Conduct will investigate to determine if a violation of the Code of Student Conduct has occurred. Depending on the preliminary investigation, a may be handled in the following ways:

- **THE STUDENT CONDUCT CONFERENCE**

The Student Conduct Panel will hear cases involving primary violations of the Code of Student Conduct. The Student Conduct Conference is not analogous to a criminal trial. The focus of inquiry in disciplinary proceedings shall be deciding whether the student violated the Code of

Student Conduct. Formal rules of evidence shall not be applicable, nor shall deviations from prescribed procedures necessarily invalidate a decision or proceeding unless significant prejudice to the student results.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE**

The student meets with a Student Conduct Officer to discuss the violations, the student's involvement in the incident or lack thereof, and any other information relevant to the charges. Based on the information presented and discussed in the conference, the Student Conduct Officer will determine whether a violation has occurred and issue sanctions accordingly.

- **NO ACTION**

Complaints that fall outside the University's jurisdiction do not violate the Code of Student Conduct, or that are not supported by sufficient information, may result in no action being taken by the Office for Student Conduct.

If a student conduct conference is scheduled, student(s) facing disciplinary proceedings must report for scheduled conference. The student's University-issued email address is the official mode of notification used by the Office for Student Conduct. A student's failure to appear will not prevent the conference from occurring or from sanctions being imposed. If an accused student with notice, does not appear at a student conduct conference, the information in support of charges shall be presented, considered, and a decision may be made. The Office for Student Conduct may accommodate concerns for the personal safety, well-being, and/or fears of confrontation of the complainant, accused student, and/or other witnesses during the conference. There is no entitlement to these accommodations and they shall be determined by the Student Conduct Administrator. The Student Conduct Administrator may also make reasonable accommodations to provide access for students with disabilities.

Student Conduct Conferences are not criminal or judicial proceedings. Information for a finding is based on a standard that an act was "more likely than not" to have occurred. The supporting information does not have to be in the form of physical evidence nor does the alleged violation have to be witnessed. Circumstantial information can be sufficient in some instances to determine that an act was more likely than not to have occurred. Although the terms and procedures may be similar to criminal law or the criminal court system, they are specific to Prairie View A&M University and limited to the meaning and use given to them by the University. An act not criminally prosecuted may still violate University policy.



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In all student conduct conferences, the accused shall be presumed not responsible until it is proven that a violation of the University's Code of Student Conduct occurred. The burden of proof shall rest with those bringing the charges, and said burden of proof shall be by a preponderance of the evidence. Preponderance of the evidence is defined as the greater weight and degree of credible evidence admitted in the conference.

The Student Conduct Administrator is authorized to exercise active control over the proceedings to elicit relevant information, avoid needless consumption of time, prevent the harassment or intimidation of the accused and witnesses, and render a decision concerning the disciplinary action to be taken. The accused student and his/her advisor, if any, shall be allowed to attend the entire portion of the student conduct conference at which information is received (excluding deliberations) provided the accused student and his/her advisor appear at the designated time and do not inhibit the proceeding. Admission of any other person to the student conduct conference shall be at the discretion of the Student Conduct Administrator. Additionally, the University may choose not to issue charges for other policy violations, which may include alcohol and/or drug possession or use, when the individual is providing information regarding an incident of alleged sexual misconduct either as a victim or witness.

A student may not be expelled, dismissed, or suspended prior to a Student Conduct Conference except when the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs believes that the presence of a student on campus poses a continuing danger to persons or property or presents a threat of disruption to the academic process. If the student is a repeat offender and a threat to the orderly operation of campus activities, a sanction may be temporarily imposed. A conference will be scheduled within five (5) business days if possible.

The following rights apply to an accused student when a Student Conduct Conference might result in expulsion, dismissal, or suspension. Accused students subjected to less severe sanctions may, at the discretion of the student conduct administrator, be afforded, but not guaranteed the following rights:

1. Right to be informed in writing of all violations at least five (5) business days before the conference may proceed. The student's University-issued email address is the official mode of notification used by the Office for Student Conduct.
2. Right to waive the five (5) business-day notice of charges.
3. Right to reasonable access to the case file, which shall be maintained in the Office for Student Conduct.
4. Right to know that there will be no finding of responsibility solely because a student remains silent during disciplinary proceedings.
5. Right to the consultation of a personal advisor. An advisor may appear at a student conduct proceeding with the student to provide advice, but may not represent the accused student or question any student conduct conference participants. The advisor may not be an attorney unless the accused student is the subject of a pending subsequent criminal matter arising out of the same circumstances; in such cases, the accused student may be allowed to have an attorney serve as his/her advisor, at his/her own expense, to behave in the same manner as any other advisor. The student should select as an advisor a person whose schedule allows attendance at the scheduled date and time for the student conduct conference. Student conduct conferences will not be delayed to scheduling conflicts of an advisor. There is no restriction on who a student may consult or seek advice from, the restriction pertains to the conduct conference only.
6. An opportunity to review all information in her/his Office for Student Conduct file prior to a conference, including information to be used in his/her student conduct matter. The University also has the right to review any information the student intends to use at least three (3) business days before the student conduct conference. A conference will be scheduled within five (5) business days when possible.
7. Right to present witnesses, but they may not remain in the student conduct conference after providing testimony. Character witness information shall be accepted in written form only.
8. Right to a written statement of the outcome of the proceeding within five (5) business days of the conference's completion.
9. There shall be a single verbatim record, such as a tape or digital recording, of all student conduct conferences before a Student Conduct Panel. Deliberations shall not be recorded. The record shall be the property of the University.
10. Right to appeal the decision through the appropriate University channels within 5 business days of receiving the notice. The appeal must be written.



SANCTIONS

All disciplinary sanctions imposed upon students are cumulative in nature and will be recorded in the student's disciplinary record.

A. PRIMARY SANCTIONS

A student who has been issued a primary sanction is deemed "not in good standing" with the University, and has the following restrictions:

- Ineligible to hold any elected or appointed office recognized by the University.
 - Ineligible to represent the University community in any activity or program.
 - Review of eligibility to receive financial aid administered by the University.
 - Notice of the disciplinary status in the student's file.
 - Subsequent violations of the Code of Student Conduct during the probationary period constitutes a violation of the probation and may subject the student to major disciplinary action and recording of the results in the student's file.
1. **Expulsion:** separation of the student from the University whereby the student is not eligible for readmission.
 2. **Dismissal:** separation of the student from the University for an indefinite period of time. Readmission to the University may be possible.
 3. **Suspension:** separation of the student from the University for a definite period of time. The student is not guaranteed readmission at the end of this period of time but is guaranteed a review of the case and a decision regarding eligibility for readmission.
 4. **Deferred Suspension:** the sanction of suspension may be placed in deferred status. If the student is found in violation of any University regulation during the time of deferred suspension, the suspension is immediate without further review. Additional disciplinary action appropriate to the new violation may also be taken.
 5. **Conduct Probation:** an official warning that the student's conduct is in violation of Prairie View A&M University's Code of Student Conduct or the Penal Code of the State of Texas but is not sufficiently serious to warrant expulsion, dismissal or suspension.
 6. **Suspension or Loss of Lab Privileges:** prohibited use of lab privileges for a specific period of time or loss of access to a designated lab or all labs.
 7. **Restitution:** compensation for loss, damage or injury. This may be in the form of monetary or material replacement.

B. SECONDARY SANCTIONS

1. **Psychological Assessment:** the University can mandate the student undergo a psychological assessment to determine whether the student is eligible to remain a student, and in cases of separation from the institution, return as a student. The cost of the assessment may be the student's responsibility.
2. **Letter of Reprimand:** a letter of record about the University's displeasure with the student's involvement in any incident that reflects unfavorably on the student or the University.
3. **Loss of Dining Privileges:** revocation of campus dining privileges as a result of disciplinary violation.
4. **Mediation:** the actual mediation in which all parties involved in a dispute seek to reach a resolution with the aid of neutral mediators. Agreements reached are based on the interests of all parties so that everyone reaches a satisfactory compromise or settlement of the dispute.
5. **Verbal Warning:** a verbal admonishment may be given to a student for actions unbecoming to the University community.
6. **University or Community Service:** this may be assigned to students who are required to work in a specified area of community service for a specific time frame as a means of satisfying requirements of a disciplinary decision.
7. **Educational Requirements:** provisions to complete specific educational requirements related to the violation committed. These initiatives could include ethics, alcohol, drug education programs or conflict resolution that are designed to promote responsible decision making regarding alcohol and other drugs through education, assessment and referral. Those found in violation are subject to mandatory fees associated with these programs.
8. **Restrictions:** the withdrawal of specified privileges for a definite period of time as a result of negative behavior but without further penalties contained in the imposition of conduct probations.
9. **Loss of Campus Parking Privileges:** revocation of campus vehicle registration and forfeiture of a permit as a result of disciplinary violation.
10. **Loss of Campus Housing Privilege:** removal from University housing for disciplinary reasons. Once a student has been assessed a disciplinary sanction by the Office of Student Conduct, it may not be increased by any higher University authority.



C. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

When there is evidence that the continued presence of a student at PVAMU poses a substantial and immediate threat to themselves or to others, or to the stability and continuance of normal University functions, the Dean of Students or authorized representative may impose such temporary interim actions as necessary, including exclusion from campus property. The temporary interim actions shall become effective immediately without prior notice. Upon taking such action, the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students shall immediately notify the Student Conduct Panel of the sanction.

Please note: During the suspension period, records will remain flagged and transcripts will be held until a student(s) has complied with University imposed sanctions and until the suspension period is over.

APPEALS

Each grievance shall be accorded only one opportunity to be adjudicated unless the Appeal Administrator remands for further review. A primary sanction separating a student from the University may appeal the student conduct conference outcome based on the following:

- A. Violations of a charged student's rights or other failure to follow the outlined student conduct procedures that substantially affected the outcome of the initial conference. Appeals based on this reason will be limited solely to a review of the record of the conference.
- B. Ability to present new information that was not available at the time of the hearing and could not have been presented. In addition, the student must show that the new information could have substantially affected the outcome. The nature of the information must be described in full detail in the appeal letter.
- C. The severity of the sanction(s) is disproportionate to the nature of the offense. A student who receives a sanction of conduct probation or below may appeal the student conduct conference outcome based on the following:
 - a. Ability to present new information that was not available at the time of the hearing and could not have been presented.
In addition, the student must show that the new information could have substantially affected the outcome. The nature of the information must be described in full detail in the appeal letter.
 - b. The severity of the sanction(s) is disproportionate to the nature of the offense.

A. FILING AN APPEAL

To initiate an appeal, students must complete the Appeal Form and must submit a written statement detailing the basis for the appeal. The Appeal Form link is included in the outcome correspondence sent to the student via the University-issued email. The completed appeal form must be submitted via the appeal form link provided in the outcome correspondence within (5) business days of the printed date on the letter. Students who do not submit their appeal request by the date specified in the decision letter waive their opportunity to appeal.

The student must base the appeal on one or more specific aspect of the original student conduct conference listed above.

B. PREPARING FOR YOUR APPEAL

The University has already issued a decision on whether the student was found responsible for violating a student rule.

The responsibility now shifts to the student to provide, in writing, a basis covering the student's reasons for the appeal as specified above (e.g., new information and/or severity of sanction). In cases where the reason for an appeal is new information that was not available at the time of the original student conduct conference, information should be submitted as to why this information was not available at that time.

It is important to remember that the written statement must be as comprehensive and accurate as possible in order for the Dean of Students to make the most informed decision regarding the appeal after reading the appeal paperwork.

C. STANDARD OF PROOF: PREPONDERANCE OF THE INFORMATION

In a case where there is factual dispute, the Dean of Students can never have absolute proof of what really happened because the Dean of Students is never an eyewitness.

The best the Dean of Students can do is determine what most likely happened based on a preponderance of credible information presented in the hearing. The standard of proof is intended to assure all concerned that the intensity of the Dean of Students' belief is uniform in all cases.

The level of proof required at Prairie View A&M University in university disciplinary cases is a preponderance of the information. This simply means that the proof need only show that the facts are more likely to be so than not so.



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D. APPEAL DECISIONS

All appeal decisions made by the Dean of Student are final and binding. The student is afforded no other opportunity for further appeal. After review of all the written information provided, the Dean of Students may assign one of the following actions:

- Uphold the original decision
- Modify the original sanction based on the severity of the sanction. The Dean of Students may not increase the sanction that was assigned in the original conduct conference.
- Remand the case back to the Office for Student Conduct. If the appeal is based upon the availability of new information and this new information is sufficient to alter a decision, the Dean of Students may choose to refer the case back to the Office for Student Conduct for a new conduct conference.

Appeal decisions will be made in writing to the student upon conclusion of the appeal process. Every effort will be made to send follow-up correspondence within fifteen University business days.

GENDER-BASED OR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

To ensure that students understand how to appropriately pursue a grievance at Prairie View A&M, students are encouraged to seek clarification and advice regarding procedures before initiating a grievance. Although a student may seek such advice from any faculty or staff member, the Division for Student Affairs has staff trained to help students through the process. The Division for Student Affairs can be reached at (936) 261-2130. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from this office in pursuing any type of grievance.

The decision as to which procedure to utilize for a grievance filed by a student, shall be made solely by the University and shall be based on the fact pattern of each particular case. Each grievance shall be directed to a specific procedure and shall be accorded only one opportunity to be adjudicated unless the appeal body remands for further review.

Prairie View A&M University, in compliance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits all forms of discriminatory exclusion to include discrimination on the basis of sex. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in all education programs or activities. The University is committed to fostering a community that promotes prompt reporting of all types of sexual misconduct and timely and fair resolution of sexual misconduct complaints.

PVAMU faculty, staff, students and guests have the right to be free from sexual violence and sexual misconduct. All members of the University community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe on another person's civil rights. PVAMU has a no-tolerance policy for sex discrimination, sexual misconduct and sexual violence.

Individuals who are found to have committed such acts will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including separation from the University.

For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions and appeals process for gender-based and sex-based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01. (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf)

Complaints should be reported to:

MS. DENISE SIMMONS, Anderson Hall, 3rd floor
(936) 261-3524 | studentconduct@PVAMU.edu

A. APPEALS

A student may appeal in writing the determination made by the investigator. For appeals in cases with a student respondent, reference student code. For appeals in cases where the respondent is an employee, reference PVAMU Role 08:01.01.P1.

For information on the complaint, investigation, definitions and appeals process for gender-based and sex-based misconduct, see TAMUS 08.01.01. (policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf)

AMNESTY FOR STUDENT CONDUCT CODE VIOLATIONS

When a student reports, in good faith, being the victim of or a witness to an incident of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, the University will not take disciplinary action against that student for violations of the Student Conduct Code occurring at or near the time of the incident reported. The University may, however, investigate to determine whether a report of an incident of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking was made in good faith. Amnesty will not apply to a student who reports the student's own commission or complicity in the commission of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.



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DEPARTURE FROM CAMPUS FOLLOWING SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL AND REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

- A. A student who has been separated from the University for Disciplinary Reasons shall leave the premises within 24 hours of notification, or sooner, if so directed by the Dean of Students.
- B. A student who has been required to withdraw from the University for disciplinary reasons and who desires to be reinstated after completion of the withdrawal period shall present a request in writing to the Dean of Students.
- C. A student who has been suspended or dismissed must reapply for readmission to the University by the deadline for the semester the student intends to return.

AMENDMENT

The Code of Student Conduct shall be amended only by the President. Responsibility for proposing revisions to the Code is delegated to the Code of Student Conduct Committee consisting of students, faculty and administrators chaired by the Dean of Students.

The Code of Student Conduct Committee shall accept and review recommendations from students, faculty, and administrators regarding revisions of the Code of Student Conduct. The Committee shall prepare proposed revisions and forward them to the President through the Vice President for Student Affairs for approval.

Nothing included above shall be construed as a limitation upon the President to propose changes without reference to the Committee.

STUDENT CONDUCT PANEL

The President of the University shall annually appoint 12 or more people to serve on the Student Conduct Panel from among the faculty, staff and community of the University. The Student Conduct Panel shall have sole authority to determine the issue of responsibility in the cases referred. Three Student Conduct Panel members shall be assigned to hear each case.

STUDENT CONDUCT HOLDS

The Office for Student Conduct may place a Student Conduct hold on the records and registration of any student who has a pending Student Conduct matter, including any outstanding sanctions or unresolved cases. A student may not be allowed to graduate, receive grades, register for classes or have transcripts released until pending Student Conduct matter(s), including any outstanding sanctions are resolved. The student conduct hold on a student account will not be lifted until all sanctions have been completed.

TRANSCRIPT NOTATION

When a sanction of suspension or expulsion is applied as a result of a violation of the PVAMU Code of Student Conduct, a notation will be documented on the student's academic transcript. The transcript notation will remain effective for the duration of the active sanction of suspension or expulsion. Additionally, the notation will differentiate between an academic or conduct violation that initiated the applied sanction.

The student's academic transcript will not be released while a pending student conduct matter is under review that may result in suspension or expulsion.



STUDENT CONDUCT FILES & RECORDS

The file of a student found to have violated University rules shall be retained as a student conduct record for no less than seven years from the date of the student's graduation or from the last day of the last semester the student is permanently if the student was expelled, suspended or blocked from reenrollment and/or in situations that may result in future litigation.

Complaints of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct may result in the development of a file in the survivor's name.

This file shall be retained for no less than seven years from the survivor's graduation date or from the last day of the last semester the student is enrolled. These files may be retained for as long as administratively valuable.

Students may have access to the information in their file by submitting a written request to the Office for Student Conduct. Access will be provided in accordance with federal and state laws regarding the privacy of educational records and University policy.

For updated information addressing the PVAMU Code of Student Conduct general procedures, as well as, the procedures pertaining to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, please check the website, www.PVAMU.edu/studentconduct.

DINING SERVICES POLICIES

All students residing on campus must participate in a meal plan. All PVAMU students are expected to comply with specified rules and regulations governing dining facilities on campus. Failure to do so may result in a referral for disciplinary action.

A. FOOD SERVICE RULES

1. All persons are expected to form a line at the dining entrance as they arrive and no one will take a position other than at the end of the line. Food, dishes, silverware or other equipment may not be taken from the cafeteria without the written permission of the management. Students are prohibited from entering the kitchen and service areas.
2. All food and beverages must be consumed in the dining facility.

3. Dining Services reserves the right to not serve patrons who do not have on appropriate attire.
4. Students are expected to display proper behavior when using the dining facilities. Prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to: sitting on tables, standing on chairs, playing music loudly and disrespecting Dining Hall personnel.
5. Persons who fail to cooperate with Dining Hall personnel or to comply with cafeteria regulations may lose their Dining Hall privileges without reimbursement.
6. A student identification card may not be used by anyone other than the person to whom it is issued. Students who use another person's identification card or students who allow others to use their identification card may be charged with fraud.
7. Proper attire, including shirts and shoes, must be worn in all dining facilities. Students who fail to dress appropriately will be denied access.
8. Only valid identification cards, cash or credit cards will be accepted in the cafeteria. Notes will not be accepted for students who have lost or misplaced their identification card
9. ATTIRE Listed below are examples of attire considered inappropriate:
 - Sheer garments
 - Midriff blouses
 - Sagging pants
 - Shirts displaying profanity/indecent messages
 - Hair rollers or bedroom slippers
 - Display of underwear
 - Durags, hats or caps
 - Form-fitting shorts or boxing shorts

B. IDENTIFICATION

Students are required to present a valid student identification card when they enter the dining facilities. Your student ID and your selected meal plan are for your personal use only and are not transferable to anyone else.

Student IDs will be confiscated if presented by anyone other than the responsible student. A replacement fee of \$35 (this fee is subject to change) will be charged for all lost, stolen or damaged cards.

C. FOOD FIGHTS

Throwing food or utensils in the Dining Hall can be dangerous and disrespectful to other diners. The Office of Auxiliary Enterprises will seek disciplinary action against any student observed throwing food and utensils.



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Fines and associated fees will be used to cover any damage incurred. The individual(s) will also be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Office of Student Conduct.

D. COURTESY

Students are expected to be courteous to fellow students and dining personnel.

E. SELF-BUSING

All students and guests are required to clear their table and deposit tableware in the proper location before exiting dining facilities. This is a stipulation of your meal plan contract.

To select or change your meal plan, visit www.PVAMU.edu/mealplan.

PARKING REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations were established by PVAMU as a standard for the parking programs. Faculty, staff, students and visitors are urged to read these regulations. The Parking Management Office may exercise discretion to deal with special circumstances not covered by these regulations.

In developing these regulations, Parking Management is guided by the Texas Motor Vehicle Laws and the Texas Education Code 51.202. The regulations apply to all vehicles on campus and are in effect at all times. The Parking Department, along with University Police Department, has jurisdiction to enforce or impound any vehicle in violation of these regulations. The owner or driver of the vehicle will be required to pay the cost of relocation and storing of the vehicle.

PVAMU Parking Management uses LPR Readers and the services provided by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain the ownership information of vehicles in violation of parking regulations on campus by license plate and VIN numbers. Faculty, Staff and Students are responsible for any citations that are issued to family members and guests. Should a relative of PVAMU faculty, Staff or Student receive parking citations, The Parking Management Office has the authority to bill the citations to the University's affiliate.

A. All visitors, Handicapped/DV, students (commuter and residential), staff, faculty, vendors and contractors must have a valid parking permit while parked on the PVAMU campus. Visitors will need to locate a designated Visitor Space and pay via ParkMobile. Vendors and contractors must stop by the Information Center or Parking Management office to obtain a vendor/contractor pass.

- B. Any area not specifically designated for parking is considered a NO PARKING ZONE and vehicles will be cited and or towed.
- C. Motorcycles may park in paid permitted spaces only.
- D. Double parked or obstructing drives, walkways, doors, or other vehicles is prohibited.
- E. Parking in a fire lane or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant is prohibited.
- F. Vehicles parked in authorized lots must be parked within the parking stripes.
- G. No parking on curbs, lawns, landscaped areas, or walkways; these areas are prohibited.
- H. Penalties for violations include the following: ticketing and fines, towing, revocation of parking privileges, disciplinary action, or criminal prosecution.
- I. Prairie View A&M is a Walking Campus. Because parking on campus is limited, students with a Valid Parking Permit living on campus must remain parked in the residential areas from 8am to 5pm., or park in Lot #95(Overflow) 24/7 Monday through Friday. This excludes Special Events and Game-Day parking.
- J. Effective Spring 2021, MSC Lot 91 Parking spaces marked as Visitor Parking are reserved for ParkMobile daily purchases only. Parking spaces marked as Permits/ ParkMobile 1 Hour Only will allow any current Prairie View permit to park up to 1 Hour at no additional cost. These spaces also allow ParkMobile users to purchase daily parking. Parking Enforcement Officers will closely monitor the lot to ensure that it is being used properly. These changes are intended to fairly allow all Students/Faculty/ Staff the opportunity to pick up something to eat at the MSC or drop off paperwork at nearby administrative buildings. For questions please call the Parking Management Office at 936-261-1701.
- K. Vehicles of customers with unpaid citations or with a \$250 balance due, may be towed and impounded at the owner's expense until the account is paid in full.



CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT PROCEDURES

APPEAL PROCEDURE

A. APPEAL CITATIONS

The appeals process is intended to provide an objective process to review a citation. There must be substantial and valid evidence that the parking violation was not committed or that it occurred due to circumstances beyond the appellant's control.

An appeal must be completed online **WITHIN 14 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE CITATION WAS WRITTEN.**

B. APPEAL PROCESS

Appeals must be submitted within 14 calendar days from the day of the citation.

Additional supporting information or documentation can be submitted with your appeal.

Appeals submitted after 14 calendar days will not be accepted for review.

An anonymous Appeals Committee will review all appeals.

The decision of the committee are final, and no further appeals will be granted.

If an appeal is denied, payment can be made through your Parking Portal account (pvamu.edu/parking) or at Treasury Services, in the W.R. Banks building.

C. AFTER AN APPEAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

All citation appeals are reviewed by the Appeals Committee, the Appeals Committee will:

1. Read the appeal and review the information on the citation
2. Review the Parking Regulations that are relevant to the appeal
3. Review other information, such as area maps, digital photographs, etc.
4. Make a decision on the appeal

What The Appeals Committee Can Decide:

- Reduced: The amount of the fine is lessened (payment must be made 7 business days after the Appeals Committee decision.)
- Approved: The citation is dismissed completely.
- Disapproved: Citation is upheld and payment must be made 7 business days after the Appeals Committee Decision.
- Appeals Committee Decision is final

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Appellants will receive an email notice acknowledging receipt of a completed online appeal. If you do not receive an email acknowledgment, please contact us via email/phone at: parking@pvamu.edu or 936-261-1701.

Notice of the decision regarding your appeal will be sent by email as well, so please be sure to keep your parking portal info updated.

Please allow three to four weeks for a decision regarding your appeal. The number of appeals filed increases near the end of the semester and may result in longer wait times.

If you have any general questions, questions

regarding your appeal or the process, please feel free to contact us;

PARKING MANAGEMENT OFFICE

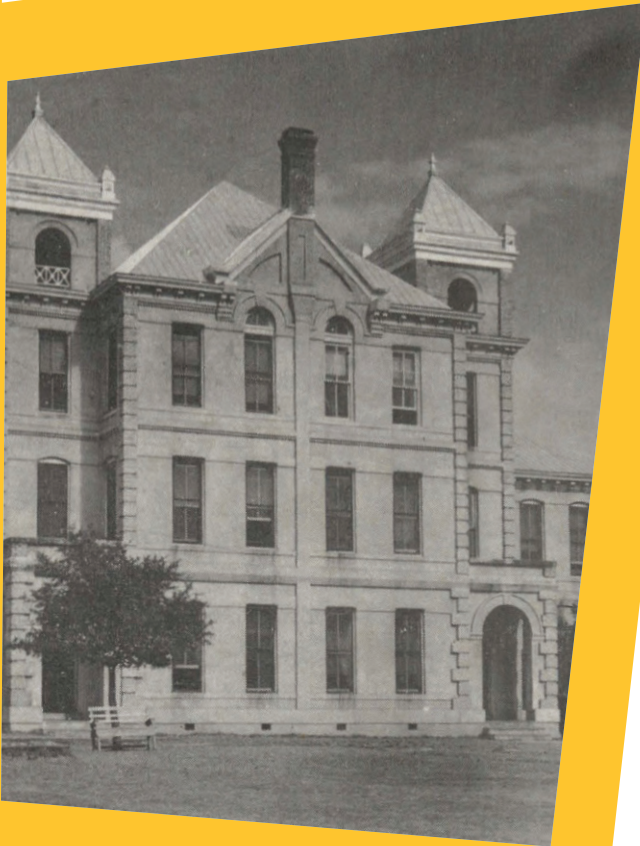
Harrington Science Bldg. Room 117
Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Office Phone: 936-261-1701
Email Address: parking@pvamu.edu
Website: www.pvamu.edu/parking

Parking Quick Tips

- Students must register for their parking permits by the 5th day of classes each semester. Their Residential student gate access card is not a valid parking permit.
- Faculty/Staff must register for their parking permits by August 31st each school year.
- Overflow parking for Faculty/Staff and Student Parkers(Commuter/Residential) will be Lot 95.
- Permit Holders can park at the MSC for up to 1 hour daily except for during special events.
- The Parking Portal on the Parking Management website is the official Parking Account. Treasury Services serves as the backup account.
- Once you have completed the online registration process and your vehicle is registered, you will be assigned a virtual permit which will be recognized by your vehicle license plate. Please make sure that you do not enter any spaces, dashes or other punctuation marks when entering your license plate information.
- Temporary Plates must be updated immediately in the system before parking on campus. Rental/Temporary Vehicles must be added to the account prior to parking on campus. Parking Management is not responsible for citations if your account has not been updated accurately/timely.
- Panther Plaza parking is for those conducting business at Panther Plaza only.



MISSION



Prairie View A&M University is a state-assisted, public, comprehensive land grant institution of higher education. The university was designated in a 1984 amendment to the Texas Constitution as an "institution of the first class." It is dedicated to achieving excellence and relevance in teaching, research, and service. It seeks to invest in programs and services that address issues and challenges affecting the diverse ethnic and socioeconomic population of Texas and the larger society including the global arena. The university seeks to provide a high quality educational experience for students who, upon completion of bachelors, masters, or doctorate degrees, possess self-sufficiency and professional competence. The experience is imbued by the institution's values including, but not limited to, access and quality, accountability, diversity, leadership, relevance, and social responsibility.



UNIVERSITY HISTORY



Prairie View A&M University, the second-oldest public institution of higher education in Texas, originated in the Texas Constitution of 1876. On Aug. 14, 1876, the Texas Legislature established the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youths" and placed responsibility for its management with the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan. The A&M College of Texas for Colored Youths opened at Prairie View, Texas, on March 11, 1878.

The University's original curriculum was designated by the Texas Legislature in 1879 to be that of a "Normal School" for the preparation and training of teachers. This curriculum was expanded to include the arts, and sciences, home economics, agriculture, mechanical arts, and nursing after the University was established as a branch of the Agricultural Experiment Station (Hatch Act, 1887) and as a Land-Grant College (Morrill Act, 1890). Thus began the tradition of agricultural research and community service, which continues today. The four-year senior college program began in 1919, and in 1937, a division of graduate studies was added, offering master's degrees in agricultural economics, rural education, agricultural education, school administration and supervision, and rural sociology.

In 1945, the name of the institution was changed from Prairie View Normal and Industrial College to Prairie View University, and the school was authorized to offer, "as need arises," all courses offered at the University of Texas. In 1947, the Texas Legislature changed the name to Prairie View A&M College of Texas and provided that "courses be offered in agriculture, the mechanics arts, engineering, and the natural sciences connected therewith, together with any other courses authorized at Prairie View at the time of passage of this act, all of which shall be equivalent to those offered at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Bryan." On Aug. 27, 1973, the name of the institution was changed to Prairie View A&M University, and its status as an independent unit of the Texas A&M University System was confirmed.

In 1981, the Texas Legislature acknowledged the University's rich tradition of service and identified various statewide needs the University should address, including the assistance of students of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds to realize their full potential, and the assistance of small and medium-size communities and businesses in their growth and development.

In 1983, the Texas Legislature proposed a constitutional amendment to restructure the Permanent University Fund to include Prairie View A&M University as a beneficiary of its proceeds. The Permanent University Fund is a perpetual endowment fund originally established in the Constitution of 1876 for the sole benefit of Texas A&M University and the University of Texas. The 1983 amendment also dedicated the University to enhancement as an "institution of the first class" under the governing board of the Texas A&M University System. The constitutional amendment was approved by voters on Nov. 6, 1984. In January 1985, the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System responded to the 1984 Constitutional Amendment by stating its intention that Prairie View A&M University become "an institution nationally recognized in its areas of education and research." The Board also resolved that the University receive its share of the Available University Fund, as previously agreed to by Texas A&M University and the University of Texas.

In October 2000, the Governor of Texas signed the Priority Plan, an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights to make Prairie View A&M University an educational asset accessible by all Texans. The Priority Plan mandates creation of many new educational programs and facilities. It also requires removing language from the Institutional Mission Statement that might give the impression of excluding any Texan from attending Prairie View A&M University. The University enrollment now exceeds 8,765, including 848 graduate students. Students come from throughout the United States as well as many foreign countries. During the University's 148-year history, 83,552 academic degrees have been awarded.



**UNIVERSITY
COLORS**
ROYAL PURPLE & GOLD



**Prairie
View
Produces
Productive
People**

**UNIVERSITY
MOTTO**

SPIRIT DAY
WEAR PURPLE & GOLD ON FRIDAYS
TO SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

HERITAGE & TRADITIONS

The spirit of PVAMU is made up of those who carry the torch as well as those who have left the University their legacy. Heritage and traditions are found in every facet of University life. We commend these to all students new and old.

Dear Prairie View, our song to thee we raise,
In gratitude we sing our Hymn of praise,
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee.
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion,
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

As days go by, our hearts will not grow cold,
We'll love thy purple royal and thy gold,
We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,
We'll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller
Music from "Finlandia" by Sibelius

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ALMA MATER
DEAR PRAIRIE VIEW



UNIVERSITY YEARBOOK
PANTHERLAND (PARDUS)



UNIVERSITY FIGHT SONG
"CHEER FOR PRAIRIE VIEW"

Cheer for Prairie View
Cheer for the purple and gold
Let's cheer them on till they make a score.

Get the ball and score some more
Cheer for Prairie View
Cheer for the purple and gold
We're marching on once more
Till we make the score
For a VICTORY!

UNIVERSITY MASCOT PANTHER

Pete
& Sasha

HERITAGE &
TRADITIONS



**ALUMNI
PINNING**
FALL,
SPRING &
SUMMER



RADIO STATION KPVU 91.3 FM



UNIVERSITY BAND THE MARCHING STORM

UNIVERSITY NICKNAME

"the hill"

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STUDENT RIGHTS

PVAMU students have rights that are to be respected. The following student rights and responsibilities are intended to reflect the philosophical base upon which all University student rules are built.

This philosophy acknowledges the existence of both rights and responsibilities, which are inherent to an individual not only as a student at Prairie View A&M University but also as a citizen of this country.

ARTICLE I Each student has the right to participate in a free exchange of ideas, and no University rule or regulation, or administrative policy should abridge the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition, and peaceful assembly as set forth in the United States Constitution.

ARTICLE II Each student shall be treated on an equal basis, free from illegal discrimination, including harassment, in all areas and activities of the University regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, or disabilities.

ARTICLE III A student has the right to personal privacy except as otherwise provided by law, and this will be observed by students and University authorities alike.

ARTICLE IV Each student shall be free from disciplinary actions by University officials for violations of civil and criminal law away from campus, except when such a violation is determined to also be a violation of the provision regarding conduct in the Code of Student Conduct or University regulations.

ARTICLE V Each student subject to disciplinary action rising from substantive violations of University student rules shall be assured a fundamentally fair process. At all student conduct conferences, an accused student shall be assumed not responsible until proven responsible, and in initial conduct hearings, the burden of proof shall rest with those bringing the charges.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

ARTICLE I A student accepts the responsibility to respect the rights and property of others, including other students, guests, faculty, and administrators.

ARTICLE II A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published student guidelines, rules, and the current Code of Student Conduct and to comply with the regulations and the laws of Prairie View A&M University, the Texas A&M University System, the state, and the nation.

ARTICLE III A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individual involved and upon the entire University community.

ARTICLE IV A student has the responsibility to recognize the University's obligation to provide a safe environment for living and learning.

ARTICLE V Students using or working in campus facilities during the course of their studies, activities, or employment are responsible for becoming familiar with and following all safety procedures.



TITLE IX & TITLE VII STUDENT GRIEVANCES & APPEALS

Prairie View A&M University is committed to providing an educational and work climate that is conducive to the personal and professional development of each individual. To further that commitment, the University has developed procedures for students to pursue grievances.



TITLE IX & TITLE VII STUDENT GRIEVANCES & APPEALS

TITLE IX AND TITLE VII DISCRIMINATION GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

To ensure that students understand how to appropriately pursue a grievance at Prairie View A&M, students are encouraged to seek clarification and advice regarding procedures before initiating a grievance. Although a student may seek such advice from any faculty or staff member, the Office of Title IX Compliance (OTIXC) and the Office of Equal Opportunity (EO) have staff trained to help students through the process. OTIXC can be reached at 936-261-2144 and EO can be reached at 936-261-1730. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from these offices in pursuing civil rights grievances.

The decision as to which procedure to utilize for a grievance filed by a student, shall be made solely by the University and shall be based on the fact pattern of each particular case. Each grievance shall be directed to a specific procedure and shall be accorded only one opportunity to be adjudicated unless the appeal body remands for further review.

TITLE IX: PROHIBITION AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT/DISCRIMINATION

Complaints should be reported to:

Dr. Tiyahri Wilson, MT Harrington, Suite 311
(936) 261-2166 | TitleIXTeam@pvamu.edu
tcwilson@pvamu.edu

Prairie View A&M University, in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits all forms of discriminatory exclusion to include discrimination on the basis of sex. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in all education programs or activities. As of June 16, 2021 the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights officially enforces Title IX's prohibition on discrimination on the basis of sex to include: (1) discrimination based on sexual orientation; and (2) discrimination based on gender identity. The University is committed to creating a culture of safety that is absent of sexual assault, violence and harassment. Members of the PVAMU community are encouraged to report with the understanding that processes and protections are in place for all members of the PVAMU community.

PVAMU faculty, staff, students and guests have the right to be free from sexual violence and sexual harassment. All members of the University community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe on another person's civil rights. PVAMU has a zero-tolerance policy for sex discrimination, sexual misconduct and sexual violence. Individuals who are found to have committed such acts will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including separation from the University.

A. DEFINITIONS

- **Coercion** - the act, process, or power of compelling a person to take an action, make a choice, or allow an act to happen that they would otherwise not choose or give consent to.
- **Consent** - clear, voluntary and ongoing agreement to engage in a specific sexual act. Persons need not verbalize their consent to engage in a sexual act for there to be permission. Permission to engage in a sexual act may be indicated through physical actions rather than words. A person who is asleep or mentally or physically incapacitated, either through the effect of drugs or alcohol or for any other reason, or whose agreement was made by threat, coercion, or force, cannot give consent. Consent may be revoked by any party at any time.
- **Dating violence** - violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.
- **Domestic violence** - a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by: (a) a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; (b) a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (c) a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; (d) a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or (e) any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws
- **Sexual Assault** - an offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system. A sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances in which the victim is incapable of giving consent.
- **Sex-based misconduct** - unwelcome conduct on the basis of sex that is severe, persistent, or pervasive enough to create a work, educational, or campus living environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, abusive, or offensive



TITLE IX & TITLE VII STUDENT GRIEVANCES & APPEALS

- **Sexual Harassment** - a form of sex discrimination. Unwelcome conduct on the basis of sex (of a sexual nature or otherwise): (1) by an employee of the member who conditions the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the member on an individual's participation in that unwelcome sexual conduct; (2) determined by a reasonable person to be so severe and pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the member's education program or activity; or (3) sexual assault or dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking based on sex.
- **Stalking** - engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to: (a) fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or (b) suffer substantial emotional distress.

Complainants who are involved in Title IX or sex-based reports may exercise their right to (1) interim measures, resources and support (2) informal resolution or a (3) formal investigation. Complainants may exercise some or all of these options if necessary to stop, remedy and prevent further harm. Complainants and Respondents have equal rights under Title IX. Additional information about the adjudication process can be found in 08.01.01 Civil Rights Compliance Policy or you may contact the Title IX team directly.

B. APPEALS

The student may appeal the outcome of an investigation in writing. For appeals in cases with student Respondents, please refer to section 4.6 Appeals of the 08.01.01.P1 Civil Rights Compliance Policy for the appeal process. Additional information is available at

www.pvamu.edu/policies/#s08.

TITLE VII: PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Prairie View A&M University is a member of the Texas A&M University System. The A&M System is committed to provide equal opportunity to all employees, applicants for employment, students, applicants for admissions and access to educational programs and activities. As such, PVAMU complies with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

PVAMU's Office of Equal Opportunity oversees the University's compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin. The Civil Rights Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-166) (CRA) and the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-2) amend several sections of Title VII.

Students who believe they have been subjected to discrimination under the prohibitions of Title VII and desire to file a grievance/complaint or seek advice should contact:

Toya Douglas, Director of Equal Opportunity and HR Compliance, Harrington Science Building, Ste. 109
936-261-1730 | EO@pvamu.edu

Visit pvamu.edu/hr/office-of-equal-opportunity for additional information and complaint processing resources.

Complaint Procedures are outlined in TAMUS System Regulation 08.01.01 Civil Rights Compliance:

policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf

SCAN BELOW FOR COMPLAINT FORMS



COMPLIANCE WITH DISABILITY LAWS

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations, upon request, to employees, students and visitors to the University. All announcements in University publications and for University events shall contain a statement informing persons with disabilities of the procedures for requesting special accommodations. New construction projects and renovations shall comply fully with all federal, including the Americans with state and local codes, including the **Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines**.

DISABILITY & ADA RESOURCES

Prairie View A&M University strives to ensure non-discrimination and to resolve complaints related to disability in a prompt and equitable manner. The Director of Disability Services shall be an active participant and resource in the solution of complaints following the University's informal and formal grievance procedures.



ADA CONTACT INFORMATION Ms. Belinda Lewis, for Disability Services
bblewis@pvamu.edu | Owens Franklin Health Center Room 222



DISABILITY & ADA RESOURCES

A. INFORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

An individual who wishes to raise a specific complaint regarding University compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or its amendments is encouraged to informally seek resolution of the dispute at the lowest level through discussions with the alleged violator.

B. FORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

If a formal ADA complaint becomes necessary, the individual should document the complaint in writing using the System Complaint Form through the Office of Disability Services. The documentation should be given to the Administrator of Disability Services within 30 calendar days of the root or trigger event. The written complaint must include:

- A. Concise statement of the University rule or policy upon which the is grievance is based;
- B. The date of any action the student is appealing;
- C. Summary of actions the student has taken or has been offered to resolve the matter informally; and
- D. Documentation that supports the complaint. The complaint and documentation will be forwarded to the appropriate administrator as specified by the issue.

- 1. Involves new facts, which if true, would demonstrate a violation of an anti-discrimination statute or regulation.
- 2. Contains new allegations that appear to be substantially credible.
- 3. Addresses a violation, which if true, results in a personal wrong to the grievant.
- 4. Is not frivolous.
- C. If the above conditions are not met, the Vice President may terminate the appeal and notify the complainant.
- D. If the appeal meets all of the above criteria, the Vice President will conduct interviews and obtain information as deemed appropriate and necessary and conclude to uphold, modify, or reverse the original determination of the administrator in the former process.
- E. The determination of the appropriate Vice President is the final decision.

DISABILITY ACCOMODATIONS AND ADA RESOURCES

These documents will be reviewed by the appropriate administrator who shall meet with the complainant within 15 calendar days of the receipt of the documentation to gather more information and attempt to resolve the conflict. The appropriate administrator shall respond in writing, to the grievance within 15 calendar days of the meeting. It is recommended that the written response be mailed to the complainant by certified mail, return receipt requested.

APPEALS

- A. If the appropriate administrator is not able to reach a resolution, the complainant may report the grievance in writing to the Vice President in the relevant area of the complaint within 10 calendar days of receipt of the response. The Vice President or designee shall conduct a meeting with the complainant and all persons involved in the grievance and shall, within 30 calendar days, issue a written answer to the complainant and respondent.
- B. The appropriate Vice President will conduct an appeal review with advice from the Office of General Counsel within 15 business days of receipt. The review will determine if the appeal:

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

The Office of Disability Services is responsible for achieving and maintaining program accessibility for all students who self-identify as having an officially documented disability (Rehabilitation Act, Section 504 and Americans with Disability Act (ADA)). Students are encouraged to become self-advocates; however, the office provides leadership in advocating for removal of attitudinal and physical barriers that may impede successful progression toward achievement of the student's educational objectives. No personal animals are allowed on campus other than service animals and those approved as emotional support animals by the Office of Disability Services. Students requesting service through the Office of Disability Services must self-identify and meet eligibility requirements each semester. Services are based on medical recommendations, individual assessments and generally involve academic accommodations that will support the student's success.

ADA RESOURCES

The Office of Disability Services exists to create and sustain a supportive environment that includes policies and practices that assist persons with disabilities in achieving their full potential. The Office provides direct, individualized services to persons with disabilities based on their needs and the level of disability. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, extended time for testing and or assignments, interpreter services, note taker assistance, use of tape recorders and other accommodations as needed. Assistive technology services include loaner wheelchairs, adapted computers, spelling and grammar checks, and colored overlays for dyslexic readers. Also, if requested, the Office makes referrals to additional campus support service providers and external agencies.



APPENDIX A: HAZING

THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, TITLE 2. PUBLIC EDUCATION, SUBTITLE G. SAFE SCHOOLS, CHAPTER 37. DISCIPLINE; LAW AND ORDER, SUBCHAPTER F. HAZING

A. C. 37.151. DEFINITIONS

In this subchapter:

- (1) "Educational institution" includes a public or private high school.
- (2) "Pledge" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization.
- (3) "Pledging" means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization.
- (4) "Student" means any person who:
 - (A) Is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution;
 - (B) Has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or
 - (C) Intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation.
- (5) "Organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students.
- (6) "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. The term includes:
 - (A) Any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity;

- (B) Any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- (C) Any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- (D) Any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that involves a violation of the Penal Code.
- (E) involves coercing, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, the student to consume:
 - (i) a drug; or
 - (ii) an alcoholic beverage or liquor in an amount that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student is intoxicated, as defined by Section 49.01, Penal Code.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995.

B. SEC. 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE

- (A) A person commits an offense if the person:
 - (1) Engages in hazing;
 - (2) Solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing;
 - (3) Recklessly permits hazing to occur; or
 - (4) Has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution.
- (B) The offense of failing to report is a Class B misdemeanor.
- (C) Any other offense under this section that does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a Class B misdemeanor.
- (D) Any other offense under this section that causes serious bodily injury to another is a Class A misdemeanor.
- (E) Any other offense under this section that causes the death of another is a state jail felony.



(F) Except if an offense causes the death of a student, in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform community service, subject to the same conditions imposed on a person placed on community supervision under Chapter 42A, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period of time in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in county jail.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995

C. SEC. 37.153. ORGANIZATION HAZING OFFENSE

(A) An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing.

(B) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by:

- (1) A fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000; or
- (2) If the court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or expenses incurred because of the injury, damage, or loss.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995.

D. SEC. 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE

It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995.

E. SEC. 37.155. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AVAILABLE

(A) In the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter, the court may grant immunity from prosecution for the offense to each person who is subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution and who does testify for the prosecution.

(B) Any person who voluntarily reports a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the reported hazing incident if the person:

- (1) reports the incident before being contacted by the institution concerning the incident or otherwise being included in the institution’s investigation of the incident; and
- (2) as determined by the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution designated by the institution, cooperates in good faith throughout any institutional process regarding the incident.

(C) Immunity under Subsection (b) extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report.

(D) A person is not immune under Subsection (b) if the person:

- (1) reports the person’s own act of hazing; or
- (2) reports an incident of hazing in bad faith or with malice.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995. Amended by: Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1371 (S.B. 38), Sec. 2, eff. September 1, 2019.

F. SEC. 37.156. OFFENSES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENAL PROVISIONS

This subchapter does not affect or repeal any penal law of this state. This subchapter does not limit or affect the right of an educational institution to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995.

G. SEC. 37.157. REPORTING BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES

A doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing activities:

- (1) May report the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials; and
- (2) Is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report, unless the report is made in bad faith or with malice.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 1, eff. May 30, 1995.



**THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, TITLE 3.
HIGHER EDUCATION, SUBTITLE A. HIGHER
EDUCATION IN GENERAL, CHAPTER 51.
PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO
HIGHER EDUCATION**

H. SEC. 51.936. HAZING

- (A) Subchapter F, Chapter 37, applies to a postsecondary educational institution under this section in the same manner as that subchapter applies to a public or private high school.
- (B) For purposes of this section, "postsecondary educational institution" means:
- (1) An institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003;
 - (2) A private or independent institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003; or
 - (3) A private postsecondary educational institution as defined by Section 61.302.
- (C) Not later than the 14th day before the first class day of each fall or spring semester, each postsecondary educational institution shall distribute to each student enrolled at the institution:
- (1) a summary of the provisions of Subchapter F, Chapter 37; and
 - (2) a copy of, or an electronic link to a copy of, the report required under Subsection (c-1).
- (c-1) Each postsecondary educational institution shall develop and post in a prominent location on the institution's Internet website a report on hazing committed on or off campus by an organization registered with or recognized by the institution. The report:
- (1) must include information regarding each disciplinary action taken by the institution against an organization for hazing, and each conviction of hazing under Section 37.153 by an organization, during the three years preceding the date on which the report is issued or updated, including:
 - (A) the name of the organization disciplined or convicted;
 - (B) the date on which the incident occurred or the citation was issued, if applicable;
 - (C) the date on which the institution's investigation into the incident, if any, was initiated;
 - (2) a general description of:
 - (i) the incident;
 - (ii) the violations of the institution's code of conduct or the criminal charges, as applicable;
 - (iii) the findings of the institution or court; and

- (iv) any sanctions imposed by the institution, or any fines imposed by the court, on the organization; and
- (E) the date on which the institution's disciplinary process was resolved or on which the conviction became final;
- (2) must be updated to include information regarding each disciplinary process or conviction not later than the 30th day after the date on which the disciplinary process is resolved or the conviction becomes final, as applicable; and
 - (3) may not include personally identifiable student information and must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g).
- (c-2) Each postsecondary educational institution shall provide to each student who attends the institution's student orientation a notice regarding the nature and availability of the report required under Subsection (c-1), including the report's Internet website address.
- (F) If the institution publishes a general catalogue, student handbook, or similar publication, it shall publish a summary of the provisions of Subchapter F, Chapter 37, in each edition of the publication.
- (G) Section 1.001(a) does not limit the application of this section to postsecondary educational institutions supported in whole or in part by state tax funds.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 18, eff. May 30, 1995.

Amended by: Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 594, Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2005.

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1371 (S.B. 38), Sec. 4, eff. September 1, 2019.

**I. SEC. 51.9361. RISK MANAGEMENT
PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS
AND ADVISERS OF STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS**

(A) In this section:

- (1) "Adviser" means a person who:
 - (a) Serves in an advisory capacity to a student organization to provide guidance to the organization and its members;
 - (b) Is older than 21 years of age; and
 - (c) Is not a student of the postsecondary educational institution at which the student organization is registered.
- (2) "Postsecondary educational institution" means:
 - (a) An institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, except that the term does not include a medical and dental unit or other agency of higher education as those terms are defined by that section; and



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- (b) A private or independent institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, except that the term does not include:
- (i) A health-related institution; or
 - (ii) An institution that offers only upper-division, graduate-level, or professional courses.
- (B) This section applies only to a student organization that is registered at a postsecondary educational institution and that is composed mostly of students enrolled at the institution. Notwithstanding Section 1.001(a), this section applies to each postsecondary educational institution at which is registered one or more student organizations.
- (C) At least once during each academic year, a postsecondary educational institution shall provide a risk management program for members of student organizations registered at the institution. Any member of a student organization who is not otherwise required to attend may attend the program.
- (D) Unless a postsecondary educational institution requires each student organization registered at the institution to have representatives of the organization attend a program under this section, the institution shall adopt a policy that specifies one or more of those student organizations or types of student organizations that are required to have representatives attend. The selection of student organizations or types of student organizations under the policy must be based on the institution's determination that those organizations or types of organizations could particularly benefit from risk management guidance. Each adviser who has not previously attended a program under this section and each person serving in a designated officer position of a student organization that is required to have representatives attend a program under this section shall attend the program. An institution may allow an adviser, other than a faculty or staff member of the institution, to satisfy the attendance requirements prescribed by this subsection through completion of an appropriate computer-based risk assessment program.
- (E) For purposes of Subsection (d), the institution may designate not more than four officer positions of a student organization, such as the president, membership chair, risk management chair, social chair, or pledge class or new member chair. If a student organization does not have an officer position described by this subsection or if an officer position described by Subsection (d) is vacant, the institution shall, to the extent practicable, identify and designate an equivalent officer position, and the person serving in that officer position shall attend the program.
- (F) Each adviser or officer required by Subsection (d) to attend a program shall report on the program's contents at a meeting of the full membership of the student organization the adviser or officer represented at the program.
- (G) A program under this section may address any issue determined appropriate by the postsecondary educational institution and must address:
- (1) Possession and use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, including penalties that may be imposed for possession or use;
 - (2) Hazing;
 - (3) Sexual abuse and harassment;
 - (4) Fire and other safety issues, including the possession and use of a firearm or other weapon or of an explosive device;
 - (5) Travel to a destination outside the area in which the institution is located;
 - (6) Behavior at parties and other events held by a student organization; and
 - (7) Adoption by a student organization of a risk management policy.
- (8) Issues regarding persons with disabilities, including a review of applicable requirements of federal and state law, and any related policies of the institution, for providing reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of students with disabilities, including access to the activities of the student organization.
- (H) A postsecondary educational institution shall provide notice of a program under this section to student organizations in the manner determined by the institution.
- (I) A postsecondary educational institution shall take attendance at a program provided under this section in the manner determined appropriate by the institution and may, as provided by a policy adopted by the institution, impose reasonable sanctions on a person who is required to attend the program and fails to attend. The institution shall, until at least the third anniversary of the date of the program, maintain in an appropriate location at the institution a record of that attendance and of notice provided under Subsection (h).

Added by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 731, Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2007.

Added by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 807, Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2007.

Amended by Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1216 (S.B. 1525), Sec. 1, eff. June 14, 2013.



APPENDIX B: CIVILITY IN THE CLASSROOM

J. STUDENT COMMITMENT:

Students are committed to maintaining a respectful and civil classroom environment and will refrain from exhibiting disruptive, inappropriate, and unhealthy behavior.

K. STUDENTS WILL:

- Report to class 5 minutes before class begins
- Turn off cellphone
- Engage in constructive dialogue
- Follow the course syllabus
- Respond positively to immediate notification that your behavior is unacceptable
- Take corrective action to change unacceptable behavior
- Complete assignments
- Be honest and thoughtful
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Act, think and dress like they are bound for success

L. STUDENTS WILL NOT:

- Report to class late
- Hold a conversation with a classmate while class is in session
- Disrespect or initiate arguments with faculty and fellow classmates
- Speak out inappropriately
- Use profanity
- Threaten anyone
- Talk on the cell phone while class is in session
- Play electronic or other games in class
- Wear or listen to headphones
- Sleep in class
- Eat, smoke, chew gum, drink
- Have poor hygiene
- Carry weapons (guns, knives, explosives)

M. FACULTY COMMITMENT:

Faculty are committed to fostering a respectful and inclusive classroom environment and ensuring that students learn in an environment that is free from disruptive, inappropriate, unhealthy behavior.

N. FACULTY WILL:

- Provide a syllabus to each student
- Respect each student
- Encourage healthy dialogue
- Maintain control of the classroom
- Speak privately to students about inappropriate behavior
- Recognize the rights of students
- Inform students of planned absences
- Create an environment whereby students will be motivated to learn

O. IF THE STUDENT DISRUPTS THE CLASS, FACULTY WILL:

- Talk to the student about his/her behavior in private
- Ask the student how he/she plans to correct the behavior
- Observe the student after addressing his/her behavior
- Compliment the student in private about any improvements
- Be consistent
- Be proactive
- Ask for assistance as needed
- Refrain from taking an aggressive stand that may cause the problem to escalate

First Offense: Talk to the student and let him/her know that any further disruption will require a referral to the Office of Student Conduct.

Second Offense: Refer the student to the Office of Student Conduct. The student must present a statement from the Office of Student Conduct stating that the student has committed to correcting the behavior.

Third Offense: Removal from the class. A statement from a professional such as a psychiatrist or medical doctor, submitted through the Office of Student Conduct, is required for re-entry into the class.

P. COURSE SYLLABUS

The Course Syllabus provides detailed information on goals, objectives, grading procedures, and rules for the course. Instructional methods should be diverse and designed to engage students actively in the learning process. These methods may include lectures, debates, role-playing, discussions, and case studies. Each course syllabus is unique, as instructors may include their own code of conduct or civility clause. Students are encouraged to review and understand the specific guidelines and expectations outlined in each syllabus. Failure to follow these expectations may lead to removal from the class and other disciplinary actions as detailed in the Code of Student Conduct.

SUPPORT
RESOURCES**CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICES:**

Available to assist students and faculty in resolving conflicts amicably.

STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES:

Provide support for students experiencing stress or anxiety related to classroom interactions. (see page 45)

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RAVE Guardian

Rave Mobile Safety

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) wants to protect its greatest assets, our students, faculty, and staff in an emergency. To keep the PVAMU campus communities informed in the event of an emergency, the university has established the Panther Alert System. The system will notify the campus community of emergencies (severe weather, serious threats to safety, etc.) via phone, text message, and e-mail. Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for keeping their contact information current.

To provide a more enhanced user experience, in Spring 2022, the university began using Rave Mobile Safety as the provider for the Panther Alert System. In addition to receiving alerts via phone, text message, and e-mail, faculty, staff, and students have the option to receive push notifications via the Rave Guardian App.

As a student, faculty, and staff, you are automatically enrolled in Rave Mobile Safety.

Rave Guardian is a free mobile safety app that turns your smartphone into a personal safety device.

The app has a safety feature that can connect you directly to the PVAMU Police Department (UPD) in an emergency and the ability to submit an anonymous tip to the UPD should you see something suspicious. You can invite friends and family to join your network as "Guardians." You can then request one or more of your guardians to walk with you virtually on and off campus. It's like having an emergency blue light system and a trusted friend with you at all times.

PVAMU will only use the system to provide official notification of critical emergencies (i.e., situations that pose an imminent threat to the community).

PVAMU encourages all students, faculty, and staff to enhance their personal safety and the safety of their friends and download the **FREE RAVE Guardian** app

1 Download **RAVE Guardian** in the Apple or Google Play store



2 Enter your PVAMU email address and cell phone number to join PVAMU's **RAVE Guardian** app.



3 Access the tools and resources customized for PVAMU.



SEE SOMETHING— TEXT SOMETHING

When you need to contact campus safety, you don't want people overhearing. Rather than risk not reporting a loud party, someone who drank too much or suspicious character, submit a text message directly to campus safety or other key departments. Only they will see the tip, and your tip will be confidential for ultimate discretion.

pvamu.edu/guardian-app



Get
involved!

GO PANTHERS

DIVISION FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

In support of the University's mission, the Division for Student Affairs is comprised of 21 units and sub-units that provide a comprehensive range of co-curricular student development services, activities, and programs that promote student learning and development and adds the WOW Factor to the PVAMU college student experience.

All units within the Division work through an operational framework of shared ethical principles and individual excellence to continuously improve learning and developmental outcomes for our students. Students are offered wrap-around support services that promote social and academic integration. Our vision for every student who enters the University remains: The graduates of Prairie View A&M University will demonstrate intellectual sophistication, values clarification, a keen appreciation for diversity, integrity, and morality and a high degree of personal, interpersonal and leadership skills. Go panthers!



DIVISION FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Dean of Students supports the University's mission by providing centralized oversight to the offices that offer solutions and services that help students to navigate the University.

CONTACT US 936-261-3550 | deanofstudents@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/deanofstudents.

• JOHNSON-PHILLIP ALL FAITHS CHAPEL

Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel provides programs that enable interested students to pursue full spiritual growth and development. The Chapel hosts an ecumenical fellowship, from various faith experiences, in which members of the college community may freely express their religion, spirituality, faith, and social justice issues.

CONTACT US 936-261-3590 | allfaiths@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/chapel

• STUDENT ADVOCATE

The Student Advocate position at Prairie View A&M University's Division for Student Affairs provides student support for resolving conflicts and addressing questions and concerns related to their experience with the University. The PVAMU Student Advocate is independent, neutral, and maintains confidentiality. The only exception to this privilege of confidentiality is where there appears to be an imminent risk of serious harm.

CONTACT US 936-261-2124

• PANTHERS FOSTERING SUCCESS

Reinforces the University's commitment to supporting the success of all of its students by providing information, resources, programs, and referral services to foster and adopted students. Please contact this office if you require such support.

CONTACT US 936-261-5920 | pfs@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/panthersfosteringssuccess

• STUDENT CONDUCT

Upholds the University's community and student conduct standards, by managing the student conduct process, including investigations, hearings and sanctions. The office promotes personal responsibility and community standards that reinforces the University's commitment to a safe and vibrant living and learning environment.

CONTACT US 936-261-3524 | studentconduct@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/studentconduct

• VETERAN SERVICES

Supports the University's commitment to its Veterans by offering programs and services for active-duty service members, veterans, and military-dependent students. Veteran Services supports military-affiliated students with academic goals, reintegration, and certification of educational benefits.

CONTACT US 936-261-3563 or 936-261-3556 |
www.pvamu.edu/veteranservices

HEALTH SERVICES

Health Services supports the University's mission by providing services to promote general health and wellness in all aspects of the students' lives through preventive health care, education, ongoing medical services, and support for personal and social challenges.

CONTACT US 936-261-1410 | healthservices@pvamu.edu

• DISABILITY SERVICES

Reinforces the University's mission to remove barriers to student success, by seeking to remove physical and learning barriers for students with documented disabilities. Disability Services provides services such as classroom accommodations, accessible parking and housing, adapted meal plans, adapted technology, and campus wide awareness programs. Please contact the Office in Owens Franklin 2nd Floor Rm. 222 if you have a documented disability or suspect that you may have one.

CONTACT US 936-261-3583 | disabilityservices@pvamu.edu

• HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Provides education, programming and activities focused on improving the health of the University community. Through peer-to-peer education in Panther PHD (Promoting Health Decisions), Team SAFE, and the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) students have the opportunity to help improve the overall health of the campus.

• HILLTOP RESERVE

The Hilltop Reserve reinforces the university's commitment in helping students to overcome life stress-ors that prevent the that prevent the pursuit of educational goals and successful matriculation by providing resources to combat food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty. It provides free resources through as an emergency resource center with a food pantry, clothing boutique, and support center.

CONTACT US 936-261-1419 | hilltopreseve@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/hilltop



• MEDICAL SERVICES

Promotes the University's commitment to having students maintain a healthy lifestyle by delivering high quality and confidential medical services that are provided by licensed health care practitioners.

CONTACT US 936-261-1410 | healthservices@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/medicalservices

STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

SCS provides mental health services for currently enrolled students in life areas that may impact the successful completion of their educational goals. Students are provided a variety of services to assist them with challenges that they cannot resolve alone by licensed and certified mental health professionals skilled in offering confidential services. Services include individual, couples, and group counseling, crisis intervention, collaborative outreach, academic skills counseling, and consultation and referral services. SCS is located in Owens Franklin Suite 226 on the 2nd floor and appointments can be scheduled using 936-261-3564 | studentcounseling@pvamu.edu. In addition to counseling services, the Women's Center, located in May Hall 101-A, offers a variety of programs to enhance the leadership of women and houses the Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) program.

CONTACT US 936-261-3564 for Counseling Services
www.pvamu.edu/healthservices/student-counseling-services

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

• HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

Housing and Residence Life holistically serves students by fostering inclusive and elevated living and learning experiences within an accessible, safe, clean, and well-cared-for environment. Residents who live on-campus, or commute, will find opportunities to build formative connections with faculty, staff, student leaders, and peers. Through engaging individuals with shared experiences and programming, each student will shape their own path towards academic, personal, and professional achievement. Housing and Residence Life is comprised of the sub-units: American Campus Communities and Off-Campus Housing & Commuter Student Experience.

CONTACT US 936-261-2600 | housing@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/reslife

• STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

Student Engagement serves as a resource for all students while providing programming and services to support student organizations and advisors. Opportunities to join student organizations, engage in leadership development and training, participate in civic engagement, volunteerism, social activism, developing relationships with the community through active service, and enjoying campus traditions are open to all students. Student Engagement partners with all students who are passionate about enhancing the student experience to create engaging and dynamic learning opportunities for the entire campus. Additionally, we advise the following University sponsored organizations: Campus Activities Board, Student Government Association, Panther Advisor Leader, and Panther Ambassadors.

CONTACT US
936-261-1340 | studentengagement@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/studentengagement

• COMMUTER STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Off-Campus Housing and Commuter Student Experience sub-unit serves as a resource to students residing off-campus and works to assist all commuters in feeling connected to campus life. Students who commute may participate in the Commuter Student Organization, utilize the Commuter Student Lounge in May Hall, and participate in programming and other on-campus events. No matter where a student lives, they should always feel close to "The Hill."

CONTACT US 936-261-2600 | housing@pvamu.edu

• RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Supports the University's commitment to developing the whole student by promoting student wellness and student participation in leisure or competitive sports. Recreation sports offer intramurals, fitness, outdoor pursuits, swimming, healthy cooking demonstrations, and much more. Please get involved!

CONTACT US 936-261-3944 | recsports@pvamu.edu
www.pvamu.edu/recsports