The Code has been established in order to ensure community order and to facilitate students’ unencumbered pursuit of education both inside and outside of the classroom. The Code includes the rules of conduct, University policies, procedures, and sanctions related to students. Each student is responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with the Code.

Membership in a community where rights and responsibilities are respected is a significant part of the university learning experience. Student conduct sanctions at the University of San Diego are intended to educate and foster a student’s development and reinforce the mission and values of the institution. When a student is found to have violated the Code, efforts are made to reconcile the student to the community via a multitude of sanction options. There are times when a student’s behavior is so egregious that it may lead to suspension or expulsion from the University, in order for effective learning and the safety and security of the campus community.

The rules, policies and procedures outlined in the Code provide a framework for community life at the University of San Diego. Recognized student organizations may establish rules and procedures for the purpose of self-regulation so long as those rules and procedures are not in conflict with the provisions of the Code and are not in place of the Code.

The University of San Diego reserves the right to amend, modify, and revise the Code at any time. Changes to the Code shall be effective upon the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

RESERVATION OF THE RIGHT TO MODIFY

It is the policy of the University of San Diego to adhere to the rules and regulations as announced in this brochure or other University Publications. The university nevertheless hereby gives notice that it reserves the right to expand or delete or otherwise modify this online publication whenever such changes are adjudged by it to be desirable or necessary. The content of this brochure was taken from the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities as of July 2019. Changes will be made periodically as needed.
11. Hazing, as defined by applicable law or by the University’s hazing policy included in the Code.

12. Possession, consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 years on University property or at a University-sponsored event; furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 years on University property or at a University-sponsored event; driving on University property while under the influence of alcohol; public display of intoxication on University property or at a University-sponsored event.

13. Use, possession, manufacture, cultivation, or dissemination of illegal drugs or drug-related paraphernalia; being under the influence of illegal drugs; or the misuse of legal pharmaceutical drugs. Notwithstanding the California Compassionate Use Act of 1996 or any other California law addressing the use of marijuana, the use, possession, manufacture, cultivation, dissemination or being under the influence of marijuana on University property or at University-related activities is prohibited.

14. Violation of a Dining Services policy, rule or regulation.

15. Violation of a University parking or traffic policy, rule or regulation.

16. Violation of a University Information Technology Policy.

17. Violation of a Residential Life policy, rules, or contract.

18. Violation of any University policy listed in the University Policies section of the Code.

19. Committing a hate crime or engaging in an act of intolerance in violation of University policy

20. Unauthorized possession or use of a weapon on University property or in connection with a University activity. For the purpose of this policy, a "weapon" shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: firearm, pellet gun, skeet rifle, paint gun, potato gun, spear gun, sling shot, bow & arrow, air rifle, taser gun, explosive material (including fireworks), pistol, dagger, ice pick, retractable bladed knife, knife with a fixed blade longer than 2.5 inches used for any purpose other than food preparation and consumption, or any other form of weapon, self-defense instrument or ammunition used for any purpose. In addition, unauthorized possession or use of any weapon in violation of the California Penal Code (including but not limited to sections 626.10 and 16600 et seq.) shall constitute a violation of this rule of conduct. Similarly, use or possession of a laser pointer in violation of California Penal Code section 417.27 or other applicable law shall constitute a violation of this rule of conduct. Possession of a laser of 5 milliwatts (5/1000 of a watt) or more on University property or in connection with a University activity requires the advance written approval of the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students (or designee).

21. Violations of any other published University policy.

22. Abuse of the conduct process, including but not limited to: (a) failure to obey a notice or other directive issued in connection with a conduct proceeding; (b) falsification, distortion or misrepresentation of information before a disciplinary hearing board or disciplinary officer; (c) failure to comply with the sanctions imposed under the Code.

23. Misconduct that arises on campus or off campus in which a student is detained, arrested, cited, or otherwise charged with violations of local, state, or federal laws that materially and adversely affect the individual’s suitability as a member of the University of San Diego community.

24. Students are required to engage in responsible social conduct that reflects positively upon the University of San Diego community and to model good citizenship in any community.