What to Know

The University Conduct System is designed to educate and hold students accountable for maintaining the standards of conduct of the URI community. Actions taken by a URI student that are performed off-campus may be subject to the student conduct process through the Office of Community Standards.

Common Violations

- Alcohol Consumption
- Noise
- Encouraging Violations
- Serving or Providing Alcohol
- Littering

Violations of town ordinances and/or state/local laws may also result in significant fines and a possible court appearance.

Physical Actions

- Fake ID
- Public Consumption of Alcohol
- Possession/Consumption of alcohol
- DUI
- Underage Transportation of Alcohol

Off-Campus Jurisdiction

According to the Student Handbook: "The University of Rhode Island Student Code of Conduct shall apply to conduct that occurs on University premises, at University sponsored activities, and to off-campus conduct that adversely affects the University community, poses a threat to safety of persons or property, or damages the institution’s reputation or relationship with the greater community. In addition, the University of Rhode Island, in collaboration with the surrounding communities, may respond to student violations of community-based laws and ordinances designed to protect civility and quality of life."
What to Expect

A staff member in the Office of Community Standards will contact you via your URI Email and/or your phone

You will meet with a Conduct Administrator to discuss the incident

If the Conduct Administrator determines a violation has occurred, the Student Conduct Process will be initiated (see flow chart in Student Handbook)

The student conduct process is separate from any criminal proceedings taking place.

Educational Sanctions

Educational sanctions are designed to promote student growth and preserve the atmosphere of learning necessary to the well-being of all students and the community. The following factors may be considered when developing sanctions:

- All facets of the specific individual situation
- The severity of the violation
- The degree to which a student has participated or been involved in an incident
- The student’s motivations and intent in connection with the infraction, and
- Any record of past violations

Your Rights and Responsibilities

- It is important to understand your rights and responsibilities as outlined in the Student Handbook.
- Students must appear before a University official when properly notified to appear and be informed of the reason for which the meeting is requested.
- Failure to respond normally results in the case being heard in the student’s absence.

The Student Handbook is the guiding document for policies, procedures and explanation of the student conduct process. To view the entire document, please visit our website:

uri.edu/studentconduct

COVID-19 Addendum:
uri.edu/studentconduct/covidaddendum

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