

- (u) Violations of University Residence Hall or Apartment policies or regulations. The violation of any policies or regulations which appear in printed materials distributed to resident students (i.e., housing license agreements, handbooks for resident students, etc.);
 - (v) Sexual Battery/Rape. Any act of sexual battery or rape as defined by state law;
 - (w) Tobacco. Smoking in all University buildings, grounds and state-owned vehicles is prohibited (except in otherwise designated areas as provided in APSU policy 99:022). Regardless of whether classes are in session, smoking is prohibited in all buildings, grounds and state-owned vehicles twenty-four (24) hours a day, year round. Students who want to use smoke-free tobacco products may do so thirty (30) feet from each building exit and entrances. Smoke-free tobacco product use is prohibited in University buildings and state-owned vehicles;
 - (x) Pets. With the exception of “service animals” and the exception of animals used for academic research purposes, animals are prohibited on campus. The term “service animal” is defined as any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability (e.g., a guide dog, signal dog, etc.). “Service animals” perform some of the functions and tasks that the individual with a disability cannot perform for him/herself. The University may require reasonable documentation that the animal is certified as a “service animal” by a recognized training program;
 - (y) Filing a false complaint or statement. Any behavior whereby a student knowingly submits a false complaint or statement alleging a violation of these regulations by a student or organization or university employee.
3. Disciplinary action may be taken against a student for violations of the foregoing regulations which occur on University owned, leased or otherwise controlled property, or which occur off-campus when the conduct impairs, interferes with, or obstructs any University activity or the missions, processes and functions of the University. In addition, disciplinary action may be taken on the basis of any conduct, on or off campus which violates local, state or federal laws, which violates University policies for student organizations, or which poses a substantial threat to persons or property within the University community.
4. For the purpose of these regulations, a “student” shall mean any person who is registered for study at Austin Peay State University for any academic period. A person shall be considered a student during any period which follows the end of an academic period which the student has completed until the last day for registration for the next succeeding regular academic period and during any period while the student is under suspension from the University.

Academic and Classroom Misconduct

1. The instructor has the primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity and can order the temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or conduct violative of the general rules and regulations of the institution. Extended or permanent exclusion from the classroom or further disciplinary action can be effected only through appropriate procedures established by the Division of Student Affairs.
2. Academic dishonesty may be defined as any act of dishonesty in academic work. This includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, the changing or falsifying of any academic documents or materials, cheating and giving or receiving of unauthorized aid in tests, examinations or other assigned work. Students guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly through participation or assistance, are immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. Penalties for academic misconduct will vary with the seriousness of the offense and may include, but are not limited to, a grade of “F” on the work in question, a grade of “F” in the course, reprimand, probation, suspen-

sion and expulsion.

3. If the student believes that he or she has been erroneously accused of academic misconduct, and if his or her final grade has been lowered as a result, the student may appeal the case through the Academic Grievance Procedures.
4. Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined, but is not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupts the flow of instruction or prevents concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, the presence of non-enrolled visitors in the classroom [see APSU Policy No. 3:032, Minors on Campus Policy], etc.), the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs or interrupts the concentration of others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, laptop computers, games, etc.).
5. Class attendance and punctuality requirements are contracted between the faculty and the students through specific expectations for attendance and punctuality and specific consequences that are outlined by individual faculty members in the printed syllabus for each course. Students are expected to attend class regularly and on time and are responsible for giving explanations/rational for absences and lateness directly to the faculty member for each course in which they are enrolled. In cases where student absences are the result of emergency circumstances (e.g., death in the family, a student's serious injury or incapacitating illness), for which student(s) are unable to make immediate contact with faculty, the student may contact the Student Affairs office for assistance in providing such immediate notification to faculty. However, the student remains responsible for verifying the emergency circumstances to faculty and for discussing arrangements with faculty for possible completion of course work requirements, if feasible.

Disciplinary Sanctions

1. Upon a determination that a student or organization has violated any of the rules, regulations, or disciplinary offenses set forth in these regulations, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed, either singly or in combination, by the appropriate University officials. (Note: Final results of disciplinary proceedings for violations that include violent acts or non-forcible sex offenses, as defined by Tennessee law, may be released without permission of the student perpetrator.)
2. Definition of Sanctions:
 - (a) Restitution. A student who has committed an offense against property may be required to reimburse the University or other owner for damage to or misappropriation of such property. Any such payment in restitution shall be limited to actual cost of repair or replacement.
 - (b) Reprimand. A written reprimand or censure may be given to any student or organization whose conduct violates any part of these regulations. Such a reprimand does not restrict the student or student organization in any way but does have important consequences. It signifies to the student or student organization that each is being given another chance to conduct themselves as a proper member of the University community, but that any further violation may result in more serious penalties.
 - (c) Restriction. A restriction upon a student's or organization's privileges for a period of time may be imposed. This restriction may include, but is not limited to, the following: denial of the right to represent the institution in any way, denial of the use of University facilities and/or parking privileges, restriction of participation in extracurricular activities, restriction of organizational privileges including registration, and restriction of the transfer of academic credit from another institution.