

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES**

This section of the APSU Student Handbook and Calendar includes important information about official campus rules, regulations, student rights, policies and guidelines that impact the academic and personal life of ALL APSU students. This listing may NOT include some regulations or policies that are unique to specific departments, programs, student organizations or student groups. However, this collection represents an attempt to provide students with a reference to these documents in one handy location.

It is the responsibility of ALL students to read and become familiar with the expectations that Austin Peay State University has for every student. Failure to abide by these regulations and policies may result in formal disciplinary actions, as outlined in the "Code of Student Conduct."

## **APSU STUDENT DISCIPLINARY RULES CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

### **Institutional Policy Statement**

1. APSU students are citizens of the state, local and national governments or are citizens of other countries, and of the academic community, and are, therefore, expected to conduct themselves as law-abiding members of each community at all times. Admission to the University carries with it special privileges and imposes special responsibilities apart from those rights and duties enjoyed by non-students. In recognition of the special relationship that exists between the institution and the academic community which it seeks to serve, the Tennessee Board of Regents has authorized the president of the University to take such action as may be necessary to maintain campus conditions and preserve the integrity of the institution and its educational environment.
2. Pursuant to this authority the University has developed the following regulations (known as the Code of Student Conduct), intended to govern student conduct on the Austin Peay State University campus. In addition, students are subject to all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. If a student's violation of such laws or ordinances also adversely affects the institution's pursuit of its educational objectives, the institution may enforce its own regulations regardless of any proceedings instituted by other authorities. Conversely, violation of any section of these Regulations may subject a student to disciplinary measures by the institution whether or not such conduct simultaneously violates state, local or national laws.

### **Disciplinary Offenses**

1. Generally, through appropriate due process procedures, institutional disciplinary measures shall be imposed for conduct which adversely affects the University's pursuit of its educational objectives, which violates or shows a disregard for the rights of other members of the academic community or which endangers property or persons on University, or University-controlled property.
2. Individual or organizational misconduct which is subject to disciplinary sanction shall include but not be limited to the following examples:
  - (a) Conduct dangerous to self or others. Any conduct which constitutes a serious danger to one's self or to any person's health, safety or personal well-being, including any physical abuse or immediate threat of abuse;
  - (b) Hazing. Violations of this section include any act of hazing on or off the Austin Peay State University campus or University-controlled property, by an Austin Peay State University individual, group of individuals or registered student organization. Hazing means any intentional or reckless act on or off the property of any higher education institution by one (1) student acting alone or with others which is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student, or which induces or