



QUINNIPIAC POLICIES

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Academic Integrity Policy

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The Academic Integrity Board is excited to share with you the Academic Integrity Policy. The attached information outlines a) the primary focus of the policy, and b) a summary of the procedures.

Summary of the Primary Focus of the Policy

- 1) **Focus on Integrity.** The general orientation of the policy is to promote and support integrity throughout the entire Quinnipiac community. Most broadly, the new policy reflects our desire to ask each Quinnipiac community member to focus on integrity in its broadest sense, not just honesty (or dishonesty) in academic work.
- 2) **Integrity Standards and Expectations.** Toward this end, the policy outlines standards and expectations for all members of the Quinnipiac community as follows:
 - **Standards**—the document describes five general principles that form the foundation of Quinnipiac’s integrity policy: responsibility, honesty, trust, fairness and respect. The policy states Quinnipiac’s expectation that all members of the community embrace and live up to these standards.
 - **Responsibilities**—the policy outlines specific responsibilities for all Quinnipiac community members to uphold the values of integrity.

This policy, we believe, should help us to develop a culture of integrity at Quinnipiac that does not emphasize what an individual should not do, but instead encourages students to make choices that reflect their commitment to being responsible adults who take pride in themselves and in the community at Quinnipiac.

- 3) **Student Involvement.** Another important innovation—for Quinnipiac, although it is common at other institutions—is the inclusion of students in the academic judicial process. This makes sense from a practical standpoint, in that students are likely to be more invested in a process that they have a say in. Furthermore, studies show that student participation in the process helps to increase the commitment to integrity and honesty.
- 4) **Violations and Procedures.** Violations are, unfortunately, inevitable. This policy includes an extensive listing of violations and examples of each. Further, the policy specifies that community members are expected to report violations of the policy.
- 5) **Educational Component.** The policy specifically includes an educational component, since a large part of cultivating a culture of integrity on campus is education and promotion efforts. Specifically, under the new policy, the director of academic integrity’s mission is to cultivate a culture of integrity through education and marketing efforts.

Summary of Procedures

This is an informational sheet *only*. It is highly recommended that the entire policy be reviewed by each member of the Quinnipiac community.

Introduction: Integrity is a guiding principle at Quinnipiac University and the community will be expected to uphold the five standards of integrity¹:

Honesty: Honesty is the bedrock upon which integrity is based. Academic and professional honesty require that each individual conduct herself or himself openly and in keeping with the truth. Even more importantly, honesty requires actively searching for and upholding the truth. Honesty is critical for the production and exchange of knowledge and ideas that are the hallmark of an institution of higher learning.

Trust: Trust is essential for an academic community. Academic work almost always builds upon or extends from the work of others and all members of the community **must** respect the work of others. Each individual must trust that

community members undertake their work in such a way that we build our knowledge, while freely and openly admitting our dependence upon the work of others. Community members also must endeavor to be worthy of the trust others have placed in us. This foundation of trust is vital to our community of inquiry and learning.

Responsibility: An academic or professional community provides its members with support, fellowship and intellectual stimulation. The price of these benefits is responsibility to the community. Therefore, all members of the University community must be committed not only to ethical practices themselves, but also must bear the responsibility of helping to encourage integrity among all community members.

Fairness: True communities celebrate the differences among their members while upholding the general principle that each individual should be treated equally. This basic principle of fairness to all is an aspect of integrity that guarantees each of us freedom to express our own individuality. This standard of fairness also carries the burden, however, of fair sanctions to those who violate the standards of the community.

Respect: The University is a gathering place where students and faculty come to learn about different ideas, cultures and ways of thinking—even those with which we may strongly disagree. This learning environment can be maintained only with mutual respect. This respect must be present in the classroom, in our everyday encounters with each another, and in our individual work. Respect means listening to others, evaluating and criticizing their ideas fairly, and properly acknowledging all sources of material not originally ours.

¹ This policy, and its emphasis on five principles of integrity, relies heavily upon the “Fundamental Values Project, A Report from the Center for Academic Integrity,” October 1999, published by the Center for Academic Integrity. It is available at www.academicintegrity.org/fundamental_values_project/index.php.

Procedures: Report, Case Review, Hearing, Appeal

A. Report

A report form may be filed by student, faculty or staff to the director of academic integrity.

In cases involving a minor and unintentional violation, the following occurs:

- Faculty can choose to resolve the incident with the student if this is a first time incident.
 - Faculty can educate the student and report this education to the director of academic integrity **without** the student’s name. This information will assist the director in determining areas of need for education.
 - If sanctioned, the student may appeal.

In cases involving a substantial or intentional violation, the following occurs:

- Faculty must file a report with the director of academic integrity
- Director of academic integrity notifies all individuals of report and procedures
- Student files a response on the response form
 - Student admits violation **and** has prior history of violation: case goes to case review or hearing
 - Student admits violation **and** has **no** prior history of violation: a joint resolution is possible or case goes to a case review or hearing
 - Student denies violation: case goes to case review

If a joint resolution is agreed upon, the resolution form is sent to the director of academic integrity for final approval.

B. Case Review (Preliminary Inquiry)

- Case advisory team consists of one student and one faculty/combined faculty/staff from the Academic Integrity Board.
- Cases that involve multiple students will all be heard by the case review team prior to any voting on individual cases.
- Case advisory team reviews information provided and can interview individuals involved in the report/incident.
 - **If** sufficient information of a violation is found, a joint resolution can be completed or the information can be sent to the board for a hearing.

- If a joint resolution is agreed upon, the form is completed and sent to the director of academic integrity for final approval
- If a hearing is to be held, all parties are notified by the director of academic integrity
- **If** insufficient information is found for a violation, the case is dismissed and records are not filed. Parties are informed of the case review decision by the director of academic integrity.

C. Hearing

- Hearing board consists of four students, two faculty/combined faculty and one staff (all of whom would not have been members of the case review for this case).
- Cases that involve multiple students will all be heard by the board prior to any voting on the individual cases.
- Director of academic integrity notifies all individuals of the hearing and the procedures.
 - **If** student is found responsible, the board first determines if there was a prior integrity violation and then establishes sanctions.
 - **If** student is found not responsible, the case is dismissed and no records are filed.
- Student can appeal decision.

D. Appeal

- Student can appeal directly to the senior vice president for academic affairs or his/her designee using the proper procedures.
- Any sanction of suspension, dismissal or expulsion will result in an automatic appeal to the senior vice president for academic affairs.
- A review of the record is completed by the senior vice president for academic affairs or his/her designee. Interviews can be completed as required by the senior vice president for academic affairs. Once a decision is reached regarding the outcome of the appeal, the senior vice president for academic affairs or his/her designee will notify all individuals involved in the case, as well as any appropriate Quinnipiac University personnel (bursar, registrar, deans, etc.) of the outcome.

E. Noncompliance

- Sanction noncompliance
 - 1a. “Students who choose not to comply with the sanctions determined in a **joint resolution**, will be required to attend a hearing.”
 - 1b. “Students who choose not to comply with the sanctions determined by a **hearing board** will be subject to a one-semester suspension.”

Procedure

1. Any student who appears to be in noncompliance with either a joint resolution or a hearing board sanction will be notified by the director of academic integrity via email and certified mail of the apparent non-compliance. The student will be informed of the noncompliance issues/facts and instructed to reply in the stated timeframe. The student will have seven calendar days to reply to the director. The student will also be informed that he/she can request an extension, in writing, to the director. No more than one extension can be granted by the director.
2. If the student requests an extension, he/she will be notified by the director within seven calendar days of the extension’s approval/denial and the reasons for such.
3. If the student does not reply after notification, the student will be deemed to be noncompliant and required to attend a hearing (joint resolution) or will be subject to a one-semester suspension (hearing).
4. Appeal of the suspension will occur in the same manner as all other suspensions. (See Appeals section of the Academic Integrity Policy.)

F. Miscellaneous

1. Records are confidential. Records are not to be on a network and should be in a locked file under the supervision of the director of academic integrity.
2. Records will be maintained for three semesters and then automatically destroyed **unless** a sanction of “suspension, expulsion or dismissal” from Quinnipiac has been given. These records will be maintained indefinitely.

3. If final grades are required while a report is in process, an “incomplete” grade will be given to the student until the issue is resolved.
4. If a report is filed during the summer months, every effort will be made to form the appropriate committees from the Academic Integrity Board in effect during the prior academic year. If this is not possible, the senior vice president for academic affairs and the senior vice president for student affairs will act jointly to establish a committee.
5. Specific examples of violations and sanctions can be found in the appendix to the Academic Integrity Policy.
6. All forms can be found on the Academic Integrity Policy website at www.quinnipiac.edu/academic-integrity.xml or through the Quinnipiac University home page.

Academic Good Standing Policy

A. For Financial Aid Recipients and Applicants

Undergraduate students who wish to receive assistance through any federal, state or institutionally supported grant, loan or work-study program must comply with the following standards for satisfactory progress and academic performance.

I. Satisfactory Progress—The rate of a student’s movement toward the declared degree objective. Satisfactory progress is defined as the successful completion of a minimum of 20 credits of academic work per academic year for students who enroll in the fall and 12 credits of academic work for those initially enrolling in the spring or enrolling only for the fall term.

Students may not receive financial assistance for more than 10 semesters of full-time attendance or after the student is certified for graduation by Quinnipiac, whichever comes first.

Satisfactory progress for part-time undergraduate students is defined as the successful completion of a minimum of 12 academic credits during the academic year (fall and spring semesters). Students who begin their studies in the spring semester or who enroll only for the fall semester must complete 6 credits that semester. Students who enroll full time for one semester and part time for the other semester must complete 18 credits during the academic year. Less than half-time students must complete the course work for which they have enrolled. Part-time students may not receive aid for more than 20 semesters of part-time study or after the student is certified for graduation by Quinnipiac, whichever comes first. Part-time (includes less than half-time) students must be matriculated or in the process of matriculation in an academic program.

B. For All Undergraduate Students

Math and English Requirements

Full-time students are expected to have completed EN 101, EN 102 and MA 110 (or higher) by the end of three semesters. Part-time students are expected to have met these requirements by the time they have completed 30 credits.

Credit and GPA Requirements

To be in academic good standing at Quinnipiac, undergraduate students must meet both minimum grade point average (GPA) and completed credit requirements. The requirements for full-time students are listed in the schedule below:

Semester Registered	Minimum Required GPA	Minimum Required Credits Completed as a FT Student
1	1.8	10
2	1.8	20
3	1.9	30
4	1.9	40

5	2.0	50
6	2.0	60
7	2.0	70
8	2.0	80
9	2.0	90
10	2.0	100
11	2.0	110
12	2.0	120

The academic good standing requirements for transfer students are based on the number of credits accepted for transfer. For example, students who enter Quinnipiac University with 20 transfer credits are considered to have completed two semesters and are subject to the requirements of a third-semester student during her/his first semester at Quinnipiac. However, Minimum GPA is based only on courses completed at Quinnipiac. Academic good standing for part-time students is based solely on GPA. For example, a part-time student must have a GPA of 1.8 or better upon completion of 10 credits and a 2.0 or better upon the completion of 50 credits. Individual programs may have GPA and completed credit requirements that are higher than those listed above.

Sanctions

Any student who fails to achieve any of the requirements listed above may be subject to sanctions including loss of financial aid, academic probation, suspension or dismissal from the University. Please see the University Course Catalog for additional details.

Student Records Policy

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day Quinnipiac University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. A Quinnipiac official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the Quinnipiac official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that he or she believes are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to ask the University to amend a record should write the Quinnipiac official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed. If Quinnipiac decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to provide written consent before Quinnipiac discloses personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by Quinnipiac University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company which whom Quinnipiac has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, Quinnipiac also discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Public Notice Designating Directory Information

Quinnipiac University designates the following information as public or “Directory Information” under FERPA, that is, information that can be made available to the general public by Quinnipiac without the student’s prior consent:

Name

Address

Telephone number

Email address

Date and place of birth

Secondary school

Hometown or city at the time

School or college

Major field of study

Degree sought

Weight and height of athletic team members

Expected date of completion of degree requirements and graduation

Degrees and awards received

Dates of attendance

Full- or part-time enrollment status

Previous educational agency application for admission filed or institution attended

Participation in officially recognized activities and sports

Name and address of parent or guardian

Photo images from ID cards

A student may refuse to permit the designation as “Directory Information” of any or all of the personally identifiable information listed about, except to school officials with legitimate educational interests and others as indicated. To do so, a student must make the request in writing to the Office of the Registrar by 5 p.m. on Friday of the first week of classes of the semester. Once filed, this request becomes a permanent part of the student’s record until the student instructs Quinnipiac University, in writing, to have the request removed.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Quinnipiac University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-59001

Alcohol and Drug Policy

Community Expectations

Quinnipiac University encourages mature reflection by its students when making personal choices. The institution is concerned about alcohol and drug use in our society and community. Students are expected to be aware of University policies and the availability of help for those who need assistance. The welfare of students in our community is paramount; therefore, the University expects students to assist fellow students when they are in need.

Legal Responsibilities

The state of Connecticut prohibits alcohol possession, distribution or consumption by those under the age of 21 and also prohibits anyone in possession of any dwelling unit or private property from permitting possession there of alcohol by a person under the age of 21. Federal, state and local laws prohibit the possession, manufacture, distribution and sale of illegal or harmful drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

Quinnipiac University seeks to develop a community where students take responsibility for complying with these laws and understand they will be held accountable when their behavior impacts others. Students are expected to act in a manner that neither abuses nor endangers themselves or others and refrain from behavior that is disorderly or destructive in nature. Students also must understand that conduct that interferes with the rights of others and/or demonstrates disregard for the University community is not tolerated.

The University has a no-tolerance policy with respect to driving under the influence. Such behavior, regardless of age of the driver, places the student, passengers and community members in jeopardy of their lives, health and well-being. The University's alcohol policy specifically is targeted to prevent any student, regardless of age, from drinking and driving. Extensive shuttle bus services are provided throughout the week and on weekends to eliminate the need for any student consuming alcohol to get behind the wheel of a vehicle. Students involved in an actual accident, a DUI conviction or any reasonably similar occurrence are disciplined appropriately. Violations of this nature could result in loss of on-campus parking and driving privileges and/or suspension or dismissal from University housing or the University.

All students are responsible for discouraging behavior that is disruptive to the University community. Such behaviors may include excessive noise, physical violence, verbal abuse and vandalism. The consumption of alcoholic beverages in common and public areas such as mall areas, hallways, lavatories, stairwells, lounges, parking lots, and athletic fields is not permitted. Kegs, beerballs and/or excessive quantities of alcohol and alcohol paraphernalia also are prohibited.

The University's response to students found in violation of the alcohol and drug policy is governed by various factors including severity of the infraction, actual or the potential for personal injury, damage to property, and previous disciplinary history. Disciplinary sanctions may include, but are not limited to, loss of on-campus parking and driving privileges, lowest priority for the student housing lottery, termination of on-campus employment, restitution, parental notification, and/or temporary or permanent suspension or dismissal from the University housing and/or the University. If a student is found responsible for the manufacturing, distribution, possession with intent to sell, or sale of illegal or harmful drugs, the student may be expelled from Quinnipiac and will be referred to the appropriate federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

Student Code of Conduct Process

The purpose of the Student Code of Conduct process at Quinnipiac University is to review potential violations of Quinnipiac community standards. It must be emphasized that the legal responsibilities and liabilities of Quinnipiac reside with the board of trustees. The board of trustees vests in the president or his designee the authority to hear and resolve final appeals in any matter. Further, the code of conduct represents the concept that a disciplinary process should, in fact, be an educational experience that fosters responsibility for individual actions, as well as for the way the community functions. The prevailing rule in student discipline must be that of fundamental fairness and education.

Primary supervision of the Student Code of Conduct process rests with the vice president and dean of students. The associate dean of student affairs is responsible for advising the vice president and dean of students on administration of the Student Code of Conduct process.

The vice president and dean of students or designee have the authority to determine those very serious violations of the University's Student Code of Conduct that require immediate attention. His/her decision may be appealed directly to the vice president and dean of students or designee.

All other conduct cases are reviewed by a conduct officer under the direction of the associate dean of student affairs. Individuals may request an appeal provided they attended their original conduct meeting, have grounds for an appeal as stated in this handbook, and meet with the associate dean of student affairs or designee to complete appropriate paperwork. The appeal decision is final.

The day-to-day safety and health operations and business practices of Quinnipiac do not fall under the purview of the code of conduct process. Furthermore, an officer of Quinnipiac or a duly authorized individual acting on behalf of Quinnipiac may take immediate action toward a person(s), if that person(s) is perceived to be a threat to his/her life, health or safety and/or that of others.

Basic Policies and Principles

Every community has certain standards and traditions governing the behavior of its members to ensure the basic rights of individuals, as well as to reflect the practical necessities of the community. The Quinnipiac community is no exception and, perhaps more than others, depends upon the maturity and sense of responsibility of its members. These basic policies and principles and the accompanying conduct procedures are designed to ensure that the rights of the community and its members are protected, and that the educational process may proceed without impairment.

Identification

All Quinnipiac students must carry their University Q-CARD and provide it to University personnel upon request.

Advisers

Excessive legalism can be a disservice to Quinnipiac and its community of students, faculty and staff. Legal counsel/attorneys, parents and/or family members are not permitted to participate in any conduct meeting. A member of the Quinnipiac faculty, staff (excluding any relative employed by the University) or student body may attend the meeting in the role of an adviser. Advisers serve as a moral and emotional support for students during conduct meetings, and can assist them with their meeting preparation. Advisers are not permitted to advocate for a student or speak on their behalf during a conduct meeting.

Jurisdiction

The Student Code of Conduct shall apply to conduct that occurs on University-owned or leased property and at University-sponsored events. In addition, Quinnipiac reserves the right to address, through the Student Code of Conduct process, incidents which occur off campus that may endanger the health, safety and welfare of others and/or adversely affect the University and/or the pursuit of its objectives. Each student shall be responsible for their conduct from the time of application for admission through the awarding of a degree, as well as during periods between terms of actual enrollment, study abroad and leaves of absence or suspension.

Staff Access to University-Owned Housing

The University, its officers, employees and agents have the right to enter an assigned room or University-owned residence for the purpose of inspection and repair, preservation of health, safety, quietude, recovery of University-owned property and for suspected policy violations.

Parental Notification

Quinnipiac reserves the right to communicate with parents on any student conduct action taken by Quinnipiac officials, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Victim Information

Community members who are victims of a reported crime against their person or property may be entitled to information upon request, pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, section 493. Students with requests or questions should contact the Dean of Students Office.

Amendments

Quinnipiac reserves the right to amend the Student Code of Conduct at any time.

Electronic Communications

Quinnipiac University encourages its students to become involved and connected to the community in as many ways as possible. The Internet has provided additional ways for communication to occur. However, with these additional means of networking and communicating, community members must exercise extra care and diligence. The goal of this policy is to help students become aware of the added responsibility associated with these opportunities for networking and communicating.

Communications on sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and personal blogs, though logins are often required, represent public and open communication. Communications on such sites are not specifically monitored by Quinnipiac officials, but may be brought to the attention of conduct officials when they are seen as possible violations of the Student Code of Conduct. As with other public arenas, information found on Internet sites is acceptable as information in conduct meetings and other proceedings. Information that is acceptable may include but is not limited to: wall postings, journal entries, blog postings, pictures, media, comments, and other openly accessible communications.

Messages between individuals—instant messages, text messages, email, Facebook messages, or other electronic forms of communications—may also be used in the conduct process.

Students should be aware that the Internet is considered a public forum and information posted there can be viewed by anyone using caution in the information made available to others is encouraged.

Student Code of Conduct

All Quinnipiac students are responsible for abiding by the standards of the Quinnipiac community, and those who violate them are subject to disciplinary action. Any attempt to violate the rules and regulations of Quinnipiac is considered sufficient information for having committed the violation itself. Moreover, Quinnipiac recognizes and respects local, state, and federal laws and statutes and, therefore, does not provide safe haven or sanctuary for students who violate such laws.

The University may pursue enforcement of its own rules, whether or not legal proceedings are under way or forthcoming, and may use information from third-party sources, such as law enforcement agencies, the courts and outside media, to determine whether Quinnipiac's rules have been violated. Conversely, Quinnipiac makes no attempt to shield members of the University community from the law, nor does it intervene in legal proceedings against a member of the community. These standards are announced in writing to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. The standards should be read broadly and are not designed to define misconduct in exhaustive terms. A conduct officer will find a student responsible for a conduct code violation if the violation is proven by a preponderance of the information presented; that is, based on information that the conduct officer finds credible and convincing, it is more likely than not that the student is responsible for violating the code of conduct.

The University conduct system may review and impose sanctions on an individual or group involved in any criminal or civil offense against the state or country. Violations of specifically stated policies as written in the Student Handbook, or otherwise distributed or published rules of Quinnipiac are prohibited. These include but are not limited to:

1. Alcohol

Students should review and are expected to abide by the state laws and the Quinnipiac alcohol policy as published in the Student Handbook, or otherwise distributed or published by Quinnipiac.

- A. Members of the Quinnipiac community or guests/visitors under the age of 21 may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- B. Individuals may not distribute, transport, serve and/or purchase alcohol to/for minors.
- C. Students who display intoxicated behaviors (i.e., slurred speech, glazed eyes, etc.) or students who require staff assistance due to the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs are subject to disciplinary action.
- D. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.
- E. Kegs/beerballs and/or excessive quantities of alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- F. Large gatherings or events where alcohol is present are prohibited.
- G. Possession or use of drinking paraphernalia, devices and/or games that promote consumption of alcohol (i.e., beer bong, beer-pong tables, funnels, etc.) are prohibited. Such items may be confiscated and not returned.
- H. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas is prohibited, regardless of age, except in designated areas.
- I. Selling of alcoholic beverages without a license is prohibited.

2. Controlled Substances

- A. The possession and/or use of illegal or harmful drugs is prohibited.
- B. The manufacture, distribution, possession with intent to sell and/or sale of prescription medication, illegal or harmful drugs is prohibited.
- C. The possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
- D. The improper possession and/or misuse of prescription medication is prohibited.

3. Civility and Respect

Quinnipiac expects students to be mature, honest and responsible members of the campus and the larger community. Behavior that infringes upon the rights, safety, prosperity and privileges of another person, or impedes the educational process of Quinnipiac is unacceptable. Quinnipiac prohibits:

- A. excessive or harassing noise
- B. deliberate disruption or interference with any class or University function
- C. conduct that interferes with the rights of others and/or demonstrates disregard for the University community
- D. Participation in a campus demonstration that disrupts the normal operations of Quinnipiac and infringes on the rights of the members of the campus community is prohibited.
- E. indecent exposure and/or lewd behavior

4. Complicity

Quinnipiac prohibits students, through act or omission, from assisting another student or group in committing a violation of the Code of Conduct. A student present when the Code of Conduct is violated may be held responsible, even if the student is not directly involved in the violation itself, when he or she could reasonably, under the circumstances, remove themselves from the situation.

5. Harassment and Abuse

Physical attack, interference with a person's customary or usual affairs, harassing phone calls, electronic and/or Internet communication (see p. 67), notes or other behavior which puts the person in fear for his/her safety, or causes the person to suffer actual physical injury or mental distress, is not tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, any harassment, abuse or attack based upon a person's race, religion, sex, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status or physical or mental abilities. Quinnipiac prohibits and does not tolerate:

- A. personal harassment
- B. verbal abuse
- C. the threat of action in a manner that inflicts physical harm, physical abuse, mental distress or injury to any person

- D. actions that inflict physical harm, physical abuse, mental distress or injury to any person
- E. non-physical or physical coercion
- F. slanderous, false or malicious statement(s) about a person or defamation of character
- G. endangerment of the health and safety of self and/or others

6. Sexual Misconduct

Quinnipiac prohibits any form of sexual misconduct, including but not limited to acts of sexual assault (stranger, date or acquaintance), sexual abuse or any sexual contact that occurs without the consent of the victim, or that occurs when the victim is unable to give consent.

7. Hazing

Hazing is defined as, but not limited to, any action taken or situation created intentionally as a method of initiation into any student organization, student athletic team or group of students, whether on or off campus, to create mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, physical or psychological shock, or possibly mental or physical injury. The expressed or implied consent of the victim will not be a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts and will be construed as violations of this standard. (Please see the Student Organization section of the Student Handbook, p. 36 for further explanation.)

8. Property

Students responsible for damage and vandalism to Quinnipiac and/or personal property are subject to restitution and/or disciplinary action. In cases where damage or vandalism is done to common areas, and the student(s) who are responsible cannot be determined, students sharing that common area share in the cost of the restitution. Residents are responsible for reporting individual damages to their residence hall director, the Department of Facilities and/or the off-campus property management company, as soon as they occur. Residents are not permitted to make their own repairs. Damages that occur in a particular room are billed to all roommates unless only one is clearly responsible. Damage to the common area, living room/kitchen or unit property are billed to all those living in the suite or unit.

- A. Unauthorized use and/or misuse of another's property or Quinnipiac property is prohibited.
- B. The theft of another's property or Quinnipiac property or unauthorized possession of another's property or Quinnipiac property is prohibited.
- C. Damage and vandalism to another's property or Quinnipiac property is prohibited.
- D. Tampering with locks and duplication or unauthorized use of Quinnipiac keys is prohibited.
- E. Propping or tampering with doors to prevent them from closing or locking is prohibited.
- F. Creating messes and littering on campus or in a University-owned building is prohibited.
- G. Throwing, launching or propelling objects is prohibited.
- H. Failure to report damage is prohibited.

9. Orders and Directions

- A. Failure to comply with reasonable directions of Quinnipiac officials (or someone acting in the name of Quinnipiac) is prohibited.
- B. Harassment and/or verbal abuse of Quinnipiac officials (or someone acting in the name of Quinnipiac) acting within the scope of their duties is prohibited.
- C. Failure to appear at an investigation meeting and/or failure to fulfill the terms and conditions of sanctions imposed is prohibited.
- D. Unauthorized entry into or use of Quinnipiac facilities or attempting to gain entrance to unauthorized premises is prohibited.
- E. Fleeing the scene of an incident is prohibited.
- F. False 911 and/or campus emergency system calls both on and off campus are prohibited.
- G. Misconduct on the University shuttle and/or shuttle stop (including, but not limited to, damage, vandalism, verbal and/or physical abuse, lewd behavior and intoxication) is prohibited.

10. Misuse of Documents/Property

- A. Knowingly using or furnishing false information or identification to a Quinnipiac official (or to someone acting in the name of Quinnipiac) is prohibited.

- B. Forgery or alteration of Quinnipiac documents, records or instruments of identification is prohibited.
- C. Unauthorized possession of Quinnipiac documents, records or instruments of identification is prohibited.
- D. Violation of the computer and information resources policy is prohibited.
- E. Forgery, alteration, possession or manufacturing or distribution of false identifications, documents or records is prohibited.
- F. Unauthorized use of Quinnipiac's name or logo or failure to use Quinnipiac's name or logo in a manner consistent with its designated objectives is prohibited.

11. Fire and Fire Protection Systems

- A. Tampering, damaging or removing fire safety equipment is prohibited.
- B. Causing or attempting to cause a fire or false fire alarm is not tolerated.
- C. Failure to evacuate during fire alarm or emergency is prohibited.
- D. The setting of fires, arson or adding to unauthorized fires is prohibited.

12. Firearms, Weapons and Explosives

- A. Possession, storage or use of firecrackers, fireworks, fire bombs, smoke bombs or any other explosive device is prohibited.
- B. Possession, transportation, storage or use of firearms, air guns, splat guns, BB guns or any other dangerous weapon is prohibited.
- C. Bomb scares or threats are prohibited.

13. Misuse of University Funds

- A. Embezzlement or misuse of the funds of the University and/or its student organizations is prohibited.
- B. Forgery, falsification or alteration of student employee timesheets or misuse of the Kronos system is prohibited.

14. Abuse of the Student Conduct Process

- A. Providing false statements during conduct proceedings is prohibited.
- B. Harassment and/or intimidation of a conduct officer, witness or victim prior to, during and/or after a conduct proceeding is prohibited.

15. Gambling

The act of gambling or being part of a gambling ring, bookmaking or illegal transaction is prohibited.

16. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in any Quinnipiac University building.

17. Solicitation

Solicitation is strictly prohibited at the University.

- A. The direct sale of merchandise or services, and the solicitation of donations (with or without products or services rendered) is prohibited.
- B. Posting solicitation materials in the residence halls in violation of University posting policies is prohibited.

18. Residential Life

A. Roommates' Rights

For the purposes of this handbook, a roommate is defined as an individual who resides within the same room, suite, apartment or house. Disruption or interference with a roommate's right to study, sleep, live in a clean, secure environment and/or have full access to one's own room is prohibited. Each member living in a particular housing unit is responsible for ensuring that Quinnipiac University policies are followed by all of the residents and their guests and/or visitors.

B. Playing Sports

The use of any sporting equipment in the hallways, common areas, individual rooms or courtyards is prohibited.

C. Pets

Pets, other than fish contained in a tank no larger than 10 gallons, are prohibited in the residence halls.

D. Health and Safety

Resident students assume responsibility for the use and general care of the room and its furnishings. Members of the residential life staff and the Department of Facilities inspect all rooms on a regular basis, including during each vacation period, for health, safety, damage, fire code and security reasons. Violations may result in a monetary fine and/or disciplinary action. **Any prohibited item found is confiscated and is not returned.**

1. During the routine inspection, items including but not limited to the following are evaluated:

- Pictures, posters and other decorations improperly hung on the walls (only poster putty should be used)
- Damage caused by nails, tacks, pins, screws, masking tape and/or scotch tape
- Overloaded wastebaskets
- Fire hazards (decorative door items may be placed only on the bulletin board)
- Evidence of illegal pets
- Condition and structure of University furniture
- Missing University property
- Damage or misuse of fire safety equipment
- Evidence of vandalism

2. Prohibited items, including but not limited to the following as deemed appropriate:

- Alcohol or drug paraphernalia
- Bars and bar-like structures
- Collections and/or displays of alcohol containers
- Hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens, coffee makers (except certain single-cup coffee makers) coil-type burners and indoor grills. Students living in the Hill, Complex and Quinnipiac Off-Campus properties are permitted to have toasters and coffeemakers in the kitchen area only.
- Non-University approved air-conditioning units
- Tapestries covering ceiling or light fixtures, ceiling fans or other items hanging from the ceilings
- Overloaded electrical outlets
- Candles, incense and other open-flame devices
- Grill units and propane gas tanks
- Fireworks, guns, weapons and explosives
- Darts, dartboards and slingshots
- Halogen lamps
- Pools and tent-like structures
- Live Christmas trees
- String lights
- Smoke and fog machines
- Flammable objects and/or substances
- Hookah pipes or equipment
- Non-University-owned lofts

E. Painting

Painting residence hall rooms and/or University-owned residences is prohibited.

F. Window Screens

Removing screens from any window is prohibited.

G. Housing Agreement

Students are responsible for maintaining and abiding by their housing agreement. The housing agreement can be viewed online.

H. Quiet Hours

1. All resident students and their guests and visitors must abide by the quiet hours that are in effect from Sunday-Thursday, 9 p.m. to 8 a.m., and Friday-Saturday, 2 a.m. to 8 a.m.
2. Consideration hours are in effect at all times. Students are to respect the right of others to read, study and sleep without interference, undue disturbance or unreasonable noise. Students living in University-owned or leased properties must be respectful of the greater community in which they live.
3. During the period of final exams, 24-hour “exam hours” are in effect beginning at noon on the Friday before final exams. Exam hours are defined as 24-hour quiet hours during final exams.

19. Visitor and Guest Policy

Visitors are defined as any non-Quinnipiac student who chooses to visit a resident student. A guest is defined as another Quinnipiac student who is not a resident of a particular living unit. Resident students may register one visitor for any one day. Seniors in residential housing may register two visitors. Visitors are registered through the Quinnipiac University website. Students alleged to be in violation of this policy are charged under the University conduct system. Non-Quinnipiac students who do not have the appropriate visitor pass are removed from the campus immediately.

- A. Students hosting visitors must accompany them and are responsible for their behavior at **all times**. Students are held accountable for any disturbance and/or damage their visitors may cause.
- B. Residents are limited to one guest or visitor at a time. The maximum number of people permitted to occupy any individual room, suite or apartment at any one time may not exceed twice the number of residents of that living unit at any one time.
- C. Students living in off-campus housing units must adhere to the guest and visitor policies as well as all other Quinnipiac policies. Commuter students may not register visitors for the residence hall area.
- D. Overnight visitors or guests must have the approval of all residents in a given living unit. A guest or visitor may not spend more than four consecutive nights per semester. All students and their guest/visitors must adhere to the Roommates Bill of Rights (see p. 56). Any concerns regarding overnight guests/visitors should be reported to the residence hall director immediately.

20. Federal, State and Local Laws

Violations of federal, state or local law, which adversely affect the community and/or the University and the pursuit of its objectives, are prohibited.

Immediate Disciplinary Suspensions

Quinnipiac continues to recognize that its philosophy is permanently linked with the protection of its students, faculty, staff and property. Confirming the intention of this protection, the vice president and dean of students or designee reserve the right to act in the best interests of the Quinnipiac community in situations that threaten the health, welfare and safety of students, Quinnipiac personnel and property. The vice president and dean of students or designee has the authority to immediately suspend from Quinnipiac any student who is a threat to self or others and who, by his or her actions, is a potential danger to the community.

The director of residential life or a designee can suspend immediately from the residence halls and University-owned residences any student who makes verbal threats against others, who physically injures others, or who has been identified as a potential danger to self or others. Also, the dean of students or residential life staff can suspend any student who has been identified as causing extensive damage by acts of vandalism, by setting off explosives or fireworks, by setting fires, or by tampering with fire safety equipment.

Student Code of Conduct System

The Quinnipiac University Student Code of Conduct System consists of conduct meetings and appeal meetings. All proceedings are conducted according to the procedures set forth in this handbook.

Students accused of an alleged violation of policy are notified and given their procedural rights in writing and/or electronically by a conduct officer. At the time of the conduct meeting, procedural rights are reviewed and students are asked to declare whether they are or are not responsible for the alleged violation. After the student declaration is recorded, the conduct officer proceeds with the meeting. Students and parents are encouraged to contact the associate dean of student affairs with questions about the code of conduct process and procedural rights.

Examination and Vacation Periods

During examination, vacation and other periods, conduct meetings may occur as necessary. A conduct meeting may be called during these times if deemed necessary by the associate dean of student affairs or designee. All decisions rendered during this interim period must conform to the spirit of the code of conduct process as expressed in this handbook. Appeals of conduct meetings concluded during this time may be directed to the associate dean of student affairs.

Proximity to Graduation

Exception may be granted only if the illegal behavior occurs within three weeks of the final semester of any graduating senior. Under such circumstances, the senior vice president for academic affairs and vice president and dean of students may or may not allow a student to complete his/her course work for credit if such arrangement can be practicably accomplished without the student returning to campus and if such an accommodation is merited in their view based on extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis. An expelled student may not participate in graduation exercises or return to campus or the University for any additional semester of course work and, except for the possibility of a senior in his/her last three weeks of school, an expelled student will not receive a Quinnipiac diploma.

Conduct Administration

The associate dean of student affairs oversees the conduct process and directs the efforts of students, faculty and staff members in matters involving student conduct. Responsibilities are to:

1. Advise and assist parties involved in conduct proceedings.
2. Train and advise the conduct officers and resident assistants.
3. Review decisions of the code of conduct process.
4. Maintain all student disciplinary records.
5. Collect and disseminate research and analysis concerning student conduct.

Conduct Procedures

An incident report is filed in writing to a conduct officer, the security department or the associate dean of student affairs. The person filing the report may receive assistance or advice in the preparation of the report from the associate dean of student affairs or designee.

The initial incident report describes the behavior and the appropriate facts and details relating to the incident at issue and identifies witnesses where appropriate. The report is submitted to a conduct officer, the security department or the associate dean of student affairs for appropriate action.

Upon receipt of a report and a completed investigation by the University investigator if necessary, the appropriate conduct officer schedules a conduct meeting, which should be held within two business weeks following the receipt of the report. A notice of the time, date and place of the meeting is sent to the student via electronic mail or hard copy at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

A request for postponement of up to five additional days for a conduct meeting can be made to the conduct officer. The request must be for good cause. The parties involved are responsible for checking their mailboxes and/or Quinnipiac email account even during examination and vacation periods. Excuses for not checking the mailbox, email account, or delays in mail delivery are not acceptable reasons for postponement. Conduct cases are heard as scheduled with or without the student present.

Student Procedural Rights in the Student Code of Conduct Process

A student who has been charged with a violation of the Student Code of Conduct is granted fundamental fairness and the following rights:

- **Notice**—The right to be informed in writing of the specific alleged violation(s) in which the student is suspected of involvement.
- **Procedures**—The right to be informed orally and/or in writing of the conduct procedures.
- **Information**—The right to know the nature of the information at the time of the meeting and object to information being heard that is unrelated to the incident cited in the report.
- **Witness Statements**—The right to present witness statements in a conduct meeting. Any information and witness statements must be submitted to the conduct officer no less than one business day prior to the meeting.
- **Adviser**—The right to have a Quinnipiac faculty or staff member (excluding any relative employed by the University) or student attend the meeting in the role of friend or adviser. This individual may not address the conduct officer, but may consult freely with the student. Legal counsel/attorneys, parents and/or family members are not permitted to participate in any conduct meeting.
- **Self-incrimination**—The right to invoke the privilege against self-incrimination where criminal charges are pending against the student.
- **Written decision**—The right to have a written response reporting the results of the meeting.
- **Confidentiality**—The right to have all records, files and proceedings kept appropriately confidential.
- **Meeting**—The right to request a postponement subject to the availability of the conduct officer, of up to five additional days from the original conduct meeting date to prepare for the meeting.
- **Appeal**—The right to request an appeal of a conduct meeting. Any student wishing to appeal must contact the associate dean of student affairs at 203-582-8753 within one business day after the conduct meeting. Students who fail to attend their conduct meeting forfeit their right to request an appeal.

Witness Statements

Witnesses are those individuals who provide information based on personal knowledge or experience of the incident. In conduct meetings, the student may present witness statements to the conduct officer no less than one business day prior to the conduct meeting. The conduct officer has the option of calling each of the witnesses as deemed appropriate.

Conduct Meeting

At a conduct meeting, a conduct officer, the student and his or her advisers are present. The conduct officer reviews the procedural rights of the student. The incident report may be read and the alleged violations based on the report are explained. The student is asked to declare if he/she is responsible for any of the alleged violations. The student has the option to waive his/her right of 48-hour notification.

The student presents his/her information, which may include witness statements acquired by the student. After the presentation, the conduct officer questions the student. The conduct officer decides if the student is responsible or not responsible for the violations. The sanction may be announced and explained either at the meeting or within three business days as determined by the conduct officer. At the time the decision is rendered, the student signs the conduct meeting agreement acknowledging the finding and sanction. The student has the right to request an appeal.

Recordings and Records

The conduct officer can exercise the right to record the meeting. Students are not permitted to record conduct meetings. Recordings and the disciplinary records, excluding dismissals and expulsions, are retained for a period of time after a student graduates or withdraws from Quinnipiac. All dismissal and expulsion records remain permanently

on file. All conduct meetings are closed. The conduct officer, the student and his or her advisers, and the associate dean of student affairs or designee are the maximum number of individuals to participate at a conduct meeting. The University does not permit the release of any recordings or disciplinary records.

Findings

The student must receive the decision of the conduct officer in writing within three business days after the meeting. If the sanction(s) imposed by the conduct officer are expulsion, dismissal or suspension from the University, the student is informed that an appeal is automatic. See Appeals section (p. 76) for more information.

Sanctions

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct may bring one or more of the following sanctions:

1. **Expulsion**—The permanent separation of the student from Quinnipiac University, University-related events/activities and Quinnipiac facilities.
2. **Dismissal**—The separation of the student from Quinnipiac University, University-related events/activities and Quinnipiac facilities for an indefinite period of time. Readmission to Quinnipiac may be possible in the future by petition to the appropriate conduct officer, but a specific time or date for a decision is not established.
3. **Suspension from the University**—The immediate exclusion from classes, residence halls, the University and/or other privileges as set forth in the notice of suspension. Normally, suspension occurs for a specific period of time at the end of which a student is reinstated to his/her former student status. In some cases, a student may be suspended for an indefinite period of time with provisions for review by the vice president and dean of students, or designee, to determine one of the following:
 - Whether the student will be reinstated immediately
 - Whether the student will be reinstated at a specified later date
 - Whether the indefinite suspension will be maintained. In these cases, it is the responsibility of the student to petition the vice president and dean of students or his/her designee for such a review, and at that time, present evidence of compliance with the conditions of suspension. Such a request for review cannot be filed before the date set forth in the notice of suspension. The records of all proceedings remain part of the student's disciplinary file.
4. **Deferred suspension from the University**—A suspended removal from Quinnipiac University for a period of time. Any violation of policy committed during this period causes the suspension to take effect immediately. The length of time is determined by the primary conduct officer.
5. **Suspension from the residence halls**—A suspension and removal from the residence halls for a period of time. Students who are suspended from the residence halls may not reside in or visit any University-owned residential facility.
6. **Deferred suspension from the residence halls**— A suspended removal from Quinnipiac University residential living area. Any violation of policy committed during this period causes the suspension to take effect immediately. The length of time is determined by the primary conduct officer.
7. **Disciplinary probation**—A period of time, not to exceed one calendar year, determined by the conduct officer, during which the student's actions are subject to close examination. Any violation of policy committed at this time is considered with prejudice by the conduct officer. Sanctions attached to disciplinary probation may include, but are not restricted to, the following:
 - Denial of the right to participate in certain Quinnipiac activities, or eligibility to represent Quinnipiac in any co-curricular activity or athletic event.
 - Prohibition from holding office in any student group or organization.
 - Exclusion from certain Quinnipiac buildings or areas.Notification of any of the above is sent to appropriate Quinnipiac offices and parents/legal guardians.
8. **Loss of Privileges**—A student is prohibited from participating in designated social events or activities, such as, but not limited to: attending athletic events, senior week, campus concerts, participation in student organization activities or other University events/activities.
9. **Residence hall probation**—A period of time not to exceed one calendar year, determined by the conduct officer, during which the student's housing status is subject to close examination. Any violation of the student's probation and/or housing agreement may result in loss of housing privileges and/or visitation privileges in residence halls.
10. **Official reprimand**—A student receives a written reprimand which creates a conduct file. Additional violations may result in more serious disciplinary action. This reprimand becomes part of the student's disciplinary record.

11. **Restitution**—The student is required to make payment to Quinnipiac and/or other persons, groups or organizations for damages incurred as a result of violations of the Student Code of Conduct.
12. **Fines**—Students may be fined for violations of specific policies or procedures as outlined in the Student Handbook and/or other published or distributed materials.
13. **Removal of property**—A student may be requested to remove property that disturbs others or endangers an individual's health or safety. Failure to comply leads to further disciplinary action.
14. **Educational sanctions**—Additional sanctions such as facilitating a program, writing a paper, attending a program/class, or completing an online program may be a part of any disciplinary sanction assessed for violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

Appeals

Conduct meetings may be appealed to a conduct officer appointed by the associate dean of student affairs. Appeals are accepted by the appropriate appeal officer for the following reasons:

- Additional and/or new relevant information not available at the time of the conduct meeting.
- An error in the conduct process, as outlined in the Student Procedural Rights (see p. 74).

An appeal form may be obtained from the associate dean of student affairs. A formal letter of appeal specifying the grounds upon which the appeal is based and supporting information must be submitted to the associate dean of student affairs no later than one business day after receipt of written notification of disciplinary sanction(s). Sanction(s) imposed by the conduct officer may be held in abeyance until the appeal is acted upon by the appropriate appeal officer unless it is determined that the student is a hindrance to the educational process or a danger to him/herself and/or the Quinnipiac community. In an instance where the student was suspended from the residence halls or the University pending a conduct meeting, the suspension status remains as stated pending the appeal meeting. If it is determined the sanction is to be held in abeyance, it is not official until the formal letter of appeal is filed. The letter of appeal specifies the grounds upon which the appeal is based, and how those grounds materially affected the outcome of the original meeting. Students who fail to attend their meeting forfeit the right to request an appeal.

The appeal officer determines whether or not there are grounds for an appeal meeting. If the appeal officer determines that it should be granted, he or she may conduct a formal appeal meeting. Similar to their conduct meeting, students may bring an adviser to their appeal meeting. Representative(s) from the initial conduct meeting may be called to attend the appeal meeting. An appeal is automatic if the sanction(s) imposed by the conduct officer are expulsion, dismissal or suspension from the University.

The appeal officer may decide:

- To concur with the primary conduct officer. In this case, the initial decision is final.
- To modify the finding(s) and/or sanction(s) decided by the conduct officer(s).

The appeal decision is final.

Medical Leaves

A. Medical Leave of Absence

Students who wish to leave the University during an academic term because of physical or psychiatric conditions that necessitate their absence may request a medical leave of absence. Documentation of the serious nature of the medical condition must be provided to the associate dean of student affairs, who reviews that documentation with the University medical director. A leave of absence may be arranged for one or two semesters. Under special circumstances, the medical leave of absence may be extended. The student may return to classes when medical clearance, provided by a private physician, is reviewed by the University medical director and accepted by the associate dean of student affairs.

B. Mandatory Medical Leave of Absence

The University reserves the right to place a student on a mandatory medical leave of absence from the Quinnipiac community for physical or psychiatric reasons.

In the case of a physical problem, the associate dean of student affairs in consultation with the University medical director determines the appropriateness of a mandatory medical leave of absence. Parents, legal guardians or the emergency contact of the student are notified, and arrangements are made immediately to remove the student from campus. Before returning to Quinnipiac from a mandatory medical leave of absence, the student is expected to release all relevant medical information to the University medical director. After reviewing the information, the University medical director and the associate dean of student affairs determine whether the student may return to the University or whether continuation of the mandatory medical leave of absence is warranted.

In the case of a psychiatric problem, the associate dean of student affairs, in consultation with the University psychiatrist, determines the appropriateness of a mandatory medical leave of absence when the student is perceived to be a threat to self or others; when the student is deemed to be unable to withstand the rigors of the college experience; or, when the student's behavior is disruptive to the educational mission of the University. Parents, legal guardians or the emergency contact of the student are notified, and arrangements are made immediately to remove the student from campus. The associate dean of student affairs makes this decision on a temporary basis pending results of an evaluation conducted by the University psychiatrist. After reviewing the evaluation results, the associate dean of student affairs, in consultation with the University psychiatrist, determines whether the student may return to the University or whether continuation of the mandatory medical leave of absence is warranted. Before returning to Quinnipiac from a psychiatric mandatory medical leave of absence, the student must undergo a psychiatric evaluation at his or her own expense with the University psychiatrist. The student is expected to release all relevant medical information to the evaluating physician. The results of this evaluation are submitted to the associate dean of student affairs, who in consultation with the University psychiatrist, determines whether the student may return to the University.

Students may appeal this decision to return following a mandatory medical leave of absence for physical or psychological reasons to the vice president and dean of students. All information submitted becomes part of the student's health record and remains confidential.

Policy Statement on Disabilities

Quinnipiac University is committed to providing equal educational opportunities and full participation for persons with disabilities. No qualified person will be excluded from participation in any University program or be subject to any form of discrimination based on a disability.

Quinnipiac University recognizes its obligations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, hereafter referred to as ADA, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, hereafter referred to as Section 504. The ADA states: "No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any private entity who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation." (28 C.F.R. § 36.201a)

Section 504 states: "No otherwise qualified individual with a disability [...] shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." (29 U.S.C. § 794)

Consistent with its responsibilities, Quinnipiac University provides reasonable accommodations to promote equal educational opportunity. The University provides staff members to ensure compliance with the ADA and Section 504. These staff members work directly with students, faculty, and staff regarding reasonable accommodations and other assistance as needed. The University also maintains a grievance procedure for those students with disabilities who seek resolution of particular issues and desire a more formalized process.

Policy Statement on Student Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens

The University recognizes that some students may accidentally be exposed to another person's blood/body fluids (including airborne droplets) through various activities in their course work, clinical practicums or other University-related activities. All health science students are required to be trained according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Bloodborne Pathogen Standard. This training will be available either on campus by a faculty member or at the student's clinical facility. Students also may be required to obtain a hepatitis B vaccine prior to beginning any clinical work. For specific instructions, please refer to the Student Exposure Control Policy for Bloodborne Pathogens available at the Office of the Dean of Health Sciences and Student Health Services.

Policy Statement on Noise

It is the policy of Quinnipiac to provide a reasonably quiet environment not only for its student body, faculty and staff but for the surrounding neighborhood as well. In an effort to maintain this policy, Quinnipiac's security and residential life departments will, as a standard practice, aggressively monitor noise levels, which may be excessive or offensive to the Quinnipiac community or to our neighbors. It is the responsibility of the shift supervisor and residential life staff member on duty to maintain and enforce this policy on an ongoing basis.

When, because of location or other circumstances, it becomes necessary for our neighbors to report inappropriate noise to Quinnipiac, immediate action will be taken to quiet the situation. This action will include, but not be limited to, an immediate notification of the specific assistant director, hall director and/or resident assistant. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to stringent Quinnipiac disciplinary action. Finally, a follow-up report will be issued to the complainant(s), informing them of the resolution.

The Neighborhood Association has been made aware of the accepted procedure of calling in a complaint to the security department (203-582-6200) explaining the nature and general location of the noise. However, it is our goal and indeed the policy of Quinnipiac to aggressively identify and quiet any noisy situation before others feel a need to complain. Quinnipiac is aware of our responsibility as an institution and valued neighbor to maintain order and decorum. Therefore, every effort will be made to ensure the policy is diligently followed.

Policy Statement on Parental Notification

The philosophy of Quinnipiac University in dealing with students who violate University policies is to work to solve the problem and focus on educating the students and holding them accountable. The University relies on the professional judgment of the student affairs staff to resolve these issues by assessing each student's situation and proceeding with the appropriate action.

The vice president and dean of students has the authority to determine when and by what means to notify parents or guardians when students have committed serious or repeated violations of University policies and/or local and state laws and in other situations where appropriate, as discussed in this handbook and in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Policy Statement on Posting

Carl Hansen and Rocky Top Student Centers

Any individual, group or department that would like to advertise its programs and/or services in the Student Center and/or Café Q must obtain permission from the Department of the Student Center and Campus Life. Posters, signs and announcements may be displayed only on Student Center bulletin boards provided specifically for that purpose. Posters, signs and announcements must state the name of the sponsoring individual, organization or department. No more than 10 posters, signs or announcements may be posted and may not exceed a maximum size of 18x24 inches. One banner may be hung in Café Q and cannot exceed six feet in length and four feet in width.

Moreover the Department of the Student Center and Campus Life must approve anything to be posted in the Student Center and/or Café Q prior to posting, and the sign may not be displayed for more than two weeks. Permission will not be granted for any individual or organizations' poster, sign and/or announcement, which promote the use of alcoholic beverages, or violates any local, state or federal laws or University policies. The Department of the Student Center and Campus Life reserves the right to approve/deny any individual or organizations poster, sign and/or announcement at their discretion.

Residence Halls

All posting in University residence halls must be approved by the Office of Residential Life prior to posting. All postings must display the sponsoring campus organizations, must be removed after the event date and may not be posted on any glass surface.

Policy Statement on Sexual Assault and Rape

Sexual assault and rape are serious issues on college campuses throughout the country. Such incidents cause enormous pain to the individuals directly involved and to the community whose peace is shattered. As an institution committed to personal and institutional integrity, we must be totally forthright about criminal incidents of this nature. Sexual assault and rape are unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Quinnipiac.

Quinnipiac provides educational programs on an ongoing basis to promote the awareness of sex offenses. The programs are interwoven into every area of student life such as residential life, counseling, safety and security, student health services, campus ministry, orientation and leadership programs.

Definitions

Sexual Assault—By a stranger or acquaintance, sexual assault is the act of touching an unwilling person's intimate parts or forcing an unwilling person to touch another's intimate parts. These acts must be committed either by force, threat, intimidation or by reliance upon the survivor's mental or physical helplessness of which the accused was aware or should have been aware.

Rape—By a stranger or acquaintance, rape is forcible sexual penetration of another person against his/her will. These acts must be committed either by force, threat, intimidation or by reliance upon the survivor's mental or physical helplessness of which the accused was aware or should have been aware.

The literature on sexual assault and rape is replete with examples of misunderstanding between the sexes over when "no" means "no." This policy begins with the assumption that "no" means "no." To avoid a charge of sexual assault or rape, affirmative consent is required, either verbally, or by voluntary acts unmistakable in their meaning. Intoxication on the part of the assailant is not an excuse for one's actions and is against University policy. If the survivor is incapacitated because of alcohol or other drug usage, or mentally disabled, and therefore unable to consent to sexual intercourse or other sexual acts, it is still considered rape or sexual assault.

Reporting an Incident

Quinnipiac has identified institutional officials trained to handle these matters. To speak with one of these officials, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 203-582-8735. Any individual who believes he or she has been sexually assaulted or raped is encouraged to report the incident immediately to one of these officials, who will offer support and information on the process and procedure for such incident. The immediate concern of any member of the Quinnipiac community will be the survivor's emotional and physical well being. In all cases, the confidentiality of all parties will be protected, as far as the process permits. Because of the seriousness and criminal nature of sexual assault and rape, faculty, administrators and staff are asked to contact their cabinet officers with any pertinent information about such alleged incidents that come to their attention.

Disposition of Alleged Incidents

Depending upon the nature of the alleged incident, the vice president and the dean of student affairs will determine the course of action, or the appropriate process to follow with the local law enforcement authorities, as well as within the institutional disciplinary process. Sanctions can include suspension or expulsion from Quinnipiac.

Policy Statement on Sexual Harassment

Quinnipiac affirms its commitment to a fair, humane and respectful environment for all members of the Quinnipiac community. Behaviors at Quinnipiac that inappropriately assert sexuality are unacceptable and are not condoned. Behaviors that constitute sexual harassment include unsolicited verbal, nonverbal and/or physical conduct that interferes with student or employment status or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

Quinnipiac has identified the director of human resources as the institutional sexual harassment officer and the associate dean of student affairs for student issues.

Individuals who believe themselves to have been sexually harassed are encouraged to report their complaints to one of these officers. Efforts are made to resolve problems without formal hearings. When such efforts are not successful, individuals have available to them a formal process available from the Office of Human Resources. In all cases, the confidentiality of both the plaintiff and respondent are protected, as far as the described process permits.

**For emergencies,
dial 111 on campus
for immediate
attention.**

Policy Statement on Smoking

Quinnipiac University has a smoke-free policy. Specifically this means that smoking is not permitted in any Quinnipiac University building. Faculty, staff, students and visitors are expected to honor this policy.

Policy Regarding Student Media and Student Privacy Rights

Consistent with the University's obligation to protect students' privacy rights, the student media shall not publish or broadcast any stories involving student disciplinary matters, either academic or non-academic, until the matter is fully adjudicated by the University or information is released by the University or information is made publicly available by town/state police.

Policy Statement on the Use of Computer and Information Resources

Quinnipiac University provides an extensive array of computer and information resources. Users are provided access to Internet and networking resources including software applications, library databases and other information resources. Our campus community depends heavily on Quinnipiac's network to complete essential parts of their academics and daily work; therefore, users must not intentionally damage or misuse system resources so as to prevent others from doing their work or completing their studies.

Users are encouraged to explore and utilize computer and information resources within the limits of their Quinnipiac account; share their computer knowledge and expertise with other Quinnipiac users; facilitate the legitimate access to computer and information resources by other Quinnipiac users; create and freely distribute original software and documentation designed to enable other Quinnipiac members to use the resources more effectively.

The provision of computing resources at Quinnipiac requires strictly legal and ethical utilization by all users including faculty, students, staff and all other University employees, and non-University account holders. The computing facilities at Quinnipiac, including all network resources, all school and departmental computers. Network and Internet bandwidth resources are limited and should be used in a responsible manner.

Inappropriate use of resources includes such activities as:

- Using computer resources for personal non-academic activities, which denies computer access for academic purposes
- Using Quinnipiac's network resources to illegally share or distribute copyrighted material (including movies, music and software). Unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject a student to civil and criminal liabilities;

Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or "statutory" damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For "willful" infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys' fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505.

Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.

For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov, especially the FAQ section at www.copyright.gov/help/faq

- Sending excessive, harassing, pornographic, inappropriate or frivolous messages (including email, IM and SMS), either locally or over the Internet
- Using excessive amounts of storage on MyFileSpace, MyWebSpace or on Exchange server
- Running grossly inefficient programs

These guidelines, though not covering every situation, specify some of the responsibilities that accompany computer usage at Quinnipiac and the networks to which Quinnipiac is connected. All users are expected to abide by these regulations and by the regulations governing the use of the campus computers, computer networks and labs. Students who violate these policies may be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Code of Conduct process.

Responsibilities of Each Computer User

Use of Computer Resources

Every member of the Quinnipiac community must use computer resources only for the purpose for which they are intended. No one has the right or authority to extend his or her established range of access to computer systems or records. Quinnipiac-supported computing includes unsponsored research, instructional computing, learning and administrative activities. Resources must not be used for commercial purposes or personal monetary gain.

System Security and Privacy

The security of institutional records is the responsibility of each member of the faculty, staff and student body. Institutional records include all matters pertaining to personnel, payroll, registrar, admissions, financial aid, development, medical records, security reports, financial data and other information of privileged and private nature.

Users must not attempt to modify the system, attempt to disrupt the system, or attempt to subvert the restrictions associated with their computer accounts. They should not tamper with any software protection placed on any computer applications (e.g., antivirus software).

Users must not search for, or use software to scan for, access or copy directories, programs, files, disks or data belonging to others without specific authorization to do so. Programs and data residing in Quinnipiac University departmental systems are not considered public domain and should not be used, in part or in whole, for any purpose other than that which is officially authorized.

Quinnipiac-provided computing equipment and software must not be used to violate the terms of license agreements, and all users must comply with federal and state laws, and all University regulations, related to copying, distribution and use of computer software and data.

Any violation of this policy will be considered a serious matter and be dealt with accordingly.

Choosing Passwords

Passwords are an essential aspect of computer security, providing important front-line protection for electronic resources by preventing unauthorized access. Passwords help the University limit unauthorized or inappropriate access to various resources including user accounts, web and email accounts.

Users must choose difficult-to-guess passwords. Passwords must not be found in the dictionary and must not be a reflection of the user's personal life. All passwords must be at least eight characters. Users must choose passwords that include both alphabetic and numeric characters, upper and lower case and special characters (\$, %, @, \$, etc.). An example would be @Qu2010! Or N0t2hrd?.

Quinnipiac University's full Password Policy can be found on MyQ in the Information Technology section under the IT & Libraries tab.

Changing Passwords

User-chosen passwords must not be reused or recycled. Passwords must be changed every 180 days and passwords must be changed the first time they are used. If a user suspects that somebody else may know his or her password, the password must be changed immediately. The Information Services department's Help Desk can reset user passwords, also available online at <https://aphrodite.quinnipiac.edu/passwordreset/default.aspx>.

Protecting Passwords

Users must not share a password with anyone, including other users, students, staff and faculty. Users must not store passwords in any computer files, such as logon scripts or computer programs, unless the passwords have been encrypted with authorized encryption software. Passwords must not be written down unless they are physically secured, such as placed in a locked area (e.g., locker or safe).

Individual Security and Privacy

A user must use only his/her own computer account. The structure of accounts and passwords plays an important role in protecting the work and privacy of all users. You must log in only to your own account (except for extraordinary situations where staff receive a user's permission to access the account temporarily for troubleshooting purposes).

Out of respect for personal privacy, Quinnipiac does not examine the contents of files in user accounts except in response to user requests for assistance, or in circumstances when system security, physical security/safety or troubleshooting procedures require it. Whenever the contents of a user's file must be examined, an effort first will be made to notify the user and invite him or her to be present. However, if the system is under immediate threat, appropriate actions may be taken without prior notice to the user.

A user is responsible for all use made of his/her account, and may not authorize anyone else to use his/her account (except as mentioned above).

The user must take all reasonable precautions, including password maintenance and file protection measures to prevent its unauthorized use. While Quinnipiac University provides anti-virus software, it cannot protect against users downloading and installing malicious software.

All users are responsible for keeping their computers free of malicious software that presents a danger to themselves, other systems and network resources.

Installation of devices on Quinnipiac's network infrastructure that cause disruption to operations, either deliberate or accidental, is prohibited. Network users need to check with the Help Desk before adding devices such as (but not limited to) wireless access points, switches, routers, DHCP servers, or radio devices operating in the ISM band (802.11 A,B, G and N).

Consequences

Abuse of computing privileges may be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Code of Conduct process and may result in the loss of computer privileges. Abuse of the network or of computers at other sites connected to the network will be treated as abuse of computing privileges at Quinnipiac. It should be understood that this policy does not preclude enforcement under the laws and regulations of the state of Connecticut and/or the United States of America.

Policy Statement on the Prevention of Alcohol Abuse and Other Drug Use

Quinnipiac supports students who demonstrate responsible conduct in the best interests of their personal health and well being, the community welfare, and the rights of others. Students are expected to assume responsibility for their behavior and must understand that being under the influence of alcohol/drugs in no way lessens their accountability.

See alcohol and drug policy, p. 65.

Legal Sanctions

Quinnipiac is subject to state, local, and federal laws concerning the use and possession of alcohol and drugs. Students must be aware of and abide by these laws or face legal action and prosecution.

Alcohol

Section 30-89(a) of Connecticut statutes states that it is unlawful for a minor (under the age of 21) to purchase, attempt to purchase, or make a false statement in connection with the attempted purchase of alcohol. Section 30-89(b) states that possession of alcohol by a minor anywhere is illegal, except where the minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse over the age of 21. The fine ranges from \$200–\$500.

Public Act No. 06-112 (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2006) (a) No person having possession of, or exercising dominion and control over, any dwelling unit or private property shall (1) knowingly permit any minor to possess alcoholic liquor in violation of subsection (b) of section 30-89 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in such dwelling unit or on such private property, or (2) knowing that any minor possesses alcoholic liquor in violation of subsection (b) of section 30-89 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in such dwelling unit or on such private property, fail to make reasonable efforts to halt such possession. For the purposes of this subsection, “minor” means a person under 21 years of age.

Drugs

Connecticut statutes cover a wide range of drug offenses, including the offer, sale, possession with intent to sell, gift and mere possession of various types of drugs 21a CONN. GEN. STAT. Section 277, 278, 279 (1988). Among other provisions, the state laws create the following mandatory minimum prison sentences for first-time offenders who are not “drug-dependent” persons:

- Five years for the manufacture, sale or possession with intent to sell of one ounce or more of heroine, methadone or cocaine (including “crack”) or one-half gram or more of cocaine in freebase form, or five milligrams or more of LSD;
- Five years for the manufacture, sale or possession with intent to sell of any narcotic, hallucinogenic or amphetamine-type substance, or one kilogram or more of a cannabis-type substance, including marijuana;
- Five years for the offer or gift of any of the above drugs in the respective amounts.

Conviction for the possession of drugs carries no mandatory minimum sentence but the following maximum sentences do exist for first-time offenders:

- Seven years or \$50,000, or both, for possession of any quantity of a narcotic, including cocaine and “crack,” morphine or heroin;
- Five years or \$2,000, or both, for the possession of any quantity of a hallucinogen (such as LSD or peyote) or four ounces or more of a cannabis-type substance (which includes marijuana);
- One year or \$1,000, or both, for possession of less than four ounces of a cannabis-type substance, or any quantity of controlled drugs, such as amphetamines or barbiturates.

Actual sentences depend on the severity and the circumstances of the offense and the character and background of the offender.

Federal law also penalizes the manufacture, distribution, possession with the intent to manufacture or distribute, and simple possession of drugs (“controlled substances”) according to the Controlled Substances Act 21 U.S.C. Section 841, 843b, 844, 845, 846, (1988). The law sets the following sentences for first-time offenders:

- A minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life imprisonment or \$4,000,000, or both, for the knowing or intentional manufacture, sale or possession with intent to sell of large amounts of any narcotic, including heroin, morphine or cocaine (which includes “crack”), or of phencyclidine (PCP), LSD or marijuana (1,000 kilograms or more);
- A minimum of five years and a maximum of 40 years or \$2,000,000, or both, for similar actions involving smaller amounts of any narcotic, including heroin, morphine or cocaine (which includes “crack”), or phencyclidine (PCP), LSD or marijuana (100 kilograms or more);
- A maximum of five years or \$250,000, or both, for similar actions involving smaller amounts of marijuana (less than 50 kilograms), hashish, hashish oil, PCP or LSD, or any amounts of amphetamines, barbiturates and other controlled stimulants and depressives;
- Four years or \$30,000, or both, for using the mail, telephone, radio or any other public or private means of communication to commit acts that violate the laws against the manufacture, sale and possession of drugs;
- One year or \$1,000, or both, for possession of any controlled substance. The gift of a “small amount” of marijuana is subject to the penalties for simple possession.

Penalties may be doubled, however, when a person at least 18 years old: (1) distributes a controlled substance to a person under 21 years of age, and (a term of imprisonment for this offense shall not be less than one year) or (2) distributes, possesses with intent to distribute, or manufactures a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand feet of, the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational or secondary school, or a public or private college. Any attempt or conspiracy to commit one of the above federal offenses, even if unsuccessful, is punishable by the same sentence prescribed for that offense. A first-time offender may receive only probation and later have the charge dismissed. Although in some cases the federal penalties seem somewhat lighter, it is not possible to “trade” a state charge for a federal one.

State and federal law thus makes crimes of many different activities involving drugs. Simple possession, giving, or merely offering drugs is illegal, as are such offenses as the manufacture or sale of drugs.

Risks/Health Risks

Substance abuse is an issue of continuing concern to our society and, therefore, to our colleges and universities. It has become a national health concern, and the dangers, health risks and overall abuse need to be further addressed.

Alcohol is the most widely abused drug on American college and University campuses. Among young adults, regular drinking is more common than regular use of other substances. The college and University campus culture reflects the American society, and it comes as no surprise that alcohol and other drugs are a fact of life among college students. Our society is harmed in many ways by alcohol abuse and drug use. Some of the negative effects include decreased productivity and job performance, serious health problems, breakdown of the family structure, academic performance, personal safety, relationships with others, financial problems, emotional and physical stress, rape, violence and crime.

Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low dosages of alcohol significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car. Some of the health risks associated with alcohol use/abuse are:

- Slowing down of brain function, judgment, alertness, coordination and reflexes
- Attitude and/or behavioral changes, such as hostility, mood swings, increased risk-taking, reckless driving
- Memory blackouts
- Physical problems such as cirrhosis of the liver, gastritis and anemia
- Birth defects and mental retardation in user’s children
- Weight changes—drastic loss or gain
- Alcoholism
- Premature death through overdose
- Complications with brain, liver, heart and many other body organs
- Interference with psychological functions
- Severe altering of a person’s ability to learn and remember information

Repeated use of alcohol can lead to dependence, and at least 15–20 percent of heavy users eventually will become problem drinkers or alcoholics if they continue drinking.

The abuse of illicit drugs can result in a wide range of health problems. In general, illicit drug use can result in some of the following health risks:

- Drug addiction
- Death by overdose
- Physical problems such as heart, liver, chronic brain dysfunctions
- Infections, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis
- Malnutrition
- Frightening hallucinations
- Elevated blood pressure, coughing, dryness of the mouth and throat
- Decrease in body temperature, sudden increase/decrease of appetite, swollen eyes or body areas
- Intense anger, restlessness, paranoia, fear
- Suicide
- Drowsiness, clouding of mental processes, slowing of reflexes and physical activity
- Nervous system disorders
- Impairment of short-term memory, comprehension and ability to perform tasks

Statistics and Information

Because alcohol is the most commonly used drug on most college campuses, the following key facts are excerpted from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Substance Abuse Prevention White Paper, Alcohol Practices, Policies, and Potentials of American Colleges and Universities, September 1991 Bulletin—Key Facts. It describes the extent of drinking on college campuses.

- Of the enrolled college student body in America (approximately 12 million), about the same number will eventually die from alcohol-related causes as will get advanced degrees, master's and doctorates combined.
- College students generally have higher drinking prevalence than their non-college drinking counterparts.
- 41 percent of our nation's college students engaged in a bout of heavy drinking (five or more drinks in a row) in the last two weeks.
- 4 percent of all college students will drink every single day next month.
- The typical college student consumes more than 34 gallons of alcoholic beverages per year, totaling for the 12 million students in the United States, a staggering 430 million gallons.
- The annual beer consumption of college students is just short of 4 billion cans.
- The typical student spends more money for alcoholic beverages than for textbooks.
- Students spend \$5.5 billion out-of-pocket money annually on alcohol. This exceeds the total annual operating costs of all college libraries, plus the total annual costs and fellowships.
- Two out of every three undergraduates admitted to driving while intoxicated.
- Among those currently enrolled in college, it is estimated that between 240,000 and 360,000 will die eventually of alcohol-related causes.
- "Binge drinking" often results in behavioral problems that can lead to violence, date/acquaintance rape, vandalism, theft and/or problems with police.

Alcohol/Substance Abuse Referral Agencies

On Campus

Office of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Student Affairs Center, 203-582-8723

Student Health Services, Health and Wellness Center, 203-582-5333

Counseling Services, Health and Wellness Center, 203-582-8680

Residential Life, Student Affairs Center, 203-582-8666

Campus Ministry, Student Center, 203-582-8257

Off Campus

Al-Anon and Alateen, New Haven, 203-787-0115

Alcoholics Anonymous, New Haven, 203-624-6063

Atlantic Health Services, 60 Washington Ave., Hamden, 203-407-6400

Behavioral Health Services, 95 Circular Ave., Hamden, 203-288-6253

Cocaine Crisis Helpline, 800-222-0828

Cocaine Hotline, 203-347-8998

Gaylord Hospital, Gaylord Farm Road, Wallingford, 203-284-2800

Narcotics Anonymous Helpline, New Haven, 800-627-3543

Nationwide Drug and Alcohol Helpline, 800-234-0420

SATU [Substance Abuse Treatment Unit], outpatient unit, New Haven, 203-789-7387

Houses of Worship

Assemblies of God

The Cornerstone Church
1146 Waterbury Rd.
Cheshire, CT
203-272-5083

Baptist

Central Baptist Church
1360 Shepard Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-248-7112

Christian Tabernacle
Baptist Church
425 Newhall St.
Hamden, CT
203-624-3028

Friendship Baptist Church
26 Edwards St.
Hamden, CT
203-776-9147

Olivet Baptist Church
3762 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-288-4871

Bible

West Woods Bible Chapel
165 Hillfield Rd.
Hamden, CT
203-248-5592

Congregational

Dunbar United Church of
Christ
767 Benham St.
Hamden, CT
203-288-2342

Mount Carmel
Congregational Church
3284 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-248-7408

Whitneyville United Church
of Christ
1253 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-248-3711

Coptic Orthodox

The Virgin Mary &
Archangel Michael Coptic
Orthodox Church of CT Inc.
87 Benham St.
Hamden, CT
203-248-5592

Episcopal

Grace & St. Peter's Episcopal
Church
2927 Dixwell Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-248-4338

Full Gospel

Bible Gospel Center
143 Leeder Hill Dr.
Hamden, CT
203-230-9260

Islamic

Masjid Al-Islam
624 George St.
New Haven, CT
203-777-8004

Muhammad Islamic Center
870 Dixwell Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-562-0594

Lutheran

Christ Lutheran Church-
ELCA
600 Shepard Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-288-3196

Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church
3680 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-248-7420

Pentecostal

C.J. Smith Holy Ghost
Deliverance No. 3
61 Alling St.
Hamden, CT
203-497-9253

Faith Temple Revival Center
834 Dixwell Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-787-6867

Presbyterian

Westminister Orthodox
Presbyterian Church
565 Shepard Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-288-8161

Roman Catholic

Blessed Sacrament Church
321 Circular Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-288-1652

Church of the Ascension
1040 Dunbar Hill Rd.
Hamden, CT
203-288-7516

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-248-0141

St. Ann's Church
930 Dixwell Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-865-0886

St. Joan of Arc
450 W. Todd
Hamden, CT
203-288-4543

St. Rita Church
1620 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-248-5513

St. Stephen's Church
400 Ridge Rd.
Hamden, CT
203-288-6439

Seventh-Day Adventist

Mount Zion Seventh-Day
Adventist Church
64 Marlboro St.
Hamden, CT
203-562-5784

Synagogues

Temple Beth Sholom
1809 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT
203-288-7748

Congregation Mishkan Israel
785 Ridge Rd.
Hamden, CT
203-288-3877

Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Society of New
Haven
700 Hartford Tpke.
Hamden, CT
203-288-1807

Worship Services at Quinnipiac

Roman Catholic Services

The Rev. Hugh Vincent Dyer,
University chaplain & director
of campus ministry, SC209,
ext. 8257

Catholic services are held
Sundays at

8:30 p.m. in Clarice L.
Buckman Theater.

Wednesday: 10 p.m.

Candlelight Mass

Friday: 12:10 p.m. Mass

Confession available 30
minutes before each Mass and
any time by appointment

Jewish Services

Rabbi Reena Judd, University
rabbi, ext. 8206, email:

Reena.Judd@quinnipiac.edu

Rabbi's office and all Jewish

events are held at Campus

Hillel House, New Road.

Worship observances are held
on selected Fridays

throughout the school year.

Contact Rabbi Judd or visit

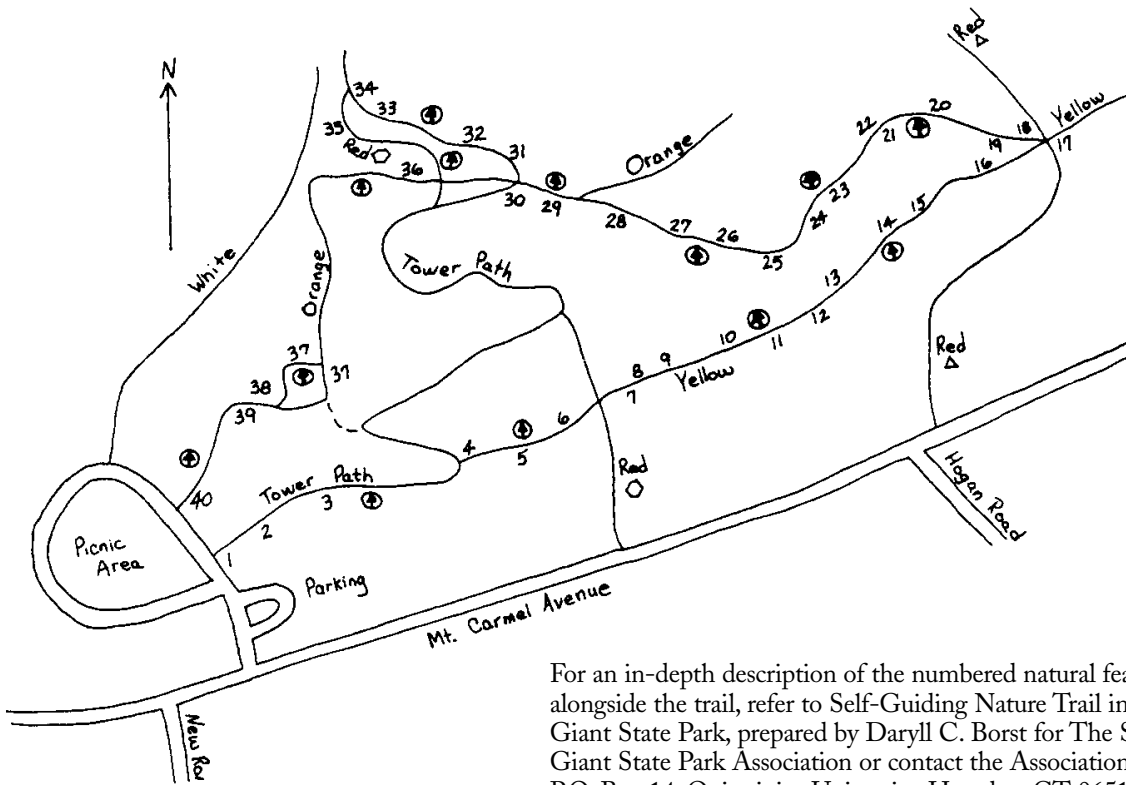
Hillel House for service times
and dates.

Self-Guiding Nature Trail in Sleeping Giant State Park

Sleeping Giant State Park is located on the opposite side of Mount Carmel Avenue from the Quinnipiac campus. Students are welcome to enjoy the park's 30-mile trail system and other natural resources. The park offers hiking, fishing, picnicking, a self-guiding nature trail and a public campground. Maps, literature and information are available at the park office.

The park ranger requests your cooperation in obeying park regulations, which have been posted for your safety, as well as that of the park. Students entering the park after sunset closing time, back-country camping, ground fires, and swimming in the Mill River have necessitated law enforcement action in the past and are not permitted.

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| 1 Age of a pine tree | 14 Shagbark and mockernut hickories | 29 American chestnut |
| 2 Forest undergrowth | 15 Chestnut oak | 30 Life zones |
| 3 Tree leaves a record in its stump | 16 Drainage gully | 31 Bare rock succession
(lichens and early mosses) |
| 4 Flowering dogwood | 17 Old forked pine | 32 Bare rock succession
(later mosses and early grasses) |
| 5 Stilt root tree | 18 Heartwood rots first | 33 Bare rock succession (later grasses,
shrubs and small trees) |
| 6 Carpenter ants | 19 Sandstone boulders | 34 Bare rock succession (large tree) |
| 7 Hemlocks retain moisture | 20 Beech | 35 Talus slope |
| 8 Rotting log succession
(standing dead tree stage) | 21 Earth scar from a fallen tree | 36 Trail erosion |
| 9 Rotting log succession
(fallen tree stage) | 22 Christmas ferns | 37 Mountain laurel |
| 10 Tree growing on rock | 23 Black birch | 38 Intermittent stream |
| 11 Trees with forked trunks | 24 Microhabitat | 39 Canker on tree |
| 12 Sandstone slabs | 25 Trap rock boulder | 40 Intermittent stream |
| 13 Hollow living tree | 26 Sugar maple | |
| | 27 White oaks and red (black) oaks | |
| | 28 Glacial plain | |



For an in-depth description of the numbered natural features alongside the trail, refer to *Self-Guiding Nature Trail in Sleeping Giant State Park*, prepared by Daryll C. Borst for The Sleeping Giant State Park Association or contact the Association at P.O. Box 14, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT 06518.