

# INTRODUCTION

Yale College is an academic community dedicated to the advancement of learning. Students freely associate themselves with the College and in doing so affirm their commitment to a philosophy of mutual tolerance and respect. All students admitted to Yale should understand the responsibility thus placed upon them. If any member of the community should interfere with its functions or show himself or herself unable or unwilling to assist in them, the community may find it necessary to protect itself by suspending or terminating his or her membership. Indeed, by formal vote the Yale College Faculty has affirmed:

- Its commitment to protect free expression and peaceful dissent and to preserve mutual respect and charitable relations among all members of the Yale community.
- Its belief that physical restriction, coercion, or intimidation of any member of that community is contrary to the basic principles of the University.
- Its expectation that such action will ordinarily result in temporary or permanent separation from Yale College.

The purpose of the regulations that follow is to spell out some of the actions that place the community in jeopardy and that may therefore result in suspension or expulsion from it. In general, these regulations are concerned with conduct on campus. While off-campus misconduct will not normally be the basis for disciplinary action by the University, it may result in disciplinary action under the circumstances specified below (See "Offenses," Section W. "[Special provisions concerning student organizations](#)"), or if such conduct otherwise imperils the integrity and values of the University community. Off-campus infractions committed in the course of a Yale-sponsored program anywhere in the world, such as a Yale Summer Session abroad course, a Yale-sponsored internship or fellowship, a student organization's tour, or the like, could also be subject to disciplinary charges. Students must recognize that Yale College exists within a larger community that has its own laws and standards of behavior, and that membership in Yale College confers no exemption from those laws and standards. Unruly behavior or illegal or destructive acts that adversely affect the community surrounding the Yale campus will not be condoned. Students, whether on campus or off campus, are under the jurisdiction of the city, state, and national governments.

Authority for disciplinary matters proceeds from the Yale Corporation, which has empowered the Yale College Faculty to oversee disciplinary actions with respect to undergraduates. Penalties for misconduct by undergraduates are ordinarily imposed by the Yale College Executive Committee, a standing committee of the Yale College Faculty by whose authorization it acts.

The Executive Committee's jurisdiction includes offenses described in the *Undergraduate Regulations* as well as other actions on the part of students that may in the judgment of the committee warrant disciplinary action because they may imperil the integrity and values of the Yale community or the well-being of its members. The Executive Committee may assign penalties as provided in the *Undergraduate Regulations*, though in some cases that authority resides in the president of the University, or is delegated to other University officials.

Violations of sexual misconduct will be addressed by the [University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct \(UWC\)](#), which recommends penalties to the dean of Yale College.

The heads of the residential colleges, the University Librarian, the directors of the Yale computer facilities, and the Executive Director of Yale Dining may summarily impose certain penalties for violations of the dormitory regulations, the library regulations, the computer facility regulations, and the dining services regulations.

A member of the faculty finding evidence of academic dishonesty on a class assignment or examination is expected to bring the matter to the attention of the Executive Committee. Any member of the faculty, residential college head, residential college dean, or member of the University administration or staff may bring to the attention of the committee an alleged infraction of the *Undergraduate Regulations*.

An undergraduate student may bring a complaint of a nonacademic infraction to the attention of the Executive Committee only in conjunction with his or her residential college head, residential college dean, a member of the Yale College Dean's Office, a human relations counselor, the College or University's Title IX Coordinator, a member of the President's Committee on Racial and Ethnic Harassment, or the Yale Police Department. (See *Disciplinary Procedures of the Executive Committee of Yale College*.)

Students may bring complaints regarding sexual misconduct directly to the University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct (UWC). The UWC provides an accessible representative and trained body to answer internal inquiries and fairly and expeditiously address formal and informal complaints of sexual misconduct. It has sole disciplinary authority over Yale College students charged with sexual misconduct and recommends penalties to the dean of Yale College. The UWC is appointed and authorized to act by the provost.