

PERSONAL CONDUCT STANDARDS

The Jackson School specifically prohibits the following forms of behavior by graduate students.

Assault, coercion, harassment: Physical restriction, assault, or any other act of violence or use of physical force against any member of the community, or any act that threatens the use of violence or physical force. Acts of harassment, intimidation, or coercion, including the harassment of a university community member on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, status as a veteran, disability, or national or ethnic origin

Sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment: Any sexual activity for which positive, unambiguous, and voluntary consent has not been given in advance; any sexual activity with someone who is incapable of giving valid consent because, for example, that individual is sleeping or otherwise incapacitated due to alcohol or drugs; any act of sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, or stalking. Sexual misconduct includes nonphysical actions such as digital media stalking, cyberbullying, and nonconsensual recording of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment consists of nonconsensual sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. For a fuller description of sexual misconduct, sexual consent, and sexual harassment see the Title IX website (<https://titleix.yale.edu>). Sexual misconduct violations shall be addressed by the University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct (UWC) and governed by its procedures.

Violations of Yale University rules or functions:

- Disruption of a legitimate function or activity of the university community, including disruption of classes and meetings, blocking entrances and exits to university buildings, unauthorized occupation of any space on the Yale campus, or preventing the free expression or dissemination of ideas.
- Refusal to comply with the direction of university police officers or other university officials, including members of faculty, acting in the performance of their duties.
- Misuse, alteration, or fabrication of university credentials or documents, such as an identification card, academic transcript, including grade list submitted by teaching fellows.
- Misrepresentation in applying for admission or financial aid.
- Misrepresentation or lying during a formal or informal inquiry by school or university officials. If the Jackson School Regulations and Disciplinary Review Committee has found that the student purposefully misled the committee during its deliberations, the committee may consider that factor as grounds for imposing a more severe penalty.
- Recording course lectures without explicit permission of the instructor, or selling or distributing for commercial purposes notes, transcriptions, or outlines of class lectures, or any course materials, in any course of instruction.
- Violation of university rules for using information technology services and facilities, including computers, the university network, software systems, and electronic mail.

- Unauthorized use of university services, equipment, or facilities, such as telephones and photocopying equipment, or letterhead.
- Misuse of the materials or facilities of the university libraries.
- Theft or misuse of funds, or willful damage to university property.
- Interference with the proper operation of safety or security devices, including fire alarms, electronic gates, or sprinkler systems.
- Use of tobacco products on any location on campus, including outdoor spaces. Yale is a tobacco-free institution.
- Violation of university policies for the safeguarding of children and youth on campus whereby minors are put at risk due to action or inaction.
- Presence in university buildings or on university property at times or places where such presence is prohibited, as, for example, when a building, facility, or room is locked and permission to enter has not been given.
- Possession or use of explosives or weapons on university property.
- Unlawful manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of drugs or alcohol, including serving underage minors, on university property or as part of any university activity. Yale is a drug-free campus.