



STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

Criminal



- Alcohol Related
- Disorderly Conduct
- Animal Related
- Assault/Harassment
- Drug Related
- Fire Related
- Property Damage
- Speeding
- Theft



Felony¹ Penalties

CLASS	MAXIMUM ² JAILTIME	MAXIMUM FINE
F1	11 years	\$20,000.00
F2	8 years	\$15,000.00
F3	5 years	\$10,000.00
F4	18 months	\$5,000.00
F5	12 months	\$2,500.00

Misdemeanor Penalties

CLASS	MAXIMUM JAILTIME	MAXIMUM FINE
M1	180 days	\$1,000.00
M2	90 days	\$750.00
M3	60 days	\$500.00
M4	30 days	\$250.00
MM	NONE	\$150.00
UM ³	0-500 hours of community service	\$1,000.00

¹ Student Legal Services, Inc., at BGSU cannot represent students who are charged with felony crimes. However, we can provide a referral to the Public Defender's office or a private attorney in the area.
² F1 and F2 could have additional jail time for certain offenses.
³ Unclassified misdemeanors can be found in the Ohio Revised Code and the Bowling Green Municipal Code.



Are you prepared to face the CONSEQUENCES?

As a student, this may be your first time living away from home. No matter where you live, you have the responsibility to follow the law. Knowing what the law is and the penalties associated with committing a crime will help you evaluate whether engaging in certain action is worth the risk. This pamphlet describes certain offenses and the maximum penalties associated with each offense.

Before you choose to participate in criminal offenses, please consider the risks you face, namely, possible fine, imprisonment, criminal record, etc. If you have any questions regarding the consequences of criminal offenses or if you find yourself facing a criminal charge, you should contact SLS, Inc. for assistance. As long as you have paid the participation fee, our attorneys will offer advice and representation for charges that occurred in the Bowling Green area. If the offense occurred outside of the Bowling Green area, our office can provide general advice and referrals. Student Legal Services, Inc. is here to assist you; please take advantage of our service.

As a student at BGSU, a criminal charge, whether it occurs on campus or off campus, may subject you to review through the student discipline process as outlined in the student handbook. For certain offenses, it could put you in danger of being suspended or expelled. For more information, please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 419-372-2843. SLS may not represent you in a matter against the University, but we can provide a referral to a private attorney.

Student Legal Services assists with an average of approximately 850 criminal cases annually.

Student Legal Services averages 1,125 court appearances each year.



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Classifications

- » The letter “F” indicates a felony:
A crime typically punishable by incarceration of more than 6 months.
- » The letter “M” indicates a misdemeanor:
A crime typically punishable by incarceration for less than 6 months.
- » An “MM” designates a minor misdemeanor, which is only punishable by a fine, not incarceration.
- » The numbers indicate the degree of the offense. A “1” indicates the highest level, while a “5” is the lowest level.

Offenses & Penalties

- » Theft Offense
 - > M1 Petty Theft (value < \$1,000)
 - > F5 Theft (value of \$1,000-\$7,500)
 - > M1 Receiving Stolen Property (value < \$1,000)
 - > F5 Receiving Stolen Property (value of \$1,000-\$7,500)
 - > M4 Unauthorized use of property
- » Drug-Related Offenses¹
 - > MM Possession of marijuana (less than 100 grams)
 - > M4 Possession of marijuana (equal to 100 grams, less than 200 grams)
 - > MM Possession of drug paraphernalia
 - > F5 Trafficking marijuana (higher penalty if near a school)
 - > F5 Possession of “GHB” (date rape drug, ecstasy or bath salts)
 - > MM Possession of synthetic marijuana (K2, Spice)
 - > MM² Cultivation of Marijuana

¹ Drug offenses carry mandatory driver’s license suspension of at least 6 months, up to three years, upon conviction -- regardless of whether or not a vehicle was involved in the charge. Conviction of a drug offense may affect your ability to obtain Federal Financial Aid.

² If committed within vicinity of a school or juvenile is M4. Also, crime may be a felony, depending on the amount grown.

- » Fire-Related Offenses
 - > F1 Aggravated Arson
(Building may have people in it.)
 - > F4 Arson
 - > M1 Making a false fire alarm
 - > M1 Tampering with fire safety equipment
(extinguishers, smoke detectors, etc.)
 - > M4 Misconduct at an emergency
- » Alcohol-Related Offenses
 - > M1 Underage alcohol -- possession, consumption, or under the influence
 - > M1 Furnishing alcohol to an underage person
 - > M1 Providing a place for underage person to drink
 - > M1 Display of False ID
 - > M1 Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs¹
 - > MM Open container of alcohol in public place

¹ Other penalties for this offense include immediate license suspension and possible restricted license plates and/or ignition interlock.
- » Driver’s License Violations¹
 - > M1 Driving Under Suspension (OVI - Court Restrictions - 12 point)
 - > UM Driving While under FRA Suspension (failure to have insurance)
 - > UM Driving without a valid license²
 - > UM Failure to Display License

¹ Offenses usually carry both criminal and civil penalties. This brochure discusses the criminal penalties. Civil penalties are administered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and can include additional license suspension time and reinstatement fees.

² MM if the license was expired for less than six months. Degree increases as the number of months expired and number of prior convictions increases.
- » Destruction or Damage of Property
 - > F5 Vandalism (Breaking windows, damaging property, etc.)
 - > M3 Criminal mischief
 - > M2 Criminal damaging

- > M4 Criminal trespass
- > MM Nuisance premises (Failure to maintain litter-free premises)
- > MM Littering

- » Assault/Harassment
 - > F4 Aggravated assault (with a deadly weapon under sudden fit of rage)
 - > M1 Assault
 - > M1 Aggravated Menacing
 - > M4 Menacing
 - > M1 Telephone harassment (first offense)
 - > F5 Telephone harassment (second offense)
 - > M1 Stalking¹
 - > M3 Sexual Imposition

¹ Stalking may be F4 if previously convicted or if other circumstances exist.

- » Disorderly Conduct¹
 - > MM Disorderly conduct (with or without intoxication)
 - > M4 Persisting in disorderly conduct
 - > M2 Obstructing Official Business
 - > MM Failure to disperse
 - > MM Nuisance Party

¹ Recklessly causing inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to someone due to loud parties, public indecency, offensive language, etc.

- » Speeding
 - > MM First offense in one year
 - > MM Second offense in one year
 - > M4 Third offense in one year
 - > M3 Fourth offense in one year

- » Animal-Related Offenses
 - > MM Unlicensed or unconfined dog
 - > MM Dog barking, destroying, or befouling property
 - > M2 Abandoning animals
 - > UM Possessing Dangerous Animals (violation of BG Exotic Animal Ordinance)