Codes of Conduct
BGSU is a community of scholars. As members of this community, we each have the individual and collective responsibility to conduct our personal lives in the context of mutual regard for the rights, property and privileges of others.

The Code of Academic Conduct
The Code of Academic Conduct (also called the Academic Honesty Policy) is designed to enhance and sustain an environment of ethical and principled intellectual pursuit, consistent with the core values of the University. BGSU does not tolerate cheating, lying or stealing of property or ideas.

The Code of Student Conduct
The Code of Student Conduct is intended to ensure students and organizations conduct themselves in accordance with the University’s core values:

- We respect one another and foster diversity and a culture of inclusion.
- We collaborate with each other and our community partners in the region, the State of Ohio, the nation and the world.
- We promote intellectual and personal growth through curricular and co-curricular efforts.
- We foster an environment of creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurism.
- We expect excellence in all we do.

These Codes create a set of expectations for student conduct, ensure a fair process for determining responsibility when student behavior may have deviated from those expectations and provide appropriate sanctions when a student and/or student organization has violated the Code(s).

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Student Rights
One of the concerns of Bowling Green State University is to provide each student with the opportunity to learn. Therefore, some personal freedoms and rights of students include, but are not limited to:

1. Freedom of inquiry, speech and assembly.
2. Freedom from threats.
3. Freedom from acts of violence.
4. Freedom from unfair or obscene treatment from others.
5. Freedom from interference from others in an unreasonable and unauthorized manner while in class, activities and public events.
6. Freedom from theft and willful destruction of personal property.
7. Right to study and to learn in an atmosphere of academic freedom.
8. Right to procedural due process in University conduct action.
9. Right to be governed by justifiable academic regulations.
10. Right to be informed of the regulations for academic and social conduct, and graduation requirements of the University.
11. Right to petition for redress of grievances, academic and nonacademic.
12. Right to be informed in writing of alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct.

Student Responsibilities
Each student has the responsibility:

1. To respect the rights and property of others.
2. To be fully acquainted and comply with the published rules and regulations of the University.
3. To comply with all local, state and federal laws.
4. To recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved as well as upon the entire University community.
5. To recognize the University’s obligation to provide an environment conducive for learning and academic inquiry.
6. To adhere to the academic requirements determined by individual instructors.

Academic and Student Codes of Conduct

General Policy
The preservation of freedom of discussion, inquiry and expression is possible only in an environment in which the privileges of citizenship are protected and the obligations of citizenship are understood.

Accordingly, the University has developed regulations and policies pertaining to students and to student organizations on both the main campus and at BGSU Firelands. Any student or organization violating an established policy or regulation of the University is subject to conduct action according to the provisions outlined in these Codes of Conduct. Personal conduct on University owned or University-controlled property or at University-sponsored events is subject to University jurisdiction. The University also may enforce its own conduct policy and procedures, regardless of where misconduct occurs, when personal or organizational conduct directly, seriously, or adversely interferes with or disrupts the educational mission, programs, or other functions of the University.

In addition to the guidelines of conduct set forth elsewhere in the Student Handbook and other official University publications, acts of conduct for which conduct action may be taken and the conduct procedures which apply to the fair adjudication of alleged violations are included in this document. Students at Firelands College should also refer to their Firelands College catalog for policies specific to the Firelands campus.