

I. **Principles**

The Student Conduct System is designed to uphold the Code of Conduct and foster accountability and responsibility in OWU students. **Learning** is the core purpose of the Student Conduct System. When students violate the Code of Conduct, the goal is for them to understand why rules of conduct exist, why it is important to follow them, the impact that their behavior has on others, why it is important to make better choices in the future, and their place in the University community from a broader perspective.

The Office of Student Conduct is committed to **fair** treatment by recognizing student rights, following established procedures, and use of sanctions that are proportional to the violation and that account for the student offender's conduct history. The goal of fairness encompasses students who are accused of violating rules, students who are victims of rule violations, witnesses who provide testimony, and wider campus community.

In association with the larger campus community, the Office of Student Conduct strives to **increase civility** within the university community by reducing the level and severity of misconduct on campus, decreasing the number of repeat violations by individual students, and fostering greater respect for community values.

The ultimate goal of the Office of Student Conduct is to **enhance the educational environment** at OWU. Again, in association with the larger campus community, the Office of Student Conduct strives to provide a sense of safety and comfort as preconditions for a rich learning environment. The educational goals of the University are furthered by treating students fairly and with dignity in the conduct process; which, in turn, will set an example for how they should treat others. Learning goals are also promoted by the use of learning based sanctions. Additionally, learning opportunities are provided for students who participate as Student Conduct Board members, University Appeals Board members, Student Advisors, and Advocates.

The Office of Student Conduct pursues these goals by:

- Disseminating information about the conduct process and the Code of Conduct
- Gathering information regarding alleged violations of the Code of Conduct
- Providing a forum to address alleged violations
- Developing and utilizing sanctions that reinforce the goal of learning
- Offering learning opportunities for student leaders who participate in the Student Conduct process