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# Capital University Student Handbook

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## STUDENT HANDBOOK OVERVIEW

### OVERVIEW

As a member of Capital University, you have voluntarily entered into a community of learners who are expected to exhibit thoughtful academic study and discourse, and ethical and socially responsible behavior on and off-campus. Capital University is committed to student development and personal growth. We expect students to be reflective of the university values and behavioral expectations as they practice self and group advocacy and personal responsibility.

Capital establishes expectations, policies, and procedures that are designed to protect individual freedoms and build an ethical and just community of learners. The Student Handbook outlines the expectations for student conduct both on campus and within our community. The policies, procedures and information in this document preserve free and open exchange of ideas and opinions for all members of the Capital University. This free and open exchange is central to the mission of the University.

All Capital students assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the University's function as an educational institution. Learning and living in a community is not without difficult dialogues, personal challenges, and the need for support, reflection, and guidance. Student conduct is not viewed as isolated from the educational community but as part of the whole student learning process. The Student Code of Conduct protects the freedoms and liberties inherent in an academic community for individuals and groups of students.

At Capital University, all students are expected to know the Code of Conduct and be responsible members of the learning community. Although ultimate authority for student misconduct rests with the President, they delegate disciplinary authority to the Assistant Dean for Community Responsibility and Success, who serves as the Chief Conduct Administrator. The Chief Conduct Administrator appoints conduct officers and determines the appropriate conduct officer or body to hear cases of student misconduct. The Code of Conduct is administered through the Division of the Student Experience. The Chief Conduct Administrator serves as an advisor when students need information on how to address specific conduct questions and concerns. They provide a non-threatening environment for disclosure, while serving as a campus resource and liaison between faculty, staff, students, organizations, and various other campus entities.

*Please note, this publication is subject to change, and brevity and clarity have been the guidelines in their preparation. You should verify information or seek more details on any topic from the departments, offices, and organizations detailed in this publication.*

### STUDENT CONDUCT MISSION

The mission of Student Conduct is to educate students, reinforce the values of the institution and uphold and enforce community standards. Conduct officers foster the development of the whole student through educational dialogue reflecting on behavioral choices, academic progress, learning, and ultimately, student success.

## PHILOSOPHY

Capital University is a teaching and learning community in which the ideal of freedom of inquiry and expression are sustained. Exercise and preservation of these freedoms require a respect for the individual as well as the rights of all in the community. As individuals grow and mature in communities we depend on the knowledge, integrity, and the decency of all. Different ideas, opinions, and values help to build a “constructive community” where divergent ideas help to make for a more complete educational experience.

## VALUES

1. Integrity - All members of our community are expected to exemplify honesty, respect for truth, and congruence with University standards and behavior expectations in all exchanges and interactions.
2. Responsibility - Members of our community are expected to take ownership of individual choices and any subsequent consequences.
3. Respect - All community members are expected to honor and esteem the rights and freedoms of each unique individual, and to understand the value and worth of college property and the property of others and demonstrate care for individuals and property.
4. Fairness - Members of the community are expected to follow all published rules and guidelines in good faith as the university is committed to developing consistent, honest, and just systems.
5. Community - Learning to live as a member of a community is an important part of the personal development of all students. Each individual must learn to respect others' needs and expectations, voice their own expectations and concerns about community life, and resolve differences and conflicts peacefully.
6. Social Justice – Members of the community are just and equitable in their treatment of all members of the community and act to discourage and/or intervene to prevent unjust and inequitable behaviors.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Students will be able to explain the student conduct process, University policy, and potential consequences for further violations.
2. Students will be able to articulate the impact of their behavior on themselves and other members of the Capital University community.
3. Students will identify strategies and resources to seek assistance when addressing concerns and avoiding future violations of University expectations.

## SECTION 1: STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The University considers the behavior described in the following subsections as inappropriate for the University community and in opposition to the values as set forth in this document. These expectations and policies apply to all undergraduate, seminary, graduate, and Law Students. The University encourages community members to report to University officials all incidents that involve the following actions. Any student or student organization found to have committed or attempted to engage in the following misconduct is subject to intervention and conduct action:

1. Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to furnishing false information to any University employee or office; forgery, alteration, or misuse of any University funds, document, record, or instrument of identification; tampering with an election conducted by any recognized student organization.
2. Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other University operations/ activities including public service functions on or off campus or other authorized non-University operations/activities when the act occurs on University premises.
3. Behavior by any person that poses a clear and present threat to the health, safety, or well-being of any person in the Capital University community. NOTE: Violence in any form is inconsistent with the values of Capital University. As such, we believe that students have an obligation to de-escalate conflict and/or remove themselves from dangerous situations if possible. If a student has taken all prudent and precautionary measures to avoid an altercation, and violence is still unavoidable, you may use only the amount of force necessary to extricate yourself from the altercation. Failing to take advantage of an opportunity to remove oneself from the situation negates the claim of self-defense. Actions consistent with appropriate self-defense will be considered a mitigating factor in consideration of potential conduct action and/or sanctioning.
4. Conduct which threatens or endangers the well-being of any person, including but not limited to sexual misconduct\* (including sexual harassment and sexual assault) and other forms of interpersonal violence (domestic violence, dating violence, stalking), physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, or violations of human dignity. [\*NOTE: violations that fall in the scope of the university's sexual misconduct policy will be handled according to the procedures of that policy. The Sexual Misconduct policy is reproduced in this handbook under the section on general policies and procedures and is also located on the university website.]
5. Knowingly initiating or causing to be initiated any false report, including a false warning, or threat of fire, explosion, or other emergency.
6. Tampering with, interfering with, or improperly engaging safety equipment including cameras, fire alarms, fire detection/control equipment, and door alarms, or intentionally or recklessly causing a fire which damages University or personal property or which causes injury, or failing to exit a University building during a fire alarm.
7. Attempted or actual theft of University property, property of a member of the University community, or other private or public property. Knowingly taking or maintaining possession of stolen property.
8. Unauthorized animals on campus: with the exception of animals approved by Accessibility Services, Service animals, and pets as outlined in the Residential Life policies, animals are not permitted on campus.
9. Hazing is an act which causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm, pain, discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule of a student or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition of continued

membership in a group or organization. The express or implied consent of the victim is not a defense. Apathy and acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act; they constitute hazing for the purposes of this rule. The University Hazing policy is outlined later in this document and can also be located on the University Website.

10. Destroying, damaging, or littering of any property; intentionally or recklessly destroying, damaging, or littering personal or university property or other private or public property.
11. Failure to comply with the directions of University officials or Public Safety officers acting in the performance of their duties and or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.
12. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys/proximity cards, to any University premises; failure to report a lost or stolen University identification card or key; or unauthorized entry to or use of University premises or property.
13. Use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of narcotic or other controlled substances including the possession of drug paraphernalia except as expressly permitted by law.
14. Use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by law and University regulations. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under 21 years of age. Public intoxication is expressly prohibited.
15. Illegal or unauthorized possession, use, or distribution of firearms, other weapons, explosives, fireworks, or other potentially dangerous chemicals on any University premises, including any items that fall within the category of a weapon in a vehicle parked on University property. This includes acts which are related to fire safety endangerment including but not limited to setting a fire, misuse, or tampering with fire and safety equipment.
16. Participation in an on-campus or off-campus activity which disrupts the normal operations of the University or infringes on the rights of other members of the University community; causing, participating, or inciting others to disrupt scheduled or normal activities within any campus building or area.
17. Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on University premises or at University-sponsored or supervised functions.
18. Gambling, as prohibited by the laws of the state of Ohio, including bookmaking, games of chance for profit, and/or technology or other devices that contribute to gambling.
19. Conduct which is disorderly, lewd, or indecent; disturbing the peace; aiding, abetting or procuring another person to disturb the peace on University premises or at functions sponsored, or participated in, by the University, whether or not on University premises. Disorderly conduct includes, but is not limited to, audio or visual depiction of any person while on University premises without their prior knowledge, or without their effective consent when such a depiction is likely to cause distress or injury. This also includes the display or distribution of any unauthorized audio or visual depiction without the subject's prior knowledge, or without the subject's effective consent when such a depiction is likely to cause distress or injury.

20. Theft or abuse of University electronic resources, including but not limited to:
  - a. Unauthorized access of a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose.
  - b. Unauthorized transfer or duplication of a file.
  - c. Use of another individual's identification or password and use of computing facilities or resources to interfere with the work of another student, faculty, or staff member.
  - d. Use of computing facilities or resources to send obscene, abusive, or harassing messages.
21. Use of intellectual property without authorization, including but not limited to:
  - a. From the owner including downloading, uploading, or sharing copyrighted material without permission.
  - b. Use of computing facilities or resources to interfere with normal operation of the University computing systems of any other person or organization.
  - c. Unauthorized use of computing facilities or resources to support or advocate any commercial, political, or nonprofit organization.
  - d. Unauthorized operation or attempted operation of servers, routers, switches, bridges, wireless access points, or other network equipment.
22. Host responsibility is required of all students (on and off campus) and/or student organizations. Host responsibility means that you may be liable or responsible for your guests' (student or non- student) behavior. Non-members of the university community whose behavior is detrimental to the University function may have their visiting privileges revoked or be subject to no trespassing on University premises.
23. Abuse of the University's conduct system, including but not limited to: failure to obey a notice to appear for a meeting or hearing; falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information; disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of any conduct proceeding; knowingly instigating any conduct proceeding without cause; attempt to use intimidation to discourage an individual's rightful participation in or use of the conduct system; attempt to influence the impartiality of a member of a hearing body or officer prior to any proceeding, harassment of a member of hearing board or officer prior to, during or after a proceeding; failure to comply with sanctions imposed by an officer or hearing board, making public confidential information from a conduct proceeding.
24. Violation of any University policy, rule, or regulation (including residential and housing policies) which is published electronically on the university website.
25. Violation of any federal, state, or local law.

#### 1.1 VIOLATION OF LAW AND UNIVERSITY POLICY

Students may be accountable to both civil authorities and to the University for acts which constitute violations of law and of University policy. In some cases, students may be referred to civil authorities for arrest or prosecution resulting from actions that are also violations of University policy. The University is responsible for addressing allegations of policy violations regardless of and separate from any other proceedings. Student conduct meetings may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off campus.



When a student is charged by federal, state, or local authorities with a violation of law, the University will not request or agree to special consideration for that individual because of his or her status as a student. If the alleged offense is also a violation of University policy, the University may advise off- campus authorities of the existence of the Student Code of Conduct and of how such matters will be handled internally within the University community. The University will cooperate fully with law enforcement and other agencies in the enforcement of criminal law on campus and in the conditions imposed by the criminal courts for the rehabilitation of student violators. The University reserves the right to exercise its authority of interim suspension upon notification that a student is facing criminal investigation and/or complaint.

### 1.2 UNIVERSITY JURISDICTION

Capital University students are provided access to the Code of Conduct through the Capital University website. Students are responsible for reading and abiding by the provisions in the Code of Conduct. University jurisdiction relative to Student Conduct administration shall include conduct that:

1. Occurs on University premises.
2. Occurs at University-sponsored or University-supervised events regardless of where they occur.
3. Occurs off University premises when the behavior may adversely affect the University community and its interests as an academic community.
4. Relates to any facet of the relationship between the student and Capital University's study abroad/away and other off campus academic or other recognized programs.
5. Occurs before a Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, or Graduation from the institution. Sanctions may be applied to students returning from a Leave of Absence or Withdrawal.
6. Occurs online, via email, or through another electronic medium

For purposes of the Student Code of Conduct, a student is defined as someone who has accepted an offer of admission to the University with a monetary deposit and is in the process of enrolling, is enrolled, or was recently enrolled as a part-time or full-time student or is auditing classes. Student status remains in effect during any semester in which a person is or has been enrolled; during break periods between consecutive semesters of enrollment; and when not officially enrolled for a particular term but a continuing relationship with the University is established (such as on a leave of absence).

There is no time limit on reporting violations of the Code of Conduct, however, the more time that has passed since the alleged violation, the harder it may be for the University to obtain information, witness statements, etc.

### 1.3 CONDUCT DEFINITIONS

- A. Process Advisor- the term "advisor," refers to a faculty member, administrator, or student from the University, who may be present during a conduct

conference/hearing, assist in the preparation of a conference/hearing, and consult with the student during a conference/hearing.

- B. Campus Hearing Board - reviews student conduct, determines responsibility, and when appropriate, imposes sanctions for misconduct as defined in the Capital University Student Code of Conduct. Faculty and staff are appointed in accordance with procedures approved by the Assistant Dean for Community Responsibility and Success.
- C. Conduct Administrator—the conduct administrator will provide administrative and procedural support to the Campus Hearing Board. In no event shall the conduct administrator serve as a member of a hearing board, because the conduct administrator has no role in the process that would influence the decision of the campus hearing board, and is not a member of the campus hearing board. The conduct administrator cannot be removed from a hearing on allegation of personal bias, although specific interpretations or recommendations of the conduct administrator may be included in the justification for an appeal.
- D. Conduct Officer- A University official appointed by the Assistant Dean, or by their designee, to impose sanctions upon students found to have engaged in misconduct as described in the Student Code of Conduct or any other university policy.
- E. Complainant- refers to any person who submits a report alleging that a student violated the Student Code of Conduct.
- F. Conference or Hearing- is a formal meeting to determine whether violations of the Student Code of Conduct have occurred.
- G. IFC Hearing Board -reviews organization and new recruitment violations of conduct as stated in the IFC constitution. A decision can be made by the Conduct Officer to hear any case involving a member organization.
- H. Faculty member- refers to any person hired by Capital to conduct classroom or teaching activities or who is otherwise considered by the University to be a member of its faculty.
- I. Group- refers to a number of persons who are associated with each other but who have not complied with University requirements for registration as a student organization.
- J. Guest- refers to individuals or visitors on campus including, but not limited to, the host student's residential facility.
- K. Member of the Capital community- includes any person who is a student, faculty member, university official, or any other person employed by the university. Any question concerning a person's status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Provost/Vice President of Learning or by their designee.
- L. Non-Student- refers to any person who is not enrolled part-time, full-time, or auditing classes at Capital.
- M. Student Organization- refers to any number of persons who have complied with University requirements for recognition.
- N. Panhellenic Council Conduct Board- reviews organization and new recruitment violations of conduct as stated in their constitution. A decision can be made by the Conduct Officer to hear any case involving a member organization.

- O. Policy- is defined as the written regulations of the university as found in, but not limited to, the Student Code of Conduct, other policies in the Capital University Student Handbook, the Undergraduate Bulletin, or on the university website.
- P. Respondent- refers to any person who is alleged to have violated the Student Code of Conduct.
- Q. Sanction- refers to official University responses to violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Sanctions are intended to educate students and redirect inappropriate behavior toward a more acceptable pattern consistent with community standards, institutional values, and student success.
- R. Staff or administrative staff- refers to all full-time and part-time non-teaching employees.
- S. Student- refers to someone who has accepted an offer of admission to the University with a monetary deposit and is in the process of enrolling, is enrolled, or was recently enrolled as a part- time or full-time student, or is auditing classes. Student status remains in effect during any semester in which a person is or has been enrolled; during break periods between consecutive semesters of enrollment; and when not officially enrolled for a particular term but a continuing relationship with the University is established (such as on a leave of absence).
- T. University or Capital- refers to Capital University.
- U. University Official- includes any person employed by the University who performs assigned administrative or professional responsibilities.
- V. University Premises- includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, leased, operated, controlled, or supervised by the University.
- W. University Sponsored Activity- refers to any activity, on or off University premises that is directly initiated or supervised by the University.
- X. The Assistant Dean for Community Responsibility and Success is the person designated by the University to be responsible for the administration of the Student Code of Conduct, although the President may assign another person to discharge those duties if the President deems it appropriate to do so.

#### 1.4 CONDUCT PROCESSES

The following section outlines the student conduct process for students at Capital University related to violations of the Student Code of Conduct, including Residential and Commuter Life policies and all other University policies, procedures, or regulations. In certain circumstances following an incident of serious misconduct by an individual or group, the Assistant Dean, or their designee, has the option to impose a suspension, dismissal, or other sanctions without a formal hearing process.

1. Any member of the University community may file a complaint (via an Incident Report, contacting a staff member with Residential and Commuter Life, or contacting the Chief Conduct Administrator) against a student, group, or student organization for misconduct. A report must be prepared in writing and directed to the Chief Conduct Administrator for distribution to a Conduct Officer.
2. After reviewing and investigating a complaint, the chief conduct administrator or designated officer will determine whether or not the offense will be assigned to a

Conduct Officer or the Campus Hearing Board. Only cases that may result in separation from the University may be referred to the Campus Hearing Board

3. Students involved in an alleged complaint are contacted to meet with a Conduct Officer within a designated period of time. During an investigation, if a student takes responsibility for alleged misconduct a conduct officer will assign sanctions.
4. If a conduct conference or formal hearing is warranted, the complaint will be presented to the responding student or student organization in written form. A time will be set for a conference/hearing, not less than two and no more than 10 days after the student has received notification. Maximum time limits for scheduling of hearings may be extended at the discretion of the Conduct Administrator. Notice of conduct proceedings and related materials will be expediently sent to the student's Capital email address.
5. Conduct administrator or officer may determine if the complaint has merit and/or if a complaint can be resolved by mutual consent of both parties involved. Such informal resolutions will be final and there will be no subsequent proceedings.
6. All Residential and Commuter Life professional staff designated as conduct officers may conduct conferences as assigned by the chief conduct administrator. The conference will be used to determine responsibility and where appropriate assign sanctions.
7. Once the incident/complaint is assigned to a Conduct Officer, the conduct administrator or their designee assumes the role of monitor, advisor, and record keeper. All decision letters are kept in Maxient and a copy is forwarded to the chief conduct administrator.

A student who is alleged to have violated the Code of Conduct is entitled to the following:

- To be informed of the complaint and the alleged misconduct on which the complaint is based.
- To receive an expeditious hearing of the case.
- To be assured of confidentiality in accordance with the terms of the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- To the standard of a preponderance of the evidence to determine responsibility (i.e., it is more likely than not to have occurred).
- To appeal a decision of a Conduct Officer or Hearing Board.

Beyond the general conduct process described above, more specific processes can be used to adjudicate conduct including:

### **Mediation**

Mediation is encouraged as an alternative means to resolve some conduct cases, except those involving sexual misconduct. A conduct officer, conduct administrator, or hearing body may recommend mediation to resolve disputes within the University community. Mediation is appropriate only when all parties involved (complainants and respondents) voluntarily agree to engage in the mediation process. In cases where a complaint is filed by a University official serving solely in that role, mediation is not an option. Mediation will involve the resolution of the incident, including sanctioning when needed. If mediation fails, the case will be forwarded to a hearing board.

## Board Hearings

Formal hearings conducted by the Campus Hearing Board will follow these guidelines:

1. Admission of any person to the hearing will be at the discretion of the Hearing Board. Every attempt will be made to respect the confidentiality of the parties.
2. In situations involving more than one Respondent, the hearings concerning each student usually will be conducted separately.
3. The Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be assisted by any Process Advisor they choose, at their own expense. Both the Complainant and the Respondent are responsible for presenting their own case and therefore Process Advisors are not permitted to address the Hearing Board, although they may consult with the individual(s) to whom they are serving as a Process Advisor.
4. The Respondent is required to appear at a hearing. If the Respondent fails to appear, the Hearing Board reserves the right to conduct a hearing on the basis of the information submitted, or to postpone the hearing. Except in the case of a complaint against a student for failing to obey the summons of a Hearing Board or University official acting on behalf of the Hearing Board, no student may be found to have violated the Code of Student Conduct or other University policy or procedure because a student failed to appear before the Hearing Board. In all cases, all information collected through the investigation will be presented and considered including a summary of past violations of misconduct.
5. All procedural questions are subject to the final decision of the Chair of the hearing in conjunction with the Chief Conduct Administrator.
6. After the hearing, the Hearing Board will determine whether the student is responsible for engaging in any misconduct.
7. If the Hearing Board determines that the student is responsible for engaging in misconduct, it will also determine sanctions.
8. Formal rules of evidence are not applicable in hearings.
9. Any determination of responsibility will be supported by a written finding that is placed in the Respondent's disciplinary file and will be made available to the Respondent to view, upon request.
10. There will be a single record, kept in the form of an audio recording, a video recording, or a hand transcription of all hearings before a Hearing Board, not including deliberations. Deliberations will not be recorded. The record is the property of the University.

With Hearing Board proceedings, all students are entitled to:

- Have a reasonable time to prepare and present their own case. To speak on their behalf throughout the hearing. However, Complainants and Respondents are not required to make any statement to the Hearing Board.
- Bring persons having pertinent information to the hearing as witnesses, and to question any witness approved by the Conduct Administrator. The hearing board may ask for witnesses to be called in addition to the approved list.
- Be assisted by a Process Advisor of their choosing. During the hearing, the Process Advisor may speak only to the individual being advised and may not speak directly to the Hearing Board.

- Request that any member of the Hearing Board be removed from the processes because of personal bias provided, however, that except in extraordinary circumstances, such as the discovery of new information, this request is made prior to the beginning of the hearing.

### 1.5 Non-Academic Grievances

Capital University has established policies for students to pursue non-academic grievances against faculty members, administrators, or hourly staff persons. A non-academic grievance is the formal expression by a student that they have been harmed by the malicious, arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory action (including a violation of the university's nondiscrimination policy, human dignity policy or sexual misconduct policy) by a member of the faculty, an administrator, or a staff member. Students who wish to file a non-academic grievance should contact the Assistant Dean of Community Responsibility and Success for information.

### 1.6 SANCTIONS

The following University sanctions may be assigned in response to students found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Sanctions may be imposed independently or in combination with other sanctions. Sanctions can be assigned to an individual student, group of students, and/or student organizations.

- A. Warning: The official warning is notification to the student(s) that they have been found responsible for a violation and that any other violations could result in more serious sanctions. A warning can be time designated.
- B. Probation: Probation is a sanction permitting a student to remain enrolled under prescribed conditions. Probation is designated for a specified period of time and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions if the student is found to have engaged in any additional misconduct during the probationary period.
- C. Loss of Privileges: Denial of specific privileges for a designated period of time.
- D. Restitution: Compensation for loss, damage, or injury. This may take the form of service, monetary, or property replacement. Payments required may not exceed the cost of repair or replacement of the damaged or stolen item, but a lesser amount may be specified.
- E. Discretionary Sanctions: Work assignments, essays, service to the University, learning outcome specific assignments, or other related assignments may be assigned.
- F. Residential/Housing Relocation: If a student is living in a residence hall, they may be required to move to another floor or into another residence hall.
- G. Residential/Housing Probation: Residential probation is a sanction permitting a student to remain in residence under prescribed conditions. This probation is designated for a specific time with the conditions outlined. A student on residential probation will not be permitted to stay in University housing over break periods.
- H. Residential/Housing Suspension: Students who are suspended from University housing will be required to move out of /check out of University housing within 24 hours of notification of the disciplinary action for the length of time specified by the Hearing Board or Conduct Officer. Housing fees for the full semester in which

the suspension occurs will still be charged. Any student who receives a suspension from University housing will lose eligibility to live in apartment style housing or theme learning communities.

- I. Residential/Housing Dismissal: Students who are permanently dismissed from housing will be required to vacate their residential facility within 24 hours of notification of the disciplinary action. Housing fees for the full semester in which the dismissal occurs will still be charged. The student may not reapply for residency.
- J. University Disciplinary Suspension in Abeyance: This sanction is a suspension that is delayed pending a specified behavioral performance. A definite period of observation and review occurs during the deferred suspension period. If a student is again found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct, the suspension will take place immediately without appeal for any subsequent violation.
- K. University Disciplinary Suspension: Separation of the student from the University for a defined period of time, exclusion from university premises, privileges, and activities. Students will be removed from the university within 24 hours of notification of the disciplinary action. No refunds of tuition, fees, room, or board will be made if a student is suspended. The student will be required to apply for readmission at the end of the specified period of suspension. If a dependent student is suspended from the university, a letter will be sent to their parent(s) or legal guardians with notification of the suspension.
- L. University Disciplinary Dismissal: Permanent separation of the student from the University and permanent exclusion from university premises, privileges, and activities. No refunds of tuition, fees, room and board will be made if a student is dismissed. A copy of the letter imposing disciplinary dismissal will be sent to a dependent student's parents or legal guardians.
- M. No Contact Order: A No Contact Order may be imposed in instances where it is determined that a student poses a potential threat or the escalation of disruption to another person. It may be used as an immediate sanction in some cases. This means no contact in person, via phone, cell phone, text message, instant message, any form of social media, communication via friends or other third parties, etc. In the event that the individual meets by chance/other reasons with the student in question, they are instructed to refrain from making any contact. A violation of the No Contact Order could result in either a Housing or University Suspension.
- N. Revocation of Admission: Admission to Capital University may be revoked for fraud, misrepresentation, or other violation of Capital University standards in obtaining the degree, or for other serious violations committed by a student prior to graduation.
- O. The following sanctions may be imposed upon student organizations or groups:
  - i. Those sanctions listed above in Section A-F
  - ii. Student Organization Suspension: loss of privileges, including University recognition, for a specified period of time. At the end of the period of suspension, the student organization is eligible to seek University recognition and privileges, subject to conditions for reinstatement.
  - iii. Student Organization Expulsion: permanent loss of University recognition

- iv. Accountability: Any student organization may be held accountable for the actions of any of its members if the misconduct is in any way related to the student organization. Group misconduct need not have been officially approved by the entire membership in order to be considered grounds for possible disciplinary action against the student organization. There is no minimum number of student organization members who must be involved in an incident before disciplinary action may be taken against the entire student organization. In some instances, the conduct of a single member may provide sufficient grounds for action against the entire student organization. An appropriate test to determine whether a student organization may be held accountable for the conduct of individuals is to ask whether it is likely that the individuals who have been involved in the incident if they were not members of the student organization, or, if, by student organization action, the incident was encouraged, fostered, or might have been prevented.
- v. In cases where a student organization faces conduct action, a complaint may also be filed on an individual basis against each person participating in the misconduct. Such action will not constitute double jeopardy.
- P. More than one sanction listed above may be imposed for any single instance of misconduct.

### **Other Sanctions**

In certain circumstances following an incident of serious misconduct by an individual or group, the University's Assistant Dean of Community Responsibility and Success or their designee, may impose a suspension, dismissal, or other sanctions without a formal hearing process. The Assistant Dean or their designee may also take the following actions: Interim Suspension: When imposed, the student may be temporarily separated from the University until such time as the incident is resolved before a conduct officer or Campus Hearing Board and until a final decision including any appeal is issued. This interim action may be imposed if there is any reason to believe that it is necessary including:

- a. to ensure the safety and well-being of members of the Capital University community;
- b. to ensure the student's own physical or emotional safety and well-being;
- c. If the student poses a threat of disruption of or interference with the normal operations of the University; or when a felonious act has been committed. Interim suspension may also include other losses of privilege determined to be appropriate by the Provost/Vice President of Learning or their designee.

### **1.7 RECORDS**

All student records pertaining to violations of the Student Code of Conduct, except those that resulted in the student receiving a sanction of Disciplinary Suspension or Disciplinary Dismissal from the University shall be destroyed seven years after graduation or withdrawal from the University.



### 1.8 Campus Notification: Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the University's Chief of Police and/or University Counsel, constitutes a serious criminal event or an ongoing continuing threat, a campus-wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning may be issued through the CapAlert system (the University's emergency alert system which includes text, email, and social media communications), the Campus Safety Bulletin, the University e-mail system, and/or bulletins posted throughout campus. When issuing "timely warnings" the University withholds the names of victims as confidential.

### 1.9 APPEALS

1. A student found in violation of the Code of Conduct may appeal the disciplinary decision only once. An appeal of the conference/ hearing outcome must be based on the following:
  - a. New information or evidence, unavailable during the original hearing, that could determine a different outcome
  - b. Hearing procedures deviated from the written procedures in the Student Handbook and significantly impacted the fairness of the hearing process or altered the outcome
  - c. Sanction(s) are grossly disproportionate to violation
2. The appeal must be made in writing.
3. Appeals must be received within three (3) business days of receipt of the written case outcome. Appeals should be directed to the person(s) outlined in the outcome letter.
4. If an appeal is not filed within three (3) business days of the date the party received the initial case outcome, the right to appeal is waived and the original hearing outcome becomes final.
5. An appeal will be reviewed by an appeals officer(s), who will determine whether the outcome was clearly erroneous based on one or more of the grounds for appeal. The appeals officer(s) will notify the appellant as promptly as possible of the outcome of the appeal. The appeals officer(s) will take one of the following actions:
  - a. Deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Hearing Board or Conduct Officer
  - b. Grant the appeal as to the sanction, uphold the finding of responsibility and reduce the sanction
  - c. Grant the appeal and return the case for a new hearing by a new hearing board or new conduct officer
6. All sanctions may remain in place until the appeal is decided.

### 1.10 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. As necessary, the University reserves the right to initiate a complaint, to serve as the Complainant, or to initiate conduct proceedings without a formal complaint by the victim of misconduct
2. Capital University will not tolerate intentional false reporting of incidents. It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct to make an intentionally false

report of any policy violation, and it may also violate state criminal statutes and civil defamation laws.

3. The Capital University community encourages the reporting of violations of policy and crimes by victims to University officials and, if appropriate, law enforcement authorities. Sometimes, victims are hesitant to report to University officials because they fear that they themselves may be accused of policy violations, such as underage drinking at the time of the incident. It is in the best interests of this community that as many victims as possible choose to report to University officials.
4. Amnesty. The welfare of members of our community is of paramount importance. At times, community members on and off-campus may need assistance. Capital University encourages students to offer help and assistance to others in need. Sometimes, students may be hesitant to offer assistance to others out of fear that you may get into trouble. For example, a student who has been drinking underage might hesitate to help take a sexual misconduct victim to a residential life staff member or Public Safety. While policy violations cannot be overlooked, the University may provide educational options, rather than sanctions or to offer amnesty to those who offer their assistance to others in need.

#### 1.11 Disclosures to Victims of Crimes of Violence or Non-forcible Sex Offenses

Capital University will, upon written request, disclose to the victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary hearing conducted by the university against the student who is the alleged perpetrator of the crime or offense. If the victim is deceased as a result of the crime or offense, Capital University will provide the results of the disciplinary hearing to the victim's next of kin, if so requested.

#### 1.12 INTERPRETATION AND REVISION

Any question of interpretation of the Student Code of Conduct or other University policy shall be referred to the Assistant Dean for Community Responsibility and Success or their designee for a final determination. The Student Code of Conduct shall be reviewed periodically under the direction of the Chief Conduct Administrator. When changes are made to the Code of Student Conduct all students will be notified of such changes through email notification and posting of changes to the university website.

## SECTION 2: RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUTER LIFE POLICIES

### 2.1 UNIVERSITY RESIDENCY POLICY

All full-time undergraduate students must reside in University owned housing, unless they meet the criteria for housing release as defined later in this document. Meal plans are required of all students living in traditional residence halls and suite-style halls.

University Housing currently includes:

#### **Traditional Residence Halls**

- Cotterman Hall
- Saylor-Ackermann Hall
- Lohman Complex
- Schaaf Hall

#### **Suite-Style Residence Halls**

- College Avenue Hall
- Trinity Suites

#### **Neighborhood Housing (apartments and houses)**

- Capital Commons
- Capital University Apartments
- Sheridan Avenue Apartments and Houses
- College Avenue Houses

### EXCEPTIONS TO THE RESIDENCY POLICY

A residential student is defined as any student who is or will be housed within University housing as described above. A commuter student is defined as any student who applies and is approved for a housing release. Students will receive approval in writing from the Office of Residential and Commuter Life to their Capital email address. Students must apply **annually**, and students applying for release must provide address of off-campus housing. Students can apply for a housing release if they meet one of the following criteria:

1. Live with parents or guardians within 30 miles of the Bexley campus;
2. Have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours by the start of the following semester;
3. Are 22 years of age or older prior to the start of the following semester;
4. Are married (marriage certificate required);
5. Or have an extenuating circumstance for consideration (financial exigency, verification of a chronic health or other verified circumstances).

Those who fail to meet University criteria for residing off campus will be assigned to the University room and board plan, and billed accordingly, whether or not they choose to physically reside or dine on campus. Students are encouraged not to sign a lease off-campus until official approval from the Office of Residential & Commuter Life has been provided. **Mid-semester and mid-year housing releases will only be considered for students who can demonstrate an extenuating circumstance.**

Housing release requests are available on the Residential and Commuter Life website. Please complete a Housing Release Form at <http://www.capital.edu/housing-policy/>.

1. Fall Semester Releases: Completed on-line forms must be submitted on or before July 1st of the Fall Semester for which you are applying.
2. Spring Semester Releases: A spring release will only be considered for those students who have documented extenuating circumstances which demonstrate a possible risk or hardship. Completed online forms must be submitted on or before December 1.

## 2.2 HALL SAFETY AND SECURITY

To ensure the safety of all residential students, a number of staff members are available throughout the day. For the most part, your Resident/Community Assistant will be able to assist with questions or concerns. However, in the event that an RA/CA is not available and you are in need of assistance please contact the following:

**RA on Duty:** Each night of the week an RA is available within your hall/residential area from 8pm until 8am the next morning. RAs conduct safety and security walkthroughs to check for maintenance and housekeeping issues that may arise within the building. Information on who is on duty and how to reach them is available at each lobby desk area in the residence halls.

**CC On Duty:** A professional staff member is available 24 hours a day to assist with any emergency situation which might occur. In case of emergency, the RA on Duty or Public Safety Office will contact the CC on Duty for assistance.

**Office of Residential and Commuter Life:** If a resident has concerns or questions which might not need immediate attention, they should contact the Community Coordinator for their building. Residents can also email [residencelife@capital.edu](mailto:residencelife@capital.edu) or call 614-236-6811. In most cases, a response can be expected within the next business day. The office, suite 118 in the Student Union, is open between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Public Safety:** The Residential and Commuter Life staff works very closely with Public Safety to ensure safety in University housing. They can be reached at any time, 24 hours a day, by calling 614- 236-6666.

## 2.3 CAMPUS HOUSING AGREEMENT

*This Campus Housing Agreement, completed as part of the housing application, must be completed and submitted by each individual requesting student housing prior to being placed in a Capital University residential facility. It applies to all residence halls, apartments, and houses operated through the Office of Residential and Commuter Life. The Agreement to reside in University facilities is between Capital University and the individual student. The Agreement is not a lease.*

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Students are held responsible for the payment of room and board charges for the entire academic year upon entering into a Campus Housing Agreement. Students who agree to the terms of the Agreement and are registered for classes but fail to occupy the assigned housing could be responsible for the payment of room and board charges for the entire year.*

#### **TERM**

*A standard 9-month agreement applies to all residence halls, apartments, and houses operated through the Office of Residential and Commuter Life. This agreement covers residence hall occupancy during fall and spring semesters, but not during periods between semesters or during scheduled university breaks. Break housing is available by application. The Agreement will be from August to May . Please note: Summer housing has a separate housing agreement and application process.*

#### **REQUEST FOR A RELEASE**

*A student requesting a release from the Agreement and the University Residency Policy must complete the Housing Intent Form (please select commuter) before July 1 for the fall semester and December 1 for the spring semester. Those students who apply for release from the Agreement but who are denied a release will be responsible for payment of room charges for the entire academic year. A mid-year request for a residency release from the Agreement will only be considered for students with extenuating circumstances supported by the appropriate formal documentation. Students who are approved for release from the Agreement will be responsible for payment of the \$300 Cancellation Fee and prorated room and meal plan charges based on the date of key return and check-out from the residence halls.*

#### **CANCELLATION**

*In the event that a student leaves his/her housing assignment due to an official withdrawal, the student will be responsible for a \$300 cancellation fee. Students may qualify for prorated room and meal plan charges based on the date of check-out and key return. Students who are graduating, studying abroad in a university-sponsored program, or called for active military duty are exempt from the cancellation fee.*

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

*Only full-time undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more credit hours at Capital University are eligible for housing. Students who are not registered for classes will not be permitted to move-in or remain in campus housing. Changing from full-time status does not terminate the Agreement. Students falling below full-time academic status during a semester will be responsible for the payment of all room and board fees. Capital University reserves the right to deny housing or cancel housing for students who: are not in good conduct or financial standing with the University, violate the Student Code of Conduct, have a criminal record, or falsify information on a housing application or Agreement. Capital University reserves the right to deny housing to individuals who may have been convicted of violent crimes and other felonies. Capital University will consider each application on a case-by-case basis. Students are required to disclose criminal record information to the University, prior to completion of the Housing Intent Form.*

#### **RESIDENTIAL POLICIES**

*Students who enter into this Agreement understand that they agree to abide by the Student Code of Conduct and the residential policies and procedures established by Capital University. Failure to follow these rules may impact eligibility for housing.*

#### *DINING/MEAL PLANS*

*Meal plans are required of all students living in traditional and suite-style residence halls. Students living in Neighborhood housing (as defined above) may choose to select a meal plan. Meal plans are only available during fall and spring semesters when classes are in session, and not during periods between semesters.*

*All funds and plans purchased for use in Capital Dining are for the personal use of the account owner and are non-transferable. Unused meal plans expire at the end of each semester. Cap Bucks associated with meal plans or purchased separately will carry over from the fall to the spring semester, expiring on the last day of the spring term.*

*All meal plan and student Cap Bucks purchases are non-refundable. All purchases are considered final. Exceptions will be made for processing errors. All refunds for processing errors will be refunded to the credit card used for the purchase. Contact Aladdin Dining Services for processing error issues.*

*For students who withdraw from the University, meal plans will be refunded on a prorated basis as determined by the Office of Residential and Commuter Life and in accordance with the University's policies.*

*All first-year and transfer (those entering Capital with 15 or fewer credit hours) undergraduate students living on campus are required to have the Ultimate Plus meal plan for the entire year. Upper-class students residing in residence halls requiring meal plans can choose from different residential meal plans, ranging from the Ultimate Plus to the 125 Block plan. Additionally, commuter students and students residing in Neighborhood housing (defined above) that do not require meal plans may select a Freedom 100 or Freedom 50 plan in addition to the residential meal plans. No meal plan changes will be accepted after the second week of classes of each semester. Changes must be requested via the Residential and Commuter Life website at <https://www.capital.edu/meal-plan-change/>*

*For those living in the residence halls with a meal plan, in the event that you lose your student ID, temporary meal passes are available through the Office of Residential and Commuter Life which is located in the Student Union. To receive a temporary meal pass you must bring a photo ID.*

#### 2.4 ROOM/UNIT CHECK-IN/OUT PROCEDURES

When a student moves into campus housing, they will be issued a key(s) and have the opportunity to review the Room Condition Report (RCR) for their room. It is the student's responsibility to report any existing damage that is not listed on the RCR.

When any student moves out of University housing, a formal check-out must occur. Check-out requires that the room be returned to its original check-in condition. Students will disclose any damages to their housing assignment, return all issued keys, and complete necessary paperwork as instructed by the Office of Residential and Commuter Life. Failure to appropriately check-out may result in a \$100 Improper Checkout fee

and/or a \$150 lock change fee. Students will be financially responsible for any new damage or missing furniture.

## 2.5 BREAK HOUSING

All students wishing to remain in University housing during breaks and/or in between semesters must apply for break housing. Available applications can be found at (<https://www.capital.edu/break-housing>). Students may request to remain in the University housing during the following break periods: November Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, Easter Break, and Extended Stay (the period after the halls close in May). All requests are reviewed for eligibility.

Students who are eligible for break housing must have no record of serious conduct violations (alcohol or substance abuse, residence hall or conduct probation, vandalism, security or safety violations, etc.) within the past two semesters. Such violations will result in the immediate denial of your application, regardless of reason for applying. Students applying for break housing must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. Must be an approved participant in a university-sponsored activity such as athletics, student activities, etc. If you are an athlete you must apply for break housing (coaches will submit verification to the Office of Residential and Commuter Life). If the student is on campus at the request of a department, the fee will be paid by the student or by the department. Students are encouraged to clarify the expectations for the break housing fee payment prior to making a commitment for break housing.
2. Must have a work study job at the University and/or a job off campus and have permanent residency more than 60 miles from Capital University. Verification of employment will be required. Acceptable documented proof is a letter from your employer on company letterhead including a contact name, phone number, and the dates that the student is required to work. If this is not provided the student will not be permitted to stay in break housing. Verification must be received by the break housing application deadline in order for your application to be processed. Note, off-campus employment does not qualify for Extended Stay at the end of each semester.
3. Must reside out of state or outside the United States.
4. Students experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness.

The cost to stay in the halls during break periods is \$15 per day. This fee will appear as early/break housing fee on your e-bill. This fee will be applied from the first evening that the residence halls close through the first day that students are permitted to return to the residence halls. Any application received after the deadline will be subject to an increased per day charge (See chart below). If a student is remaining on campus as part of a student group (and whose cost is being covered) submits a late application, the student will be responsible for any charge above the standard \$15 per day charge.

Applications submitted by deadline	\$15 per day
Applications submitted late	\$20 per day
Application not submitted prior to hall closing	\$35 per day

## **SUMMER HOUSING**

Summer housing is available on campus but not included in the campus housing agreement. Students are required to apply separately for summer housing online at <https://capital.erezlife.com>. Rates for summer housing can be found online. Summer housing is available to: students enrolled in summer classes, students participating in the MMME program, current students employed on campus or in the Columbus area for summer, international students, students experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness, and students with extenuating circumstances.

Graduating seniors may apply for summer housing, but must move out no later than July 31. Students returning to Capital housing in the fall will receive priority placement.

### 2.6 WORK ORDERS

When something in your residential space breaks or is in need of repair, please complete a work order at: <http://www.capital.edu/fixit> (Account #: 924322674 Password: password). If you need help filling out a work order form the first time, your RA will be happy to assist you. If your work order has not been completed in a timely manner, please contact your RA or Community Coordinator.

1. Daytime Facilities Office Only: 614-236-6400
2. After Hours Emergency Maintenance: 614-746-6068
3. After Hours Emergency Maintenance (11:30pm-7:30am): (614) 398-6330

### 2.7 ROOM CHANGES

Students can initiate a room change by completing the Room Change Request form located at <https://capital.erezlife.com>. Room changes are not permitted during the first and last two weeks of the semester. Prior to submitting a Room Change Request form, students should review their concerns with their RA and in some case may be asked to participate in a roommate mediation. If it is determined that a room change is appropriate, room changes will be facilitated by your Community Coordinator.

### 2.8 PERSONAL PROPERTY

The University does not assume any legal or financial obligation for any resident's personal property that may be lost or damaged in its buildings or on its grounds. Students and/or their parents are encouraged to carry renters' insurance to cover such losses.

### 2.9 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Living in community is built on the foundation of respect: respect for self, other students, the facility and the staff. It is the responsibility of all students to contribute to a positive environment that support the living and learning of all students. The policies and procedures listed on the following pages are applicable to all Capital University housing.



## 2.10 ABANDONED ITEMS

Any item left behind by a resident after check-out will be considered abandoned. Capital University does not accept responsibility for the storage or safekeeping of property abandoned in University housing.

- Articles of clothing, bedding, toiletries, cleaning supplies and food items will be disposed of or donated immediately.
- Furniture, electronics, computers, or other large items will be removed and stored for 30 days from the day the items were considered abandoned. After 30 days the items will be discarded.
- Students will be notified in writing by their Community Coordinator with instructions on collecting their belongings.
- When storing items, staff will carefully log all items and label with the name of the owner, room number where the items were removed from, and the date the items were removed.
- Abandoned belongings that must be removed will result in a minimum \$100 improper check-out charge to the individual responsible for abandoning their belongings.
- If unable to determine who is responsible for abandoning the items, this charge will be split amongst the residents assigned to that unit.

## 2.11 HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

Capital University welcomes all individuals to be an integral part of the university community. To ensure access to participate in our programs, and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Capital University provides reasonable accommodations and support services to qualified individuals with disabilities.

Accessibility Services provides individualized services for students with disability related needs. Service areas include admissions, academics, housing, employment, facilities accessibility, and social/personal issues related to disability. Individuals who require housing accommodations are responsible for disclosing their disability to Accessibility Services and initiating the registration process prior to the deadlines to guarantee accommodation.

- To receive housing accommodations (including Emotional Support Animals), students with disabilities must register with Accessibility Services.
- Students are advised to apply for housing accommodations 6 weeks before the Housing Accommodation Deadlines set by Accessibility Services and Residential and Commuter Life.
- Students who wish to request renewal of their previously approved housing accommodations, must complete an 'Additional Accommodation Request' on Accommodate each year prior to the housing accommodation deadline.
- Temporary housing accommodations may be available for students with temporary disabilities, but are subject to room availability.

Visit the Accessibility Services webpage for information on the registration process, housing accommodations, emotional support animal, and documentation guidelines.  
<https://www.capital.edu/about-capital/accessibility-services/>

### **Accommodations Approval Deadlines:**

#### Fall Semester 2025

Upper-Class Students: January 31, 2025 (Deadline for renewals, including requests for changes to current accommodations)

Upper-Class Students: February 14, 2025 (Deadline for first time requests) First-year/Transfer/readmitted students June 15, 2025

#### Spring Semester 2026

Upper-Class Students: November 5, 2025

First-year/Transfer/readmitted students: December 9, 2025

**\*\*Requests approved after the above identified dates cannot be guaranteed for accommodation\*\***

### **2.12 ALCOHOL IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING**

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in University housing is a privilege extended to those residents of legal drinking age. The following specific restrictions expand those described in the University alcohol policy to ensure resident clarity and help maintain individual rights to privacy, safety, sleep, and study by all residents.

1. Alcohol may be possessed or consumed, but not sold, in the privacy of student rooms by those residents and their invited guests who are of legal drinking age as long as the door to the room is closed. Appropriate disciplinary and/or civil action will be taken in cases where persons of legal age are found providing alcohol to persons less than 21 years of age.
2. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on porches, balconies, lawns, or in hallways, lounges, stairways, courtyards, community bathrooms, parking lots or any public areas on campus. All alcohol that is transported through public areas must be unopened and inconspicuous (i.e. carried in a bag or sack, etc.). No alcohol is permitted in the common areas of any suite, apartment or house unless all of the assigned residents are 21 or older.
3. Private gatherings held in student rooms must be confined to the specific room and the door must be closed. These gatherings must adhere to courtesy and quiet hour restrictions, in compliance with room occupancy restrictions (outlined below), and any other applicable housing or university policies.
4. Students may not possess excessive amounts of alcohol; kegs, trash cans, or other large vessels that contain alcoholic beverages are prohibited in University housing.
5. Residents are responsible for the actions of their guests at all times. Alcohol use/misuse does not excuse disruptive, excessively noisy or indecent behavior.
6. Drinking games and other progressive drinking parties are not permitted due to the potential for injury, damage, noise violations, illegal consumption, etc. Drinking and/or consumption games are a form of binge drinking that promotes intoxication

and puts students at risk for making careless decisions. Examples of prohibited drinking and/or consumption games include power hour, chugging, initiations, funneling, beer pong, quarters, and flip cup, etc. Paraphernalia related to or used for drinking games such as funnels and beer pong tables are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated.

7. Possession or use of false identification to obtain alcohol will result in disciplinary and/or civil action.
8. Alcoholic beverage containers (whether empty, open, or not open) are prohibited in the rooms of residents less than 21 years of age. Containers include wine and shot glasses even if they are being used for decorative purposes. Students who are 21 years of age may have decorative alcohol containers. Alcoholic beverage signs are not allowed as window displays, per university guidelines. No posters, fliers, etc. promoting the use of alcohol may be posted in any public area.
9. Possession or use of alcohol at University housing functions, including hall or area programming, will result in appropriate disciplinary and/or civil action.
10. Possession or use of alcohol in violation of the above policies will result in the immediate disposal of the alcohol and appropriate disciplinary and/or civil action.

Situations in which the illegal or excessive consumption of alcohol takes place off campus and the resident and/or their guests then returns to University housing (i.e. underage residents return under the influence of alcohol or a resident over 21 returns inebriated) will also result in disciplinary and/or civil action when brought to the attention of the staff

#### 2.13 BALCONY, PORCH, ROOF and WINDOW SAFETY

Students are permitted to place personal patio-style furniture on porches and balconies, provided that these items are in good working order and are maintained. No university issued furniture should be placed outdoors. No items should be hung or thrown from the porch or balcony areas.

Due to concerns for personal safety and potential property damage, students are prohibited from entering onto or throwing/tossing items upon university rooftops.

Throwing, causing to fall, or allowing any object or substance to fall out of a window of University housing is prohibited.

#### 2.14 BASEMENTS or ATTICS

Students are not permitted to reside in the basements or attic spaces of any University housing. Storage of personal items and University furniture is not permitted in basements or attic spaces.

#### 2.15 BATHROOMS

All residence hall bathrooms are designated as single gender use unless otherwise indicated. Residents are not allowed in the bathrooms when closed for cleaning. Students are responsible for following all posted signage in bathrooms.

#### 2.16 BICYCLES & RECREATION

Bicycles are not permitted in the common areas or hallways of University housing. They may be stored inside student rooms or on provided bike racks outside University housing.

In order to prevent damage or injury to residents and/or housing facilities, running, speed walking, jogging, scooters (motorized or not), hover boards, rollerblading, skateboarding, skating, roughhousing, using water or toy guns, water balloons and the throwing, bouncing, or kicking of objects in halls, stairwells and other common areas is prohibited. Darts and dartboards are prohibited in University housing due to their potential danger to both persons and property. Velcro dartboards are an acceptable alternative.

#### 2.17 CHILDREN and CHILDCARE

The University does not provide housing for children with the exception of those registered to live in our graduate and family housing areas. Those who bring young children into University housing while they are visiting a resident have an obligation to supervise them closely to ensure that they do not disrupt the residential environment. If there is reasonable evidence that a child's behavior is detrimental to the residential community, Residential & Commuter Life staff may request that the visitors leave the building. Students who accept childcare responsibilities are not permitted to provide this service in University housing. No individual guests under the age of 18 years of age are permitted to stay in the residence halls overnight, with the exception of those guests who are registered with an approved university event.

#### 2.18 CONFISCATION

Illegal substances and items found to represent a health and safety violation or which in other ways constitute a violation of University policies will be immediately removed by Residential & Commuter Life staff and/or Public Safety.

#### 2.19 COURTESY and QUIET HOURS

University housing units are group living environments. Therefore, it is expected that all students respect other students' rights to study, be in a quiet environment, and sleep.

##### **Courtesy Hours**

Courtesy hours are enforced 24-hours each day. During courtesy hours, residents are expected to act in a manner that demonstrates respect for the rights of others to study and sleep in their rooms. Residents are expected to work cooperatively to establish acceptable and respectable noise levels. The right to reasonable quiet shall, at all times, supersede noisemaking.

##### **Quiet Hours**

During quiet hours, noise should not be audible outside of a resident's room with the door closed. Quiet hours during the academic year are as follows: Sunday-Thursday 10 p.m. - 8 a.m. & Friday and Saturday 12:00 midnight – 10 a.m.

24 Hour Quiet- Quiet hours are in place 24 hours a day during finals due to the nature and need for the environment to be free from distraction while residents complete the semester.

#### 2.20 DAMAGE and FEES

After checking in to their residence, students are given an opportunity to review the Room Condition Report (RCR) for their room. On this form, students will have the opportunity to

amend any damage that is not listed on the RCR. Students who do not review their RCR will accept that all furniture and fixtures within their residence are in new, good, or fair condition. Furthermore, students who do not review their RCR will accept that they will be billed for repair or replacement of furniture and fixtures found to be missing or in poor condition at checkout.

In the case of withdrawal from the university, an approved room change, an emergency residential closure, or the end of a student's housing contract term, students are required to check out of their residential assignment. Students are encouraged to schedule a time with their RA to review their RCR and complete the checkout portion to verify the final condition of their space. Students may also complete the Express Checkout process, but this waives the right to appeal any damage billing assessed to their space. Students who fail to properly check-out of their residential assignment may be charged a \$100 improper check-out fee and may be charged additional fees for missing or broken furniture and fixtures, as well as excessively dirty residences that require extra cleaning.

Students may be charged for:

- damage to the building, including fire damage;
- missing or damaged furniture, keys, and other property;
- labor costs associated with above repairs or replacements.

Where two or more residents occupy the same room and responsibility for damage or loss in the room cannot be ascertained by the Office of Residential and Commuter Life, the cost of damage or loss will be divided and assessed equally among the residents of the room. The Office of Residential and Commuter Life reserves the right to assess common area damage between residents of an apartment, house, floor, and/or hall.

### 2.21 FIRE SAFETY

Students are expected to comply with emergency procedures and fire policies and are not permitted to do the following:

1. Intentionally or recklessly causing a fire which damages University or personal property or which causes injury
2. Fail or refuse to evacuate a University-controlled building during a fire alarm
3. Improperly use fire safety equipment
4. Tamper with or improperly engage a fire alarm or fire detection/control equipment, which can result in immediate disciplinary referral.

The University reserves the right to make periodic inspections of campus housing to ensure fire safety systems are operational and that the policy on prohibited items is being complied with (see description of prohibited items in that section of the handbook). Prohibited items, if found, will be confiscated, and donated or discarded without reimbursement.

### 2.22 FURNITURE

Each student room is provided with furnishings verified by a Room Condition Report (RCR) at the time of move-in. Students may not move additional university items into their

rooms from public areas or other resident rooms, nor remove items that are placed in that room by the University.

Personal mattresses are not permitted in University housing unless approved in advance through Accessibility Services.

University furniture is not permitted outdoors on balconies, decks or porches of University housing. Students may place appropriate personal furnishings on balconies, decks or porches provided they are in compliance with local ordinance.

### 2.23 GARAGES

Students living in Sheridan Ave. and College Ave. apartments and houses are prohibited from parking in or storing any personal items in garages.

### 2.24 KEYS, CARD ACCESS, and LOCKS

Each resident is issued specific key(s) to their room. Students should not switch keys with roommates or housemates. Visitors and guests will not be issued room or card access. In some cases, a student I.D will serve as a key; IDs may never be given to other residents, especially to gain access to a facility. Duplication of keys is not permitted. Residents assume full responsibility for the use of the keys until returned to the Office Residential and Commuter Life.

### **LOCK CHANGES AND FEES**

Lost keys should be reported to the Community Coordinator as quickly as possible. In some cases, an immediate lock change may be completed to ensure the safety of residents. Lost keys will be charged \$150 per lock change and new keys, charged to their Student Account via the E-Bill system.

### **LOCKOUT FEES**

Residents that lock themselves out of their rooms can be let in by a Residential and Commuter Life staff member. Residents will be charged \$5 per lockout, charged to their Student Account via the E-Bill system.

### 2.25 MAINTENANCE

Facilities personnel will enter properties to complete maintenance when:

1. There is a facilities emergency and immediate attention is needed. (Facilities will knock and announce prior to entering the property)
2. A work-order has been submitted by the resident (Facilities will knock and announce prior to entering the property)
3. Routine maintenance needs completed (Facilities will notify residents 24 hours in advance. Upon arrival will knock and announce prior to entering the property)

### 2.26 PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

According to the Bexley City Code Section 1266.08: No automotive vehicle or trailer of any kind or type without current license plates shall be parked or stored on any residential property other than in completely enclosed buildings. A maximum of one boat or one unoccupied recreational vehicle may be stored in the rear yard on any residentially zoned property if it has a current license, meets the requirements of this [Bexley] Zoning Code for accessory structures and is adequately screened by a seventy-two-inch high solid fence or non-deciduous landscape material.

No commercial vehicle shall be parked or stored on any property in a residential zoning district other than in a completely enclosed building, except those commercial vehicles conveying the necessary tools and materials to premises where labor using such tools and materials is to be performed during the actual time of parking. A commercial vehicle is a commercial tractor, commercial car, truck, motorbus, house trailer or semitrailer, as defined in Ohio R. C. 4501.01 or Chapter 402 of these [Bexley] Codified Ordinances.

No commercial motor vehicle repair and/or service shall occur in the City of Bexley, Ohio, other than in a completely enclosed building on any commercial property. (Ord. 29-16. Passed 11-15-16.)

Electrical vehicles can be charged in designated charging stations only. Vehicles cannot be charged at a student's residence.

### 2.27 PETS

Fish are the only pets permitted in University housing. Aquariums must be 5-gallon tanks or less and must be unplugged during semester breaks. For students in the accommodations review process, no animals are permitted until written approval is received by the Office of Residential and Commuter Life from the Office of Accessibility Services. Residents with approved assistance or support animals are required to clean up and properly dispose of animal waste. Students with approved animals related to accommodations will receive a comprehensive policy provided by Accessibility Services.

### 2.28 POSTINGS

The posting of materials in public areas must be approved and stamped by the Student and Community Engagement Office. The Office of Residential and Commuter Life reserves the right to refuse any postings that contain rude, vulgar, indecent, or obscene expressions. Hallways and bathrooms are considered public areas and are subject to the same restrictions as other public postings. Postings should be hung using blue painters' tape. Students living in the neighborhood are not permitted to post on the exterior of their home. This includes placement of yard signs.

### 2.29 PROHIBITED ITEMS

Prohibited items found in a student room, suite, or apartment will be deemed the responsibility of all assigned occupants unless an individual claims responsibility for the item(s). The following are not permitted to be used in residence halls:

#### **Fire Safety**

- A. Touchier, halogen, lava lamps, sun lamps
- B. Open-faced electrical or heating items, coffee pots\* (Keurig style are acceptable), hot plates, broilers, toasters\*, toaster ovens\*, rice-cookers, woks, electric skillet, air fryers, waffle makers, and other similar appliances are not acceptable.
- C. Grills and stoves: Due to the risk of fire, grills are not permitted on the porches and balconies of University housing. Camp stoves, indoor grills, hibachi, and foreman-type grills\* are not permitted.
- D. Candles, incense, and Scentsy warmers (or any similar wax warmers) are not allowed in any residential facility.
- E. Space heaters and immersion heaters are not permitted

- F. Open flames including Bunsen burners, bonfires, fire pits, and campfires are not permitted.
- G. Extension cords are not permitted per the Ohio Fire Safety Code. Students must use multiple outlet power strips, which are U/L listed for 15 amps/120 volts, and have a heavy-duty cord and built-in circuit breaker.

### Appliances & Devices

Use of electrical appliances is permitted in University housing within certain guidelines. Appliances used in the residence halls must be safe in design and structure (such as UL-approved appliances) and must be properly maintained. Specific limitations include:

- A. Refrigerators that have a maximum capacity of 3.3cu. ft. are permitted in the residence halls. Refrigerators should bear the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label and draw no more than 3.6 amps. No full-size refrigerators are permitted within the residence halls.
- B. Air conditioners, are not permitted except as provided by the University
- C. Microwave ovens, are not permitted except as provided by the University\*. Micro-fridge combinations can be rented exclusively through bedloft.com. Microwaves are provided for community use in each residential facility.
- D. Ceiling fans are not permitted
- E. Motorized items drones, and remotely controlled devices, hover boards, self-balancing scooter boards, two-wheeled scooters, Segways, mopeds, motorcycles, etc., may not be operated, charged, or stored inside any residence halls.

### Other Items

- A. Hookahs are not allowed to be used or stored in a resident's room or common space.
- B. Vaping devices cannot be used in University housing.
- C. Hypodermic needles: Improper disposal of hypodermic needles creates a medical waste hazard. Contaminated needles and other contaminated sharp instruments should be placed in appropriate containers. Containers should be closeable, puncture resistant, color-coded red or labeled with a biohazard symbol, leak-proof on the side and bottom, maintained in an upright position, replaced routinely, not allowed to over fill and be closed immediately.
- D. Street signs are not permitted in residence halls or student rooms.
- E. The installation and use of video surveillance and recording equipment is prohibited.
  - a. *Use of doorbell cameras is permitted for those living in Sheridan Ave. or College Ave. Houses. These cameras cannot be permanently affixed to the property or connected to the university wi-fi network. These cameras can only be external facing and not located within the residence.*
- F. Waterbeds are not permitted in student rooms.
- G. Trampolines
- H. Pools

\* Permitted use in the Capital Commons, Capital University Apartments, College Avenue Houses, and Sheridan Apartments & Houses.

\*\*Permitted use in the Capital Commons, College Avenue Hall, College Avenue Houses, Capital University Apartments, Sheridan Apartments and Houses, and Trinity Suites.



### 2.30 ROOM ALTERATIONS and ADDITIONS

Care must be taken to ensure the safety of the interior of the rooms. It is recommended that masking tape, painters' tape, and Command strips and hooks be used for affixing items. Students may not use screws or nails in walls or furnishings. The installation of shelves, paneling and wallpapering of walls or other architectural changes is prohibited.

#### **Decorations**

Students are encouraged to decorate as long as they do not create health hazards, fire hazards, or cause damage to the room. Students may be asked to take items down if they are offensive, create a hostile living environment, or are deemed inappropriate.

- A. Painting of student rooms is not permitted.
- B. All items must comply with all university policies and must not block vents or peepholes.
- C. Tapestries, posters, etc., may not be hung or draped from the ceiling. Tapestries and posters need to be two feet from the ceiling.
- D. Postings cannot be painted on or be permanently affixed to the windows.
- E. Postings cannot be on the outside of a window.
- F. Items cannot be displayed in windows that are visible from the exterior of the building.

#### **Holiday Decorations**

- A. All materials used (i.e. paper, foil) must be flame resistant and/or retardant.
- B. Trees and other greenery must be artificial and must have proof of flame resistance
- C. Holiday string lights are not prohibited outside a resident's room.
- D. Fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguisher cabinets, smoke detectors, sprinkler heads and exit signs must not be covered and exits must not be blocked.

#### **Loft Policy**

Students are able to rent lofts exclusively through BedLoft.com for use in their residence hall room. The University will not provide any lofting kits, nor are students able to bring self-constructed lofts or lofts purchased from other entities. Lofts are not permitted in the following areas: Capital University Apartments, Capital Commons, Houses/Apartments on Sheridan or College Avenue, or the Trinity Suites. For more information about renting a loft, please visit [www.capital.edu/residence-life](http://www.capital.edu/residence-life).

### 2.31 ROOM CHANGES and ROOMMATES

The Office of Residential and Commuter Life reserves the right to change room assignments, assign roommates, and consolidate vacancies at any time. All requests for housing changes must be approved by the Community Coordinators and/or the Office of Residential and Commuter Life. Students requesting a room change due to a conflict with their roommate will be asked to participate in mediation with a member of the Residential and Commuter Life staff. Room changes request forms can be completed at <https://capital.erezlife.com>

#### **Roommate Conflict**

If a roommate conflict occurs, students will work with Residential and Commuter Life staff to resolve the issue. This could include mediation and/or student relocation.

### 2.32 Occupancy Violation

Room assignment changes must be initiated and approved by the Community Coordinators or other Residential & Commuter Life staff. Students who move without approval may be subject to disciplinary referral. Unapproved occupancy of a space will result in immediate removal from the space. In addition, students will be subject to possible disciplinary referral.

Students are not permitted to live in the basements of apartments or houses located in the Neighborhood. The occupancy policy of residential rooms is two times the number of students assigned to a space. For a traditional residence hall double, this means the occupancy is four people.

### 2.33 ROOM CONDITION AND UPKEEP

Students will be responsible for the upkeep of their residential space. Periodic health and safety inspections will be performed by members of the University staff. When the condition of a student room/suite/apartment/house is determined to be hazardous to the health of residents or could cause long term damage to the facility, students may be asked to remedy the situation. This could include trash removal, removal of hazardous items, mandated cleaning, etc. Residents could also be subject to further inspection and or disciplinary action.

### 2.34 SAFETY INSPECTION AND ROOM ENTRY

The University reserves the right to enter rooms, for the purpose of making routine administrative and safety inspections (including during breaks), and when a member of the University staff has reasonable cause to believe:

1. An occupant may be physically harmed or endangered,
2. Significant damage is being done to university property,
3. University policy or an applicable law has been or is being violated,
4. Housekeeping, maintenance and/or repair is necessary

Additionally, planned Health and Safety Inspections will occur on the following schedule:

1. Before mid-term break in October
2. The Friday after the last day of finals in December
3. Before Spring break

Students will be notified via email of when these inspections will occur and how to schedule them with a staff member.

### 2.35 SMOKING

All residential facilities are smoke and tobacco free. Smoking within University housing is prohibited at all times without exception; this includes e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), and all other devices associated with vaping. Outdoor smoking is permitted 20 feet from residential facilities.

### 2.36 SPRINKLERS

The Capital University Apartments and College Avenue Hall are equipped with a sprinkler system. The sprinkler will activate if there is a fire in progress or if a sprinkler head is tampered with. Students are prohibited from hanging any items from or around the

sprinkler head. Students found responsible for setting off a sprinkler head will be responsible for any damage that occurs.

### 2.37 STORAGE

Students may not store furniture over the summer. The Office of Residential and Commuter Life is not responsible for any items left in housing after a student has checked out of their space for the summer. This includes apartments and houses and any units that students will resume residence in during the upcoming year.

### 2.38 TRASH

Trash must be disposed of in dumpsters or in designated areas. Disposal of personal trash in common areas or bathrooms should be minimal and only include appropriate trash for those areas (example – an empty toothpaste container is appropriate trash to put in the bathroom). Abuse of the common area and/or bathroom trash receptacles will result in referral for Student Conduct.

Students living in Sheridan Ave. and College Avenue apartments and houses are responsible for placing trash and recycling containers at the curb for collection and removing them from the curb after collection. Trash and recycling are collected each Monday morning between 5am-noon.

### 2.39 VISITORS and GUESTS

Roommates must develop a mutual agreement regarding visitors and/or guests. All students are expected to know, understand, and develop a plan to implement the visitor and guest policy as outlined below.

Students are reminded that the roommate's right to privacy in their room supersedes the right to host guests in all situations. In addition, guests must be accompanied by their Capital University host at all times.

- Overnight guests of students are permitted in residence halls for a maximum of two (2) nights in a seven-day period, and no more than four (4) nights in a one (1) month period.
- Events and/or circumstances requiring additional nights must be approved in advance by the Community Coordinator of the respective building.
- This policy is designed to accommodate the occasional guest and/or visitor, and not to provide temporary housing for students or non-students.
- For safety and fire code reasons, students are not permitted to have guests that equal more than two times the maximum occupancy of the room at any one time.
- No individual guests under the age of 18 years of age are permitted to stay in the residence halls overnight, with the exception of those guests who are registered through an approved university event. Students are responsible for their visitors and guest's behavior. Failure to fulfill host responsibilities will result in the review of the student's conduct, possible removal of privileges, and assessment of fines and/or charges.
- Individuals who are not students at the University, whose behavior is detrimental to the University, may be prohibited from entering any University housing unless approved by the Residential and Commuter Life staff. If the guest or visitor's behavior represents a threat to the Capital University community, they will be issued a Persona Non Grata and subject to trespassing charges by Public Safety.

- The Office of Residential and Commuter Life will address individual cases of resident abuse of guest and/or visitor privileges.

#### 2.40 WEAPONS

Possession, storage, or use of any type of firearm or weapon, including replicas, is not allowed in University housing. This includes tasers, knives (except for standard kitchen knives), and swords (See also University Weapons Policy).

Use or possession of projectiles such as slingshots, water balloons, water guns, paintball guns, air-soft guns are prohibited. Pepper spray/mace is permitted as a safety tool- any other use would be subject to a violation of this policy.

## SECTION 3: GRADUATE AND FAMILY HOUSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Unless otherwise noted, all policies listed in this section are a clarification of, amendment to, or reiteration of the policy written above. Policies in the section only apply to students living in our Graduate and Family Housing. All residents are responsible for adherence to the Capital University Student Handbook: Section 2—Residential and Commuter Life, listed above.

### 3.1 ELIGIBILITY

#### **Graduate Students**

- Full time enrollment at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Capital University, or Capital University Law School graduate program.
  - Residents wishing to share their residence with their spouse or children must provide appropriate documentation (as listed below) prior to move-in:
    1. Marriage Certificate (if spouse will be residing in the housing unit)
    2. Domestic Partnership Declaration Form (if non-University affiliated partner will be residing in the housing unit)
    3. Birth Certificates or proof of guardianship for all children residing in the housing unit

#### **Undergraduate Students**

- Full time enrollment at Capital university
  - Undergraduate Students seeking family housing should complete the Graduate and Family Housing Intent Form and schedule a meeting with the Director of Residential Life.
- Students who are married
- Students with dependent children
  - Residents wishing to share their residence with their spouse or children must provide appropriate documentation (as listed below) prior to move-in:
    1. Marriage Certificate
    2. Birth Certificates or proof of guardianship for all children residing in the housing unit.

*Students who are not registered for classes will not be permitted to move-in or remain in campus housing. Capital University reserves the right to deny housing or cancel housing for students who: are not in good conduct or financial standing with the University, violate the Student Code of Conduct, have a criminal record, or falsify information on their housing application or Campus Housing Agreement. Capital University will consider each application on a cases-by-case basis. Students are required to disclose criminal record information to the University, prior to completion of the Campus Housing Agreement. If the student is determined to be ineligible for housing, the family members sharing the housing are also ineligible to remain in campus housing.*

### 3.2 AVAILABILITY

Graduate and Family housing is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. Housing is available in 1-4 bedroom houses and apartments.

### 3.3 ALCOHOL IN CAMPUS RESIDENCES

Residents are permitted to possess and consume alcohol in their residence with minors present IF minors are family members or under the supervision of their parent or guardian.

### 3.4 PETS

Pets are not permitted in University-owned housing. For the full pet policy, refer to the Capital University Student Handbook: Section 2.27—Residential and Commuter Life.

### 3.5 FURNITURE

Furniture is not provided in Graduate and Family housing units.

### 3.6 PARKING

The online purchase options have been updated and are now available:

Students will pay the total amount (\$200 online, \$220 at the Finance Office) to register their vehicle. To register additional family vehicles:

The student may register the first additional family member vehicle for \$100. This can be done via online registration under family member. The student may register additional vehicles at no cost by stopping Public Safety.

Please note:

1. The student must register all family members' vehicles.
2. The student should explain all parking rules and regulations to family members operating vehicles on campus <https://www.capital.edu/media/pmrfgl2l/parking-permit-guidelines.pdf>
3. The student is responsible for all parking violations committed by their family members.
4. Any vehicle impounded for parking violations or any other infractions of the law will be towed at the owner's expense.
5. Capital University shall assume no liability or responsibility for theft, damage, or loss that may occur during use of parking facilities or services. Individuals choosing to park at Capital University do so at their own risk. Damage due to misuse or defacing of Capital University property or facilities is prohibited and subject to citation and/or criminal prosecution.

## SECTION 4: ACADEMIC POLICIES

The following section is for detailed policies as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and additional policies not covered in the Student Code of Conduct or Residential and Commuter Life portions of the Student Handbook.

### 4.1 ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Academic Grievance Procedure must be initiated, by the student, within eight (8) weeks following the posting of the grade in myCAP. This time frame is the same for each spring, summer, and fall term.

The following section describes the formal process for addressing student academic grievances. A student academic grievance exists when a student alleges that he/she has suffered a capricious or unfair application of University academic policies and regulations or has been unfairly or capriciously evaluated with respect to academic performance. Where procedural provisions in the following are inconsistent with provisions in the faculty and administrative/staff handbooks governing the conduct of university employees, the provisions of those handbooks shall be controlling.

### RESOLUTION PROCESS

1. Level I: Student/Faculty or Staff Discussion Level- The student should begin at this level by contacting the faculty member in question to develop an informal discussion and reconciliation. A student grievance should be worked out at the first level for better understanding of all those concerned. If a solution cannot be obtained at this level, the student has the right to proceed to Level II.
2. Level II: Student/Mediator/Faculty Discussion Level- The student must send a letter to the Assistant Dean of Community Responsibility and Success informing them of the nature of the grievance. This letter should be sent within three (3) business days of the completion of the discussion at the student/faculty level (Level I) and the student's intention to proceed to Level II. A copy of this letter is to be forwarded to the Provost/Vice President of Learning. The Assistant Dean will appoint a mediator (faculty or staff) satisfactory to both the student and the faculty member to attempt to resolve the matter. If the grievance cannot be resolved through mediation, the student must contact the Assistant Dean to discuss whether to proceed to Level III. If the faculty member is unable to participate, the appropriate Department Chair will serve or appoint a faculty member to serve in their place.
3. Level III: Committee Level- A letter must be submitted by the student to the Provost/Vice President of Learning within five (5) business days requesting the formation of a grievance committee. This letter should state the grievance and inform the Provost/Vice President of Learning that no resolution has been reached prior to this point and a grievance committee is requested. The Provost may reject the request, or if the Provost believes that there is potential merit to the student's case, a committee will be appointed to hear the case.

The Provost will appoint a committee consisting of three (3) faculty members from the school of the student and two (2) students. The Provost contacts the committee regarding the student's intent and calls the committee into session within a reasonable time of the receipt of the student's letter requesting the committee hearing. Both sides

present their arguments and a decision is reached. The student and the faculty member have the right to be present throughout, and the hearing is not open to the public. If the committee believes, as a result of this review, that there is merit to the student's appeal, the committee may suggest to the faculty that some other action be taken.

It is the faculty member who makes the final decision as to the grade awarded. The decision of the committee will be reported in writing to the student, the faculty member, the faculty member's Chair or Dean, and the Provost/Vice President of Learning.

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

The committee's decision may be appealed to the Provost/Vice President of Learning by either the student or the faculty member. The request for a new hearing must be made in writing by the student or faculty member to the Provost within five (5) business days of the receipt of the original committee's decision. The Provost/Vice President of Learning may affirm the committee's decision or determine that the hearing may have procedural errors or a misapplication or misinterpretation of university policies or procedures. The Provost may, after hearing the student's or faculty member's allegations and reviewing all factors involved, determine that the hearing at Level III involved unfair or capricious proceedings and request the Chair of the College Faculty convene a new committee to evaluate the original grievance. The final decision of the new committee will be reported in writing to the student, the faculty member, the College Dean, and the Provost.

## **4.2 ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

At Capital University, all students are expected to be responsible members of a learning community and to know the Academic Code of Conduct. Although ultimate authority for addressing issues of student misconduct rests with the President, they delegate disciplinary authority to the Provost/Vice President of Learning to appoint a Director of Academic Integrity. The Academic Integrity Policy is administered by the Academic Standing and Student Affairs Committee (ASSA) and its Director under the auspices of the Provost's office. The Academic Integrity Policy is academic in nature and thus encourages education on issues of academic integrity in addition to ensuring that the policy is followed throughout the community. The Faculty created the framework for the Academic Integrity Policy and the Academic Integrity Board.

The extension of this policy covers all undergraduate and graduate programs of the University.

## **POLICY**

Capital University affirms the principle that all individuals associated with the academic community have a responsibility for establishing, maintaining, and fostering an understanding of and appreciation for academic integrity. Academic Integrity engenders trust that a student's work submitted to faculty or university personnel for academic evaluation will be the student's own. Students are expected to be honest and ethical in their academic endeavors when incorporating the intellectual ideas of others to support their academic work. A violation of Academic Integrity is considered to be any action or attempted action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or



an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other member or members of the academic community.

## VALUES

Capital University, building on the principles of The Center for Academic Integrity (CAI) defines academic integrity “as a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values”:

1. Honesty: An academic community of integrity advances the quest for truth and knowledge by requiring intellectual and personal honesty in learning, teaching, research, and service.
2. Trust: An academic community of integrity fosters a climate of mutual trust, encourages the free exchange of ideas, and enables all to reach their highest potential.
3. Fairness: An academic community of integrity establishes clear standards, practices, and procedures and expects fairness in the interactions of students, faculty, and administrators.
4. Respect: An academic community of integrity recognizes the participatory nature of the learning process and honors and respects a wide range of opinions and ideas.
5. Responsibility: An academic community of integrity upholds personal accountability and depends upon action in the face of wrongdoing.

Capital University requires all students to cite or reference the source of any work or ideas being represented in their work to avoid being charged with academic misconduct. The guiding principles of citing sources include the following:

- Honesty: Acknowledging that the words or ideas are not originally yours, as well as giving credit to the originator;
- Critical Thinking: Encouraging students to clearly represent their thoughts, ideas, and opinions with supporting evidence from the recognized work of others;
- Evidence: Providing support from other sources for your thoughts; and
- Guidance: Enabling the interested reader to locate the information in question.

## 4.3 ACADEMIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Capital establishes expectations, policies, and procedures that are designed to protect individual freedoms and build an ethical and just community of learners. The Academic Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for student conduct on our campus and within our community.

Academic work comprises all activities including (but not limited to) examinations, tests, assignments, group work, projects, and presentations. Academic work also incorporates timeframes of before, during, and after an academic activity. Academic honesty means the use of one's own thoughts and materials in the writing of papers, taking of tests, and other classroom related activities.

Any student or group of students found to have committed or attempted to engage in the following misconduct is subject to intervention and conduct action. Below are types of

academic misconduct with examples of each. Please note that this list is not exhaustive.

- Alteration or attempted alteration of University documents
- Entering a University building or office for the purpose of obtaining an administered or non-administered test
- Obtaining unauthorized digital access to an administered or non-administered test or course assignments
- Any unauthorized action taken for the purpose of changing a grade or grade record
- Changing, altering, or being an accessory to the changing and/or altering of a grade in a grade book, on a test, a "change of grade" form, or other official academic record of the University that relates to grades
- Forgery of an instructor's signature on a letter of recommendation or any other document
- Submitting an altered transcript of grades to or from another institution or employer
- Putting your name on another person's exam or assignment
- Altering a previously graded exam or assignment for purposes of a grade appeal or of gaining points in a re-grading process

### **Cheating**

An act or an attempted act of deception by which a student seeks to misrepresent that one has mastered information or a skill on an academic evaluation instrument, such as (by example, not limitation) a test, exam, or quiz, that has not in fact been mastered.

- Copying or attempting to copy from another student's examination paper or assignment
- Communicating answers with another person during an exam.
- Allowing another student to copy from your examination paper, text, quiz, or similar evaluation instrument
- Unauthorized use of a course textbook or other materials, such as (by example, not limitation) a notebook, to complete an examination or other assignment
- Collaborating on an examination, test, quiz, or other project with any other person(s) without authorization
- Using or processing specifically prepared materials during an examination such as (by example, not limitation) notes, formula lists, notes written on the students clothing, calculators, and/or smart devices, that are not authorized
- Taking an examination for someone else or permitting someone else to take an examination for you
- Submission of the same assignment for more than one course without prior approval of all the instructors involved
- Stealing, buying, or otherwise obtaining all or part of an administered or non-administered examination
- Selling or distributing all or part of an administered or non-administered test, including questions and/or answers
- Buying or otherwise acquiring in any way a theme, report, term paper, essay, computer software, other written work, painting, drawing, sculpture, or other

scholastic art work, and submitting it as your own work to fulfill academic requirements

- Selling, distributing, or otherwise supplying in any way a theme, report, term paper, essay, computer software, other written work, painting, drawing, sculpture, or other scholastic artwork to another

### **Collusion**

The act of collaborating with someone else on an assessment exercise that is intended to be wholly your own work, or the act of assisting someone else to commit plagiarism (Maguire, 2003). Below are some examples:

- Unsanctioned collaboration with another person or persons in preparing any academic work offered for credit.
- Bribing a person to obtain an administered or non-administered test or any information about the test
- Online exams
- Lending your assignment to another student(s)
- Any member of the group project shares submitted work with another group
- Allowing others to copy your work or share your answer to an assessment task
- Allowing someone else to write or edit your work (except for the use of a scribe approved by the Office of Disability Services)
- Writing or editing work for another student
- Offering to complete work or seek payment for completing academic work for other students.

### **Departmental or course regulations**

- Violation of course rules
- Violation of program regulations

### **Disturbances in the classroom**

Disturbances in the classroom can also serve to create an unfair academic advantage for oneself or disadvantage for another member of the academic community. Below are some examples of events that may violate the Student Code of Conduct:

- Interference with the course of instruction to the detriment of other students
- Disruption of classes or other academic activities in an attempt to stifle academic freedom of speech
- Failure to comply with the instructions or directives of the course instructor
- Phoning in falsified bomb threats
- Unnecessarily activating fire alarms

### **Fabrication/Falsification**

Using “invented” information or falsifying research, data, or findings with the intent to deceive, such as the following:

- Citing information not taken from the source indicated: misleading documentation of secondary source materials
- Listing sources in a bibliography not directly used in the academic exercise

- Submitting lab reports or clinical data that contains fictitious/falsified information; concealing/distorting the true nature, origin, or function of such data

### **Misrepresentation**

Misrepresenting or misusing one's relationship with the University, including the following:

- Falsifying, misusing, omitting, or tampering with information such as test scores, transcripts, or letters of recommendation
- Altering, changing, forging, or misusing academic records regarding oneself or others
- Failing to be fully cooperative and truthful if one is interviewed regarding an alleged violation of academic integrity
- Signing in, swiping in, or logging in as someone else or permitting someone to sign in, swipe in, or login for you in any academic setting such as, but not limited to, classes or common exams
- Reporting a false accusation of an academic integrity violation

### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism occurs when you represent the work or ideas of another person as your own.

Some examples of plagiarism include the following:

- Quoting verbatim another person's words (published or unpublished) without acknowledgement of the source
- Paraphrasing another person's idea(s), opinions, or theory(ies) without giving sufficient reference
- Including facts, statistics, or other illustrative materials that are not common knowledge without acknowledgement of the source; students are expected to clarify with their instructor appropriate criteria for "common knowledge"
- Submitting another person's term paper, essay test answer, computer program, and/or project as one's own
- The presenting of one's own previously published work as though it were new; referring to your work from previous classes or assignments without appropriate citation

### **Sabotage**

The unauthorized interference with, modification of, or destruction of the work of others.

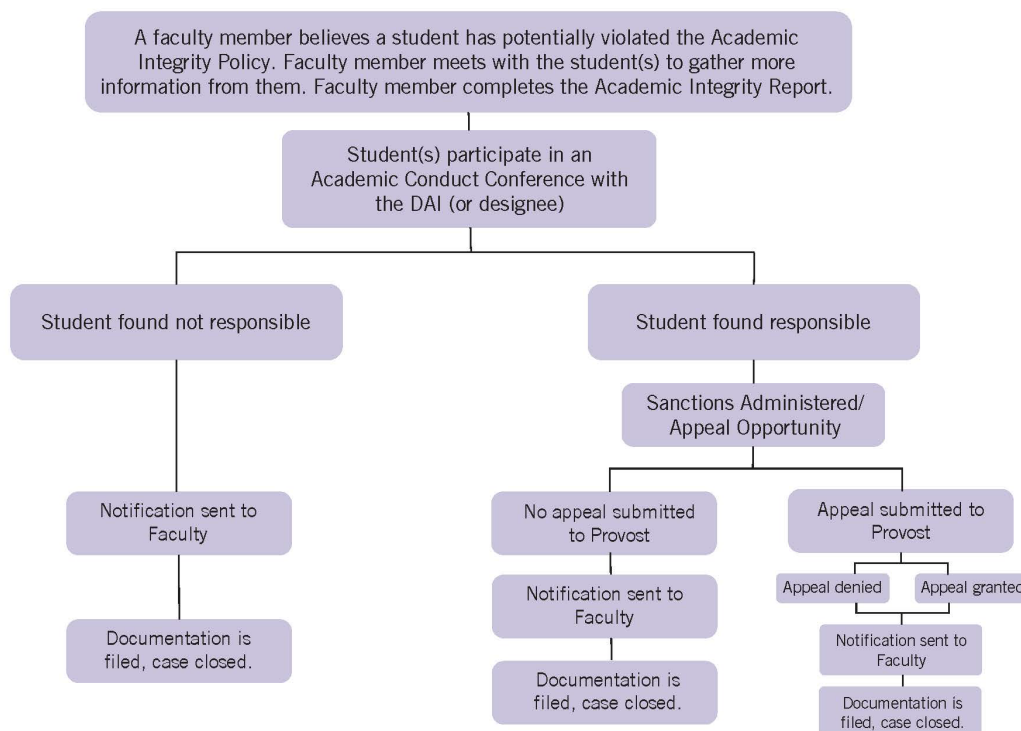
Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Acts that deny others access to scholarly resources or deliberately impede the progress of another student
- Tampering with laboratory experiments or research
- Giving misleading information
- Knowingly deceiving other members of a project team or group
- Disrupting class work
- Making library material unavailable to others
- Altering the computer files of another
- Unauthorized Use of an Electronic Device
- Using an unauthorized electronic device during a testing period for any reason.

#### 4.4 POLICY PROCESS OVERVIEW

## Academic Integrity

### Flow Chart



### APPEALS PROCESS

A student who has been found responsible for a violation of Academic Integrity by the Director for Academic Integrity or the Academic Hearing Panel may appeal the decision to the Provost. A formal letter of appeal must be submitted within five (5) business days of the written notification of the decision and must establish that the decision was clearly erroneous based on one or more of the following grounds:

- A. New information or evidence, unavailable during the original hearing and that could determine a different outcome, is discovered by or made available to the Academic Hearing Panel.
- B. Hearing procedures deviated from the written procedures in the Student Handbook and significantly impacting the fairness of the hearing process or altered the outcome.
- C. Sanction(s) are grossly disproportionate to the violation.

The Provost/Vice President of Learning, considering an appeal, will render a decision based on a review of the written appeal and may meet with the person filing the appeal or others to discuss the appeal if in the judgment of the Provost/Vice President of Learning such a meeting is necessary to decide the appeal.

An appeal will be reviewed by the Provost, who will notify the Director of Academic Integrity within five (5) business days of the outcome of the appeal. The Provost will take one of the following actions:

1. Deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Director of Academic Integrity
2. Grant the appeal as to the sanction, uphold the finding of responsibility, and reduce the sanction
3. Grant the appeal and return the case for a new hearing by the Director of Academic Integrity

The Provost/Vice President will notify in writing the student seeking the appeal, the faculty member, and the Director of Academic Integrity of their decision.

#### 4.5 RECORDING KEEPING

All records regarding alleged violations and academic judicial procedures are confidential. Records will be maintained by the Director of Academic Integrity.

#### 4.6 HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism can occur in many forms besides writing: art, music, computer code, mathematics, and scientific work can also be plagiarized. This document pays special attention to plagiarism in writing, but it is important to understand that unauthorized collaboration in a math or science assignment is also plagiarism. In all academic work, and especially when writing papers, we are building upon the insights and words of others. A conscientious writer always distinguishes clearly between what has been learned from others and what he or she is personally contributing to the reader's understanding. To avoid plagiarism, it is important to understand how to attribute words and ideas you use to their proper source.

#### **ATTRIBUTIONS OR CITATIONS**

The most commonly used attribution systems—Modern Language Association (MLA) and American Psychological Association (APA) -- consist of two parts: (a) a reference or works cited list at the end of the document, giving precise information about how to find a source and (b) parenthetical citations immediately following the material you are citing. The Chicago/Turabian styles utilizes footnotes and endnotes to cite sources and references. Professors and disciplines may vary as to the preferred style for documenting ideas, opinions, and facts, but all methods insist upon absolute clarity as to the source and require that all direct quotations be followed by a citation. The best solution is to ask which method your instructors prefer.

It is sometimes difficult to judge what needs to be documented. Generally, knowledge which is common to all of us or ideas which have been in the public domain and are found in a number of sources do not need to be cited. Likewise, facts that are accepted by most authorities also do not require a citation. Gray areas, however, exist and sometimes, it is difficult to be sure how to proceed. Many people wrongly assume that if they find material on the web, that material is in the public domain and does not need to be cited. However, the same guidelines apply to all sources you use in your work: electronic or print, signed or unsigned. If you are in doubt, err on the side of over-documentation.

## COMMON KNOWLEDGE

There is no clear boundary on what is considered common knowledge. Even experts on plagiarism disagree on what counts as common knowledge. For instance, many sources only consider facts — current and historical events, famous people, geographic areas, etc. — to be potentially common knowledge. Others also include nonfactual material such as folklore and common sayings. Some sources limit common knowledge to only information known by others in your class, while other sources look at what is common knowledge for the broader subject area.

The two criteria that are most commonly used in deciding whether or not something is common knowledge relate to quantity. These are (1) the fact can be found in numerous places and ubiquity and (2) it is likely to be known by a lot of people. Ideally both conditions are true. A third criterion that is sometimes used is whether the information can be easily found in a general reference source. Again, if you are ever in doubt, err on the side of over- documentation.

For further information on integrating your sources using specific citation methods, consult these standard references:

APA: American Psychological Association. (2019). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. 7th ed. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 2019.

Chicago: *The Chicago Manual of Style*. 17th ed. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2017. MLA: The Modern Language Association of America. *MLA Handbook*. 8th ed. New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

## 4.7 PRIVACY OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS (FERPA)

### Notification of Rights Under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords eligible students certain rights in connection with educational records maintained at Capital University. For purposes of compliance with FERPA, the University considers all students independent. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day Capital University receives a request for access. A student should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, a written request that identifies the records(s) the student wishes to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the school official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to ask the school to amend a record should write the school official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, the school

will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the University discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. The school discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by Capital University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of Capital University who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent or a student volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for Capital University. The University reserves the right to notify parents or guardians of "dependent" students, regardless of the student's age or status, of conduct in health and safety emergencies, hospitalization, or where in the University's judgment the health or well-being of the student, or others, is, or may be at risk.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in 99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, 99.32 of FERPA regulations require the institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A postsecondary institution may disclose PII from the education records without obtaining prior written consent of the student:

- a. To other school officials, including teachers, with Capital University whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in 99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) – (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (99.31(a)(1))
- b. To officials of another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of 99.34. (99.31(a)(2))
- c. To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U. S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising the University's State-supported educational programs. Disclosures under this



provision may be made, subject to the requirements of 99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)

- d. In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (99.31(a)(4))
  - e. To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (99.31(a)(6))
  - f. To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (99.31(a)(7))
  - g. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (99.31(a)(9))
  - h. To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to 99.36. (99.31(a)(10))
  - i. Information the school has designated as “directory information” under 99.37. (99.31(a)(11))
  - j. To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, subject to the requirements of 99.39. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding. (99.31(a)(13))
  - k. To parents of a student regarding the student’s violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the school, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the school determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of 21. (99.31(a)(15))
4. “Directory Information” can be furnished without the students’ permission and is listed below:
- a. Name
  - b. Address – campus and home
  - c. Telephone numbers – campus, home, and/or cell phone
  - d. E-mail address – campus
  - e. Enrollment type
  - f. Date and place of birth
  - g. Field of study
  - h. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
  - i. Dates of attendance at Capital University
  - j. Degrees and awards received while attending Capital University
  - k. Most recent educational agency or institution attended by students
  - l. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
  - m. Photograph
  - n. High school of student

- o. Greek affiliation  
Class-level of student  
Student identification number may be displayed on Student ID Card

#### Instructions for Filing A Complaint

Students have the right to file a complaint with the U. S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Capital University to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U. S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202- 5901.

#### Authorization to Release Education Record Information

Students may grant their parents (or others) permission to access their educational records by filing an Authorization to Release Education Record Information form with the Registrar's Office. The form is available online and may be submitted to the University Registrar.

#### Instructions to Prevent Disclosure of Directory Information

You have the right to withhold the disclosure of directory information. As long as a hold is in place, directory information will not be made publicly available. The form is available online and may be submitted to the University Registrar.

## SECTION 5: SAFETY POLICIES

### 5.1 ALCOHOL POLICY

The health, safety, and welfare of our students are critical to personal and academic success. Capital University is located in a state and community where laws and ordinances pertaining to the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are promoted and enforced. Under Ohio law, a person must be 21 years old in order to consume and/or purchase beer or any other alcoholic beverage. In addition, possession, distribution or use of alcoholic beverages by a minor, drinking any alcoholic beverage in public areas of university premises that is not approved for such activity, public intoxication, and driving while under the influence of alcohol are expressly prohibited.

Health Risks Associated with Illicit Drug Use and Abuse of Alcohol:

1. General indications of drug or alcohol abuse (these are symptoms or suggestions, not confirmation of use):
  - Physical condition: eyes red; glassy pupils abnormally large or small; motor in coordination; frequent cold or flu-like symptoms; stomach pains or cramps; headaches
  - or dizziness; weight change (plus or minus six pounds); change in personal appearance and hygiene
  - Eating and sleeping change: fluctuating appetite; change of activity level from day to day.
  - School or job performance: unexcused absences; decrease in performance or evaluations; low motivation to complete tasks; dropped out of community or extracurricular activities; frequent arguments with colleagues, friends, students, professors or supervisors
2. Effects of Alcohol:
  - After a couple or more drinks: mood changes – intensified feelings of anger, jealousy or depression; may include more sociability or disinhibition
  - Loss of judgment—less power of concentration and ability to think as clearly as normal. This contributes to impulsive actions.
  - Loss of coordination—slurred speech; loss of balance; poor eye, hand, and feet coordination. Blackouts may occur.
  - Results of long-term excessive drinking: internal organs affected by change in structure and function. Some examples are: heart muscle damaged and disease is more likely; liver tissue can be inflamed and destroyed through disease; mental disorder and brain damage occur; and there is loss of sexual functioning.
3. Effects of Drug use:
  - Everyone is cautioned that mixing drugs or a drug with alcohol can cause severe complications, beyond what the reaction would be if the substances were taken separately. Mixing drugs and alcohol is dangerous! Also, even if a drug is legally obtained through a prescription, giving it to a different person without medical evaluation may be dangerous and is another sign of drug abuse.

Capital University expects students of legal drinking age to act responsibly when consuming alcoholic beverages (more details for residential students are outlined in the Residential and Community Standards section of this publication). We encourage students to assist other students whose health and safety is threatened due to irresponsible use and/or abuse of alcohol.

In compliance with the law in the State of Ohio, and in the interest of the safety of all students, Capital University enforces the following alcohol policies:

- a. A person must be 21 years old to possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages.
- b. In university residences, if you are 21 years of age or older, you may not consume alcohol in your room with the door open.
- c. Empty alcohol beverage containers, even as decorations, are not permitted within university- owned property by students under the age of 21.
- d. Persons serving or providing alcohol to minors are in violation of the university alcohol policy.
- e. Public intoxication and/or disorderly conduct are prohibited.
- f. Common source containers such as kegs and beer balls are prohibited, except where approved by university officials.
- g. All high-risk activities and drinking games such as quarters, beer pong, boat races, etc. are prohibited
- h. Devices for rapid consumption, such as funnels, are prohibited.
- i. Alcohol related signs and posters are prohibited.
- j. A person is not permitted to carry an open container of alcohol on the street, in a motor vehicle, on a motorcycle, or in public areas of the university, except when approved by university officials.
- k. Capital University prohibits the sale, possession, manufacture and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas of the university, including, but not limited to, areas outside university buildings, bathrooms, hallways, classrooms, stairwells, balconies/porches, and lounges, except where approved by university officials. (See alcohol usage in the Campus Center below)
- l. In accordance with state law, grain alcohol is prohibited.

### **University Procedures for Intoxicated Students, Guests, and Visitors**

If a student, guest, or visitor is intoxicated and the Capital University staff believes the person is unable to care for him/herself; the staff will contact emergency personnel. If the individual is unable to care for him/herself, he/she will be transported to the hospital. This action will be taken to protect the student and the community. All associated hospital costs will be the financial responsibility of the student, guest, or visitor. The University maintains the right to dispose of alcohol in instances when a person under 21 is consuming, even if a person over 21 years of age is present. Driving under the influence is both a violation of campus policy and an offense for which referrals for prosecution can be made to local law enforcement authorities.

### **Sanctions**

Students found responsible for violating the policy on will be subject to community service, residential or disciplinary probation, removal from the residence halls, required residence in university- approved housing as a condition of continued enrollment,

suspension, or dismissal. In conjunction with other penalties, students may be required to participate in an alcohol and other drugs education course.

The Center for Health and Wellness (CHW) is committed to educating individuals about the impact of the choices they make regarding their use of alcohol and drugs on their health and on the community. The goal is to focus on alcohol and other drug awareness, education, and interventions and offer services designed to address various difficulties in a time-limited manner. The CHW offers individual and group counseling services. The CHW is staffed by licensed professional clinical counselors and counselor trainees.

The Center for Health and Wellness provides alcohol and other drug education, awareness, outreach programming, crisis intervention, grief focused counseling, and group counseling for students. Individual counseling is designed to resolve the individual's presenting concern in a limited number of sessions and may be augmented by alcohol education, group counseling, and medication. When an individual's need for care exceeds what can be safely provided at the Center for Health and Wellness, providers assist with the referral process to a more appropriate setting consistent with recommended levels of care.

Possible Sanctions for Violations that are imposed by State and Federal Authorities. (Note: This is an overview and is not intended to be all-inclusive. Please refer to the applicable codes or a lawyer for more information or legal advice.)

A. State Sanctions

- a. Alcohol (Note: Ohio law includes wine in its definition of liquor or beer.)
- b. Driving under the influence (.08 blood alcohol content): M-1
  - i. 1st offense – minimum fine of \$250, up to \$1000 plus either 3 consecutive days in jail or an alcohol Intervention Program. Possible 90-day license suspension.
  - ii. 2nd offense – minimum fine of \$300, to a maximum of \$1500 plus a minimum of 5 days in jail and a monitored House Arrest or jail for one full year.
- c. Using false ID or license to purchase beer or liquor:
  - i. 1st offense -- minimum fine of \$250, up to \$1000 plus up to 6 months in jail M-1
  - ii. 2nd offense – minimum fine of \$500, up to \$1000 plus up to 6 months in jail and possible license suspension up to 60days.
- B. Selling to, buying for, or furnishing to, a person under 21 any beer or liquor (exception made for parents giving to their children): up to 6 months in jail and \$500-1000 fine
- C. Consuming beer or liquor in a motor vehicle: up to 30 days in jail and \$250 fine.
- D. Purchase, share cost, order or consume beer or liquor by a person under 21: up to 6 months in jail and \$500-1000 fine.

The State of Ohio and City of Columbus may also impose a wide variety of penalties for alcohol-related offenses. For example, a first driving-while-intoxicated offense may be punished by mandatory imprisonment of at least three consecutive days and a fine ranging from \$375 to \$1000. Subsequent offenses lead to increased sanctions. Illegal

purchase, possession, use, or sale of intoxicating liquor by a minor may be punished by fines ranging from \$25 to \$1000 and up to six months in jail, depending on the circumstances.

## 5.2 DRUGS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES POLICY

Capital University prohibits the manufacture, possession, sales, and use of illegal drugs, controlled substances, and drug paraphernalia. The more commonly used drugs include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Amphetamines, Anabolic and other steroids, Barbiturates and other stimulants/depressant (unless prescribed), Cocaine, Hallucinogens and other LSD compounds, Heroin, Inhalants, Marijuana, Mescaline, Meth- amphetamines, psilocybin, DMT, and other narcotics/opiates,
2. Prescription Drugs: Prescription drugs are considered controlled substances, and are permitted as long as being used by the person to whom the drug is prescribed in accordance with the directed use
3. Medical and Recreational Marijuana in all forms is prohibited at Capital University in accordance with Federal Law and in compliance with the Drug Free School and Communities Act
4. Prohibited Drug Paraphernalia: Common examples of prohibited drug paraphernalia are as follows:
  - Bongs
  - Roach clips/rolling papers
  - Miniature spoons
  - Various types of pipes

NOTE: Marijuana pipes and bongs, hookahs etc., frequently carry a misleading disclaimer indicating that they are intended to be used only with tobacco products, but are prohibited.

### **Sanctions**

Students involved in the use or possession of drugs will face substantial sanctions, which could include suspension or dismissal from the University. In addition, students may be required to enroll and actively participate in a drug or alcohol counseling program or a rehabilitation program as a condition of continued enrollment. Students involved in any way in the distribution or sale of any amount of controlled substances will be suspended from the University as a minimum sanction, even on a first offense. The University reserves the right to remove students from the residence halls for use or possession of a controlled substance at any time during the academic year. The student will be responsible for the full-term of the housing agreement, including all associated housing fees. The Capital University policies and procedures are in addition to, not substitutes for, criminal sanctions provided for in municipal, state and federal laws. When required by law, violations of federal, state, and local statutes will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

### **External Sanctions**

Unlawful possession, use, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcohol or illicit drugs may lead to referral to the appropriate federal, state and/or local authorities for prosecution.

Depending on the nature of the offense, it may be categorized as a misdemeanor or a felony and may be punished by fine and/or imprisonment.

Federal law prohibits the trafficking and illegal possession of controlled substances (see 21 United States Code, Sections 811 and 844). Depending on the amount, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking marijuana range from five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 to imprisonment for life and a fine of \$4 million. Depending on the amount, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking class I and II controlled substances (methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, cocaine base, PCP, LSD, fentanyl analogue) range from five years to life imprisonment and maximum fines range from \$2-\$4 million. First offense penalties for the illegal possession of a controlled substance range from up to one year in prison and a fine of at least \$1,000, but not more than \$250,000, or both.

The State of Ohio and the City of Columbus also may impose penalties for trafficking and illegal possession or use of controlled substances. State and local penalties for trafficking illicit drugs include fines that range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and mandatory jail sentences that range from six months to 10 years. Illegal use or possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia may warrant fines ranging from \$100 to \$5000 and jail sentences ranging from 30 days to 10 years, depending on the amount and substance possessed. Violations may also lead to forfeiture of personal and real property and the denial of federal benefits such as grants, contracts, and student loans.

Possible Sanctions for Violations that are imposed by State and Federal Authorities. (Note: This is an overview and is not intended to be all-inclusive. Please refer to the applicable codes or a lawyer for more information or legal advice.)

## Drugs

1. Furnish or cause another to use drugs:
  - a. If drug is included in Schedule III, IV or V: 3 years in jail (second degree felony), < \$15,000 fine
  - b. If drug is marijuana: 3 months in jail (fourth degree felony), <\$5,000 fine
2. Knowingly obtain, possess or use a controlled substance:
  - a. If drug is in Schedule III, IV or V: up to 90 days in jail and \$750 fine.
  - b. If drug is more than 10 grams of marijuana: up to 30 days in jail and up to \$250 fine.
  - c. If less than 100 grams of marijuana: up to \$100 fine.
3. Knowingly permitting felony drug offense on property owned, controlled, or supervised by a person:
  - a. Up to six months in jail and \$1000 fine.M-1
4. Knowingly sell, possess, manufacture or advertise the sale of drug paraphernalia:
  - a. A violation of this prohibition is “illegal use or possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia,” a minor misdemeanor. In addition to any other sanction imposed upon an offender, the court must suspend for not less than six

months or more than five years the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit.

- b. Drug paraphernalia means any equipment, product or material of any kind that is used by the offender, intended by the offender for use or designed for use and includes, but is not limited to the following:
1. A container or device used for packaging, storing or concealing a controlled substance
  2. A hypodermic syringe, needle or instrument for parentally injecting a controlled substance into the human body
  3. An object, instrument, or device for ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance, such as a pipe, punctured metal bowl, roach clip, bong, rolling papers

### 5.3 Prevention and Treatment for Drug and Alcohol Issues

The University provides drug and alcohol awareness information and counseling services to all students through the Center for Health and Wellness.

The Center for Health and Wellness (CHW) is committed to educating individuals about the impact of the choices they make regarding their use of alcohol and drugs on their health and on the community. The goal is to focus on alcohol and other drug awareness, education, and interventions and offer services designed to address various difficulties in a time-limited manner.

The Center for Health and Wellness provides alcohol and other drug education, awareness, outreach programming, crisis intervention, brief focused counseling, and group counseling to eligible students. Individual counseling is designed to resolve the individual's presenting concern in a limited number of sessions and may be augmented by alcohol education, group counseling, and medication. When an individual's need for care exceeds what can be safely provided at the Center for Health and Wellness, providers assist with the referral process to a more appropriate setting consistent with recommended levels of care.

In addition, local and state resources can be accessed through the following contacts:

- Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County, 447 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215 P (614) 224-1057, F (614) 224-0991
- Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services 280 North High Street, 12th Floor Two Nationwide Plaza Columbus OH 43215-2537, P: 614-466-3445, TDD: 614-644-9140, F: 614-752- 8645

### 5.4 ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS: BIENNIAL REVIEW

Assessment and evaluation help the University determine how successful current approaches are at decreasing alcohol and other drug abuse on campus and in the campus community. The dean of engagement and success will lead a cross-campus group to conduct a biennial review of the University's Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs and policies. This review will evaluate the university's sources of assessment and evaluation data (such as program evaluations and surveys) and result in a biennial



report which will review the current programs and make suggestions for improvements.

### 5.5 AMNESTY POLICY

The welfare of members of our community is of paramount importance. At times, community members on and off-campus may need assistance. Capital University encourages students to offer help and assistance to others in need. Sometimes, students may be hesitant to offer assistance to others out of fear that you may get into trouble. For example, a student who has been drinking underage might hesitate to help take a sexual misconduct victim to a residential life staff member or Public Safety. While policy violations cannot be overlooked, the University may provide educational options, rather than sanctions or to offer amnesty to those who offer their assistance to others in need.

### 5.6 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The university emergency response policies are described and available on the university website at: <http://www.capital.edu/emergency/>. Procedures exist for general emergencies as well as specific types of incidents such as utility outages, tornado/severe weather, fire, flooding, gas leaks, hazardous materials, bomb threats, lockdowns, evacuations, and pandemics.

In addition, the university has a “Emergency Operations Plan.” A critical incident, or emergency, is a sudden, unforeseen occurrence of a serious and urgent nature that requires immediate action to protect lives and/or property associated with Capital University. It has the potential to cause significant injury or death, or to shut down the university, disrupt operations, cause physical or environmental damage, or threaten Capital's reputation or financial standing.

In the event of an emergency, the Capital Police Chief will serve as the first point of contact. The Police Chief will determine the emergency level and will communicate to the appropriate individuals. In the event that Capital's Police Chief is not on duty, the Sergeant/officer on duty or the dispatcher will assume responsibility for contacting the Police Chief.

It is impossible to anticipate every emergency that can occur on a college campus. The actual circumstances — the nature, scope and duration of the incident — will determine the appropriate response.

During a critical incident, the university will use the following tools as its primary means of communicating official university information:

- Capital web site—[www.capital.edu](http://www.capital.edu); the emergency page — [www.capital.edu/emergency](http://www.capital.edu/emergency); and the Campus Safety Bulletin <https://www.capital.edu/about/campus-safety/campus-safety-bulletin/>
- CapAlert, an emergency notification system that provides notification of an emergency on campus by sending a text message to Short Message Service (SMS) devices (Ex: cell phone, pager, Blackberry, etc.) and/or e-mail accounts.

- Big Voice, a commercial public address system installed a central campus building, which allows the broadcast of prerecorded or live messages and announcements. The system is designed to be clearly heard throughout the campus grounds.
- The university also will rely on local media to help deliver the latest information about an emergency or a change in the status of campus operations to the public.

#### 5.7 INVOLUNTARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

In order to provide a safe environment conducive to the achievement of the University mission, the University may require a student to withdraw involuntarily when their behavior renders them unable to effectively function in the residential or University community. This policy applies to students who are a danger to others/threaten to harm others, or whose behavior is severely disruptive to the University community and to the educational mission of the institution. An Involuntary Leave of Absence is normally for a minimum of one semester. A student may re-enroll with the appropriate documentation to be provided following the Leave of Absence period.

#### 5.8 MISSING STUDENT NOTIFICATION POLICY

In compliance with the Missing Student Notification Policy and Procedures 12 USC 1092 C; (section 488 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008), it is the policy of the University to actively investigate any report of a missing residential student who is enrolled at the University as either a full or part-time student. Each resident will be notified of the missing students' policy and procedures that will be followed in the event that they are reported missing.

#### **Procedures**

All students are requested to provide and keep updated in myCAP the name and contact number of the individual(s) that is to be contacted in case of an emergency, including in the event that the resident has been reported missing for a period of 24 hours. For any resident under the age of 18, and not emancipated, the institution is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian, in addition to any listed confidential contact person, no later than 24 hours after the time that the resident is determined to be missing by Public Safety and University staff. Only authorized campus officials and law enforcement officers, in furtherance of a missing person investigation, will have access to the confidential contact information.

If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student is missing, a missing student report should be made to a Public Safety officer or to the Residential Life staff, including Resident Assistants (RAs), the Community Coordinators (CCs), the Associate Director and/or Director of Residential and Commuter Life. If the initial report of a missing person is not made to the University's Department of Public Safety, the report must be referred immediately to Public Safety. All efforts will be made immediately (no waiting period) to locate the student to determine his or her state of health and well-being. These efforts include, but are not limited to, investigation by Public Safety, checking the resident's room, class schedule, friends, ID card access, locating the resident's vehicle, and calling the resident's cell phone number.

If upon investigation by Public Safety and Residential Life Staff, it is determined that the resident has been missing for a period of at least 24 hours, the Director of Residential Life and Commuter Life or designee will contact the resident's designated emergency contact or custodial parent/legal guardian, if under the age of 18 or the student has failed to designate a confidential contact. Local law enforcement will be notified, unless the local law enforcement agency was the entity that made the determination that the student is missing. This notification to the confidential contact, custodial parent/legal guardian, or local law enforcement will occur within 24 hours after the resident has been determined to be missing. Public Safety will continue to investigate utilizing established police investigative procedures and in collaboration with staff from Student Affairs and Residential Life. Public Safety will also coordinate its efforts with outside law enforcement agencies in compliance with legal obligations and police practice.

#### 5.9 NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Capital University is an equal opportunity institution committed to a diverse and inclusive university community. Capital is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and other unlawful conduct and that assures the fair and equitable treatment of all individuals. The University abides by all applicable federal, state, and local laws that prohibit discrimination based on any legally protected statuses, and that prohibit retaliation.

Capital University does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, military status, national origin or ethnicity, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law (hereafter "protected status") in its admissions, educational programs or activities, and employment.

Capital University will not tolerate discrimination, harassment, and retaliation (hereafter "prohibited conduct") by or against its employees, faculty, students, vendors, volunteers or visitors through words or actions based upon an individual's or group's protected status.

Prohibited Conduct includes sexual harassment and sexual violence; however, all conduct that falls within the narrow definition of sexual harassment under the Title IX Regulations of 2020 is handled under the University's Title IX Sex or Gender-Based Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Also prohibited is retaliation against any individual who seeks relief or participates in a proceeding under this policy or through other legal means. Retaliation is an offense separate from the complaint of discrimination or harassment and will be considered independently from the merits of the underlying matter. Retaliation is a serious violation of this policy and, like other Prohibited Conduct, will, upon a finding that retaliation has occurred, subject the individual to disciplinary action up to and including separation from the University.

The University will take prompt and effective measures to assure that Prohibited Conduct does not occur. All charges of Prohibited Conduct in violation of this policy will be taken seriously. Any person found to have engaged in Prohibited Conduct will be subject to corrective action up to and including dismissal. The University strongly urges employees,

faculty students, vendors, volunteers, or visitors to report all possible violations of this policy.

This policy against discrimination, harassment and retaliation applies to all University students and to all faculty, administrators, and staff members (collectively “University employees”), as well as vendors and guests. This policy is not intended to impair or limit the right of anyone to seek a remedy available under state or federal law.

Contacts for reporting under this policy are:

Director of Human Resources Debbie Gaitten  
614-236-6168

[dgaitten@capital.edu](mailto:dgaitten@capital.edu)

Office of the Interim Provost Keirsten Moore 614-236-6904

[kmoores@capital.edu](mailto:kmoores@capital.edu)

Interim Dean, Law School (Law School/ Columbus Campus) Joseph Grant

614-236-6010

[jgrant@law.capital.edu](mailto:jgrant@law.capital.edu)

Title IX Coordinator (sex or gender-based complaints) Charles Ludwig

614-236-6904

[cludwig5@capital.edu](mailto:cludwig5@capital.edu)

EthicsPoint (anonymous reporting) 888-238-1063 or

[https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report\\_custom.asp?clientid=17194](https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report_custom.asp?clientid=17194)

For further information on the notice of non-discrimination visit

<http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the regional U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, that serves your area, or call 1- 800-421- 3481.

#### 5.10 WEAPONS

The students, faculty, and staff of Capital University can best learn, work, and live in an environment free from the dangers and constraints, both physical and psychological, which can arise from the presence or use of weapons, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, and dangerous chemicals on the campus. It is therefore the policy of Capital University to prohibit or strictly regulate the possession or use of any of these items or any replica of such items in university buildings, parking lots, university vehicles, or on any other university properties.

Except as expressly provided in this policy, no person is allowed to possess, display, or use firearms, weapons, ammunition, or fireworks on campus at any time. This policy applies to all university faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

Exceptions to this policy include positions which mandate the possession and operation of a firearm including university Public Safety Officers and ROTC cadre. Capital University Public Safety Officers and those who have been called to assist or to perform law enforcement duties on campus may possess or use firearms, ammunition, or weapons in a manner consistent with professional standards.

Individuals with a reasonable basis for believing an individual is in possession of or carrying a firearm or other weapon in violation of this policy have a responsibility to report the suspected act in a timely manner, unless doing so would subject the individual or others to physical harm. Knowingly filing a false workplace weapons complaint is prohibited and shall be a violation of this policy and shall constitute misconduct subject to disciplinary action. Retaliation against anyone who in good faith brings a complaint alleging a violation of this policy, or who in good faith participates in the investigation of a complaint is prohibited.

## SECTION 6: PARKING REGULATIONS

### 6.1 PARKING REGULATIONS

University Parking Regulations are maintained by the Public Safety Department. The 2025-2026 academic year guidelines, as well as information about purchasing parking passes, can be found here:

<https://www.capital.edu/about/campus-safety/>

## SECTION 7: GENERAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES, and RESOURCES

### 7.1 COMPLAINT PROCESS

Capital University takes very seriously complaints and concerns regarding the institution. Most complaints or concerns of a specific nature should be initiated and resolved at the campus level directly with the supervisor for the department involved whenever possible. Below is information on university policies and procedures for specific types of complaints:

#### **7.1.1 Non-Academic Grievances**

The grievance procedure for complaints against staff or administrators that involve a possible violation of university policy or an employment-related action is found in the Administrative and Staff Handbook under the Administrative & Staff Grievance Policy. The grievance procedure for non-academic complaints against faculty members is found at page 27 of the Faculty Handbook. Please contact Human Resources for additional information.

#### **7.1.2 Title IX and Sexual Harassment Complaints**

The university is committed to responding promptly and effectively when it learns of any instance of sexual misconduct, including all forms of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual assault. The contact information for the university's Title IX Coordinator and the Sexual Misconduct policy is found at <http://www.capital.edu/Title-IX-and-Sexual-Harassment/>.

#### **7.1.3 Anonymous Complaints**

Concerns about alleged violations involving financial and accounting issues, human resources concerns, fraud, conflicts of interest, risk and safety, harassment including sexual harassment or assault, data privacy and related issues may be made at the EthicsPoint website. The EthicsPoint Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and allows for non-retaliatory, anonymous reporting online or by calling 888- 238-1063 as provided on the EthicsPoint website ([https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report\\_custom.asp?clientid=17194](https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/en/report_custom.asp?clientid=17194)).

#### **7.1.4 Complaints on Academic Program Quality and Accrediting Standards**

Complaints associated with the institution's compliance with academic program quality and accrediting standards may be directed to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), following their complaint process which is published at <http://www.ncahlc.org/information-for-the-public/complaints.html>.

## 7.2 ENTREPRENEURSHIP and BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

The university administration recognizes that there may be activities within academic departments and units and educational courses which involve entrepreneurial business and/or operations as part of the educational experience, the private sponsorship of activities and/or the production and sale of a product on a limited basis and for a specified period of time. Capital permits undergraduates to undertake modest levels of entrepreneurship and business activities on campus. Activities are limited to those learning experiences which do not compete and/or interfere with existing university auxiliary operations such as dining service, campus bookstore, etc.

The use of Capital meeting and residential buildings, rooms, spaces, and grounds must be approved, and all regulations concerning safety must be observed. Student Organizations must use the event approval procedures as outlined in the Student Organization Handbook.

### **Competition with Existing University Contracts**

All business auxiliaries operated on a campus shall be under the direct management, control and supervision of the Vice President of Business and Finance. The sale and distribution of products and services includes any method of marketing by way of direct selling or indirect selling, including the use of posters, flyers, handouts, or other promotional literature. Such activities shall be subject to the provisions of this policy.

Items sold or to be offered for sale may be in violation of existing university contracts, i.e. University Food Service, Campus Bookstore, etc. Please contact the Office of Student and Community Engagement at (614) 236-6904 for more information. Students may be required to move businesses entirely off-campus should they disrupt residential life, compromise the educational environment, or jeopardize the nonprofit status of the university or any exemption of its income or property from federal, state or local taxation.

### **Bexley Codified Ordinances**

No person and/or organization shall sell, barter, offer for sale, or expose for sale, at retail or wholesale, any goods, wares, substances for human consumption or any commodity or other article, upon public streets or alleys, or in entrances to buildings or other premises, or upon vacant lots or other tracts of land within 500 feet of the property line of any school, between the hours of operation on days when the school is in session, except at events conducted by the or authorized by the school authorities. (Bexley Mayor's Office, Codified Ordinances, 832.03: Sales from or Adjacent to Public Property)

### **Common Definitions:**

*Business Activity:* A "business activity" is any activity carried out by a student that is intended to or does generate revenue or trade, whether or not for profit, and is not an individual employment or independent contractor relationship.

*Fundraising:* Fundraising is an important source of income for a student organization and an opportunity to aid various worthy non-profit organizations or foundations. Fundraising activities must have clear and specific purpose(s). Fundraising activities that provide a service are encouraged over fundraisers that involve the sale of products. Fundraising activities involving product sales must ensure that students involved in product sales are

informed of the purpose of the sale and should be able to articulate the reason for the fundraiser to students, faculty, and staff.

*Sales and Solicitation:* Solicitation is defined as requesting money or goods, seeking agreement to pay, taking subscriptions, selling merchandise or tickets or offering any other comparable event admission, materials and privileges. This includes actions taken to promote sales in person or by handbills, through e- mail and/or internet, or by posters or similar materials.

Soliciting and selling for private or commercial gain is not permitted on Capital University's campus. Concern for the privacy of students, general building security and the protection of property has led to stringent regulations about selling and soliciting on campus in general and in residential areas specifically. Sales or solicitation for the purpose of supporting or contributing to any recognized student organization or non-profit community organization must be sponsored by a recognized student organization and must be approved by the Director of Student and Community Engagement.

*Business Communications:* Care must be taken to avoid excessive use of university resources, misuse of university facilities and information provided primarily for Capital's teaching and research missions, and activities that might jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the university or its property. Students must establish a means of communication with customers separate from those provided by the university for educational purposes.

No student may list their residence hall address, campus mailing address or telephone number, Capital email or Internet address, or Capital Web site in conjunction with any business enterprise, or in any way suggest that Capital endorses or sponsors the business. Student organizations must follow the listed student organization room policies found in the Student Handbook.

Organization Policies and Guidelines: Capital reserves the right to restrict or control student business use of its resources, facilities, academic products, copyrighted materials, and institutional data.

Approval for Campus Postings: Campus posting in the Student Union and across campus is provided as a service to the university community. Students or student organizations must contact the Office of Student and Community Engagement at least two weeks in advance to obtain approval for a campus posting.

Mass and Bulk Mail: University Mail Services was established to provide general post office services, information on postal regulations and cost-effective mail processing for university offices. Mass mailing to students is provided as a service to university offices only. Exceptions to this policy are granted by the Director of student and Community Engagement. Students or student organizations must submit a formal request in writing with a detailed outline of the rationale for the exception to the mass mailing policy to the Director of Student and Community Engagement a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance of the planned mailing. All student or student organization mass mailings must have written approval by the Director of Student and Community Engagement prior to the planned mailing.



Information Technology: Use of university computing and electronic communication resources requires each user to adhere to standards of acceptable use. Use of the university's computer resources is only for university-related purposes for which they were authorized. As with all university equipment, the use of computer resources, including the University Network, for private or commercial purposes is prohibited, except as expressly authorized. Reasonable minimal personal use is permissible within the guidelines of this policy when it does not consume a significant amount of those resources, does not interfere with the performance of the user's job or other university responsibilities, and is otherwise in compliance with university policy. Further limits may be imposed on personal use by units or departments. Use of those re- sources by faculty or staff for approved consulting or other approved professional activities is not a violation of this policy. Additional guidelines and information on these resources are set forth at <https://www.capital.edu/it> and may be amended by the university from time to time.

Residence Halls Solicitation and Posting: For safety reasons and to protect residents from unwanted disturbances, soliciting in the residence halls is prohibited. The residence halls may not be used as a place of business. Concern for the privacy of students, general building security and the protection of property has led to stringent regulations about selling and soliciting on campus and in residential areas. Thus, solicitation/sales or promotion is not permitted in a student's and/or student organization's room.

Students and campus organizations desiring to sponsor information tables in the residence halls may contact their Community Coordinator two (2) weeks prior to the event for permission. Only one table will be permitted in the residence halls on a daily basis.

Only staff members may post items on residence hall bulletin boards unless express permission has been given. Postings are limited to student organizations, housing events, and university events. Leasing opportunities, rental property, sale of items, and other similar postings are not permitted. The Student Union is the appropriate avenue for such postings, with approval from the Office of Student and Community Engagement.

### **General Compliance**

Student business enterprises must comply with the following general restrictions:

1. The use of university resources for personal gain is prohibited.
  2. Use of the Capital name or logo in conjunction with a business enterprise is prohibited.
  3. The use of Capital meeting and residential buildings, rooms, spaces, and grounds must be approved, and all regulations concerning safety must be observed.
  4. The printed or electronic compilation or redistribution of information from university directories is prohibited.
  5. Use of library resources for commercial purposes is prohibited.
  6. General regulations concerning the use of computers and networks for personal financial gain must also be observed by students with personal business enterprise(s).
- Additional guidelines and information on these resources are set forth at <https://www.capital.edu/it> and may be amended by the university from time to time.

### 7.3 GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT

The Good Neighbor Policy was developed between the City of Bexley and Capital University regarding apartments and rental units occupied by students living west of Capital University in the Southwest Bexley area. Students living in rental units on Sheridan and College Avenues are held to a high civic standard as neighbors of Bexley residents. In many cases, the students live in close proximity to Bexley families. According to the agreement, all student renters must comply with the following: apartment properties must be kept clean, free from trash and debris, music must not interfere with neighbors, and parking is permitted only in designated spaces or on the street as authorized by the City of Bexley. Students living in rental units who violate the Student Code of Conduct and are found responsible may face additional sanctions, including community service in the Southwest Bexley area.

### 7.4 GAMBLING POLICY

In accordance with City of Bexley law, university prohibits gambling, including bookmaking, games of chance for profit, and/or technology or other devices that contribute to gambling. Gambling, including Internet gambling, will not be tolerated on the Capital University campus. Groups and/or individuals violating the Gambling Policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The following outlines the City of Bexley Codified Ordinances (section 630.02 GAMBLING), that subject individuals to possible criminal prosecution:

No person shall do any of the following:

1. Engage in bookmaking, or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates bookmaking;
2. Establish, promote or operate, or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates any scheme or game of chance conducted for profit;
3. Knowingly procure, transmit, exchange, or engage in conduct that facilitates the procurement, transmission or exchange of, information for use in establishing odds or determining winners in connection with bookmaking or with any scheme or game of chance conducted for profit;
4. Engage in betting or in playing any scheme or game of chance, except a charitable bingo game, as a substantial source of income or livelihood;
5. With purpose to violate subsection (a) (1), (2), (3), or (4) hereof, acquire, possess, control or operate any gambling device.
6. For purposes of subsection (a)(1) hereof, a person facilitates book- making if he in any way knowingly aids in an illegal bookmaking operation, including without limitation placing a bet with a person engaged in or facilitating illegal bookmaking. For purposes of subsection (a) (2) hereof, a person facilitates a scheme or game of chance conducted for profit if he in any way knowingly aids in the conduct or operation of any such scheme or game, including without limitation playing any such scheme or game.

### 7.5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

#### Overview

The computing and electronic communication resources that Capital University provides for faculty, staff, and students are essential to carrying out the University's primary mission. Protecting and preserving University computing and electronic communication resources is a cooperative effort that requires each member of the University community to act responsibly and guard against abuses.

Thousands of users share the computing resources at Capital University. These resources must be used responsibly by everyone, since misuse by even a few individuals has the potential to disrupt University business or the work of others. Users are required to exercise responsible, ethical behavior when using the University's computing resources.

Acceptable use of University computing and electronic communication resources demonstrates respect for unobstructed access, intellectual property rights including copyright, trademark, and applicable licenses, truth in communication, ownership of data, system security and integrity, and individuals' rights. Acceptable use includes, but is not limited to, respecting the rights of other users, sustaining the integrity of systems and related physical resources, and complying with all relevant policies, laws, regulations, and contractual obligations.

Please visit the university website for the full Policy.

#### 7.6 ELECTRONIC COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICY and PROCEDURES

Copyright infringement occurs when intellectual property is used without authorization from the rightful owner. Downloading, uploading, or sharing copyrighted material without permission is illegal. Copyright infringement is a violation of the University's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and this Electronic Copyright Infringement Policy (ECIP).

Capital University will comply with all federal, state, and local laws regarding copyright infringement and takes this violation and behavior very seriously. Legally, the university is bound and required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) to act against such activities upon receiving notice of a violation.

#### **Peer-to-Peer File Sharing**

Illegal Peer-to-Peer (P2P) file sharing has become an issue for campus communities. P2P file sharing is the distribution of digital media such as software, videos, music, and images through an informal network to facilitate uploading and downloading of files. Typically, P2P software (such as LimeWire, BitTorrent, or iMesh) allows users to select which files to share with others. These files are indexed on a central server, making them accessible to other users to find and download.

Sharing media is not illegal if you have the right to distribute the content. However, many file-sharing applications are used to illegally access copyrighted material. Additionally, there are some of the risks associated with P2P file sharing, including the distribution of malware, personal privacy breaches, and various financial penalties.

#### **Intellectual Property**

Intellectual property rights protect the interests of creators. Intellectual property is usually divided into two categories:

1. Industrial property such as inventions, trademarks, and commercial names; and
2. Copyright, such as books, musical compositions, movies, and artistic works

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture of America Association (MPAA) use legal tools provided by the U. S. Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998 to track down and legally confront those who commit copyright infringement.

## **Copyright Infringement**

Copyright infringement occurs when intellectual property is used without the owner's authorization. Downloading, uploading, or sharing copyrighted material without permission is illegal. These actions are considered a form of theft of the copyrighted work of a director, producer, or artist. The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires Capital University to act against such activities upon receiving notice of electronic copyright infringement.

## **Notification Process for Copyright Infringement**

Capital University will receive a formal notice of copyright infringement from a copyright owner or person representing the owner. The notice will state the specific claim and/or identify the information residing on the Capital University computer systems or network. CapIT will retrieve the illegally downloaded information and send a formal written "Notice of Alleged Copyright Infringement" with detailed evidentiary information to the student account holder. The student account holder's network access will be suspended pending the outcome of the student administration conduct process.

## **Removal of Copyright Information**

The university reserves the right to remove or block access to any copyrighted materials, and/or temporarily restrict access to the campus network pending the outcome of an investigation of an alleged copyright infringement violation. Capital University will inform the student account holder of any action taken to maintain compliance with federal and state copyright infringement laws.

## **Notification to Copyright Owner**

The university designated agent will draft a summary response to the copyright owner indicating the outcome of the investigation as appropriate. All removed materials and/or disabled network access will be restored to the student account holder within 10 business days of the case outcome.

## **Legal Consequences for Continued Violations**

Violations of copyright infringement laws may result in formal criminal charges, formal court case proceedings, and fines of up to \$150,000 per work or property misappropriated.

## **Report Copyright Infringement**

All members of #CapFam are expected to exemplify honesty, respect for truth, and congruence with university values and behavior expectations in all exchanges and interactions. Students may confidentially report an electronic copyright infringement violation via [abuse@capital.edu](mailto:abuse@capital.edu).

## **7.7 SAFE COMPUTING**

All students should take some time to learn how to protect their identity, information, accounts, and their computing devices:

1. Be a Good Digital Citizen. Protect yourself and use appropriate security measures, such as spam filters, antivirus software, and secure browser settings. Don't overshare online. Protect your privacy. Assume anything you share can and will be seen and possibly shared by others. Remember to respect others' personal

information and privacy. Ensure you have permission to download or share other people's information or works before doing so.

2. Don't get Phished - Avoid the Click-Bait. Your Capital username and password are to be used only by you. Never share your passwords with anyone. No one at Capital will ever send you an email asking you to verify your ID, username, or password. You can always send emails you suspect might be fraudulent to: [abuse@capital.edu](mailto:abuse@capital.edu).
3. Keep your computer and smartphone updated and patched. Patching or updating your computer's operating system and software is the single most important security step you can take. There are numerous blogs, websites, and feeds that describe how to keep your computing devices patched and up to date. Here is one example: <https://securityinabox.org/en/>
4. Respect the #CapFam. All safe computing begins with respect for our community and adherence to Capital's Human Dignity Policy.

## SECTION 8: Sex or Gender-Based Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy

**Policy Number:** 300

**Date Issued:** June 24, 2015

**Section:** Human Resources

**Revised Date:** Aug. 14, 2025

**Title:** Sex or Gender-Based Harassment,  
Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct Policy

**Review Date:** Annually

**Effective Date:** August 14, 2020

**Responsible University Officer:** Provost and Vice President for Learning

**Responsible Office:** Office of the Provost

**Applies to:** Faculty, Staff, Administrators, Students, Visitors, Guests

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### I. Policy Statement

Capital University is firmly committed to providing a campus environment where all individuals—students, faculty, staff, guests, and visitors—are treated with dignity and respect. As part of this commitment, the University prohibits all forms of sex and gender-based harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct. This includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and retaliation. These behaviors are not only contrary to our institutional values—they are violations of University policy and federal law under Title IX.

We take a zero-tolerance approach to such misconduct. This means that when a report is made, the University acts swiftly and appropriately. Protective and supportive measures are offered to those affected, including academic accommodations, safety planning, access to counseling, and other remedies designed to restore access to educational programs and services. When an individual is found responsible for violating the policy, serious sanctions—up to and including suspension or expulsion—may be imposed to ensure accountability and community safety.

The University uses the preponderance of the evidence standard when determining whether a policy violation occurred. This means a finding is based on whether it is more likely than not that the behavior in question took place. Legal terms, such as “guilt,” “innocence,” and “burdens of proof” are not applicable, as individuals are either found “responsible” or “not responsible” for a violation of this policy and it is neither party’s burden to prove their case. Importantly, neither party is expected to prove their case alone, and the University never assumes a responding party is in violation. The process is designed to be transparent, fair, and trauma-informed for all individuals involved.

This policy outlines our community expectations, provides clear definitions of prohibited conduct, and explains how to report concerns and access supportive resources. Whether you are seeking help for yourself or supporting a friend, you are not alone—and the University is here to help.

The full Title IX (Sex or Gender-Based Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct) Policy can be found here: <https://www.capital.edu/media/2knnugyw/300-sexual-misconduct-policy-final-71316.pdf>

For additional information about reporting, a list of campus and community resources, and other material pertaining to Title IX, please visit: <https://www.capital.edu/about/title-ix-and-sexual-harassment/>

## SECTION 9: HAZING POLICY

**Policy Number:**  
September 1, 2022

**Date Issued:**

**Section:** Student Affairs

**Revised Date:**

**Title:** Anti-Hazing Policy

**Review Date:** Annually

**Effective Date:** September 1, 2022

**Responsible University Officer:** Provost

**Responsible Office:** Student Learning and Development

**Applies to:** Faculty, Staff, Administrators, Students, Visitors, Guests

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### I. Policy

Capital University is committed to ensuring a safe environment free from all forms of hazing. All members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, volunteers, guests, and visitors, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others. The University takes the position of zero tolerance for hazing. Zero tolerance means that when an allegation of misconduct is brought to an appropriate administrator's attention, protective and other remedial measures will be used to reasonably ensure that such conduct ends, is not repeated, and the effects on the individual whose rights have been violated as well as the effects on the community are remedied, including serious sanctions when a responding party is found to have violated this policy. This policy has been developed to reaffirm these principles and to provide recourse for those individuals whose rights have been violated. This policy is intended to define community expectations and to establish a mechanism for determining when those expectations have been violated. The policy was created in accordance with Colin's Law, passed by the Ohio Legislature in 2021.

**The full Hazing Policy can be found here:**

<https://www.capital.edu/media/kuqnbk2v/anti-hazing-policy.pdf>

For additional information about reporting, a list of campus and community resources, and other material pertaining to Hazing, please visit:

<https://www.capital.edu/about/campus-safety/hazing-policy>



## SECTION 10: HUMAN DIGNITY POLICY

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2017

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**Section:** General Administrative  
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**Title:** Human dignity and bias incident policy  
Annually

**Review Date:**

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**Responsible University Officer:** Provost

**Responsible Office:** Office of Diversity and Inclusion

**Applies to:** Faculty, Staff, Administrators, Students, Vendors, Volunteers, and Visitors

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Capital University prepares individuals to be knowledgeable, independent, and critical thinkers, educated in leadership, and committed to service in an increasingly diverse society. All members of Capital University are expected to learn how to navigate a diverse society appropriately. As we come to learn and grow together, acts of intolerance may occur and result in harm to others, therefore the university has established this Human Dignity Policy and Bias Incident Policy. The Human Dignity and Bias Incident Policy has been updated to reflect the requirements of the 2024 CAMPUS Act passed by the Ohio Legislature in the summer of 2024.

Members of the Capital University community must respect all persons regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, military status, national or ethnic origin, race, religion or religious affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law (hereafter “protected status”). Capital University deems it unacceptable for its students, faculty and staff to engage in conduct (words or actions) that is intended to be, or that is reasonably foreseeable to be, threatening, abusive, harassing, bullying, or intimidating to any member of the university community including students, faculty, staff, guests and contracted services employees.

Conduct that violates this policy typically:

- A. Has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual or individuals’ work or educational environment; or
- B. Is directed at an individual or individuals on the basis of their protected status; or
- C. Is abusive or severely humiliating.

Bias incidents and hate crimes are antithetical to the standards and values of the University, violate University policy and, in some instances, state and federal law, and will not be tolerated.

Also prohibited is retaliation against an individual who makes a bias report or who participates in the information-gathering or resolution of such report. Retaliation is a policy violation separate from the complaint of bias and will be considered independently from the merits of the underlying matter. Retaliation is a serious violation of this policy and will, upon a finding that retaliation has occurred, subject the individual to disciplinary action up to and including separation from the University.

Complaints of such conduct shall be heard and disciplinary action may be taken consistent with the provisions of the student handbook, the faculty handbook, or the administrative and staff handbook.

**The full Human Dignity and Bias Incident Policy can be found here:** <chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.capital.edu/media/f20aek0k/human-dignity-and-bias-incident-policy.pdf>

For additional information about reporting, a list of campus and community resources, and other material pertaining to Bias incidents, please visit:  
<https://www.capital.edu/contact/complaints/>

## SECTION 11: STUDENT ORGANIZATION HANDBOOK

### SCE Mission Statement

The Office of Student and Community Engagement provides an inclusive environment for growth and development through extra and co-curricular learning experiences, both on campus and in the community, for all students. By providing a place to be and do, the SCE helps students find their home at Capital.

### SCE Learning Outcomes

- Students interpret personal interests, values, and identities.
- Students build an inclusive community that respects the human dignity of others.
- Students articulate the value of their Capital experience.
- Students utilize their leadership skills to affect positive change in their personal and professional pursuits.

The functional areas within the Office of Student and Community Engagement are Campus Activities Board (CAB), the Change Advocate Program, the Cap Cupboard, Community Engagement, Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL), Leadership Development, Major Events and Weekend Programming, the Mezz Fitness Center, Wellness and Prevention Programming, Parent and Family Programs, Student Government (SG), Student Organizations, and Transition Programs.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION AND BENEFITS

Student organizations must register with the Office of Student and Community Engagement to be eligible for the following benefits:

- Reserve and utilize rooms throughout campus;
- Reserve and use university vans that are available for a nominal fee;
- Participate in the annual Student and Community Engagement Fair held each semester to recruit new members;
- Apply for the usage of an organization room, as rooms are available;
- Be acknowledged on the Capital University website, Engage, and CORQ, the student involvement online platform;
- Access to Request Student Government funding;
- Ability to host fundraisers on and off-campus
- Have a University financial student organization account;
- Advertise for events on campus TV screens; and
- Use facilities throughout campus.

Access the full student organization handbook online here:

<https://capital.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/student-engagement/documents/view/2456563>