Georgia Southern University exists to provide an environment in which intellectual achievement, scholarship, and character development can flourish. The Georgia Southern community (Students, Faculty, and Staff) willingly shares the responsibility for sustaining a creative and productive atmosphere through adherence to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct. All who are privileged to be a part of Georgia Southern campus life must remain aware they are representatives of Georgia Southern University, whether they are on campus or elsewhere, and are therefore expected to avoid behavior that brings discredit or dishonor upon themselves or the University as an institution. Recognizing trust is the cornerstone of all human relations, Students will work to build and sustain the trust of their peers, the faculty, and staff by following both the letter and the spirit of the Code of Student Conduct. A Student-centered University embraces a campus climate in which civility and respect among members of the campus community is viewed vital to the overall ethical development of its Students.

The University is dedicated not only to learning and the advancement of knowledge, but also to the development of ethically sensitive and responsible persons. It seeks to achieve these goals through sound educational programs and policies governing Student conduct that encourage independence and maturity.

The student conduct process is not a court of law, and therefore do not follow prescribed legal or evidentiary standards. The student conduct process is also completely separate from any criminal proceeding and one will have no bearing on the other. Should a Student have a pending legal case, the University will move forward with the student conduct process.

The University may apply sanctions or take other appropriate action when the conduct of a Student interferes with the University’s (a) responsibility of ensuring the opportunity for attainment of educational objectives; or (b) responsibility of protecting property, keeping records, providing services, and sponsoring non-classroom activities such as lectures, concerts, athletic events, and social functions. Georgia Southern University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community.

Representatives from the Student Government Association will have an opportunity to provide input in the formation and evaluation of all policies, rules, and sanctions pertaining to Student Conduct.

The Office of Student Conduct utilizes Georgia Southern University email as its primary means of communication with Students. It is necessary for Students to check their University email daily and to promptly respond to any requests from the Office of Student Conduct or designee.