

Forensics Code of Student Conduct

As a member of a program that travels frequently and is under a great deal of campus scrutiny, it is your responsibility to behave in a manner that will not cause harm to yourself, your teammates or the reputation and future existence of the program. This document does not exclude any of the policies outlined by the University Code of Student Conduct and the Student Involvement Center; rather it is meant to contextualize those policies in the framework of the Forensics team. This document covers behavior on campus, travel to tournaments, participation in fundraising events and volunteer opportunities arranged by the RSO and any other officially sanctioned Forensics event.

- All work presented in competition must be the student's own; all outside sources must be properly cited. The most current script of the performance must be on file with the Director of Forensics before the tournament begins.
- Students must be enrolled full-time and in good academic (minimum 2.0 GPA) and disciplinary standing with the University in order to travel. Students must allow the Director of Forensics to verify academic standing and GPA throughout the competition season.
- Students are expected to attend class; Forensics may be used to excuse absences only when documentation is provided by the Director of Forensics or Director of Debate.
- Students are expected to attend team functions and fundraisers held on campus.
- Students aged 21 and over are asked to abstain from consuming alcohol on tournament trips *except* for after competition has concluded and at specifically designated social events with the knowledge and consent of the coach in charge. Students who consume even one alcoholic beverage at these events may not operate a vehicle (even their own). In the event that students are given permission to consume alcohol at a social event, those students are expected to remember that they represent Forensics and the University and should not become intoxicated or behave in a manner that reflects poorly on our program. Students over 21 may not obtain alcohol for underage individuals at any time.
- Students under the age of 21 are prohibited from consuming any alcohol while on a tournament trip or at any aforementioned public events.
- Students are prohibited from carrying alcohol in their luggage or on their person or storing alcohol in their hotel rooms while on a Forensics trip.
- Students are prohibited *at all times* from having in their possession, being in the company of a person who has in their possession or consuming any illegal substances.
- In states and municipalities where cannabis is legal, students are asked to follow the local law and abstain from consumption until after competition has ended. All forms of smoking or vaping is prohibited in hotel rooms, rented spaces, University vehicles and the campus *at all times*.
- While on a tournament trip, students may not stray from the group (leave the host school's campus, a social gathering, the team's hotel or any place we may stop during the trip) without the knowledge and consent of the coach in charge. Students must participate in all aspects of the tournament.
- Students may not invite non-Forensics team members to enter or stay in hotel rooms paid for by Forensics (this includes students who attend the University but are not members of Forensics). Similarly, while on tournament trips, students may not sleep anywhere but the hotel rooms to which they are assigned.
- Students may not *enter* the hotel rooms of non-Forensics team members. Students are encouraged to spend time with other teams in public areas at the hotel.
- Students are representatives of the University and the Forensics team, and as such are expected to engage in behavior and communication that are responsible and mature whenever they are in the public *fora*. All discussions, characterizations and images at a tournament or on social media must be in accordance with these policies and the policies of the University.

- All Forensics members are expected to foster a positive and supportive team environment; instances of hostility, violence or sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Students who are victims or witnesses to such instances should report them to [link to campus reporting page], and are invited to report them to members of the coaching staff. Other issues of interpersonal conflict should be handled directly and maturely, and when that isn't possible coaches may intervene to mediate.

**By signing this document, you are stating that you understand that you are subject to all policies outlined in this Forensics Code of Student Conduct as well as those outlined in the University Code of Student Conduct and the Student Involvement Center's policies. Violations of these policies will result in consequences that might include but are not limited to: suspension of travel, reimbursing travel expenses to the team, revoking of any Forensics scholarships or financial aid funding, removal from the program and referral to Community Rights and Responsibilities. Students' rights in the event of disciplinary action are outlined in the University Code of Student Conduct. This document must be signed and on file with the Director of Forensics before a student may participate in any Forensics event or travel, or to receive any scholarships or financial aid from Forensics**

**University Code of Student Conduct: [link]**

**RSO Policies and Procedures: [link]**

**Print name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_