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Lifestyle Expectations

Seattle Pacific University's Lifestyle Expectations are based on the University's Christian mission and are intended to provide a positive learning environment, promote the intellectual, social, spiritual, and physical well-being of students, and facilitate character formation. It is our expectation that as a student you understand the standards that govern the personal conduct of all SPU students and student organizations, and that you adhere to these standards during your time as a student of the University. Behaviors for which students or student organizations are subject to disciplinary action include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Actions that constitute violations of federal, state, or local law. The University reserves the right to follow its normal conduct processes whenever a student is accused of a criminal act, regardless of the location of its occurrence and regardless of whether civil or criminal proceedings have been instituted against the student.
2. Actions that interfere with the educational process or the administration of the University, including those that obstruct or disrupt the use of University premises, buildings, rooms, or passages, or that incite a disturbance on or off campus.
3. Cohabitation and related forms of premarital, extramarital, or homosexual sexual activities. Cohabitation means unmarried students in an amorous relationship living together.
4. The possession, use, distribution, or sale of alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs, or the illicit use of prescription drugs. Students must abide by all applicable laws regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The University does not permit students to use or possess marijuana on or off campus, or alcohol or tobacco



products (including vaporizers, e-cigarettes, and similar items) on University property or as part of any SPU activities. For more information about drug and alcohol policies and resources, see the [Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Annual Notification](#).

5. Dishonesty such as cheating or plagiarism; knowingly furnishing false information; alteration or unauthorized use of University documents, records, or property; or misuse of student identification.
6. Participation in any actions that involve discrimination or harassment based on race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or gender.
7. Any form of coercive or unwelcome sexual behavior, including sexual assault, rape, sexual harassment, or related actions. For more information about policies and procedures for sexual misconduct, see the [Sexual Misconduct Policy](#).
8. Activities that cause or threaten emotional, mental, or physical harm or suffering; that demean the dignity of any individual; or that interfere with any individual's academic process. Examples of such actions are verbal threats or abuse, harassment, intimidation, threatened or actual physical assault, or consistent disregard for the rights and welfare of any individual.
9. Conduct or activities that are lewd, indecent, or obscene, whether demonstrative, visual, verbal, written, or electronic. For more information about related policies for SPU network use, see the [SPU User Policies](#).
10. Failure to comply with the directions of authorized University officials in the performance of their duties, including the failure to comply with the terms of disciplinary sanctions and the failure to identify oneself when requested to do so.
11. False reporting or warning of a fire, bombing, crime, or other emergency situation, or tampering with safety equipment.
12. Unauthorized possession of property belonging to the University or others; unauthorized presence in, or unauthorized use of or

duplication of keys to, University premises or property; and activities that cause or may cause damage to property belonging to the University or others.

13. Possession, use, or display on University property of any firearms, weapons, fireworks, live ammunition, incendiary devices, or other items that are potentially hazardous to other persons.
14. Actions that constitute a safety or health hazard. Such activities include, but are not limited to, entering or exiting buildings through the windows; throwing, projecting, or dropping items that may cause injury; and pranks that create a safety or health hazard.
15. Any violation of other University policies, regulations, or rules. Residential students should be aware of the [guidelines](#) established for living in the Residence Halls and Apartments.