The University of Mississippi

Disregard for University Authority

Summary/Purpose: To prevent the disregard for University authority and acts pertaining to the abuse of the University judicial system.

The University of Mississippi expects all of its students to comply and to refrain from interfering with University officials acting in performance of their duties. This rule prohibits, but is not limited to, the following:

1. failure to comply with the reasonable and lawful directions or requests of University officials, including, but not limited to, campus police officers, security officials, faculty, and residence hall staff;

2. failure to appear in response to a written notice requiring appearance issued by the Office of the Dean of Students or other judicial officer or judicial body;

3. falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a hearing body or any University official prior to or during any investigation, judicial proceeding, or appeal procedure;

4. refusing to respond to questions posed during a hearing by the University Judicial Council or other University hearing body; in addition to disregard for University authority, such refusal also may lead to an adverse inference by the hearing body concerning the subject matter of the question posed, and this adverse inference, if applicable, may be one factor considered by the hearing body in making its decision;

5. disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a judicial or similar University proceeding;

6. attempting to discourage an individual’s proper participation in, or use of, the judicial, complaint or grievance processes;

7. attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a judicial board or hearing body, the charging party, a witness, or victim prior to, during the course of, or after the judicial or other similar University proceeding;

8. harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a judicial board or hearing body, the charging party, a witness, or victim prior to, during the course of, or after the judicial or other similar University proceeding;

9. failing to comply with or violating the terms of the disciplinary sanction(s) imposed in accordance with University regulations;

10. influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the judicial, complaint or grievance processes;
11. intentionally or recklessly submitting false accusations or charges through any University judicial, complaint, or grievance process; and

12. attempting to bribe or influence another person with an offer of money, gifts, or services to perform an act or provide a service contrary to University policy