Disregard for University Authority

**Summary/Purpose:** To prevent the disregard for University authority and acts pertaining to the abuse of the University conduct 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 comply with a written notice to appear during any investigation, conduct proceeding, or appeal procedure;

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

4. refusing to respond to questions posed during any investigation, conduct proceeding, or appeal procedure; in addition to disregard for University authority, such refusal during a hearing 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 any investigation, conduct proceeding, or appeal procedure;

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

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

8. harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a conduct board or hearing body, the charging party, a witness, or victim prior to, during the course of, or after the conduct 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 conduct, complaint or grievance processes;
11. intentionally or recklessly submitting false accusations or charges through any University conduct, 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.