

# GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES



## ACADEMIC HONESTY

Faulkner University seeks to promote excellence and maintain an environment conducive for learning. Students are prohibited from engaging in or conspiring to engage in any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating or plagiarism. See the Academic Life section of this handbook for the academic consequences.

## ADDRESS CHANGES/CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Students are responsible for maintaining current and accurate local and permanent addresses. Any changes of address should be communicated to the Registrar's office through their website: <https://www.faulkner.edu/forms/registrar-change-of-information-form/>.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ENTRY, SEARCH AND SEIZURE

While the university respects each student's privacy, it reserves the right to enter residence hall rooms/apartments without permission of the residents to check general conditions, to perform custodial service, to make repairs, to handle emergencies, or if there is reason to believe a health, fire, or behavioral hazard exists. Where appropriate, the staff will make reasonable efforts to contact residence directors/building managers prior to the need or point of entry.

## ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUG TOBACCO AND VAPING POLICY

Faulkner University is an alcohol, illegal drug and tobacco free environment. The use, possession, distribution, or transfer of alcohol on campus or any underage drinking (on or off campus) may result in counseling and/or discipline, including suspension. A student found in violation of this policy will be subject to appropriate sanctions. Students found in possession of illegal drugs will be arrested.

Faulkner University students represent the university on and off campus. This opportunity at university is a time to focus on educational and life skill goals by continuing to practice daily the control required as students to face the challenges the world will bring. Students who misrepresent the university with regard to alcohol use and misuse may face sanctions as the university attempts to instill appropriate decision making skills, specifically with regard to alcohol, drug and tobacco use.

Students who return to campus intoxicated or when there is suspicion of intoxication (as determined by Faulkner Campus Safety and Police Officers or Student Life Staff) may be subject to alcohol screening and disciplinary action. Subsequent offenses may result in dismissal. For students with proven history and/or suspension for any alcohol related offense, rehabilitation therapy (at the student's expense) and alcohol screening may be required and as a condition for enrollment or re-enrollment. Refusal to be screened may result in suspension and possible dismissal.

The use, possession, distribution, or transfer of illegal drugs may result in suspension and possible dismissal. This includes misuse of any chemical substance or prescription drugs. For students with proven history and/or suspension for any drug related offense, rehabilitation therapy (at the student's expense) and drug screening may be required and also may be a condition for enrollment or re-enrollment. Refusal to take this test may result in suspension and possible dismissal.

The university upholds local, state and federal laws about the possession, use and distribution of illegal drugs and/or drug paraphernalia. Students who violate the drug policy and are using, in possession of (including drug paraphernalia) or distributing may be subject to immediate arrest. Students arrested for use, possession or distribution, including paraphernalia, should seek to post bail, retain counsel and apply for a Pre-Trial Diversion Program. Violators should know that prior police records might disqualify them from entering a program. Students who enter a Pre-Trial Diversion Program and stay the course, may be allowed to continue their course work at Faulkner while completing the program, but will be placed on conduct probation. Students who choose not to enter a Pre-Trial Diversion Program, or are deemed ineligible, will be suspended from Faulkner University.

Students suspected of or reported to have been using illegal drugs or the misuse of controlled substances or chemicals, on or off campus, may be required to submit to drug testing. Drug testing may include a urine test and/or hair test. Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action. Drug testing costs may be passed onto a student and posted to a student's account as a fine. Violations of the Drug Policy will be assessed the full range of disciplinary responses, and any student testing positive for any illegal drug or controlled substance, including steroids, may be suspended or dismissed from the university.

The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol also present major health risks, including addiction, acute and chronic illness, and death. Drug and alcohol information, referral, counseling treatment and rehabilitation programs are available through a variety of on- and off-campus initiatives. Students may obtain further information by contacting the Student Life Office/Counseling Center.

Suspicion of student drug abuse, on-campus alcohol use or possession or suspicion of criminal activity, may result in a residence hall room or vehicle search and confiscation of any drug/alcohol and/or drug/alcohol containers and paraphernalia found herein. The presence of any drug/alcohol, drug/alcohol paraphernalia and/or containers found are indicators of use/possession, and will be treated as such.

Additionally, the unauthorized use, possession, distribution or transfer of illegal drugs and alcohol may result in arrest, misdemeanor, or felony convictions, and long prison terms.

Use of tobacco in any form (i.e. smoking, chewing or e-cigarettes/vaping) on campus or at any university-sponsored function off-campus is prohibited and may result in discipline. Students who use tobacco are strongly encouraged to stop and may receive cessation referral information from the Student Life Office/Counseling Center. Students should be aware they may be held responsible for the actions of any of their visitors or guests.

Student athletes are subject to an additional drug policy that is available in the office of the Athletic Director, Hal Wynn. Coach Hal Wynn may be contacted at (334-386-7285) or [hwynn@faulkner.edu](mailto:hwynn@faulkner.edu).

## COMPLIANCE WITH POLICE OFFICERS

Faulkner University Campus Safety and Police Department is here to serve and protect the employees and students of the University. It is essential that all members of our community wholeheartedly assist them in the performance of their duties. This includes respectful compliance when asked to do something for a Police or Safety Officer while in the performance of their duty. Failure to be respectful and compliant will result in sanctions, the loss of on-campus driving privileges or other action deemed appropriate by the Dean of Students.

## COMPUTER USER AND EMAIL ACCOUNTS

Upon enrollment, all Faulkner students are issued a Faulkner Google account that includes Gmail for email access, as well as an account for logging in to PCs and wireless networks on campus. The University email account is an official means of communication for all Faulkner University faculty and staff. All students are responsible for access and reading these official communications on a regular basis. Faulkner University email accounts may be accessed by logging onto a computer in a computer lab at any Faulkner campus or via any internet connection with a web browser at <http://mail.google.com/a/faulkner.edu>. Student email accounts have unlimited storage capacity. An enrolled student will need to create/reset their account password before being able to access their account. They can do so by using the online form at completing the online format <https://my.faulkner.edu/Login/Default.aspx>. Required information for resetting your password includes: your Faulkner student ID number, your date of birth, and the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

## DEMONSTRATIONS

Faulkner University recognizes the right of students to dissent as long as such behavior does not limit the freedom of others, damage university property or delay the opportunity of the student body, faculty or staff to proceed regularly with their work, school or scheduled activities. Students may use public areas approved in advance by the university for assembly as long as they do not restrict the movement of traffic. When a rally or other such gathering requires building space or public areas, clearance must be obtained in advance from the Dean of Students. Such clearance must be obtained at least 48 hours prior to the event, and the university reserves the right to make reasonable restrictions of location, time or format for such events, using the following guidelines:

1. To alleviate potential problems with safety or potential disruption of university activities;
2. To facilitate a free exchange of ideas consistent with the academic environment and the university's mission; and to comply with local, state and federal laws or ordinances. The university reserves the right to review, alter or otherwise restrict events, demonstrations, speakers or groups whose nature or presentation is contrary to or inconsistent with the university's mission and Christ-centered character. This determination shall be at the sole discretion of the President or his or her designee.

## DRESS CODE POLICY

Students are expected to demonstrate by their dress and appearance a mature Christian attitude and the ability to discern propriety. The university also seeks to prepare students for professional careers where certain