Questions to Consider

Knowing how the Guiding Principles impact your role as a student, consider the following:

- What does being a University of Minnesota student mean to you?
- How can you encourage others to live up to the high standards of the University?
- What do you want future employers to be able to expect of you as a University of Minnesota graduate?
- Who do you think is affected by violations of the Student Conduct Code?
- How do perceptions of University of Minnesota students impact the value of your degree?

The University of Minnesota

Founded in 1851, the University of Minnesota is one of the nation’s largest higher education institutions offering degrees in a wide variety of fields.

The University awards nearly 15,000 degrees annually and boasts over 400,000 alumni.

The University continues to grow in academic prestige as 4-year graduation rates have doubled in recent years.

In 2011, the University of Minnesota had 167 National Merit Scholars in the first-year class; the second highest number in the Big Ten. Our campus community also includes 20 Nobel Laureates, 86 Guggenheim Fellows, and 2 MacArthur Fellows.

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Guiding Principles of the Student Conduct Code

(a) The University seeks an environment that promotes academic achievement and integrity, that is protective of free inquiry, and that serves the educational mission of the University.

(b) The University seeks a community that is free from violence, threats, and intimidation; that is respectful of the rights, opportunities, and welfare of students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University; and that does not threaten the physical or mental health or safety of members of the University community.

(c) The University is dedicated to responsible stewardship of its resources and to protecting its property and resources from theft, damage, destruction, or misuse.

(d) The University supports and is guided by state and federal law while also setting its own standards of conduct for its academic community.

(e) The University is dedicated to the rational and orderly resolution of conflict.

What is the Student Conduct Code?
The University of Minnesota Student Conduct Code (SCC) establishes standards for student behavior. The first section of the Student Conduct Code identifies the Guiding Principles, which set the tone for a positive and safe University experience for students.

In the SCC you will also find information on disciplinary offenses and sanctions for violations. Both students and student groups are responsible for knowing the code.

To view the Student Conduct Code go to: http://z.umn.edu/scc

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