

University Policies

The University of La Verne considers the behavior described in the following sub-sections as inappropriate for the University of La Verne community and in opposition to the core values set forth in the Code of Student Conduct. Individuals residing or visiting on-campus housing facilities are also subject to Student Housing policies. Violation of Student Housing policies will be considered a violation of University Policies (see <http://sites.laverne.edu/housing/policies/> for additional information on Student Housing policies). These expectations and rules apply to all students, whether undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, CAPA or professional.

The University of La Verne encourages community members to report to University of La Verne officials all incidents that involve the actions listed under University Policies or Student Housing Policies. Any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit misconduct as described in University Policies or Student Housing Policies is subject to the sanctions outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

1. Abuse of Conduct Process

Abuse or interference with, or failure to comply with University of La Verne conduct processes is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information.
- b. Failure to provide, destroying or concealing information during an investigation of an alleged policy violation.
- c. Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the campus conduct system.
- d. Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a campus conduct body prior to, during, and/or following a campus conduct proceeding.
- e. Influencing, or attempting to influence, another person to commit an abuse of the campus conduct system.
- f. Failure to maintain confidentiality as requested during and after an investigation about an code of student conduct violation.

2. Alcohol

- a. Possession, usage, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages, except as expressly approved by the University (i.e. events in controlled locations) and permitted by law is prohibited.
- b. Violation of other university or housing policies while under the influence of alcohol is a prohibited.
- c. Inability to exercise care for one's own safety and/or the safety of others due to being under the influence of alcohol is a violation.
- d. Violation of Student Housing alcohol policy within or adjacent to housing facilities is prohibited. (See <http://sites.laverne.edu/housing/policies/> for additional information on Student Housing alcohol policy).

3. Animals

Animals are not permitted on campus facilities (i.e. buildings, classroom, etc.) except for a) service animals (e.g. seeing-eye dogs) or b) as approved by the University for specific controlled events.

4. Bullying and Cyberbullying.

Bullying and cyberbullying are repeated and/or severe aggressive behaviors that intimidate or intentionally harm or control another person physically or emotionally, and are not protected by freedom of expression. Consequently bullying and cyberbullying are prohibited.

5. Concealment & By-Standing

Concealment, failure to appropriately address and/or report known or obvious violations of University policies or law is considered a policy violation.

6. Dangerous Behavior or Assault

- a. Any activity or behavior, intentionally or recklessly, that causes or threatens the health and safety of oneself or others is prohibited. This includes threats or expressions of physical harm to any person, including oneself.
- b. Creation of health and/or safety hazards (dangerous pranks, hanging out of or climbing from/on/in windows, balconies, roofs, etc.) is prohibited.

7. Dating/Domestic Partner Violence

- a. Dating violence is defined as abuse committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. Dating violence is prohibited.
- b. Domestic violence is defined as abuse committed against an adult or a minor who is spouse or former spouse, cohabitant, or someone with whom the abuser has a child, has existing dating or engagement relationship, or has had a former dating relationship. Domestic violence.

Abuse in the context of “dating/domestic partner violence” is defined as the use of physical violence, coercion, threats, intimidation, isolation, stalking, or other forms of emotional or sexual abuse used to control a partner in an intimate relationship. This includes any behaviors that intimidates, manipulates, humiliates, isolates, frightens, terrorizes, coerces, threatens, blames, hurts, injures, or wounds someone. Dating/Domestic partner violence can be a single act or a pattern of behavior in relationships. Dating/Domestic partner relationships are defined as short or long-term relationships (current or former) between persons intended to provide some emotional/romantic and/or physical intimacy.

Dating/Domestic partner violence is also considered a form of sexual misconduct under Title IX. For more information on Title IX policy, please visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/student-affairs/title-ix-resource-guide/>

8. Discrimination

- a. Any act or failure to act that is based upon an individual or group’s actual or perceived status (sex, gender, race, color, age, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, pregnancy status, religion, or sexual orientation, or other protected status) that is sufficiently severe that it limits or denies the ability to participate in or benefit from the University of La Verne’s educational program or activities is prohibited.
- b. Discriminatory behavior may also be considered a form of sexual misconduct under Title IX. For more information on Title IX policy, please visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/student-affairs/title-ix-resource-guide/>

9. Disruptive Behavior

Substantial disruption of University of La Verne operations including obstruction of teaching, research, administration, other University of La Verne activities, and/or other authorized non-University of La Verne activities which occur on campus is prohibited.

10. Drugs & Controlled Substances

- a. Possession, usage, sale, distribution or manufacturing of illegal drugs and other controlled substances is prohibited.
- b. Possession, usage or distribution of illegal drugs and/or other controlled substances paraphernalia (for intended or implied use – i.e. pipes, hookahs) is prohibited
- c. Use and possession of marijuana on University grounds, regardless of medical permit/doctor's note is prohibited.
- d. Abuse, misuse, sale and/or distribution of prescription medication, over-the-counter medications, cleaning products & other chemicals/fumes for other than for their intended/prescribed uses is prohibited.
- e. Violation of other University policies while under the influence of drugs or controlled substances is prohibited.
- f. Inability to exercise care for one's own safety and/or the safety of others while under the influence of drugs or controlled substances is prohibited.

11. Election Tampering

Tampering with the election of any University of La Verne-recognized student organization is prohibited (minor election code violations are addressed by the ASULV).

12. Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with the reasonable directives of University of La Verne officials or law enforcement officers during the performance of their duties is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to providing false information or failing to provide information; interfering with staff while they are performing their duties; failing to complete assigned sanctions; failing to attend a meeting requested by a staff member; being uncooperative or verbally abusive to staff.

13. Falsification

Knowingly furnishing or possessing false, falsified or forged materials, documents, accounts, records, identification or financial instruments.

14. Fire Safety

Violation of local, state, federal or campus fire policies is prohibited. This includes but not limited to:

- a. Causing Fire – Intentionally or recklessly causing a fire, regardless of whether it damages University of La Verne or personal property or cause injury is prohibited
- b. Evacuation - All persons are required to evacuate the building immediately upon the sound of an alarm. Interfering with emergency services, procedures, or failing to conform to established safety regulations and/or instruction given by emergency response staff is prohibited.
- c. Fire Reporting & Equipment - Falsely reporting a fire, tampering with or misuse of any fire or reporting equipment (e.g. fire alarms, smoke detectors, fire sprinkler, fire extinguishers, "EXIT" signs, etc.) is prohibited.

NOTE - Violation of this policy may result in a local fine in addition to University of La Verne sanctions.

15. Gambling

Illegal gambling (i.e. activities for money, checks, credit or other representative value), anywhere on University property, is prohibited.

16. Guests

- a. Students are responsible for informing their guests on the University code of student conduct and University policies. Guests are expected to follow behavioral expectations as outlined in the code of student conduct and University policy.
- b. Students are responsible and will be held accountable for the conduct of their guests/visitors while on University premises or University event.

17. Harassment

- a. Harassment behavior may also be considered a form of sexual misconduct under Title IX. For more information on Title IX policy, please visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/student-affairs/title-ix-resource-guide/>
- b. Harassment is defined as any behavior by any member of the community or guests towards an individual or group which seriously threatens or alarms a person or group. This shall include but not limited to sex, gender, race, color, age, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, pregnancy status, religion, sexual orientation or other protected status. Behavior may include, but is not limited to threats, malicious deeds, intimidation, heckling, badgering, abusive name calling, whether done verbally, written, electronically or physically.
- c. Behavior that results in the creation of a hostile environment is prohibited. A hostile environment may result when harassment is sufficiently severe, pervasive (or persistent) and objectively offensive that it unreasonably interferes with, limits or denies the ability of a group or individuals to participate in or benefit from the University of La Verne's educational or employment program or activities.

18. Hazing

Defined as an act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or that destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization is prohibited. Participation or cooperation by the person(s) being hazed does not excuse the violation.

19. IT and Acceptable Use

Computer and Internet usage must be in accordance with the terms noted in the University Acceptable Use Policies. These policies include both personal and University owned computers. The full documents can be obtained at <http://sites.laverne.edu/technology/technology-for-students/policies/>.

20. Lewd Behavior

- a. Lewd, indecent, or obscene behaviors, whether through conduct or expression, which are not civil or respectful and which breach the peace are not permitted. Lewd behavior

includes but is not limited deliberately and publicly exposing one's intimate body parts, public urination, defecation, and public sex acts.

- b. Use of concealed recording or photographic devices to secretly videotape, film, photograph or record another person a) under or through clothing being worn, b) view undergarments worn by other person; c) engaging in intimate sexual behavior without the consent or knowledge of that person is prohibited.
- c. Lewd behavior may also be considered a form of sexual misconduct under Title IX. For more information on Title IX policy, please visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/student-affairs/title-ix-resource-guide/>.

21. Sexual Assault

- a. Sexual Assault is prohibited. The University defines sexual assault as any non-consensual, intentional physical contact of a sexual nature, such as unwelcome physical contact with a person's genitals, buttocks, or breasts, or any form of sexual intercourse without consent. Rape is a form of sexual assault. Sexual assault occurs when the act is committed by: a) physical force, violence, threat, or intimidation; b) ignoring the objections or without the consent of another person; c) causing another's intoxication or impairment through the use of alcohol or other drugs; and/or d) taking advantage of another person's incapacitation, helplessness, or other inability to consent.
- b. Sexual Assault may also be considered a form of sexual misconduct under Title IX. For more information on Title IX policy, please visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/student-affairs/title-ix-resource-guide/>

22. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in any:

- a. Building owned, leased or rented by the University, whether on or off campus.
 - b. All university-owned or leased vehicles (including shuttles and carts).
 - c. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas in University parking lots and public sidewalks immediately adjacent to University parking lots.
 - d. Sale of smoking materials is prohibited on any University properties.
- For more information on smoking policy visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/hr/files/2010/11/s29.pdf>

23. Soliciting

Engaging in distribution, advertising, sales, promotion, commercial transactions and/or solicitation of any nature within University grounds without the expressed authorization is prohibited.

24. Stalking

Stalking is prohibited. Stalking (including cyber-stalking) is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact or any other conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Stalking behavior may include: pursuing or following; non-consensual (unwanted) communication or contact – including face-to-face, telephone calls, voice messages, electronic messages, text messages, unwanted gifts, etc.; trespassing; and surveillance or other types of observation.

Stalking may also be considered a form of sexual misconduct under Title IX. For more information on Title IX policy, please visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/student-affairs/title-ix-resource-guide/>

25. Sexual Exploitation

Sexual exploitation is a form of sexual misconduct which occurs when a person takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his or her own advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited, and such behavior does not constitute one of the other sexual misconduct offenses. Examples of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to: invasion of sexual privacy; prostituting another person; non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity; going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as letting your friends hide in the closet to watch you having consensual sex); engaging in voyeurism.

Sexual exploitation is also be considered a form of sexual misconduct under Title IX. For more information on Title IX policy, please visit: <http://sites.laverne.edu/student-affairs/title-ix-resource-guide/>

26. Theft & Stolen Property

- a. Intentional and unauthorized taking of University of La Verne property or the personal property of another, including goods, services and other valuables is prohibited.
- b. Knowingly taking or maintaining possession of stolen property is prohibited.

27. Trademark

Unauthorized use (including misuse) of University of La Verne or organizational names and images is prohibited.

28. Trespassing & Restricted Access

- a. Unauthorized access to any University of La Verne building is prohibited.
- b. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of means of access (i.e. keys, cards, etc.) to any college/university building or failing to timely report a lost University of La Verne identification card or key is prohibited.
- c. Unauthorized presence on rooftops, overhang, ledge or areas marked for restricted access for any reason is prohibited.
- d. Misuse of access privileges to University of La Verne premises or unauthorized entry to or use of buildings, including trespassing, propping or unauthorized use of alarmed doors for entry into or exit from a University of La Verne building;

29. Vandalism

Intentional, reckless and/or unauthorized damage to or destruction of University of La Verne property or the personal property of another is prohibited.

30. Weapons, Firearms, Explosives

- a. Possession, use, storage or distribution of any weapon deemed by campus authorities to be deadly is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: firearms, ammunition, explosive devices, highly combustible materials of any kind, metal-tipped guns, martial arts weapons,

dirks, daggers, machetes, slingshots, weapons commonly known as blackjacks, sand clubs, billy clubs and metal knuckles.

- b. Possession, remodeling or usage of any item resembling a real weapon, firearm, or explosive is prohibited.
- c. Use of any item, outside of its intended use (i.e. metal pipes, razors, etc) for the purpose of causing harm is prohibited.

31. Wheeled Devices

- a. Riding skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles and similar wheeled devices are not permitted inside College/University buildings, residence halls or on athletic facilities.
- b. Skateboards and other wheeled items may not be ridden on railings, curbs, benches, or any such fixtures that may be damaged by these activities, and individuals may be liable for damage to University of La Verne property caused by these activities.

32. Additional Policies

Violating other published University of La Verne policies or rules, including all Student Housing policies is prohibited. For more information on Student Housing policies, please visit <http://sites.laverne.edu/housing/policies/>.