Student Conduct

Student disciplinary procedures

In 1989, the Board of Regents adopted an administrative code Chapter UWS 14, which covers academic misconduct. Its principles state, 'The Board of Regents, administrators, faculty, academic staff, and students of the University of Wisconsin System believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education and of the University of Wisconsin System. The university has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others’ academic endeavors. Students who violate these standards must be confronted and must accept the consequences of their actions.'

The Board also revised Chapter UWS 17, which covers non-academic misconduct. In it, they state, 'The Board of Regents, administration, faculty, academic staff, and students of the University of Wisconsin System believe that the teaching, learning, research, and service activities of the university can flourish only in an environment that is safe from violence and free of harassment, fraud, theft, disruption, and intimidation. The university has a responsibility to identify basic standards of non-academic conduct necessary to protect the community, and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of misconduct while observing the procedural and substantive rights of students. Any person who violates state or federal laws on university property may face prosecution in the appropriate courts. In addition, students, faculty, or staff who violate university standards are subject to university disciplinary action.'

The procedures in both Chapters 14 and 17 describe the actions that the university may take in response to student misconduct; they define the conduct that is prohibited; and they outline the procedures that are to be used to resolve allegations of misconduct. The UWL student disciplinary procedures are identical to those in UWS 14 and UWS 17. These documents can be found in the UWL Student Handbook (https://www.uwlax.edu/student-life/student-resources/student-handbook/), also available in the Office of Student Life. It also includes UWS Chapter 18, 'Conduct on University Lands,' which describes prohibited behavior and parking regulations.

Student honor code

We, the students of UW-La Crosse, believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education. We, as students, are responsible for the honest completion and representation of our work and respect for others’ academic endeavors. We, as students and responsible citizens of the City of La Crosse, will aim to uphold the integrity of the university throughout the La Crosse community. It is our individual responsibility as students to uphold these ethical standards and to respect the character of the individuals and the university.