

COMMUNITY STANDARDS PROCESS:

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents

Q: How can I learn how my student is doing?

A: The best answer is to simply ask your son or daughter directly. The college years are a unique time of maturation for students as they take on new responsibilities. The willingness to share information with you will grow as they mature during this time.

Q: Does the university have any written policies about information from student records that can be shared with parents?

A: Yes. Like other colleges and universities across the country, GCU is subject to a federal law called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (also called FERPA or the Buckley Amendment). FERPA sets privacy standards for student educational records and requires institutions to publish a compliance statement, including a statement of related institutional policies.

Q: Where can I find out more information about FERPA?

A: FERPA is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. Learn more about **FERPA**.

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Q: How will I be notified if I have violated a Community Standard?

A: You will receive an email via your GCU email address notifying you of a date and time to meet with either a Community Standards coordinator or the Community Standards Board, or have a Community Conference. If it is a visitation violation, the email will state your sanctions or next steps. This email will also notify you of what policies you may have violated.

Q: What is the difference between meeting with a Community Standards coordinator or meeting with the Community Standards Board?

A: Depending on the details of an incident, it may be processed via an email, a meeting or a hearing. The type of violation, its severity and any potential sanction can affect how it is processed.

Q: What if I do not attend my conduct hearing?

A: If you fail to appear before the Community Standards Board, the board will discuss the sanctions that they feel are appropriate for you. In most cases, you will be given the same sanction as other students who were involved in the same incident. A hold may also be placed on your account until you contact the Community Standards Office.

Q: What if I was not aware of the policy when I broke it?

A: Every GCU student is responsible for knowing the Community Standards. All residential students have agreed to follow those rules at the time when the housing contract is signed.

Q: Will conduct sanctions appear on my academic transcript?

A: Generally not.

Q: What happens if I do not complete my sanctions?

A: If you fail to complete an assigned sanction by the given deadline as outlined in a sanction letter, a hold will be placed on your academic account and housing account. Making changes to your schedule or your ability to choose housing will not be permitted until the sanctions have been completed. If it is an alcohol or drug violation, then you may receive additional sanctions including a fine. If those still are not complete, you may lose housing at GCU.

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