

General Purpose

FOREWORD

A University, like any community, must have regulations and/or standards by which its members abide and procedures by which its organization functions. The standards should provide order and an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and personal development. This Student Handbook and the *Code of Student Conduct* contained within are intended to serve these purposes in the interest of all segments of Texas Tech University.

The University has a responsibility to maintain order within the University community and to discipline those who violate its standards, rules, and/or policies. Enrollment requires students to share this responsibility. Students are responsible for knowing the information, policies and procedures outlined in this document. Students agree to abide by the standards, rules and/or policies set forth in this Student Handbook, the Undergraduate Catalog and other official University publications, as well as the Texas Education Code. Student organizations also agree to follow these standards, rules, and/or policies. The University or its representative may amend this document at any time without notice. Neither this handbook nor the Code of Student Conduct constitutes a contract.

The University reserves the right to make changes to this *Code* as necessary and once those changes are posted online, they are in effect. Students are encouraged to check online [<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/dos/handbook/>] for the updated versions of all policies and procedures. Students are also informed of changes to the *Code of Student Conduct* by electronic notification outlets and/or official campus publications. The Student Handbook was approved by the Board of Regents on May 14, 2021 to be effective May 14, 2021.

Membership in the TTU Community

As members of the academic community, University students enjoy the privileges and share the obligations of the larger community of which the University is a part. Students are entitled to the privileges that accrue to them by virtue of this membership. These privileges carry with them the obligations of responsible citizenship. Students shall conform to University regulations. Students should recognize that citizenship also includes contributing deliberately to strengthening the educational community, improving learning for themselves and their classmates and promoting excellence within the above context. Freedom of discussion, inquiry and expression is protected and nurtured in the classroom as the safeguard of the freedom to learn. Students are expected to exercise their freedom to learn in a manner consistent with the maintenance of good order. Responsibility for maintaining good order in the classroom is vested in the instructor. *The Code of Student Conduct* outlines the standards of behavior for University students and the disciplinary processes to address misconduct.

Texas Tech University Vision

Texas Tech is a great public research University where students succeed, knowledge is advanced, and global engagement is championed.

Texas Tech University Mission

As a public research University, Texas Tech advances knowledge through innovative and creative teaching, research, and scholarship. The University is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce. The University is committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.

Approved by the Texas Tech University Board of Regents on May 14, 2010.

Texas Tech Statement of Ethical Principles

Texas Tech University is committed to ethical leadership practices at all levels and to our tradition of community service, both within the University community and in our relationships with the greater community. We strive for exemplary professional and community service through research, creative works, and service programs that extend beyond the University environment. We strive to provide excellent service in a caring and friendly environment and encourage such involvement in the community by all faculty, students, staff, and administration.

School of Law, School of Veterinary Medicine, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Students enrolled in, and student organizations registered with, the Texas Tech University School of Law and School of Veterinary Medicine are subject to the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Law students found responsible for misconduct under the University's Conduct Code and process face potentially heightened sanctions and other outcomes in that process from the University and the Law School under the law school's Law School Heightened and Secondary Outcomes Policy. The Law School Heightened and Secondary Outcomes Policy is located here: [Heightened Secondary Outcomes Policy | School of Law | TTU](#).

In addition to the Code of Student Conduct, Tech Law students and registered organizations are also subject to the Honor Code of the School of Law. In specific situations, students may find themselves in violation of either the Code of Student Conduct or the Honor Code of the School of Law, or both.

Questions concerning the respective jurisdiction of the *Code of Student Conduct* and the Honor Code of the School of Law will be resolved by the Vice Provost Student Affairs and the Dean of the School of Law.

School of Veterinary Medicine students and registered student organizations are also subject to the Veterinary School Student Code of Honor and Professionalism. In specific situations, students may find themselves in violation of either the *Code of Student Conduct* or the Honor Code of the School of Veterinary Medicine, respectively or both. Students enrolled in the School of Veterinary Medicine will also adhere to Texas Tech University policies and procedures as well as policies and procedures established by the School of Veterinary Medicine, policies and procedures may be found here:

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/vetschool/academics/policies/>

Questions concerning the respective jurisdiction of the *Code of Student Conduct* and the Honor Code of the Veterinary School Student Code of Honor and Professionalism, respectively, will be resolved by the Vice Provost Student Affairs and the Dean of the respective school.

Students enrolled in the Schools of Medicine, Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and organizations registered with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are subject to the TTUHSC Student Handbook/Code of Professional Conduct.