



## UCONN STUDENT CODE VIOLATIONS

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### QUESTION

What are the possible sanctions for conduct violating UConn's Student Code? How many times has UConn imposed each sanction in the last five academic years and for which offenses?

### SUMMARY

UConn's Student Code contains standards, rules, and regulations to which all UConn students and organizations must adhere. It contains four primary sanctions: warning, probation, suspension, and expulsion. UConn may also impose secondary sanctions in conjunction with the primary sanctions, including loss of privileges, removal from student housing, restitution, and participation in educational programming.

Under the code, sanctions may be imposed, individually or in various combinations, against any student found to have violated it. The code, with certain exceptions, generally does not provide any guidelines for sanctions that are tied to specific offenses. According UConn's Office of Community Standards, which administers the code, any violation may result in a suspension or expulsion, depending on the case's factors and individual circumstances.

Tables 3 and 4 below list the number of times that UConn imposed each type of primary and secondary sanction, respectively, in the previous five academic years. Tables 5 and 6 provide additional details about suspensions and expulsions, respectively, including the offenses that led to these sanctions. The data, which are from reports by UConn's Office of Community Standards, do not list the offenses that resulted in other types of sanctions (e.g., warnings or probation).

## STUDENT CODE SANCTIONS

### ***Possible Sanctions***

UConn’s Student Code contains four primary sanctions: warning, probation, suspension, and expulsion. UConn may also impose secondary sanctions in conjunction with the primary sanctions, including loss of privileges, removal from student housing, restitution, and participation in educational programming.

Table 1 describes the four primary sanctions, and Table 2 describes examples of secondary sanctions.

**Table 1: UConn Student Code: Primary Sanctions**

<b><i>Sanction</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice that a student has violated university policy</li> <li>• Warning that another violation will likely result in a more severe sanction, which could include probation, suspension, or expulsion</li> </ul>
Probation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indefinite period of time during which the student is given the opportunity to modify unacceptable behavior, complete specific assignments, and demonstrate a positive contribution to the university community in an effort to regain student privileges</li> <li>• Student may apply to Probation Review Committee for a review of his or her probationary status six months after being placed on probation; if the committee denies the application, student may re-apply six months after the denial</li> <li>• Student may be suspended or expelled if found responsible for a subsequent Student Code violation while on probation</li> </ul>
Suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separation from the university for a designated time period, after which the student may apply for readmission</li> <li>• Prohibition on (1) being in or on any university-owned or –leased property without permission from the director of community standards or a designee and (2) participating in any university activity or program</li> <li>• “Suspension” notation placed on student’s transcript until graduation; student may petition director of community standards for earlier removal upon completing the suspension</li> </ul>
Expulsion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent separation from the university</li> <li>• Prohibition on (1) being in or on any university-owned or –leased property and (2) participating in any university activity or program</li> <li>• Permanent “Expulsion” notation placed on student’s transcript</li> </ul>

Source: UConn Student Code

**Table 2: UConn Student Code: Selected Secondary Sanctions**

<b>Sanction</b>	<b>Description</b>
Loss of Privileges	Denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time
Restitution	Compensation for loss of or damage to property or services rendered; may be through appropriate service or monetary or material replacement
Removal from Housing	Separation from university-approved housing for a designated period of time; removal may include loss of dining privileges
UConn Compass	Program promoting student engagement through co-curricular involvement
Educational Initiatives	Projects; participation in health or safety programs (the student may be required to pay a fee); service to the university or to the larger community; seminars; and other assignments as warranted

Source: UConn Student Code

### ***Sanction Guidelines***

The code generally does not provide any guidelines for sanctions that are tied to specific offenses. The exceptions include academic misconduct and sexual misconduct. For academic misconduct, the code notes that any grading punishment is up to the course instructor, with the student able to appeal to a hearing board. According to the code, failing the course is generally the appropriate sanction for serious offenses. For offenses involving small portions of coursework, the code suggests giving the student a failing grade for those portions and requiring the student to repeat them for no credit.

For sexual offenses, the Student Code notes that sanctions are determined by the seriousness of the violation, precedent for similar violations, and any aggravating or mitigating factors. According to the code, a warning is "highly unlikely" for a student found responsible for sexual misconduct. The precedent for sexual assault is expulsion.

### ***Examples of Typical Sanctions***

Although the Student Code generally does not establish sanction guidelines, the Office of Community Standards' website provides some examples of typical sanctions for certain offenses. The examples include typical sanctions for alcohol and drug violations, assault or threatening behavior, and damage. For instance, underage possession of alcohol may result in a warning if there are no aggravating factors, while procuring alcohol for minors typically results in a suspension.

According to the office, violations that generally result in suspension or expulsion include:

1. committing any violation while on university probation,
2. participating in or inciting others to participate in the violent disruption of any university activity,
3. committing an act of physical assault or abuse,
4. driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol,
5. possessing or using illegal drugs,
6. selling or distributing (or intending to sell or distribute) controlled substances or drugs,
7. distributing alcohol or drugs to minors,
8. committing an act of sexual misconduct,
9. committing serious or multiple cases of academic misconduct, and
10. falsifying university information.

## **SANCTION DATA**

Tables 3 and 4 show, for each of the past five academic years, the number of primary and secondary sanctions, respectively, imposed by UConn for Student Code violations.

**Table 3: Number of Primary Sanctions Imposed by UConn**

<i>Type of Sanction</i>	<i>2009-2010</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2011-2012</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>	<i>2013-2014</i>
Warning	657	1498	1092	942	1418
Probation	255	343	218	204	182
Suspension	18	8	10	7	11
Expulsion	7	19	13	19	20

Source: UConn Office of Community Standards

**Table 4: Number of Secondary Sanctions Imposed by UConn**

<i>Type of Sanction</i>	<i>2009-2010</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2011-2012</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>	<i>2013-2014</i>
UConn Compass (engagement component)	512	536	335	214	232
UConn Compass (suspension component)	18	8	10	7	11
Wellness and Prevention: Alcohol	143*	179*	224	382	364
Wellness and Prevention: Drugs	90**	118**	99	123	143
Banned from University Building(s)	15	15	20	14	18
Community Restitution	6	8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Building Blocks of a Residential Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18
Educational Project	208	310	338	275	318
Living Your Values Workshop	N/A	N/A	28	118	137
Loss of Privileges	95	70	73	40	62
Meeting with UConn Staff Member	49	66	88	138	170
Off-Campus Workshop	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Removal From Housing	33	21	24	22	26
Restitution	36	37	44	35	22

Source: UConn Office of Community Standards

\* Was known as Brief Alcohol and Intervention for College Students from 2009-2011

\*\* Was known as Marijuana Abuse Prevention Program from 2009-2011

### ***Suspensions and Expulsions***

Tables 5 and 6 show, for suspensions and expulsions, respectively, in each of the previous five academic years, the (1) number of students punished, (2) number of punished students who had a prior student conduct history, and (3) offenses that led to the punishments.

**Table 5: UConn Student Suspensions**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Number of Students Suspended</b>	<b>Number of Students with Prior Student Conduct History</b>	<b>Offense that Resulted in Suspension</b>
2009-2010	18	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug possession (4)</li> <li>• Alcohol use and endangering behavior (2)</li> <li>• Assault (2)</li> <li>• Driving under the influence (2)</li> <li>• Repeated academic misconduct (2)</li> <li>• Stalking (2)</li> <li>• Theft (2)</li> <li>• Failing to complete a sanction (1)</li> <li>• Underage alcohol abuse while on university probation (1)</li> </ul>
2010-2011	8	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underage alcohol and/or marijuana possession while on university probation (4)</li> <li>• Driving under the influence of alcohol and causing an accident (1)</li> <li>• Participating in disruptive and dangerous behavior (1)</li> <li>• Possessing heroin (1)</li> <li>• Trespassing and theft (1)</li> </ul>
2011-2012	10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assault (2)</li> <li>• Disruptive behavior while on university probation (2)</li> <li>• Drug distribution (2)</li> <li>• Driving under the influence and causing harm and damage (1)</li> <li>• Falsely reporting a crime in order to gain an academic advantage (1)</li> <li>• Possessing drugs while on university probation (1)</li> <li>• Theft (1)</li> </ul>
2012-2013	7	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possessing alcohol and drugs while on university probation (2)</li> <li>• Altercation (1)</li> <li>• Damage to property and dangerous behavior (1)</li> <li>• Driving under the influence of alcohol (1)</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct (1)</li> <li>• Significant possession of drugs (1)</li> </ul>
2013-2014	11	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug-related and disruption (3)</li> <li>• Altercation (2)</li> <li>• Relationship violence (2)</li> <li>• Disruption of environment (1)</li> <li>• Driving under the influence of alcohol (1)</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct (1)</li> <li>• Theft (1)</li> </ul>

Source: UConn Office of Community Standards

**Table 6: UConn Student Expulsions**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Number of Students Expelled</b>	<b>Number of Students with Prior Student Conduct History</b>	<b>Offense that Resulted in Expulsion</b>
2009-2010	7	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug distribution (3)</li> <li>• Falsely reporting an incident (1)</li> <li>• Intentionally setting a fire (1)</li> <li>• Possessing drugs (1)</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct, uncooperative and disruptive behavior (1)</li> </ul>
2010-2011	19	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug distribution (9)</li> <li>• Stalking and/or sexual misconduct (4)</li> <li>• Endangering behavior toward minors (2)</li> <li>• Attempting to incite a riot and damage (1)</li> <li>• Falsely reporting an incident (1)</li> <li>• Possessing drugs and theft (1)</li> <li>• Driving under the influence while on probation (1)</li> </ul>
2011-2012	13	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug distribution (6)</li> <li>• Assault (2)</li> <li>• Disruptive and threatening behavior towards Mansfield community members (2)</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct (2)</li> <li>• Possessing drugs and interfering with a police investigation (1)</li> </ul>
2012-2013	19	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug distribution (12)</li> <li>• Driving under the influence of alcohol and striking a pedestrian (2)</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct (2)</li> <li>• Assault (1)</li> <li>• Possessing drugs while on university probation (1)</li> <li>• Major theft (1)</li> </ul>
2013-2014	20	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Four-related incidents (9)</li> <li>• Drug distribution (6)</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct (3)</li> <li>• Significant disruption of the academic and living environment (2)</li> </ul>

Source: UConn Office of Community Standards

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

UConn Student Code: <http://community.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/523/2014/06/1415-The-Student-Code.pdf>

UConn Student Conduct Statistics: <http://community.uconn.edu/student-conduct-statistics/>

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