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The University of Texas at Austin

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ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT: In compliance with relevant provisions of federal law, The University of Texas at Austin is required to make a number of reports available to the campus community as well as to prospective students and employees. Information about these reports and additional material that may be of interest is described below. Printed copies of individual reports (not catalogs) are available upon request. All catalog references are for publications in effect during the 2009-2010 academic year.

1. REPORTING CRIME STATISTICS

- a. Criminal Homicide: Murder, non-negligent, and negligent manslaughter. Non-negligent manslaughter is the killing of a person through gross negligence.
- b. Sex Offenses, Forcible or Non-forcible: A forcible sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent, i.e., intoxicated. Non-forcible sex offenses are acts of "unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse," e.g., incest or statutory rape.
- c. Robbery: The taking, or attempting to take anything of value from the control, custody, or care of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
- d. Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This offense is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- e. Burglary: The unlawful entry (breaking and entering) into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.
- f. Arson: Willful or malicious burning or an attempt to burn a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property.
- g. Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.
- h. On-campus Arrests for Alcohol, Drug and Illegal Weapon Violations
- i. The number of students referred for Campus Disciplinary Actions for alcohol, drug or illegal weapon violations. (If included in the report as an arrest, a referral does not need to be reported under this category.)
- j. Hate Crimes falling into the above list, involving bodily injury, or reported to the campus security office or local police. (Hate crimes are to be reported by category of prejudice: race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.) Note that HEOA of 2008 modified (effective August 14, 2008) the list of hate crimes that must be reported to include the following crimes: larceny-theft, simple assault; intimidation, and property destruction, damage or vandalism. (20 USC 1092 (f)(1)(F)(ii))

- k. The previous 3 years of crime statistics are available for review at:
http://www.utexas.edu/student/vpsa/security/awareness/campus_stats.html

2. REPORTING CRIMINAL ACTIONS

Policies, procedures and facilities for reporting criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus and the University's response to such reports:

a) Policies for preparing the annual disclosure of campus crime statistics: The University coordinates the collection and reporting of crime statistics as specified by federal law. Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students that provide the web sites to access the information in this report. Faculty and staff receive similar notifications, either by e-mail or through campus mail. Copies of this report may be obtained from [Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs](#). All prospective employees may obtain a copy of this report from [Human Resource Services](#). Copies of this report will be provided to others upon request. Agencies involved in the collection of these data include the University of Texas Police Department (UTPD), the [Office of the Dean of Students](#), the Director of [Housing and Food Service](#), designated residence hall and family housing staff, the Director of the University [Counseling and Mental Health Center](#), [University Health Services](#), Human Resource Services, and the [Austin Police Department](#) (APD). In addition, UTPD will follow up all reports of criminal activity in areas under its jurisdiction regardless of the source. Campus agencies involved in the collection of crime statistics are provided guidance annually regarding the requirements of federal law, including the categorization of criminal activities and tabulation of the locations involved in reported crimes and arrests. UTPD, through a cooperative arrangement with APD, obtains relevant crime statistics from the APD database, which provides appropriate crime codes, and the nature, dates, times, and the locations of crimes committed within the City of Austin. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs requests data from the agencies involved in collecting criminal statistics so that the annual report may be updated and disseminated to the campus community, the general public, and the U.S. Secretary of Education. With the exception of certain alcohol-abuse violations that may be referred for handling by residence hall staff or the Dean of Students, campus agencies required to collect crime statistics report all crimes to UTPD.

b) The current campus policy for making timely reports to members of the campus community is as follows:

The University of Texas at Austin Police Department has a responsibility to provide timely warnings about reported crimes to the campus community in a manner that will aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

65.01 The Decision to Issue a Timely Warning:

1. A warning **must** be issued when both of the following conditions are met: (1) arson, aggravated assault, criminal homicide, robbery, sex offenses, illegal weapons possession, burglary, motor vehicle theft, or any crime determined to be a hate crime is reported to UTPD or other campus security authorities, and (2) the crime is considered by the University to represent a continuing threat to students or employees.

2. A warning **may** be issued regarding other crimes as deemed necessary by UTPD.
3. The Chief of Police, or his designee, is responsible for making the decision whether a timely warning will be issued.

65.02 Determining Whether a Continued Threat Exits:

1. Whether a reported crime constitutes a continuing threat must be decided on a case-by-case basis in light of all the facts surrounding a crime, including factors such as the nature of the crime, the continuing danger to the campus community and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts.
2. Examples of crimes that could constitute a continuing threat include but are not limited to:
 - a. a serial crime that targets certain campus populations such as sex crimes or race-based crimes in which the perpetrator has not been apprehended;
 - b. a crime in which there is no apparent connection between perpetrator and victim and the perpetrator has not been apprehended.
3. Crimes that would not constitute a continuing threat include but are not limited to:
 - a. crimes in which the perpetrator has been apprehended, thereby neutralizing the threat;
 - b. crimes in which an identified perpetrator targets specific individuals to the exclusion of others, such as domestic violence.

65.03 Content of the Warning Notice:

1. The warning must contain sufficient information about the nature of the threat to allow members of the campus to take action to protect themselves.
 - a. A succinct statement of the incident.
 - b. Possible connection to previous incidents, if applicable.
 - c. Physical description of the suspect.
 - d. Composite drawing of the suspect, if available.
 - e. Date and time the warning was released.
 - f. Other relevant and important information.
2. In some cases, law enforcement may need to keep some facts confidential to avoid compromising an investigation.

65.04 Timing of the Warning:

1. In an immediate and serious threat, e.g., an active shooter on campus, a warning may need to be issued immediately with few facts and then be continually updated until the threat is contained or neutralized.
2. If a threat that is less immediate, the warning can go out later after facts are more fully developed.

65.05 Method of Distribution:

1. The warning must be distributed in a manner reasonably likely to reach the entire campus community.
2. Depending on the circumstances, any of the following methods, or combination thereof, may be used:
 - a. Posting of notices
 - b. Campus-wide email
 - c. Text message
 - d. Activation of the campus siren system
 - e. Posting to The University of Texas home page
 - f. Press release

- g. Closed circuit television systems in residence halls & other buildings
- h. Voice message over various public address systems

b) Individuals may report alleged criminal actions (including sex offenses) or emergencies that occur on the campus of The University through any of the following means:

1. Call the University of Texas Police Department (UTPD) at 512-471-4441 or go to the UTPD station, at 2201 E. Campus Drive
2. Use an emergency telephone, designated by a blue light on a yellow pole marked "Police Help" in locations throughout campus
3. Dial 911
4. Contact an officer in uniform on patrol or at one of the traffic control stations at any entrance to Inner Campus Dr.
5. Ask any UT supervisor or manager to assist with reporting a crime
6. Students may contact the Dean of Students, the Director of Housing and Food Service, the Director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center, or the Director of University Health Services
7. Employees may contact Human Resource Services

c) The University Police Department will review reports of alleged criminal activity it receives and either dispatch an officer immediately or refer the report for subsequent investigation, depending upon the nature and seriousness of the offense involved. Individuals reporting an alleged crime should attempt to preserve evidence that might prove the crime was committed. All criminal incidents are investigated by UTPD. UTPD responses include, but are not limited to:

1. Immediate response to emergencies through dispatch of one or more officers
2. Investigation of reports in accordance with UTPD procedure
3. Arrest and filing of charges, depending upon the circumstances of the incident
4. Referring alleged offenders to appropriate campus agencies, such as the Dean of Students
5. Issuing "timely warnings" of crimes that represent a threat to the campus community: In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Chief of University Police, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus-wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the University group e-mail system and/or text alert system to students, faculty, staff and, if deemed appropriate by the Chief of University Police, on the University's home page and at the UTPD web site at: <http://www.utexas.edu/police/alerts/>. Depending on the circumstances, other measures may be taken, including but not limited to, use of telephones, intranet Web sites, publications in print media, or broadcasts through commercial television and radio stations.

d) Victims or witnesses wishing to make voluntary reports of criminal activity in confidence may do so by requesting that the agency or person to whom a report is

made maintain confidentiality with regard to the identity of the individual making the report. Reports of this nature will be honored to the extent permitted by state law, criminal investigatory requirements, and university judicial process. These confidential reports are counted and disclosed in the crime statistics for the University, but, as with all other crimes included in the annual crime report, no personally-identifiable information is included.

3. SECURITY OF AND ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

Security of and access to campus facilities, including campus residences, and security considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities

The campus and properties of The University are maintained for use by students, faculty, and staff. Access to campus facilities may be restricted as necessary to comply with [Rules and Regulations](#) of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System and to meet safety and security requirements as determined by University officials. The University has instituted safety and security procedures and services, but the personal safety of each individual who enters the campus is his or her responsibility. Failure to take precautions or maintain an awareness of the environment and surroundings may result in increased risk. The University will continue to develop and implement security measures, but these measures cannot succeed without the personal support of faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Campus housing provides a range of services and security procedures designed to ensure the reasonable comfort of residents and invited guests. Residents are provided information about these programs and services, but are advised that they are ultimately responsible for their own security and safety. Campus residence halls are supervised by trained staff members who are assisted in their efforts to maintain security by [UTPD](#). Services include attention to lighting (including emergency lighting during power failures), locking of all entrances on a regular schedule, security programming (including fire safety drills, rape awareness programs, vandalism reduction programs), card access system, installation of viewers in all individual student room doors, controlled keyway lock system, building rounds and door checks performed by student staff, and enforcement of a guest escort policy. Security at off-campus residences owned or controlled by registered student organizations is the responsibility of those organizations rather than The University. The University asks these organizations to provide information about their safety and security procedures. The information they provide is maintained in the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) and is available upon request. Contact Dr. Doug Garrard at 512-471-5017 for the latest report.

4. PERSONAL SAFETY MEASURES

[University Police Department](#) | Call 512-417-4441

- Rape prevention program
- Property & Personal Safety program
- Tactical Communication Program to reduce confrontations

[Student Government](#) | Call 512-471-3166

- Self-defense classes
- E-bus: a late night service for passengers from UT, west campus, and Riverside areas. Provides a safe alternative to driving to and from Austin's entertainment district during weekend evenings (Thurs.-Sat. from 8:30 pm-to 3:30 am). Students,

faculty, and staff may ride at no charge by presenting a UT ID. Without a UT ID, cost is 50 cents

[International Office](#) | Call 512-471-1211

- Basic Safety & Security Programs offered during International Student Orientation courtesy of UTDP. In addition, UTDP offers programs on bicycle safety and security.

[Housing & Food Service](#) | Call 512-232-2898

- New Employee Orientation (includes safety)
- Handbook given to all residents
- Orientation sessions for all residents; additional safety programs offered throughout the year
- Self defense workshops
- Caller ID allows residents to dial *57 after receiving a threatening or obscene call. Caller's number recorded by UTPD

[Human Resource Services](#) | Call 512-471-1795

- Classes sometimes offered
- Managing@UT program (includes safety issues)
- New Employee Orientation (includes safety issues)

[Dean of Students](#) | Call 512-471-3304 for safety and 512-471-6259 for disability

- "Become Aware of Crime" programs during both student and parent orientation sessions.

Also offered during fall, spring, and summer school orientations

[Voices Against Violence](#) | Call 512-471-3515, call 512-471-2255 for 24-hr counseling

- Awareness and Prevention programs at Freshman and International Student Orientation
- Outreach programs
- Peer-led interactive theater performances
- Training for UT depts. on awareness, prevention, supporting survivors

5. **CRIME PREVENTION AND REPORTING**

[University Police Department](#) | Call 512-417-4441 | [Report A Crime](#)

- Crime prevention tips to staff or students reporting a crime
- Security surveys for departments
- Crime Prevention Month activities (October)
- "COP" (Coed on Patrol)
- Loan of light timers during holidays
- Report inoperable exterior lights, overgrown shrubbery, and unsecured doors, lock and door problems
- After analysis of theft, recommendations sent to dept for upgrading security
- "Rip off" cards left when property is found unsecured
- Special patrols
- Campus Watch crime tips
- 22 Emergency Call Boxes around campus
- 911 lines connecting every phone to police

- Crime tips in various campus newsletters
- Monitoring and responding to alarm call
- Mobile patrols 24 hrs/day

[Student Government](#) | Call 512-471-3166

- Escorts to campus locations through SURE Walk Program (see Escort Programs)

[Housing & Food Service](#) | Call 512-471-3136

- Monitor and respond to residence hall system alarms
- Information in residence hall and apartment newsletters on crime prevention and safety tips
- Handbook for residents distributed at check-in, with special section on safety issues
- On-duty staff make nightly rounds of residence halls
- Safety programs offered throughout the year
- Background check of vendors, contractors, subcontractors working in residence halls.

[Voices Against Violence](#) | Call 512-471-3515 or 512-471-2255 for 24-hr counseling

- Collects data from 9 on-campus and 4 off-campus partners regarding UT students victimized by sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking
- Provides students with safety planning notebook
- Checklist of procedures and referrals for UT staff and faculty.

6. UNIVERSITY POLICE JURISDICTION

Campus law enforcement authority, its working relationship with state and local police, and the need for accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to police, including timely warnings of crimes that represent a threat to the campus community

a) [UTPD](#) jurisdiction includes the main campus, the J. J. Pickle Research Center, the Brackenridge Tract along Lake Lady Bird, Bee Cave Research Center west of Austin, Paisano Ranch southwest of Austin, the Montopolis Research Center in southeast Austin, the Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas, the Winedale Historical Center near Round Top, the McDonald Observatory in west Texas, Ladybird Johnson Wildlife Center and several intramural fields and other Austin area properties owned by The University. UTPD's commissioned police officers are fully empowered by the state and have authority to stop vehicles, make arrests, and enforce all laws. UTPD has a cooperative arrangement with the [Austin Police Department](#) as well as the [Travis County Sheriff's Office](#). UTPD maintains close liaison with the [Texas Department of Public Safety](#). UTPD's Crime Prevention Unit provides a wide range of services and educational programs designed to promote campus security and that aid in anticipating and minimizing potential dangers to the population and property of The University. These include security surveys, crime prevention presentations, updates on alarms and security systems, recommendations for security systems in new buildings, engraving services, and security device lending programs (for use during vacation periods). Whenever possible, these services are provided at the request of the community or community group. UTPD works with student and other campus media to help educate the university community in crime prevention and reporting. UT Parking and

Transportation Services offer online bicycle registration.

b) *It is of critical importance that criminal activity be reported immediately and as accurately as possible*, as outlined in A.1. above. Police investigations, whether by UTPD or the Austin Police Department, are hampered by the passage of time and incomplete or inaccurate information. In addition, some crimes pose risks or dangers that must be reported without delay to the campus community to minimize potential harm to individuals and their property. UT police and the University administration work closely to determine, on a case-by-case basis, when the campus community should be placed on alert regarding potential threats to the safety of its members.

c) The University encourages its professional counseling and appropriate health services staff to inform persons seeking their services of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in The University's annual disclosure of crime statistics. This process is employed at the discretion of the professional counseling and health services staff, as they deem appropriate.

7. MONITORING OFF-CAMPUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Monitoring and recording, through local police agencies, of criminal activity at off-campus locations of student organizations officially recognized by the University, including student organizations with off-campus housing facilities

University police jurisdiction does not include off-campus properties owned or controlled by registered student organizations. Regular [UTPD](#) contact with the [Austin Police Department](#) (APD) aids in the coordination of the activities of the two agencies. UTPD obtains information from APD about criminal activity at properties owned or controlled by registered student organizations. For purposes of reporting the data in Campus Crime Information, the term "non-campus buildings" includes areas off campus owned or controlled by registered student organizations. However, The University has no responsibility for security policies, procedures, or safety at these locations

8. SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

Information regarding the University's campus sexual assault programs to prevent sex offenses and procedures to follow when a sex offense occurs

a) Educational programs to promote the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, and other forcible and nonforcible sex offenses are offered by a variety of campus agencies and units. These programs and their sponsoring agencies are discussed above. Programming varies from semester to semester, depending upon the needs of our students and the resources of the agencies involved. All members of the University community should review the University's "Prohibition of Sexual Assault" policy contained in [Appendix H](#) of the [General Information Catalog](#).

b) Procedures to follow if a sex offense occurs:

1. Call 911 immediately to report the offense and *seek medical attention without delay*
2. Contact the [University Police](#) at 512-471-4441 and/or the [Austin Police Department](#) to report the offense. Reporting an assault does not mean

that the victim must press charges or take the case to criminal trial or a University disciplinary hearing. Sexual assaults and other sex offenses should be reported to the police as soon as possible to minimize risks to other persons and to *ensure that evidence related to the offense is preserved* as described at:

http://www.taasa.org/survivor_guide/default.php

3. Students living on campus should contact the Hall Coordinator or a senior administrator in the [Division of Housing and Food Service](#) (512-471-8631)
4. Contact the Office of the [Dean of Students](#)/Student Judicial Services to discuss filing a complaint if the offense was committed by a University student
5. Contact the [Counseling and Mental Health Center](#) (512-471-3515); 24 Hour Telephone Counseling at 512-471-2255; or [SafePlace](#) (512-267-SAFE) to obtain support services and other assistance
6. Students may seek the assistance of any of the persons or agencies described in Section A.1. above in notifying the appropriate authorities of a sex offense, forcible or nonforcible. Institutional personnel will assist students in notifying law enforcement authorities upon request.

c) The University will provide students assistance in changing academic and on-campus living situations after an alleged sexual offense if so requested by the victim and if accommodations are reasonably available. Arrangements for changes in academic schedules can be made by contacting the Dean of Students. Arrangements for changes in (or moving to) on-campus living accommodations should be made through the Director of Housing & Food Service. Other assistance is available from these agencies:

Counseling and Mental Health Center (512-471-2255)
Confidential telephone counseling 24 hours per day, 365 days per year
Individual and group therapy (512-471-3515)
Behavior Concerns Advice Line (512-232-5050)

University Health Services (512-471-4955)
Medical services related to injuries, post-sexual assault, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy testing, and referrals to appropriate community services

Austin SafePlace (512-267-SAFE)
Support services and other assistance

d) The Office of the Dean of Students conducts campus disciplinary proceedings in cases of alleged sexual offenses (forcible and non-forcible). Policies and procedures regarding campus disciplinary proceedings are described in [Appendices C](#) and H of the General Information Catalog. The accused and the accuser are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a campus disciplinary proceeding involving sex offenses and both will be informed of the final determination with respect to an alleged sex offense and any sanction that is imposed against the accused. Providing this information to the accused and accuser does not violate provisions of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*. Sanctions in University disciplinary proceedings regarding rape, acquaintance rape, or other forcible or nonforcible sex offenses range from probation to permanent expulsion. C

9. REGISTERED OFFENDERS

Law enforcement authorities are required to inform the University when registered sex offenders indicate they are living, working, or volunteering services on campus. To learn whether information of this nature has been provided to the University, contact the [University Police Department](#) at 2201 Robert Dedman Drive or call 512-471-4441. Providing this information regarding enrolled students does not violate provisions of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*. You may search for information regarding registered sex offenders on the following websites:

http://www.utexas.edu/police/alerts/sex_offenders.html
https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Portal/index.aspx

10. The daily Campus Crime Log can be accessed online at:
<http://www.utexas.edu/police/crimelog/>. The campus crime watch report may also be accessed online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/police/campuswatch/>

CONSUMER INFORMATION NOTICES

11. The university policies concerning privacy explain the rights of students with respect to the release of education records maintained by the university and outline the university's procedures for complying with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The policy is published in the General Information Catalog. Additionally, assistance in obtaining information about the university, including costs, refund policies, withdrawal, academic programs, the faculty, accreditation, facilities and services for persons with disabilities is available from Shelby Stanfield, University Registrar, at 512-475-7510 and by mail at The University of Texas at Austin, Office of the Registrar, P.O. Box 7216, Austin, Texas 78713-7216.

Copies of FERPA, the federal regulations adopted pursuant to its creation, and this notice are available for review in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Main 121, Phone: 512-471-1133. These policies can also be accessed online at:
<http://registrar.utexas.edu/docs/catalogs/gi/ut.cat.gi0809.pdf>

12. Information for students with disabilities may be obtained from Services for Students with Disabilities Office, 100-B West Dean Keeton Street, Student Services Building, Room 4.104, Phone: 512-471-6259 or by Video Phone at 1-866-327-8877 then 512-232-2937 or online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/>
13. In compliance with Constitution Day requirements, you can obtain voter registration information online at:
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/index.shtml>
A voter registration form is available at:
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/vr17.pdf>
14. State and federal law require that the university be informed when registered sex offenders indicate that they are employed, carry on a vocation, or are a student on campus. To learn whether information of this nature has been provided to the university, contact the University Police Department, 2201 Robert Dedman Drive, Austin, TX 78713, Phone: 512-471-4441. You may also obtain this information online at: http://www.utexas.edu/police/alerts/sex_offenders.html

You may search for information regarding registered sex offenders on the Texas Department of Public Safety Web site at:

https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/SorNew/index.aspx

15. Information regarding current university tuition and required fees including, but not limited to, estimated transportation costs, refund policies, withdrawal procedures, and related information is contained in the General Information Catalog, 2008-2010. This information is also available from the Office of the Registrar, Main Building, Room 1, Phone: 512-475-7575 or online at: <http://registrar.utexas.edu/docs/catalogs/gi/ut.cat.gi0809.pdf>
16. Information regarding student-related data including graduation rates, student characteristics, enrollment data, international students, and typical campus budgets is available from the Office of Information Management and Analysis, Main Building, Room 202, Phone: 512-471-3833, and the Office of Admissions, Main Building, Room 7, Phone: 512-475-7399. This information is also available online at: http://www.utexas.edu/academic/oir/statistical_handbook/current_handbook
17. Information regarding accreditation of the university and its curriculum, faculty and academic program is contained in The Undergraduate Catalog, The Graduate Catalog and The Law School Catalog. This information may be accessed at: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/catalogs>
18. The university provides a report on athletic program participation rates, financial support data, and graduation rates for student athletes. Information may be obtained from the Athletics Director, Intercollegiate Athletics, P.O. Box 7399, Austin, TX 78713. (Please designate either men's or women's athletics in your request.) This information is available online at: <http://texassports.com/school-bio/tex-equity-reports.html>
19. A student enrolled in a study abroad program may apply for financial assistance under Federal Title IV student financial aid programs if the study abroad program is approved for credit purposes by the student's home institution. Information about study abroad, including programs, costs and financing may be obtained from the Center for Global Education Opportunities, International Office, 600 W. 24th Street, Austin, TX 78713, Phone: 512-471-6490. This information is also available online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/>
20. The university provides extensive financial aid information, including associated costs, types available for students, the application process and forms, eligibility requirement, criteria for making awards and the amount of awards, satisfactory academic progress, the methods and frequency of disbursements, repayment requirements of loans, deferment of loans, student employment, counseling, and more. Printed copies of this information may be obtained from the Office of Student Financial Services, Student Services Building, Room 3.200, Phone: 512-475-6203. This information is also available online at: <http://finaid.utexas.edu/>
21. Information from the federal government regarding rights and responsibilities of financial aid recipients, borrower's rights, loan deferment, and discharge information is available at: <https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/BorrowerWelcomePage.jsp>

22. Information regarding residence halls, including costs, application process, a description of the halls, floor plans, and residence hall programming is available from Housing and Food Service, 200 W. Dean Keeton Street, Austin, TX 78713, Phone: 512-471-3136 or online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing>
23. Title IX/ADA/504/Title VI and 1975 Age Discrimination Coordinators – As a federal funding recipient, The University of Texas at Austin does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. Any student who believes they have received treatment which violates Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act of 2008 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 should contact:

Linda Millstone
Associate Vice President for Institutional Equity and Workforce Diversity
P.O. Box 7609
Austin, Texas 78713
512 471 1849

Additional Title IX Coordinator for students:
Soncia Reagins-Lilly
Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
100-B West Dean Keeton Street
SSB 4.104
Austin, Texas 78713
512-471-1201

24. Illegal File Sharing of Copyrighted Materials
The university provides information for students and employees regarding acceptable use of information technology, resources for obtaining copyrighted material legally, and training resources online at:
<http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/filessharing.php>.
- If you copy and distribute copyrighted material without legal permission, you may be found liable for civil or criminal copyright infringement. Civil penalties for Federal Copyright infringement range from \$750 per song to \$150,000 in damages for each willful act. Criminal penalties can run up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. Student Judicial Services administers penalties and sanctions in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities and Rule 50101 of the Board of Regents Rules and Regulations.
25. The university provides information for students and employees regarding illicit drug and alcohol abuse, including standards of conduct, health risks, state and federal penalties, and available drug or alcohol counseling and rehabilitation services. Printed copies of this information are available at the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Main Building 121. This report may be accessed online at <http://www.utexas.edu/student/vpsa/security/drugfree/index.html> and is provided in its entirety below.

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Information for Students and Employees Regarding Drugs and Alcohol Abuse

- Standards of Conduct Prohibiting Unlawful Possession, Use, or Distribution of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol
- Health Risks Associated with Use of Drugs and Alcohol Abuse
- University Sanctions for Prohibited Conduct Related to Drugs and Alcohol
- Criminal Penalties Under State and Federal Law for Unlawful Possession, Use, or Distribution of Drugs and Alcohol
- Counseling and Rehabilitation Programs

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Series 50101, Section 2.1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System provides that any student who engages in conduct that violates the Regents' Rules and Regulations, the U.T. System or institutional rules and regulations, specific instructions issued by an administrative official of the institution or the U.T. System acting in the course of his or her authorized duties, of federal, State, or local laws is subject to discipline whether such conduct takes place on or off campus or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

Series 50101, Section 2.3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System provides that any student who is found responsible for the illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic on the campus of an institution is subject to discipline. If a student is found responsible of the illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic on campus, the sanction assessed shall be suspension from the institution for a specified period of time and/or suspension of rights and privileges.

Section 11-804(a)(8) Certain Other Offenses of the Institutional Rules indicates that the dean of students may initiate disciplinary proceedings under subchapter 11-300 against a student who, among other items, (1) engages in conduct that violates any provision of federal, state or local law, whether or not the violation occurs on University property or in connection with any University-oriented activity; (8) engages in unauthorized use or possession of alcoholic beverages in a University classroom building, laboratory, auditorium, library building, museum, faculty or administrative office, intercollegiate or intramural athletic facility, residence hall, or any other campus area; or engages in the improper use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, including but not limited to underage possession of alcohol, underage consumption of alcohol, providing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication, minor driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while intoxicated; or (10) engages in illegal use, possession, or sale of a drug or narcotic or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bringing intoxicants or drugs onto the premises of the institution, using intoxicants or drugs, having intoxicants or drugs in one's possession, or being under the influence of intoxicants or drugs on the premises at any time is defined as misconduct in §9.49 - Policies and Procedures for Discipline and Dismissal and Grievances of Employees in the University Handbook of Operating Procedures. The unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol by an employee is prohibited by the University of Texas System's Drug and Alcohol Policy. In addition, employees of the University of Texas at

Austin are subject to §9.89 - Manufacture, Sale, Possession, Distribution, or Use of Alcohol of Illegal Drugs in the University Handbook of Operating Procedures.

HEALTH RISKS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

ALCOHOL. Health hazards associated with the excessive use of alcohol or with alcohol dependency include dramatic behavioral changes, retardation of motor skills, and impairment of reasoning and rational thinking. These factors result in a higher incidence of accidents and accidental death for such persons compared to nonusers of alcohol. Nutrition also suffers and vitamin and mineral deficiencies are frequent. Prolonged alcohol abuse can cause any or all of the following: bleeding from the intestinal tract, damage to nerves and the brain, impotence, psychotic behavior, loss of memory and coordination, damage to the liver often resulting in cirrhosis, severe inflammation of the pancreas, and damage to the bone marrow, heart, testes, ovaries and muscles. Damage to the nerves and organs is usually irreversible. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in alcoholics and is ten times more frequent than in non-alcoholics. Sudden withdrawal of alcohol from persons dependent on it will cause serious physical withdrawal symptoms. Drinking during pregnancy can cause fetal alcohol syndrome. Overdoses of alcohol can result in respiratory arrest and death.

DRUGS. The use of illicit drugs usually causes the same general types of physiological and mental changes as alcohol, though frequently those changes are more severe and more sudden. Death or coma resulting from overdose of drugs is more frequent than from alcohol.

Cocaine. Cocaine is a stimulant that is most commonly inhaled as a powder. It can be dissolved in water and used intravenously. The cocaine extract (crack) is smoked. Users can progress from infrequent use to dependence within a few weeks or months. Psychological and behavioral changes which can result from use include over-stimulation, hallucinations, irritability, sexual dysfunction, psychotic behavior, social isolation, and memory problems. An overdose produces convulsions and delirium and may result in death from cardiac arrest. Cocaine dependency requires considerable assistance, close supervision, and treatment.

Amphetamines. Patterns of use and associated effects are similar to cocaine. Severe intoxication may produce confusion, rambling or incoherent speech, anxiety, psychotic behavior, ringing in the ears, and hallucinations. Intense fatigue and depression resulting from use can lead to severe depression. Large doses may result in convulsions and death from cardiac or respiratory arrest.

MDA and MDMA (XTC, Ecstasy). These amphetamine-based hallucinogens are sold in powder, tablet, or capsule form and can be inhaled, injected, or swallowed. They cause similar, but usually milder, hallucinogenic effects than those of LSD. Because they are amphetamines, tolerance can develop quickly and overdose can happen. Exhaustion and possible liver damage can occur with heavy use. In high doses, these drugs can cause anxiety, paranoia and delusions. While rare, these drugs have been associated with deaths in users with known or previously undiagnosed heart conditions.

Rohypnol (Rophies, Roofies, Rope). This drug is in the same category of drugs as Valium, a benzodiazepine, but it is more potent than Valium. Initially, it causes a sense of relaxation and a reduction of anxiety. At higher doses, light-headedness, dizziness, lack of coordination, and slurred speech occur. The drug affects memory and, in higher doses or if

mixed with other drugs or alcohol, can result in amnesia for the time period the user is under the influence. Because of this amnesia effect, Rohypnol has been given intentionally to others to facilitate sexual assault and other crimes. Combining this drug with other sedating drugs, including alcohol, will increase the intensity of all effects of the drug and, in sufficient doses, can cause respiratory arrest and death. Dependency can occur.

Heroin and other opiates. Addiction and dependence can develop rapidly. Use is characterized by impaired judgment, slurred speech, and drowsiness. Overdose is manifested by coma, shock, and depressed respiration, with the possibility of death from respiratory arrest. Withdrawal problems include sweating, diarrhea, fever, insomnia, irritability, nausea, vomiting, and muscle and joint pains.

Hallucinogens or psychedelics. These include LSD, mescaline, peyote, and phencyclidine or PCP. Use impairs and distorts one's perception of surroundings, causes mood changes and results in visual hallucinations that involve geometric forms, colors, and persons or objects.

Solvent inhalants (e.g., glue, lacquers, plastic cement). Fumes from these substances cause problems similar to alcohol. Incidents of hallucinations and permanent brain damage are more frequent with chronic use.

Marijuana (Cannabis). Marijuana is usually ingested by smoking. Smoking marijuana causes disconnected ideas, alteration of depth perception and sense of time, impaired judgment and impaired coordination. Prolonged use can lead to psychological dependence.

Damage from intravenous drug use. In addition to the adverse effects associated with the use of a specific drug, intravenous drug users who use unsterilized needles or who share needles with other drug users can develop HIV, hepatitis, tetanus (lock jaw), and infections in the heart. Permanent damage or death can result.

SANCTIONS UNDER UNIVERSITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Students. The university will assess a sanction of suspension for a specified period of time and/or suspension of rights and privileges for conduct related to the use, possession, or distribution of drugs that are prohibited by state, federal, or local law. Other sanctions that may be assessed for conduct related to the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol include written warning, disciplinary probation, suspension, payment for damage to or misappropriation of property, educational sanctions permanent expulsion, or such other sanctions deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Employees. The unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol, or engaging in conduct prohibited by university policy regarding the manufacture, sale, possession, distribution, or use of alcohol or illegal drugs will result in a penalty of disciplinary probation, demotion, suspension without pay, or termination, depending upon the circumstances.

PENALTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW

Manufacture or delivery of controlled substances (drugs) - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 180 days, and a fine

not to exceed \$10,000. The maximum penalty is confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than fifteen years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Possession of controlled substances (drugs) - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. The maximum penalty is confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than fifteen years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Delivery of marijuana - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, a fine not to exceed \$2,000, or both. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 nor less than ten years, and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

Possession of marijuana - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, a fine not to exceed \$2,000, or both. The maximum penalty is confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 nor less than five years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Driving while intoxicated (includes intoxication from alcohol, drugs, or both) - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days nor less than 72 hours, and a fine of not more than \$2,000. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for a term of not more than ten years nor less than two years, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Public intoxication - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$500. The maximum penalty varies with age and number of offenses.

Purchase of alcohol by a minor - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$500. The maximum penalty varies with age and number of offenses.

Consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$500. The maximum penalty varies with number of offenses.

Purchasing for or furnishing of alcohol to a minor - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$4,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. The maximum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$4,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both.

Penalties shown above are based on language contained in applicable Texas statutes and are subject to change at any time by the Legislature and the Governor.

PENALTIES UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of drugs (including marijuana) - The minimum penalty is a term of imprisonment for up to three years and a fine of \$250,000, or both. The maximum penalty is a term of life imprisonment without release (no eligibility for parole) and a fine not to exceed \$8,000,000 for an individual or \$20,000,000 (if other than an individual).

Possession of drugs (including marijuana) - The minimum penalty is imprisonment for up to one year and a fine of not less than \$1,000, or both. The maximum penalty is

imprisonment for not more than 20 years nor less than five years and a fine of not less than \$5,000 plus costs of investigation & prosecution.

Distribution of drugs to a person under 21 years of age - The minimum penalty is double the federal penalty for distribution of drugs. The maximum penalty is triple the federal penalty for distribution of drugs.

The federal penalties quoted are based upon language contained in the applicable federal statutes creating criminal offenses above regarding controlled substances and are subject to change at any time by Congress and the President. There are additional factors in the federal sentencing guidelines, including various enhancement provisions for prior offenses. Title 21 U.S.C. Section 860 provides that the federal statutory penalties double (and in some cases triple) when a controlled substance is distributed (or even possessed with intent to distribute) within 1,000 feet of a school or a public university.

AVAILABLE DRUG OR ALCOHOL COUNSELING OR REHABILITATION SERVICES

Students. The University Health Services' Alcohol and Drug Education Program offers free, confidential, individual consultations to students with alcohol and/or other drug-related questions or concerns. Educational programs, workshops, referral information, online and printed information related to college students and the use of alcohol or other drugs are also available. Call 512-475-8252 or come to room 1.106 of the Student Services Building, 100 West Dean Keeton Street, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays to schedule an appointment, request a program, or obtain information. More information is available online at: www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/drugsandalcohol.html

The Counseling & Mental Health Center, through its Telephone Counseling and Referral Service, offers confidential and anonymous referral information regarding community substance abuse resources. A telephone counselor is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, at 512-471-2255. More information is available online at: <http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/24hourcounseling.html>.

Employees. Employees may obtain counseling and referral services through the Employee Assistance Program by calling 512-471-3366.

A copy of this brochure can be found in PDF format online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/student/vpsa>.

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