

Noteworthy Clarifications/Changes/Additions for 2017-2018 to
The Duke Community Standard in Practice: A Guide for Undergraduates
(“DCS Guide”)

- **Drones** – Added new university policy on unmanned aerial systems.
- **Noise Policy** – Made changes promulgated by Housing and Residence Life (HRL): added hours specifically applicable to East Campus and removed reference to specific hours for the substance-free community.
- **Student Sexual Misconduct Policy** –
 - Clarified definition of retaliation.
 - Updated complaint resolution flowchart.
 - Added that polygraph examinations and/or their results are neither admissible nor considered in any part of the disciplinary process.
 - Modified appeals process. Appeals decided by a majority vote; if appeal is substantiated, case is returned to the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) for additional consideration. When a case is returned to OSC, OSC may decide to drop the case (e.g., based on insufficient information to believe that a policy violation may have occurred), send the case to the original hearing panel for reconsideration, send the case to a new hearing panel with the same or different charges, and/or (re)implement any aspect of the disciplinary process. A different decision (i.e., the decision of responsibility and/or sanctions) may subsequently result. Appellate Board chair may summarily deny an appeal if it is not based on one or both grounds of appeal.
- **Appeals**– Same updates as described above under the “Student Sexual Misconduct Policy” apply to all other appeals.
- **Scope**– Added that bias-/hate-related allegations of student conduct policy violations for all students will generally be handled by the Office of Student Conduct using the disciplinary process as outlined in the DCS Guide. School or college of graduate/professional students may elect to handle case using procedures as published by the college/school.
- **Investigation**– Added that polygraph examinations and/or their results are neither admissible nor considered in any part of the disciplinary process.