STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Responsible Office:
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POLICY STATEMENT

Grand Valley State University (the University) is committed to the creation of an inclusive community where all students can learn and grow in the process of shaping their lives, their professions, and their societies. A community is created through identifying and acting upon shared values, and the University has identified seven core values that define our community: Excellence, Integrity, Inquiry, Inclusiveness, Community, Sustainability, and Innovation. We nurture this environment by balancing respect for the rights and responsibilities of the individual, and the rights, responsibilities, and interests of the University community. We expect that all members of the University community will act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them.
The student conduct process within the Dean of Students Office: Student Integrity (DSO: Student Integrity) is one component of the work of creating our shared community. This Student Code: The Anchor of Student Rights and Responsibilities (The Anchor) describes behaviors that are inconsistent with the values of and detrimental to the University community. In sailing, a ship's anchor is used to hold a ship steady. The Anchor is so named because it exists to hold and protect the interests of the University community and to challenge and support community members when their behavior fails to meet these standards. Because the University establishes high standards for membership, its standards of conduct, while falling within the limits of the law, may exceed federal, state, or local requirements.

PROCEDURES

Section 6.0 - Conduct Process and Resolution Procedures outlines the procedures related to this policy.

For a summarized, visual overview of the University conduct process, please click here.