

Dear Students,

Greetings from the Dean of Student Affairs Office!

As President Monaco shared with our newest students at Matriculation, we expect all Tufts students to be good citizens of the University. That is a real responsibility, and we hope you take it seriously. Tufts will always be there to support you and to offer advice, but you are responsible for your own conduct. That means being considerate of our neighbors in Medford and Somerville. It means being responsible about drinking, and respectful and consensual in your personal relationships. It also means setting your own boundaries and limits, even when nobody is there to set them for you.

Part of being a good citizen at Tufts is being familiar with the policies that define our shared expectations. Please review the important policies and ordinances below, and be in contact with the [Dean of Student Affairs Office](#) at any time if we can answer questions.

The Student Handbook

The [Student Handbook](#) includes policies that have a direct impact on your academic and social life at Tufts. These policies outline your rights and responsibilities as a student – you can't be too familiar with them!

- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy](#)
- [Noise and Off-Campus Disturbances Policy](#)
- [Hazing Policy](#)
- [Policy on Gatherings, Demonstrations, Protests, and Disturbances](#)
- [FERPA Policy](#)

Other University Policies

- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Non-Discrimination Statement](#)
- [Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)

Relevant Laws and Ordinances

- Massachusetts Law on Hazing: [MGL Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19](#)
- Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act - [Read Tufts' policy related to the DFSCA](#)
- Noise ordinances for [Medford](#), [Somerville](#), and [Boston](#) (Read the [Medford Board of Health's message to new tenants](#).)

Thank you for your attention to all of the items above. Please reach out to our office at any time if we can be helpful or answer questions: 617-627-3158.

Have a great year,

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