Pre-College Scholars Program Codes of Conduct

The University of California at Berkeley is a community of scholars committed to maintaining an environment that encourages personal and intellectual growth. It is a community with high standards and high expectations for those who choose to become a part of it, including established rules of conduct intended to foster behaviors that are consistent with a civil and educational setting. Members of the University community are expected to comply with all laws, University policies and campus regulations, conducting themselves in ways that support a scholarly environment.

The UC Berkeley Pre-College Scholars Program aims to create a community that allows each participant to achieve his or her individual goals, while respecting and upholding program and university standards that ensure personal success and safety for all.

Admission to the program assumes a level of maturity and responsibility necessary for studying and living in an urban college setting. Therefore, it is important for students and their parents to read the University Code of Conduct in its entirety, as all university codes apply to Pre-College Scholars Program students.

Violation of program or university codes or disruptive behavior will result in disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal from the program. Depending on the violation, further measures such as university judicial procedures, which may become part of a permanent record at the university, may result.

All students participating in the Pre-College Scholars Program are subject to the following policies. Students dismissed from the program for policy violations are not entitled to a refund. If a determination is made by the program that a student must leave the program for any reason, then the parent, or legal guardian must make arrangements for that student’s departure within 24 hours of notification, and must assume all related costs.

Below is a brief outline of policies participants must observe throughout the program:

1- General Expectations

- Participants should abide by all program policies, including, but not limited to, full participation in all orientations, registered classes, and mandatory program and advising activities.
- Participants are expected to show respect and courtesy to all members of the University community, including fellow students, staff, instructors, volunteers, campus neighbors, and affiliates.
• Participants are expected to use methods of expression that are appropriate for a healthy learning environment, and not use obscene, derogatory, or abusive language.
• Participants are expected to uphold high standards of academic integrity, including producing work that is their own creation, and meeting intellectual challenges through honest effort and hard work.
• Participants are expected to adhere to all federal, state, and local laws.
• Participants are required to follow all Pre-College Scholars Program chaperone policies, including but not limited to obtaining the program RA-On-Duty’s permission before leaving campus. Permission will only be granted if the RA determines the itinerary is safe and does not conflict with any other mandatory scheduled activities or courses.

2- Disorderly conduct

Disorderly conduct is defined as behavior that is deemed to be lewd, inappropriate or offensive, that causes harm to others or is disruptive to the program or program participants, including bullying and cyber bullying, and will be grounds for disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal.

• Alcohol

Possession, use, manufacture, distribution, dispensing, or sale of, or the attempted manufacture, distribution, dispensing, or sale of alcohol that is unlawful or otherwise prohibited by, or not in compliance with, University policy or campus regulations. Any student found to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol while in the program, on or off campus, will be immediately dismissed and may be subject to university judicial procedures.

• Drugs

The sale, use and/or possession of narcotics, illegal or controlled substances is prohibited, as is the use of prescription drugs for persons for whom the drug is not prescribed. Any student found to be in possession of or under the influence of an illegal or controlled substance will be immediately dismissed and will be subject to university judicial procedures.

• Smoking

UC Berkeley is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal.

• Vaping/ Juuling

Vaping and Juuling are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal.

• Assault
Violations such as assault, harassment and/or sexual harassment or inappropriate, threatening or abusive behaviors will not be tolerated, and will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The student may also be subject to university judicial procedures.

- **Sexual Misconduct**

Sexual contact with others, making any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors to another person, or engaging in any activities or conduct of a sexual nature with respect to another person that is offensive, degrading or pervasive, or that creates an intimidating or hostile academic, work, living or social environment for that person is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal.

- **Weapon Violation**

Possession, use, or storage of any firearms, ammunition, knives, other weapons, or objects that could be construed as weapons is prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal.

- **Theft / Destruction of property**

Theft of, conversion of, destruction of, or damage to any property of the University, or any property of others while on University premises, or possession of any property when the student had knowledge or reasonably should have had knowledge that it was stolen is prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal.

- **Discrimination**

Committing any prohibited acts because of a person’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression will result in immediate dismissal.

### 3- Leave Policies

- **Leaving Campus**

The UC Berkeley Pre-College Scholars Program gives students the opportunity to experience life in the city of Berkeley and the Bay Area. The city has much to offer, and students will have opportunities to visit the Bay Area neighborhoods and sites under supervision of staff on scheduled excursions. Additionally, students may leave the campus for short, non-supervised trips during free time. Students are advised to travel in groups of two or more when leaving campus and sign out with their Resident Advisor, giving a destination, contact information and a time of return. Students must sign back in upon return.

Violation of these rules or inappropriate behavior off campus is subject to disciplinary action and possible dismissal from the program. The student may also be subject to university judicial procedures. Students who choose to leave the campus area at any time understand that the farther
they are from the main campus area, the more difficult it is for university and UC Berkeley Pre-College Scholars Program staff to assist them should they need help. Students and their parents/guardians should discuss and decide upon appropriate boundaries and guidelines for traveling off campus while attending the program.

- **Program Leave/ Overnight stay**

  If a student is requesting to arrange for late curfew or to spend nights away from campus during evenings and weekends a request for permission must be sent from a parent or guardian. Requests for such permission must be submitted to the program director at least 72 hours in advance, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am – 5pm (no exceptions). Any requests conflicting with structured academic programs will not be approved. The UC Berkeley Pre-College Scholars Program retains ultimate decision authority on all leave requests.

**4- Residential Code of Conduct**

The Residential Code of Conduct covers topics on everything from alcohol use to disruptive behavior to threats to safety and verbal harassment, and even key use and posting flyers. Residents are accountable for knowing and adhering to both the UC Berkeley Student Code of Conduct and the Residential Code of Conduct, which is a subset of the Berkeley code.

Participants can access the complete Residential Code of conduct [HERE](#).