

Jones College Code of Conduct

Article I. Description of the Code

This Code is designed to be a supplement to the Rice University Student Code of Conduct, and, should issues arise, the Rice University Student Code of Conduct shall always take precedence over the Jones College Code of Conduct.

The Jones College Court, as defined in Article VI of the Jones College Constitution, shall be entrusted with enforcing this Code of Conduct, as well as ensuring that it is up to date. All amendments to the Jones College Code of Conduct shall be approved in the same manner as amendments to the Jones College Constitution and done in cooperation with the Parliamentarian.

This document is designed to help keep order within Jones College and applies not only to the members of Jones College, but also to any Rice University students or guests who shall be on the property of Jones College. Rice University students charged with a violation(s) of this Code of Conduct who are not members of Jones College shall be brought and tried before the Jones College Court, as per the Jones College Constitution. Hosts of guests who are not Rice University students shall be responsible for the actions of their guests and shall receive sanctions on their behalf if appropriate.

The Jones College Code of Conduct is not all-inclusive and any behavior deemed to be destructive by a member(s) of the Jones College Court shall be subject to trial and sanction(s) by the Jones College Court at his or her discretion. However, unless a violation is extremely heinous, a single fine shall not exceed \$200.

Article II. Damages

Section 1. Damage to Exit Signs and Ceiling Tiles

An individual who causes damage to an exit sign or ceiling tile such that its repair or replacement by Housing & Dining (H&D) is warranted shall be subject to a fine of \$25 and shall be forced to pay for the labor and resources of replacing or repairing the damaged item. In the case of damage done to multiple exit signs or ceiling tiles in one instance, the individual shall be fined the \$25 once, but shall be forced to pay for all damages, even if this exceeds the \$200 limit.

Section 2. Damage to Windows

An individual who causes damage to a window such that its repair or replacement by H&D is warranted shall be subject to a fine of \$50 and shall be forced to pay for the labor and resources of replacing or repairing the damaged item. In the case of damage done to multiple windows in one instance, the individual shall be fined the \$50 once, but shall be forced to pay for all damages, even if this exceeds the \$200 limit.

Section 3. Damage to Walls or Wall Attachments (Mirrors, Doors, Water Fountains, Light Fixtures, etc.)

An individual who causes damage to a wall or wall attachment such that its repair or replacement by H&D is warranted shall be subject to a fine of \$50 and shall be forced to pay for the labor and resources of replacing or repairing the damaged item. In the case of damage done to multiple walls or wall attachments in one instance, the individual shall be fined the \$50 once, but shall be forced to pay for all damages, even if this exceeds the \$200 limit.

Section 4. Damage to Furniture Belonging to Jones College

An individual who causes damage to furniture such that its repair or replacement by H&D is warranted shall be subject to a fine of \$25 and shall be forced to pay for the labor and resources of replacing or repairing the damaged item. In the case of damage done to multiple pieces of furniture in one instance, the individual shall be fined the \$25 once, but shall be forced to pay for all damages, even if this exceeds the \$200 limit.

Section 5. Damage to Appliances Belonging to Jones College (TVs, Microwaves, Stereo Equipment, etc.)

An individual who causes damage to an appliance such that its repair or replacement by H&D is warranted shall be subject to a fine of \$50 and shall be forced to pay for the labor and resources of replacing or repairing the damaged item. In the case of damage done to multiple appliances in one instance, the individual shall be fined the \$50 once, but shall be forced to pay for all damages, even if this exceeds the \$200 limit.

Section 6. Damage or Theft of a Student's Private Property

An individual who causes damage to or theft of the private property of another student shall be subject to a \$25 fine and the return of or financial compensation for the property in question. The individual shall be expected to fully reimburse the student in case of financial compensation, even if this exceeds the \$200 limit.

Section 7. Tape

An individual who uses any tape other than blue painter's tape (to be supplied by the Jones College Coordinator) to hang posters or fliers at Jones shall be subject to a \$15 fine and shall be forced to pay for the labor and resources of repairing the wall, if necessary.

Article III. Disturbances of the Peace

Section 1. Fire Alarms

An individual who knowingly pulls a Jones College fire alarm when there is no warrant for such behavior shall be fined \$200 in addition to any other penalty placed upon him or her by Rice University.

Section 2. Noise Violations

A noise violation shall consist of a complaint to a member of the Jones College Court of excessive noise or disturbance coming from a room or group past the noise curfew. For the purposes of this document, the noise curfew shall be past midnight during the week (Sunday-Thursday) and past 2:00 am on the weekends (Friday and Saturday). The informed member shall first contact the offending individual(s), asking them to refrain from such behavior. Any further complaints made of the offending individual(s) shall result in a fine of \$25 and the breaking up of any groups associated with the complaints.

Section 3. Piano Violations

The piano on the first floor of Jones South shall not be played between the hours of 10:30 pm and 8:00 am during the week (Sunday-Thursday) and shall not be played between Midnight and 8:00 am during the weekend (Friday and Saturday). If the piano is played during one of these periods, it shall be treated as a Noise Violation (Article III Section 2).

Section 4. Littering

Individuals who flagrantly litter within Jones College or upon the Property of Jones College shall be subject to a fine of \$15.

Section 5. Offensive Speech or Actions

An individual who knowingly and with malicious intent acts or speaks in a way so as to cause undue stress or harm upon another shall be subject to a \$75 fine and shall be referred to the Jones Masters and/or Student Judicial Programs for further sanction(s).

Article IV. Health and Safety

Section 1. Registration of Private Gatherings

All private gatherings, hereby defined as a gathering that includes at least three guests who do not live in the room or suite the gathering is hosted in, that shall have alcohol present must be communicated to the Chief Justice or an Associate Justice, preferably twenty-four (24) hours in advance, and if the communication is not verbal must receive a notice of agreement, indicating that the Justice received the communication. Gatherings that are not registered shall be subject to a \$25 fine placed upon the host, and all other violations (noise, littering, etc.) shall be subject to double the normal fine.

Section 2. Off Limits

An individual found to be in an area deemed "Off Limits" such as a rooftop or the Jones Central Sun Deck without the expressed approval of H&D shall be immediately referred to the Jones Masters for rustication.

Section 3. Throwing Items Out of or Off of Jones

An individual found to have thrown or otherwise propelled an object off any of the knuckles, out of a window, or any other way out or off of Jones College shall be referred to the Jones Masters for rustication. Balloons filled with water shall not be included in this rule.

Article V. Other Violations

If an action causes clear and present danger or undue harm either to Jones College, its inhabitants, or their guests, but does not violate a previously enumerated article or section, it is within the duties of each member of the Jones College Court to see that the individual(s) responsible for the action be brought before the Jones College Court and, if necessary, sanctioned in a manner deserving of the action.

If an action occurs that violates the spirit of one of the above sections, but not the word, it is left to the discretion of the Chief Justice as to whether and how the action shall be resolved. It is recommended in the case of either of the two above scenarios that the Chief Justice amend the Jones College Code of Conduct so as to better address the issue in the future.

If a violation involves more than one of the above categories (i.e. Damages and Disturbances of the Peace), the Jones College Court may issue a penalty incorporating any of the combined elements of the sanctions enumerated above.

Article VI. Judicial Procedure

Any individual who knowingly inhibits or refuses to cooperate with the investigation of any violation(s) of the Jones College Code of Conduct shall be fined \$25 and potentially be considered part of the offending party, and therefore subject to the same fines and sanctions.

The sanctions presented above are suggestions and therefore may be increased or lowered at the discretion of the Jones College Court and/or the Jones Masters to fairly fit the severity of the violation. Additionally, community service or behavioral probation may be used as a penalty in lieu of or in addition to monetary fines.

The Jones College Court may also refer any case to another university judicial body, including, but not limited to, the Jones College Masters and the Student Judicial Programs, if they feel they are not capable of making a fair and proper decision or if the violation is especially heinous.