Helping Students in Distress

Faculty and Staff Resource Guide

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If in doubt, call University Police.

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Dangerous Student
Safety is an immediate concern; Verbal or physical threats to harm self or others; Active threats of suicide and resists help.

Disruptive Student
Safety is not an immediate concern; Threatens harm to others, but will accept help; Demonstrates bizarre behavior or communication; Disruptive to the living/learning environment

Troubled Student
Student is troubled, confused very sad, highly anxious, irritable, lacks motivation and/or concentration; has thoughts about not wanting to live; difficulties in interactions with others

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Counseling Center
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The Counseling Center and Office of Student Life are available for consultation. The Student Care/Concern Team chaired by the Assistant Dean of Students can facilitate campus efforts to assist the student and provide support for faculty/staff.

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All numbers below are available 24 hours a day unless otherwise indicated.
Western Washington University students enjoy the same basic rights, privileges, and freedoms granted to all members of society. At the same time, acceptance of admission to the university carries with it an obligation to fulfill certain responsibilities and expectations as a member of the Western Washington University community. As members of the Western community, students must assume responsibility for their own actions and maintain an environment conducive to academic success. In addition, they are expected to act with integrity, respect the rights of others, and abide by all university policies and procedures, as well as all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations. All students are responsible for understanding and complying with the responsibilities and expectations set forth in this code.

1. SC/CT reviews concerns raised by members of the university community regarding students who appear to be in distress and to assess risks associated with student behavior. The team is structured to respond to students who have displayed inappropriate patterns of behavior including but not limited to threats, suicidal behavior, violent actions, or other disruptive behaviors of concern.

2. SC/CT develops action plans to address student behavior and its impact on the community; this includes promoting campus safety, and referring distressed students to professional assistance and support, with the goal of preventing negative outcomes.

Disability Resources for Students

DRTS is committed to ensuring equal access for students with disabilities to all curricular and co-curricular opportunities offered by Western Washington University. For service eligibility, students must provide a complete diagnostic description from a qualified professional. Specific accommodations or services are determined on an individual basis and are modified to meet the unique needs of the student and their academic experience. Faculty and staff can contact DRTS to discuss accommodation requests or general questions by calling 360.650.3083 or visiting www.wwu.edu/drs.

Medical Excuse Policy

The Student Health Center does not provide excuses for short-term absences that result in missed classes, exams, or assignments due to illness or injury. In certain circumstances where the illness or injury is prolonged (an absence of more than five days) and requires medical attention or hospitalization we will work with students in providing appropriate documentation. Students are instructed to contact their professor or teaching assistant in the event they need to miss class due to an illness, injury or an emergency. All decisions about making up work, rest with the instructors. To learn more visit: https://wp.wwu.edu/medical-excuse-policy/