

**Middle Tennessee State University
Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services
July 7th, 2016 – June 2, 2017**

Total Number of Disciplinary Cases: 472

A **disciplinary case** is defined as a student or organization that has been charged with a disciplinary offense. The case number does not reflect the total number of disciplinary referrals made to the office. One student may have multiple cases and one case may have multiple violations.

The following data presents a synopsis of the breakdown by gender and classification of the students who had discipline cases with the Office of Judicial Affairs & Mediation Services during the specified time period.

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Male	257	54.4	Freshman	204	43.2
Female	212	44.9	Sophomore	113	23.9
Organization	3	0.01	Junior	59	12.5
			Senior	77	16.3
			Graduate	14	3.0
			Unknown	5	1.0

The following chart presents the number of violation types the office adjudicated. The violation type total number reflects the total number of times this violation was assigned to a student. The total number does not reflect how many times the student was found in violation of that specific rule. The total number of violation types will exceed the total number of disciplinary cases handled by the office. One student may have multiple violation types within one disciplinary case. The percentage reflects the percentage of the total number of all violations.

Violation Type:	Total Number:	Percentage:
Threatening or Disruptive Conduct	33	4.1
Hazing	1	0.1
Disorderly Conduct	37	4.6
Obstruction/Interference with activities/ facilities	8	1.0
Misuse or Damage to Property	8	1.0
Theft, Misappropriation, Unauthorized Sale	13	1.6
Misuse of Documents/ID Cards	3	0.4

Firearms & Other Dangerous Weapons	5	0.6
Explosives, Fireworks, and Flammable Materials	0	0.0
Alcoholic Beverages	33	4.1
Drugs	101	12.6
Drug Paraphernalia	41	5.1
Public Intoxication	21	2.6
Gambling	0	0.0
Financial Irresponsibility	4	0.5
Unacceptable Conduct in Disciplinary Proceedings	0	0.0
Failure to Cooperative with Institutional Officials	27	3.4
Violation of General Policies	19	2.4
Attempts, Aiding, and Abetting	58	7.3
Violation of State/Federal Laws	2	0.3
Violation of Imposed Disciplinary Sanctions	5	0.6
Sexual Misconduct	4	0.5
Harassment or Retaliation	1	0.1
Academic Misconduct	243	30.4
Unauthorized Duplication or Possession of Keys	0	0.0
Litter	4	0.5
Pornography	0	0.0
Abuse of Computer Resources	0	0.0
Unauthorized Access to Facilities/Grounds	5	0.6
Providing False Information	11	1.4
Unauthorized Surveillance	2	0.3
Smoking Violations	1	0.1
Fire Drills	0	0.0
Motor Vehicles	13	1.6
Sirens and Loudspeakers	0	0.0
Student ID Cards	1	0.1
Graffiti	0	0.0
Violation of Housing Policies	95	11.9

Sanction Type:	Total Number:	Percentage:
Restitution	2	0.4
Fines	0	0.0
Verbal Warning	10	2.2
Written Reprimand	123	26.9
Educational Sanction (comm. service, counseling, etc.)	29	6.3
Parental Notification	50	10.9
Housing Probation	7	1.5
Disciplinary Probation (includes tenure & developmental)	175	38.3
Removal of Privileges/ Restriction	45	9.8
No Contact	8	1.8
Suspension	8	1.8
Expulsion	0	0
Revocation of Admission and/ or Degree	0	0
Withholding Degree	0	0

***The statistics contained in this report represent disciplinary cases adjudicated by the Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services for the time period indicated. Formal charges may have also been filed with the MTSU police department and/or the Department of Housing and Residential Life. It is possible that a single violation may appear in reports from all three departments. Disciplinary matters that were adjudicated solely by the Department of Housing and Residential Life are not reflected in these statistics.

Noteworthy Observations

Compared to the previous academic year:

- Academic Misconduct remains the most violated policy, despite its decrease by 159 cases from last year. This is the fourth year it has been housed under the Provost's Office.
- Freshmen continue to account for the majority of students seen in the office. Males continue to be referred more often than females, but the percentage of male versus female referrals evened out and is closer to a more equal number.
- Organizational referrals were down slightly, again.
- Cases involving drugs continue to increase and were higher than the previous year. Drug and drug paraphernalia charges increased by 5% from last year. Public Intoxication and Alcohol violations, however, decreased by nearly 6%.
- We continue to have high volumes of drug policy violations resulting in the removal of students from the residence halls, despite the fact that students are made aware that Housing & Residential Life has a zero-tolerance drug policy.

Other Noteworthy Observations

- 45 students were removed from housing for violations of the drug and/or drug paraphernalia policies.
- The most common disciplinary sanction is Disciplinary Probation with 175 assignments.
- The referral breakdown is as follows: 149 cases were referred by MTPD, 25 cases were referred by Housing, 264 cases were referred by Faculty, 12 cases were referred by Staff, 6 cases were referred by students, and 13 were referred by other sources.
- 83 of the 149 MTPD-referred disciplinary cases involved suspicion of drugs/drug use within housing facilities or on campus. (Not all of those students were found in violation of the drug policies as many times there was insufficient evidence to hold a student responsible)
- 134 of the total 472 disciplinary cases involved residential students for a percentage of 28.4%.

Educational Outreach

The Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services conducted close to 50 educational presentations for the time period specified. The office did educational presentations for University 1010 classes, CUSTOMS staff, athletics, fraternities, sororities, IFC, Panhellenic, study abroad students, graduate teaching assistants, the Scholar's Academy, faculty members, and special student populations.