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**SEMESTER REPORT**  
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**The Division of Student Affairs**

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## Introduction

This report provides an overview of cases resulting from alleged violations of the University of Georgia (UGA) Code of Conduct. The data within this report reflects incidents referred as alleged violations of the Code of Conduct between the dates of January 1, 2011 and May 15, 2011. ***In past years, the spring reporting dates have included January 1 through May 31.*** Reporting dates were changed for spring 2011 to coincide with the end of the academic semester, which also marked the last effective date of the 2010-11 Code of Conduct.

It is important to note that the numbers contained in this report only reflect those cases ***referred*** during the reporting period. Except where noted, the report does not include data for cases that were referred prior to January 1, 2011 and resolved after January 1, 2011.

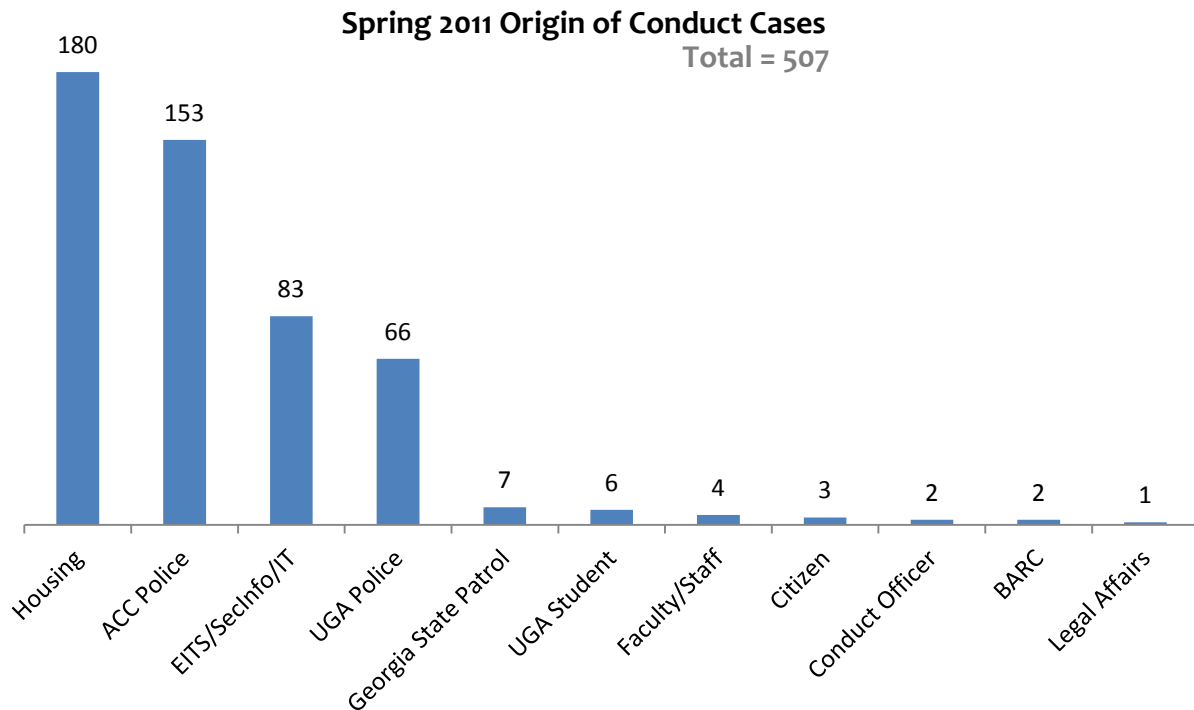
The following are highlights from the report.

- The majority of the 507 cases referred in spring 2011 originated from University Housing, Athens Clarke County Police, University Computer Services (EITS/InfoSec), and UGA Police.
- Of the 507 cases, 367 were assigned to be resolved by conduct officers in the OSC while 140 were assigned to be resolved by conduct officers in University Housing.
- Conduct officers resolved 461 of the 507 cases, with 76% (n=386) resolved informally and 4% (n=22) resolved through the formal hearing process. Conduct officers did not find sufficient information to move forward with 53 of the referred cases (11%), and the remaining 9% (n=46) remained under investigation at the time this report was generated.
- Some of the cases reported contained multiple alleged violations, resulting in a total of 902 alleged violations of the Code of Conduct during the spring semester.
- Over 60% of all alleged violations related to alcohol or other drugs involved freshmen (30%) and sophomore students (32%).
- A total of 481 students, including 302 males and 179 females, were alleged to have violated the Code of Conduct in spring 2011. Of those 481 students, 21 were alleged to have been involved in more than one incident. In addition, three student organizations were referred during the spring semester.
- The most commonly assigned sanction for violation of the Code of Conduct was University probation (n=232), followed closely by mandated alcohol or other drug (AOD) education classes (n=213).
- Thirteen students referred for conduct violations in spring 2011 were suspended from the University.
  - The regulations violated in cases that resulted in suspension include: 2.2 (n=3), 3.2 (n=1), 3.3 (n=1), 3.6 (n=3), 4.1(n=11), 4.3 (n=5), 4.4(n=5), 4.5 (n=3), 5.1 (n=1).
  - Five of the students were on probation at time of suspension.
  - An additional 6 students, whose cases were referred to the OSC prior to January 1, 2011, were suspended from the University during spring 2011.
- There were a total of three appeals during spring 2011. One of these appeals was for a case that was referred prior to January 1, 2011.
- The OSC sent 163 parental notifications to the parents or guardians of students under the age of 21 that were found to have violated Code of Conduct regulations related to the use or possession of alcohol or other drugs.

## Spring 2011 Case Origination

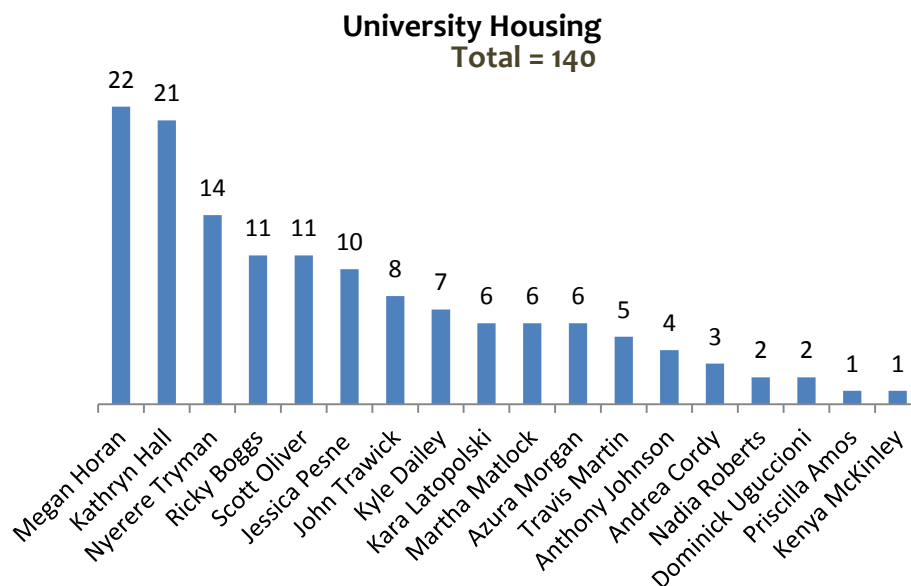
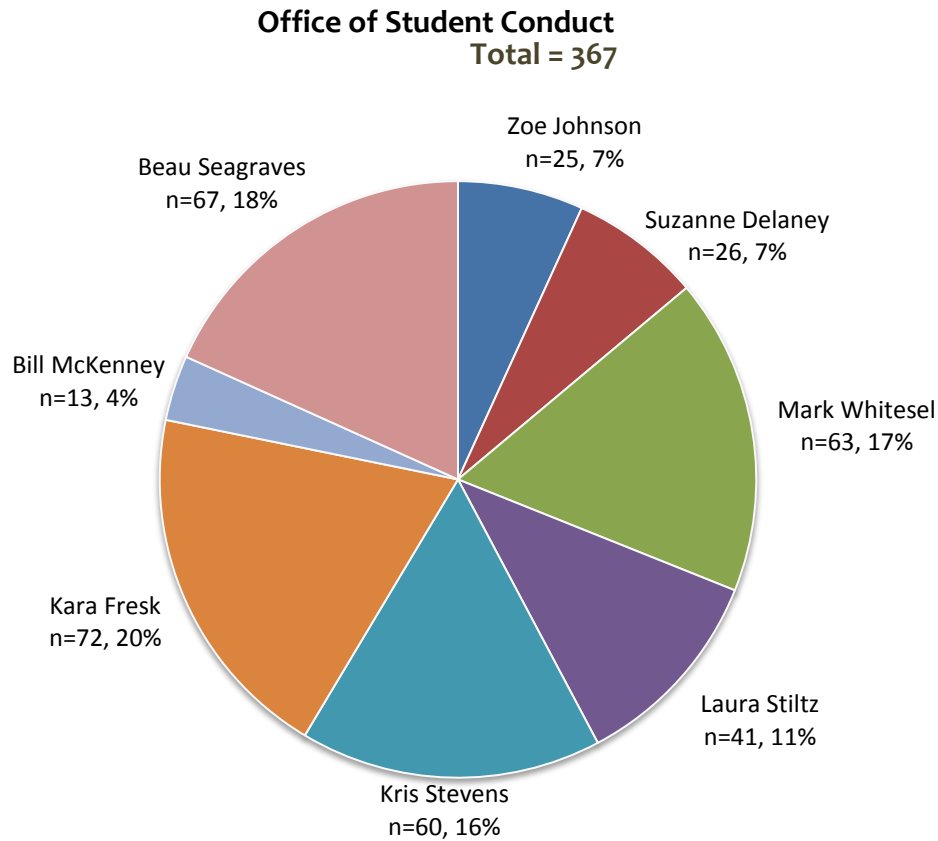
“Incidents of alleged violations of conduct regulations are reported to the Director for Student Conduct, Office of Student Conduct (500 Memorial Hall) or a designee. Individuals or groups filing a report should do so in writing and the report should be submitted as soon as possible after the alleged violation. Reports not submitted in writing will be independently verified prior to beginning a judicial investigation. For individuals filing a report, a meeting can be arranged with a staff member in the Office of Student Conduct to discuss the judicial process. For incidents to be reported in University Housing, individuals or groups filing a report may contact the Area Office where the incident took place” (The University of Georgia Code of Conduct, 2010).

Reports of alleged violations of the Code of Conduct are referred from a variety of sources. Incidents reported by University Housing are adjudicated by University Housing conduct officers unless the case involved a level two violation of regulation 4 or the sanctions assigned to the case include suspension or expulsion; under those circumstances, the case is adjudicated by a conduct officer in the OSC. University Housing and Athens Clarke County Police provided the majority of referrals in spring 2011.



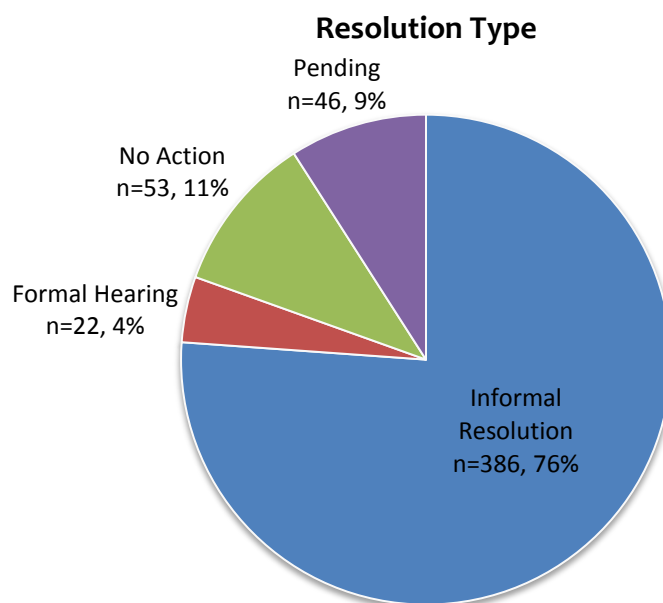
## Spring 2011 Case Assignments

“After receiving a report, a staff member will be assigned to investigate the circumstances of the incident and determine what conduct regulations, if any, are alleged to have been violated” (The University of Georgia Code of Conduct, 2010).



## Spring 2011 Analysis of Resolution

“During the meeting the staff member will determine which, if any, of the alleged charges are to be resolved through the judicial process and advise the student or organization about the options for resolving judicial charges. There are two available options from which the student or organization can choose: (1) informal resolution, or (2) formal resolution (hearing)” (The University of Georgia Code of Conduct, 2010). In the event that the conduct officer (after conducting an investigation) does not find sufficient information to move forward with a case, it is resolved as a “no action” case. ***Pending cases are those still under investigation at the time this report was generated.***



Resolution Type by Gender and Classification				
	Informal Resolution	Formal Hearing	No Action	Pending
Male	250	14	25	31
Female	134	8	28	14
Freshman	108	4	33	9
Sophomore	114	5	6	13
Junior	68	6	7	9
Senior	59	3	5	10
Graduate	10	1	0	3
Professional	21	3	2	1
Transient	4	0	0	0
Student Organization	2	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>

## Spring 2011 Total Alleged Violations

The data reflects all alleged violations of the Code of Conduct based on reported incidents. Many incidents include multiple alleged regulation violations; therefore, a difference exists between the number of incidents and number of violations. Additionally, some students were involved in more than one incident, resulting in a difference between number of incidents and number of students and organizations involved.

Number of Incidents	Number of Alleged Violations	Number of Students/Organizations
507	902	484

REGULATION 2		27
2.1	Furnishing false information to any University official or office.	15
2.2	Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any University document, record, or instrument of identification.	11
2.3	Causing, condoning, or encouraging the completion of any University record, document, or form dishonestly.	1
REGULATION 3		99
3.1	Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration or other University activities, including its public service functions on or off campus, or other authorized non-University activities taking place on University property.	2
3.2	Engaging in conduct that causes or provokes a disturbance that disrupts the academic pursuits, or infringes upon the rights, privacy, or privileges of another person.	22
3.3	Physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and/or other conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of another person.	23
3.4	Violation of University policy and procedures regarding sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, and non-discrimination policies.	1
3.5	Violation of published University policies, rules, or regulations.	7
3.6	Failure to comply with directions of University officials or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.	42
3.10	Circulating any advertising media without approval from proper University officials or in a manner that violates or is contrary to policies of the Department of Campus Life, the University, extended campuses, and/or state or local law.	2
REGULATION 4		435
4.1	Use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by law and University policies.	265
4.2	Providing or facilitating the use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by law and University policies.	30
4.3	Disruptive or disorderly conduct caused by the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.	97
4.4	Use, possession, or distribution of narcotic or other controlled substances except as permitted by law.	35
4.5	Providing or facilitating the use, possession, or distribution of narcotic or other controlled substances except as permitted by law.	8

**Spring 2011 Total Alleged Violations, cont.**

<b>REGULATION 5</b>		<b>48</b>
<b>5.1</b>	No student shall take, attempt to take, or keep in his/her possession items of University property; items or services rented, leased or placed on the campus at the request of the institution; items belonging to students, faculty, staff, guests of the University or student organizations; or items belonging to individuals or businesses off campus without proper authorization.	32
<b>5.2</b>	Malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction of items of University property; items rented, leased, or placed on the campus at the request of the institution; items belonging to students, faculty, staff, guests of the University or student organizations; or items belonging to individuals or businesses off campus is prohibited.	15
<b>5.3</b>	Selling or attempting to sell a textbook unless the seller is the owner of the textbook or has the permission of the owner to do so.	1
<b>REGULATION 6</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>6.2</b>	Setting or causing to be set any unauthorized fire on or in University property.	6
<b>6.3</b>	Possessing or using fireworks, explosives or other incendiary devices on University property without authorization.	4
<b>6.6</b>	Failure to exit a University building when the fire alarm sounds.	4
<b>REGULATION 8</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>8.1</b>	Unauthorized entry or attempted entry into any building, office, or other University facility.	4
<b>8.2</b>	Making or attempting to make unauthorized use of University facilities.	1
<b>8.3</b>	Unauthorized possession, use, or duplication of University keys or other methods of controlled access (i.e. cards, codes).	2
<b>REGULATION 9</b>		<b>127</b>
<b>9.1</b>	Unauthorized entry, attempted entry, or remaining in restricted areas, including roofs, of any University-owned student residence.	1
<b>9.2</b>	Failure to comply with policies established in various residence halls for the protection of the privacy, rights, privileges, health or safety of the community.	126
<b>REGULATION 10</b>		<b>83</b>
<b>10.1</b>	Failure to comply with University computer use policies.	83
<b>REGULATION 13</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>13.1</b>	Unreasonably delaying the judicial process by failing to schedule or appear for a meeting as requested by a judicial officer.	1
<b>REGULATION 14</b>		<b>61</b>
<b>14.1</b>	Acting in concert to violate University conduct regulations.	12
<b>14.2</b>	Knowingly condoning, encouraging, or requiring behavior that violates University conduct regulations.	39
<b>14.3</b>	Allowing, condoning, permitting or providing opportunity for a guest to violate University conduct regulations.	10



## Spring 2011 Alleged Violations by Gender, Classification, and Organization

REGULATION 2											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
2.1	9	6	3	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	15
2.2	8	3	3	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	11
2.3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	17	10	6	12	4	4	1	0	0	0	27
REGULATION 3											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
3.1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
3.2	18	3	5	4	3	6	1	2	0	1	22
3.3	18	5	3	2	5	8	0	5	0	0	23
3.4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3.5	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	7
3.6	32	10	10	11	10	8	0	3	0	0	42
3.10	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total	75	20	20	18	20	26	1	10	0	4	99
REGULATION 4											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
4.1	155	109	91	96	45	18	0	11	3	1	265
4.2	17	12	14	6	4	2	0	0	3	1	30
4.3	67	29	15	20	17	23	8	13	0	1	97
4.4	33	2	10	14	6	5	0	0	0	0	35
4.5	7	1	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	8
Total	279	153	132	138	75	49	8	24	6	3	435

Spring 2011 Alleged Violations by Gender, Classification, and Organization, cont.

REGULATION 5											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
5.1	24	7	6	9	4	9	1	1	0	1	32
5.2	14	1	2	4	4	3	1	1	0	0	15
5.3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	39	8	8	13	8	13	2	2	0	1	48
REGULATION 6											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
6.2	4	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
6.3	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
6.6	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	10	4	9	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
REGULATION 8											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
8.1	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4
8.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
8.3	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	5	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	7
REGULATION 9											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
9.1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9.2	75	51	65	37	15	6	0	0	3	0	126
Total	76	51	65	38	15	6	0	0	3	0	127
REGULATION 10											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
10.1	47	36	19	17	17	18	4	6	1	0	83
Total	47	36	19	17	17	18	4	6	1	0	83

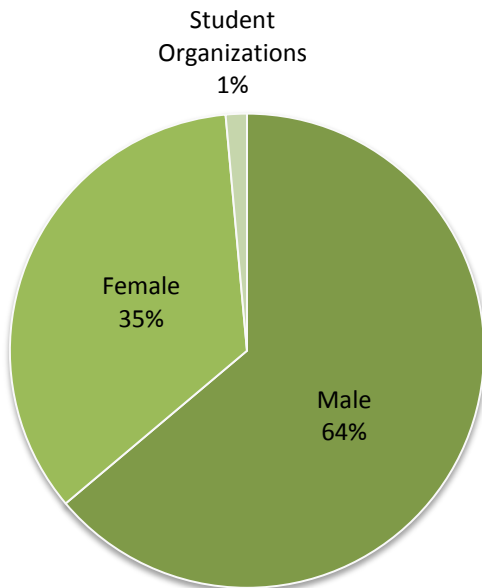
Spring 2011 Alleged Violations by Gender, Classification, and Organization, cont.

REGULATION 13											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
13.1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
REGULATION 14											
Sub Regulation	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
14.1	6	5	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	12
14.2	19	19	25	6	6	1	0	0	0	1	39
14.3	3	5	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
Total	28	29	34	15	7	1	0	0	0	4	61
ALL REGULATIONS											
	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
TOTAL	576	313	296	254	148	120	17	44	10	13	902

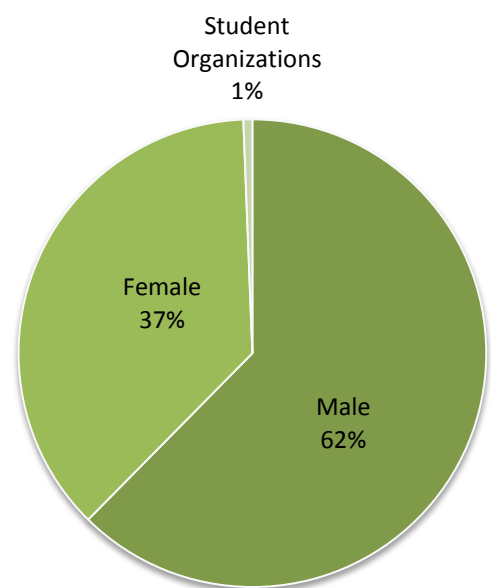
## Spring 2011 Number of Alleged Violations and Students/Organizations Involved by Gender

Number of Alleged Violations and Students/Organization by Gender				
	Male	Female	Student Organization	Total
Number of Alleged Violations	576	313	13	902
Number of Students/Organizations	302	179	3	484

**Gender Analysis of Number of Alleged Violations**



**Gender Analysis of Number of Students/Organizations Involved**

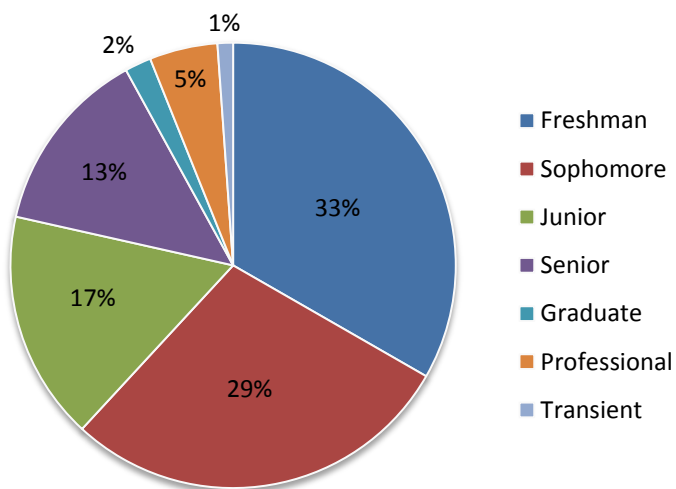


## Spring 2011 Number of Alleged Violations and Students Involved by Classification

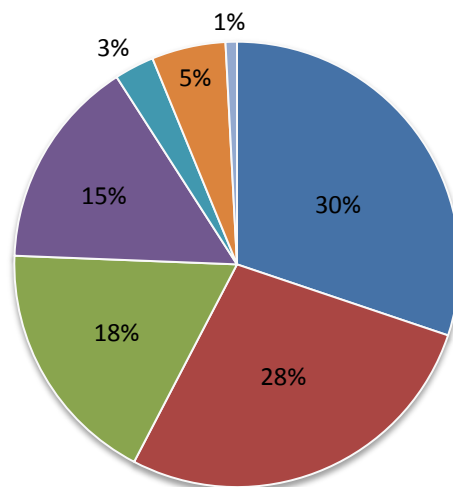
Classification	Hours Earned/ Description
Freshman	Less than 30 hours
Sophomore	At least 30 hours
Junior	At least 60 hours
Senior	At least 90 hours
Graduate	Based on institutional database
Professional	Based on institutional database
Transient	Students admitted at other institutions but enrolled in course(s) offered by UGA

Number of Alleged Violations and Students by Classification								
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Total
Number of Alleged Violations	296	254	148	120	17	44	10	902
Number of Students	146	133	87	74	14	26	4	484

**Classification Analysis of Number of Alleged Violations**



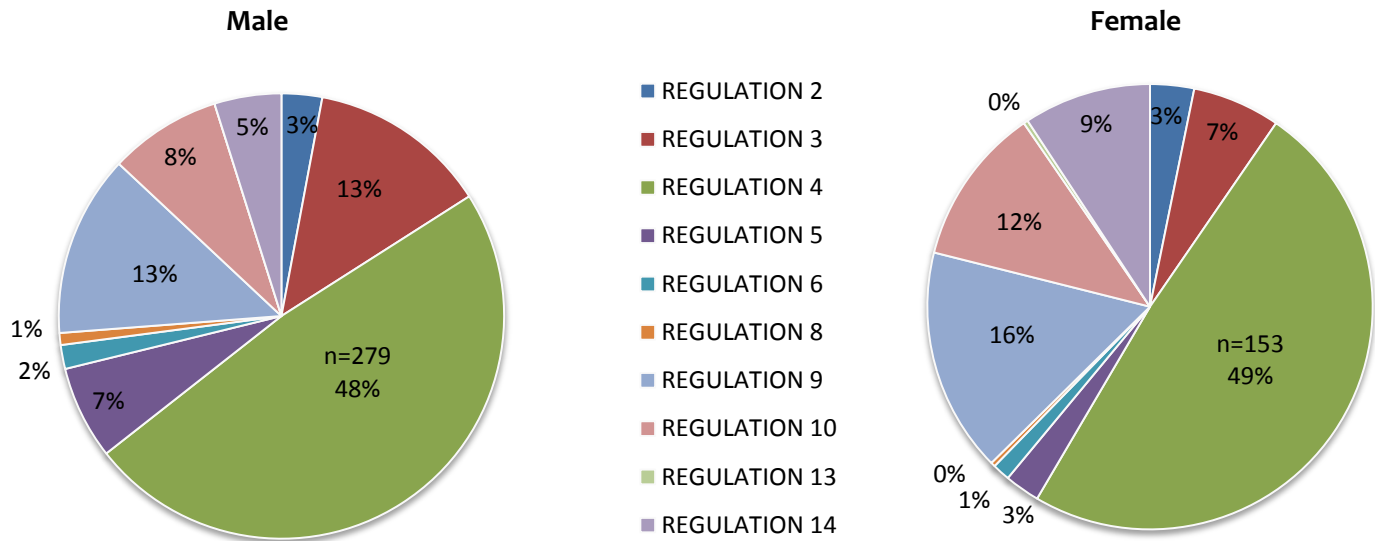
**Classification Analysis of Number of Students Involved**



## Spring 2011 Alleged Regulation Violation Types by Gender/Organization

Alleged Regulation Violation Types by Gender				
	Male	Female	Student Organization	Total
Regulation 2	17	10	0	27
Regulation 3	75	20	4	99
Regulation 4	279	153	3	435
Regulation 5	39	8	1	48
Regulation 6	10	4	0	14
Regulation 8	5	1	1	7
Regulation 9	76	51	0	127
Regulation 10	47	36	0	83
Regulation 13	0	1	0	1
Regulation 14	28	29	4	61
TOTAL	576	313	13	902

### Percentage of Alleged Regulation Violation Types by Gender/Organization



## Spring 2011 Alleged Regulation Violation Types by Classification

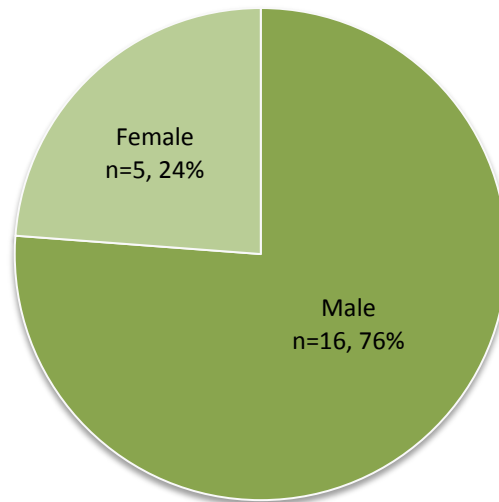
Alleged Regulation Violations by Classification								
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Total
Regulation 2	6	12	4	4	1	0	0	27
Regulation 3	20	18	20	26	1	10	0	95
Regulation 4	132	138	75	49	8	24	6	432
Regulation 5	8	13	9	13	2	2	0	47
Regulation 6	9	3	0	2	0	0	0	14
Regulation 8	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	6
Regulation 9	65	38	15	6	0	0	3	127
Regulation 10	20	17	17	18	4	6	1	83
Regulation 13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Regulation 14	34	15	7	1	0	0	0	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>889</b>

## Spring 2011 Recidivism

The recidivism charts represent students reported to be involved in ***more than one incident*** referred to the OSC or University Housing ***between the dates of January 1, 2011 and May 15, 2011***.

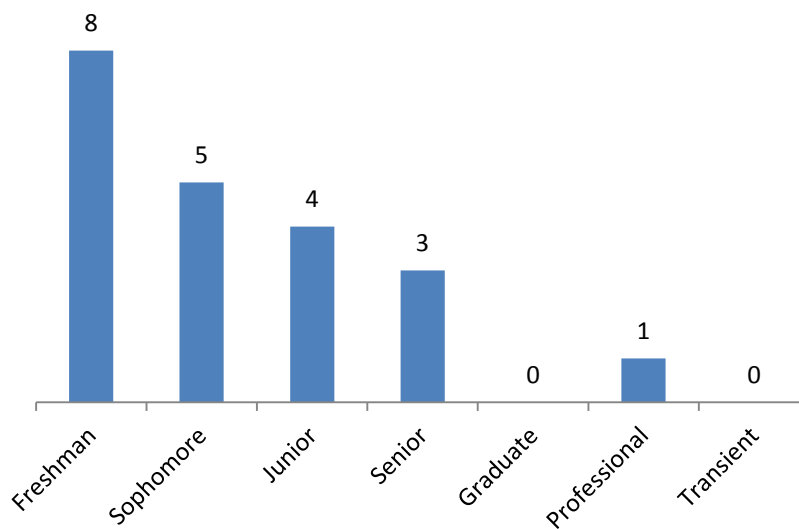
Recidivism by Gender

Total = 21



Recidivism by Classification

Total = 21





## Spring 2011 Sanctioning

When it has been determined that a student or organization has violated a University conduct regulation, the conduct officer or hearing panel will assign one or more sanctions. The findings of fact, any particular circumstances, and prior record of the student or organization will be the factors considered when determining any appropriate sanctions (modified from The University of Georgia Code of Conduct, 2010).

Sanction	Male	Female	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Professional	Transient	Student Organization	Total
Alcohol or Other Drug Education	133	80	61	67	38	29	5	13	0	0	213
Probation	149	82	66	70	40	35	6	14	0	1	232
Community Service	93	40	20	37	23	34	6	13	0	1	134
Educational Sanction*	103	44	36	49	27	23	3	9	0	2	149
Reprimand	55	33	22	18	19	17	3	7	2	0	88
Suspension	10	3	3	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	13**
Restitution	12	2	3	1	3	6	0	1	0	0	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>843</b>

*\*Educational sanctions include research or reflection papers and essays, letters of apology/explanation, follow-up meetings, and other educationally appropriate sanctions.*

*\*\* An additional 6 students whose cases were referred prior to January 1, 2011 were suspended from the University during spring 2011.*

## Spring 2011 Appeals

“The student or organization may appeal the decision from a formal judicial hearing. Appeal information will be included with the decision issued to a student or organization. Appeal forms are available in the Office of Student Conduct. All appeals must be in writing and submitted to the Office of Student Conduct within five (5) University business days of receipt of the decision. The purpose of appeal procedures is to provide the student with the opportunity to bring forward questions regarding substantive or procedural errors that occurred during the process. The appeal process is not intended to grant a new hearing at a higher level. Dissatisfaction with a decision is not grounds for an appeal” (The University of Georgia Code of Conduct, 2010).

Spring 2011 Appeals						
	Gender	Classification	Sanctions	OVPSA Designee	Presidential Review	Board of Regents Review
<b>Appeal One</b>	Female	Junior	Suspension Probation AOD Education Educational	Upheld		
<b>Appeal Two</b>	Female	Senior	Suspension	Upheld	Upheld	
<b>Appeal Three</b>	Male	Junior	Educational Restitution	Over Turned		

## Spring 2011 Parental Notifications

“The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) has given colleges/ universities the option to notify parents or guardians about specific types of information from a student’s judicial record” (The University of Georgia Code of Conduct, 2010).

“The Office of Student Conduct will notify parents or guardians the first time and every subsequent time a student is found to have violated Code of Conduct policies on the use or possession of alcohol or other drugs when he/she is under the age of 21” (The University of Georgia Code of Conduct, 2010).

Parental Notifications	
<b>Spring 2009</b> January 1-May 31, 2009	205
<b>Spring 2010</b> January 1-May 31, 2010	228
<b>Spring 2011</b> January 1-May 15, 2011	163