

**Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook ([www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu](http://www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu))  
Modifications to the Unauthorized Entry Policy for Student Code of Conduct**

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Visitors

**WHEREAS**, the University Student Conduct System is an educational tool with two main objectives: to hold students accountable for unacceptable behavior, and to modify those behaviors deemed unacceptable by the university, and

**WHEREAS**, the University Student Conduct System strives to address unacceptable behavior in a manner that informs students and guides them toward a greater sense of personal responsibility, and more mature and ethical standards, and

**WHEREAS**, current policy (contained in the Hokie Handbook) addresses unauthorized entry into university buildings and rooms without proper authority, and

**WHEREAS**, the first proposed change (the underlined text below) would address trespassing off campus and attempted entry, and

**WHEREAS**, students and university personnel have experienced and been negatively impacted by instances when students have entered or attempted to enter public or private spaces without authority, and

**WHEREAS**, the behavior mentioned in the new proposed policy is antithetical to a safe and secure learning environment and should be prohibited by the code of conduct, and

**WHEREAS**, under current policy the Student Conduct staff is unable to address this behavior,

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that Policy # 8300, Student Code of Conduct – Unauthorized Entry Policy be amended as follows:

**Student Code of Conduct – Unauthorized Entry**

**Unauthorized Entry** - Entering, attempting to enter, or being present in buildings, residence(s), public or private property and/or facilities, or other areas without proper authority.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution for changes to University Policies for Student Life: Modifications to the Unauthorized Entry Policy for Student Code of Conduct be approved.

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