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About the Student Handbook

The Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering Student Handbook presents essential information about the college: the character and mission of the school, the academic policies and opportunities to learn outside of the formal classroom, the college's Honor Code, the campus and community setting, and other policies.

This book should also enable prospective students to decide whether or not Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering is the college for them and whether they might benefit from its offerings.

This Handbook does not constitute a contract between the college and its students.

Students, faculty and staff that have suggestions for edits or changes in the Handbook, or those that are interested in the history of the Handbook or its policies, should contact the Office of Student Affairs and Resources: student.affairs@olin.edu

Olin College vision statement

Engineering for Everyone

Olin College mission statement

Transforming engineering education toward a world in which engineering serves everyone

Olin College values

Engineering for impact: thriving for all.

At Olin, we are engineering for impact: we strive to create a community and contribute to a world in which all can thrive.

As we pursue our vision of Engineering for Everyone, we work intentionally to reinforce the values to which we aspire. We reflect on who we are now and who we want to be and strive to embody the ideals we embrace.

We commit to serving the Olin community and society at large by enacting our values of **equity and justice, trust, learning and growth, sustainability, and collaboration** for the benefit of others, especially those who are most in need. As a community, we:

- Fight for **equity and justice**.
- Offer our **trust** and earn the **trust** of others through our words and actions.
- Continually strive to **learn**, to **grow**, and to **share** what we have learned.
- Protect and **sustain** our natural, built, and financial resources so that they might equitably benefit future generations.
- **Collaborate**; find meaning and joy in connection with others.

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Accreditation

ABET accreditation

Olin College's three degree programs – Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering – are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. ABET is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Information specific to Olin's program goals and learning outcomes is further defined in the College Catalog under Academic Programs.

To learn more about this accreditation visit <http://www.abet.org>.

NECHE accreditation

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.).

Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the Commission indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the Commission is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by the Commission should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact:

New England Commission of Higher Education
3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100
Burlington, MA 01803-4514
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The Learning Continuum

Olin offers the support, flexibility and services students need for a successful, well-rounded college experience — from a wide-range of clubs and activities to academic advising and health care.

Introduction

Olin College takes student development one step further with the Learning Continuum. While nearly every college in America offers academic courses and student organizations, seldom is much thought given to the unstructured zone between the curriculum and extra-curriculum, or the connections between them. At Olin, we have given this zone a lot of thought and have worked hard to create a seamless learning environment where student learning is understood through the student's whole experience. In this sense, we do not see learning as contained to one class, a summer internship or a leadership opportunity. Instead, we expect these experiences to build on each other and to flow from one area of a student's life to another.

The Olin College Learning Continuum consists of courses, undergraduate research opportunities with faculty, non-degree credit Passionate Pursuits, transcript noted Co-Curricular Offerings, community service, committee work or other service to the college, clubs and organizations, recreation and post-graduate planning. The Student Affairs team encourages student participation along the full range of opportunities in the Learning Continuum and works to foster connections among the elements on the continuum.

Academic Life at Olin College

As stated in its founding precepts, Olin College was created on the belief that the students' experience here would be different than that offered at other institutions. "Academic Life," represented by our Learning Continuum, is the manifestation of that belief. Olin fosters a seamless learning environment, across contexts and over time, which includes intellectual, social, personal, professional, and academic development. This culture of Academic Life is evidenced through both structure and operation and prioritizes the integration of learning across the many settings in which students engage. This holistic learning occurs from admission through graduation, and into the professional world. It is sustained by the collaborative relationships between faculty and staff that support student learning, with the mission to educate the next generation of innovators who want to better the world.

Courses

Courses provide the foundation for Olin's academic program and are organized into interconnected themes that create the overall structure of the Olin curriculum; they define the engineering toolbox our students need to have a positive impact in the real world.

Research

Faculty members generally advertise research opportunities at course fairs. If you are interested in doing research in a particular area, you should approach a faculty member in that area to see if they have any research openings in their research program. In addition to research projects that are regularly offered by faculty, students have the opportunity to design their own research projects, under the guidance of a faculty member. Students who have their own ideas for research projects should contact a faculty member with appropriate expertise to discuss their ideas.

Co-curricular offerings

Co-curricular offerings are (1) non-credit activities combining fun and intellectual awareness, (2) scheduled for a limited time (e.g., one semester), (3) led by a staff or faculty member or by a student working in concert with a faculty/ staff member, and (4) funded by the Student Affairs and Resources office. They differ from curricular offerings in that they are not graded and attendance is not strictly enforced. They differ from extra-curricular activities in that they have an intellectual component, faculty/staff leadership and limited lifespan.

Community service

One of the guiding missions of Olin College is to instill a spirit and practice of “giving back” among students through significant and ongoing service to the community. Philanthropy was the central force in the F. W. Olin Foundation since its inception and Olin College is committed to supporting and continuing this tradition among its students, faculty and staff. Olin College encourages community service by providing financial support and reserving time dedicated to community service weekly in the schedule.

Passionate pursuits

Success, whether personal or more widely recognized, occurs most often in those who have a passion for their work. Olin believes that learning to be passionate about one’s work, to persevere through difficult times, and to enjoy play freely, are all tremendously important life lessons. In contrast to most educational institutions, we actively and explicitly promote this integrated approach to learning, work and life. Our support of passionate pursuits promotes the idea that hobbies can be more than pastimes — they can become gateways to life-long learning and passionate endeavors. This is one of many ways in which Olin College gives acknowledgement to well roundedness and personal initiative.

A Passionate Pursuit is an intellectual or scholarly activity in which students propose a semester-long project, solicit faculty participation and establish objectives (i.e., learning goals, a deliverable and/or a presentation or performance) that constitute satisfactory completion of the pursuit.

Post-Graduate Planning

The Office of Post-Graduate Planning works closely with students and alumni in making connections with desirable employer organizations in industry and the strongest graduate school institutions. Through internships and research experiences, students attain real-world experience that prepares them to make lifelong contributions to society. The PGP office presents programs that involve graduate school discussions with faculty and alumni, workshops on resumes, portfolios, and LinkedIn profiles, interview preparation and one-on-one job-search and graduate school counseling. Students and alumni are exposed to prestigious fellowships and scholarships, and are coached on how to present the strongest applications

Religious services and organizations

Olin welcomes communities for people of all faiths. Olin strives to create a safe place for those who wish to explore spirituality in ways that are both familiar and new and challenging.

Residence life

The residence life team aims to provide a safe and supportive environment that promotes academic success, personal development, and involvement in campus life. We support the college’s commitment to revolutionize engineering education by creating a seamless connection between experiences inside the classroom and life in the residence halls.

Student government and student clubs and organizations

The Olin College Student Body is organized and structured, as outlined in the Olin Student Constitution, into four Student Experience Organizations. The purpose of each outlined Student Experience Organization is unique, each with mission and principal responsibilities/duties entrusted to them. Each of these organizations is deemed vital to the education and college experience of the Student Body, insofar as each addresses an aspect of Olin’s central philosophies, founding precepts, and goals. The four Student Experience Organizations at Olin include the Council of Olin Representatives (CORe), the Honor Board, the organization to Support, Encourage, and Recognize Volunteerism (SERV), and the Student Activities Organization (SAO).

Sports and Recreation

Olin recognizes that there is a direct relationship between one's well-being, learning and regular exercise. In order to support these relationships Olin has established a variety of programs and resources including residence hall gyms, intramural sports at Babson College and Wellesley College, club sports teams, and access to athletic facilities at Babson College. The resources and programs are intended to promote short-term and long-term opportunities for staying physically active.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Olin's official Academic Policies and Procedures are listed here. To access the practical resources needed for administrative tasks such as requesting a transcript, petitioning for a course substitution or cross-registering to another school, please visit the Registrar's Office Services on the Olin website.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes at Olin. Each instructor will establish and publish the class attendance policies for reporting anticipated absences and making up missed work, including lab experiences and project work. If a student requires an extended absence, they (or a designee) should inform the Office of Student Affairs and Resources, their instructors, and their advisor.

Definition of full-time status

Enrollment at Olin College is for full-time study in engineering. Students are expected to follow the curriculum design for each class year and carry a usual load of 16 degree credits. The definition of full-time study is a minimum of 12 attempted degree credits each semester with a maximum* of 20 attempted degree credits each semester.

Part-time study is generally not available at Olin College; however, special cases will be considered by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

*In the first semester, first-year students are limited to attempting a maximum of 18 credits of degree credits. Students wishing to enroll over the maximum may petition the Committee on Student Academic Performance (COSAP) by emailing their petition to registrar@olin.edu .

Course overloads

Olin students may register for a maximum of 20 credits each semester. The maximum load of 20 credits does not include non-degree activities (e.g., passionate pursuits). In exceptional circumstances, students may petition the Committee on Student Academic Performance (COSAP) with the consent of their advisor for approval of a course overload. Additionally, COSAP may reduce the maximum credits allowed. This reflects Olin's commitment to reasonable expectations and academic success. First-year, first-semester students are limited to taking a maximum of 18 credits. Requests for overloads may be sent to COSAP via the Registrar's Office, using registrar@olin.edu.

Class standing

Class standing is determined by the number of degree credits a student has earned in relation to the 120 required for graduation. The following table is a breakdown of earned degree credits and their corresponding class year and represents a reasonable expectation of progress toward a degree over four years.

Class	Earned Degree Credits
First-Year	0–30
Sophomore	31–60
Junior	61–90
Senior	> 90

Declaration of major/change of major

Students are expected to declare their major no later than the time of registration for the fifth semester (during their sophomore year). At this time, there is a *Major Declarathon Event* where curriculum and program advising is available and an introduction to the process is presented. After the advising event, each student receives a survey form that asks about their choice of courses to complete general and major/concentration requirements. These entries are then reviewed by faculty with curricular expertise and the results are sent to the student and their advisor, with a copy retained by the Registrar's Office.

Olin understands that a student's path toward their degree may change and, as a result, during the fifth or sixth semester, there is a *Junior Reality Check*, where students update or change their program, major, and/or concentration plans of study.

Lastly, senior audits take place during a student's final two semesters. Senior audits take many forms and begin via consultation between a student and their advisor. There are also drop in sessions with the Registrar's Office, and opportunities for plan of study updates. The process culminates with degree certification by the Registrar and Faculty.

Note: Students who change their major should be aware of their remaining degree requirements. Additionally, they are responsible for all tuition, room/board and fees for any semesters required ***beyond the eight covered by the Olin scholarship.***

Registration

Prior to each semester, there will be a designated registration period in which students will speak with their advisors and make choices on course selection. Advising is a key component to course selection. Each semester, students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits, of which, the minimum 12 are required for degree completion. Any credits beyond the minimum 12 may be used for exploration in areas beyond requirements.

Registration is done on-line. Instructions are available each semester in the published registration booklets. NOTE: Courses available at the time of registration may be subject to cancellation based on enrollment.

Cross-registration

Olin has cross-registration agreements with Babson College, Brandeis University and Wellesley College (the BBW schools). These agreements increase the academic offerings available to Olin students.

Olin students, with the exception of first-semester, first-year students, are permitted to enroll for one course each semester at each of the BBW schools, subject to the continuation of the cross-registration agreements.

Cross-registering for a course at a BBW school will count toward a student's total degree credit load at Olin. Normally, Olin students are not permitted to take courses at BBW schools which would substantially duplicate the content of a course or set of courses available at Olin, but may petition the Course Substitution and Transfer Board (CSTB) for an exception to this rule.

Students are responsible for all deadlines and registration procedures related to the host school, including, but not limited to, pass/fail, drop, add, withdrawal policies. Information regarding procedures for cross-registration is provided in the semesters' registration booklet. NOTE: Due to the variation of grading deadlines at BBW schools, seniors are strongly encouraged not to cross-register during their final semester at Olin.

The add period

During the first 10 instructional days of a semester, students may alter their schedules by adding and/or dropping a course on-line using my.olin.edu. Discussions between students and their advisors are strongly recommended. Students are responsible for submitting their request no later than the 10th class day. Courses cannot be added after the 10th class day. Special circumstances may be granted for BBW sponsored courses when there is a variation in the academic calendars.

Half semester courses have a prorated Add Period. It is the first five days of the session.

The drop period

After the Add Period, students may decide to drop a course from their schedule without penalty as long as they maintain a minimum of 12 degree credits. The drop date is the 45th instructional day of the semester. Course drops during this period must be made through the Registrar's office and require the advisor's signature. It is strongly recommended that the student notify the faculty teaching the course.

For half semester courses, the Drop Period is 10 days prior to the last day of instruction for that session.

Course withdrawal

Students may withdraw from courses up through the last day of instruction in the semester. To withdraw from a course, students need written approval from the instructing faculty member and their advisor. Students must then process the course withdrawal with the Registrar's Office. A grade of Withdrawn (W) will be entered for the course and will not affect the grade point average. Credits attempted will be noted, but course credit will not be earned. Students are responsible for meeting with their advisor to determine how the credits, and/or the requirement will be completed in the future. Olin students cross-registered at one of the BBW schools must follow the academic policy on course withdrawals for the host school.

Course withdrawals for half-semester courses can be done up through the last instructional day of that course.

Half-semester courses

The Add, Drop and Course Withdrawal periods are prorated for half semester courses. The Add Period is the first 5 days of the session. The Drop Period is 10 days prior to the last day of instruction for that session. Course withdrawals can be done up through the last instructional day of the half-semester course.

Grading at Olin

Grading rules and regulations

Standards-based grading: Course grading at Olin will be based on student progress toward defined course goals. Summary metrics (e.g., GPA) will be provided on the student's transcript, but relative summary metrics (e.g., class rank) are neither published nor tabulated.

1. Privacy: Olin will not publicly post either grades or summary metrics (e.g., GPAs) in any form that allows identification of any particular individual's performance. It is expected that students will respect the privacy of each other's grades.
2. Grading clarity requirements: On the first day of instruction, each Olin class will publish the following information:
 - a. Learning objectives that specify the knowledge, skills and attitudes that students are expected to develop or attain in the class. The learning objectives should be an effective instrument for students to understand what they will learn and how their learning will be evaluated.
 - b. Grading criteria that specify how the final course grade is determined. Some aspects of grading are necessarily based on the professional judgment of instructors, informed by their experience, and are subjective.
 - c. Feedback: Olin expects instructors to provide students with feedback on their performance. If an instructor feels a student will not pass a course, or if the instructor is otherwise concerned about a student's performance, the instructor will issue a notice, called a R.O.U.K., in a timely manner. Copies of this notice will be sent to the student, the student's faculty advisor and the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. If a course is offered as year-long and utilizes a first semester TBG grade option, the course instructor will issue an end-of-semester notice of concern for any student not making satisfactory progress in the first half of the course. This end-of-semester notice will be considered a deficiency in the student's overall semester progress and the student will be reviewed at the end of the fall semester Academic Progress meeting of COSAP.

3. End of semester feedback to the advisor: Olin advisors have real-time access to advisees' course grades through the Student Information System. In addition, instructors will notify advisors of any significant concerns noted during the semester.
4. Pass/No Record first semester: In the first semester of the first year, students receive only a grade of Pass (P) or No Record (NR). A grade of No Record does not affect the student's GPA and does not appear on the student's official transcript. A student who receives a grade of NR cannot use the class to satisfy a course requirement or use it as a prerequisite. Courses where an NR is earned require a repeated attempt at the student's earliest convenience. All repeated attempts of first year, first semester courses at Olin will be graded as pass/no credit and the assessment earned will appear on the transcript, yet will not impact the student's GPA.
5. Course grades: Course grades at Olin provide students, their advisors, potential employers and graduate schools information about overall performance. Course grades are determined based upon a mix of demonstrated comprehension, skill, participation and effort.
6. Grading scale: The Olin College grading scheme contains letter grades with a resulting grade point average (GPA) on a four-point scale. Students will be assessed using the following interpretation:

Grade	Assessment Description	Point Value
A	Excellent	4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Good	3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C	Fair	2.0
C-		1.7
CR	Credit (for non-degree course activity)	n/a
D+		1.3
D	Poor	1.0
EG	Experimental Grading	n/a
F	Failing	0.0
I	Incomplete	n/a
IF	Incomplete Failing	0.0
IL	Incomplete/Leave of Absence (temporary grade)	n/a
IP	In Progress (temporary grade)	n/a
L/NR	Leave/No Record	n/a
MET	Objectives of the course have been MET	n/a

NC	No Credit for Pass/No Credit Option	n/a
NCR	No Credit (for non-degree course activity)	n/a
NG	No Grade Reported by Instructor (temporary grade)	n/a
NPP	No Passionate Pursuit Recognition (internal designation)	n/a
NR	No Record	n/a
P	Pass	n/a
PP	Passionate Pursuit Recognition	n/a
R	Course Repeated	n/a
TBG	To Be Graded (represents first semester placeholder for required yearlong courses)	n/a *
TR	Transfer Credit	n/a
UNM	Objectives of the course are UNMET	n/a
W	Withdrew from Course	n/a

**see item 3 related to notice of academic concern for academic progress standings*

7. Experimental grading: The 'EG' grade represents an "Experimental Grade" designation, implemented in a small number of courses during a curricular experiment that began in 2009. Each student may undertake no more than one "EG" course per semester. An 'EG' grade in a student's transcript indicates that a student completed the course's learning objectives and received instructor feedback based upon criteria that do not have direct mapping onto the ABCDF grading system. Students who do not complete the learning objectives will receive a "no credit" designation on their transcript (similar to the "no credit" option for pass/no credit courses).
8. Repeated courses: If a student retakes a course at Olin the original grade will remain, but will not be factored into the student's GPA. The new grade will appear on the transcript in the semester in which the course was retaken. There is no guarantee that any course will be offered for a student to repeat, as in the case of, but not limited to, Special Topics courses. For courses in the first year, first semester that require repeat see item #4 above. Repeated courses may be used in Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Pace of Progression calculations.
9. Minimally sufficient grades: A grade of D, EG, or Pass is sufficient to earn credit for a course. A grade of D or EG is sufficient to satisfy a course requirement. A grade of C-, EG, or Pass is sufficient to satisfy a prerequisite requirement.
10. Pass/No Credit: Up to 12 credits of a student's distribution requirements may be satisfied by taking classes that are usually offered for grades as Pass/No Credit. In such cases, a Pass is given for performance equivalent to a grade of C- or higher. Courses taken Pass/No Credit may not be used to meet course requirements unless the course is not offered for grades or is taken in the first semester of the first year. Courses that are only offered Pass/No Credit, Independent Study and Research do not count toward the 12 credit limit. Students must declare their Pass/No Credit grading option by the drop date of each semester. The Pass/No Credit option does not impact the GPA; either Pass or No Credit will appear on the transcript. Once a student decides to take a course Pass/No Credit, they cannot revert back to receive a letter grade.
11. Passionate Pursuits: Passionate Pursuits are non-degree credit, and will be listed on the transcript if the nature of the activity and the level of completion are sufficient to merit credit.
12. The Olin transcript: A student's academic transcript at Olin includes the following information:
 - a. A list of classes the student took in each semester, and a record of the student's final grades in those classes. First-semester first-year transcripts will show only classes that were passed. Classes taken Pass/No Credit after the first year appear either as a Pass or as a No Credit.
 - b. The student's GPA.
 - c. A list of non-degree activities taken each semester with a cumulative total of credits earned. There are no grades associated with non-degree activities.

- d. Co-Curricular offerings in which the sponsoring staff or faculty member reported sufficient student participation for a transcript notation.
13. Grading and credits of cross-registered courses: Olin students who cross-register for a course at Babson, Brandeis, or Wellesley will receive credit for the course if they receive a passing grade. All grades will be recorded on their transcript and be factored into their grade point average. Credits from these schools will be counted on a one for one basis at Olin. For example, if a three credit course is taken at Babson, it will count as three Olin credits. A one unit Brandeis or Wellesley course is equal to four Olin credits. Courses that use other accounting schemes may be translated into equivalent Olin credits rounded to the closest integer.
14. Circumstantial grading: is used in a semester of extraordinary disruption (e.g., pandemic), and is authorized by a faculty vote or by the Provost/Dean of Faculty when a quorum of the faculty cannot be met. A grade of MET satisfies course, distribution, and prerequisite requirements. A grade of UNM (unmet) does not satisfy course, distribution, and prerequisite requirements.

Academic Integrity

It is expected that students will behave with integrity and according to the Honor Code.

All Olin students agree to follow the Honor Code (p. 47) (Student Handbook). There is a culture of honesty on campus that reaches into the classroom. As a student this means you are responsible for your behavior with regard to class deliverables. If it is unclear if an assignment is meant to be individual or group work, please clarify with our instructor(s). Suspicion of violations of the honor code should be addressed to your instructor(s) and then the Honor Board, if applicable. You may use this form to report a violation or send an email to honorboard.

Incomplete Policy

In the event that a student experiences an acute circumstance that prohibits them from participating in a portion of a course or courses, they can request an incomplete grade to have extra time to make up their missed work. In other words, an incomplete grade is generally approved only when some specific event or illness prevents the student from completing a specific part of the course (such as completing a paper, project or exam). Should the option of an incomplete grade emerge, students and instructors are strongly encouraged to contact the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs to discuss the viability and appropriateness of an incomplete, since discussion is necessary before issuing this grade option. An incomplete cannot be approved in instances where a student is demonstrating an overall difficulty covering or understanding the course materials and appears to need more time or additional instruction to learn the material. If such general difficulty occurs the student should discuss available options with his or her course instructor and advisor well before the end of the semester.

A student may request an incomplete ("I") grade by petitioning the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The **deadline** to request an incomplete is the **last day of classes**, unless the acute circumstance occurs during finals week, in which case an exception could be made. If an incomplete grade is approved, the student will be granted an extension period to complete the coursework. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, in consultation with others as appropriate, will determine the period of the extension with the instructor and student. In no circumstances may the extension be later than the end of the subsequent semester.

A grade of "I" will be listed as a temporary grade and will not affect the grade point average. If the work is not completed by the approved deadline, the incomplete grade of "I" will be changed to "IF", Incomplete Failing, or an alternate grade upon approval of the instructor. Note: an "IF" grade **does affect** the grade point average.

In some cases a student may need to leave during the semester for a medical reason but, given the timing of the request and the type of work that needs to be completed, the student may be able to complete the work for the semester away from Olin. If that is the case and the need occurs after the 33rd day of instruction, a student can request a Medical Incomplete ("MI") for each course. An agreement would need to be reached between the student and each individual faculty member, and may not be possible for all courses in which the student is enrolled, which may result in withdrawal from some courses. A Medical Incomplete must be requested prior to the last day of instruction for the semester and may not be requested after that point. A student taking a Medical Incomplete must inform the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs about their intention to complete the work or take a Medical Withdrawal by the last day of instruction for the semester. If the student does not inform the Assistant Dean of their plans then their status will be changed to Medical Withdrawal.

Extra help

Extra Help is available for all courses. Resources for help include, but are not limited to, instructors, course assistants (CAs), Academic Resource Co-Designers (ARCs), peer tutors, and individual tutors. Individual tutors are assigned by Student Affairs and Resources.

Grade changes

Dispute of a grade

Students wishing to dispute a grade should first have a discussion with the instructing faculty member. If the student and faculty are in disagreement after the discussion, the student may appeal to the Dean of Faculty. The Dean of Faculty will meet with the student within 14 days of the appeal and will solicit a statement from the faculty member. Following this process, the Dean of Faculty will review the case and submit a recommendation to the faculty member. The faculty member will then make a final decision, in consultation with the Dean of Faculty. After one calendar year (from the end of the original grading period), all grades are final.

Excused Absences for Final Assessments

Students who are unable to take their final assessment (including, but not limited to, written or oral exam, project, presentation, written report/paper) for legitimate reasons and wish to request a make-up generally must obtain advance authorization from the instructing faculty members and Student Affairs. In the event that advance authorization cannot be obtained due to extenuating circumstances, students should contact Student Affairs and the instructor(s) as soon as they are able.

If the assessment is not completed prior to the end of the grading period, a grade of I, Incomplete, will be recorded on the student record. An incomplete grade is a temporary grade that does not affect a grade point average.

Graduation

Petition survey

Students expecting to complete their degrees or walk in Olin's May commencement ceremony must complete an on-line petition survey. This survey indicates the students' intent to complete their Olin degree and initiates the final degree audit process. This survey is typically available six months prior to commencement.

Graduation walk policy

Degree candidates are allowed to walk in one ceremony for their degree. Students who are off sequence may walk with the class with which they entered or with their actual degree year class. If the choice is to walk with the entry year class, the student must file a degree plan for completion of the degree by March 1st of the walk year and must be within 16 credits of completing said degree.

Conferral dates

Olin College confers degrees yearly each May and has only one ceremony per year.

Completion date

When a student completes their degree requirements at the conclusion of the fall semester, their record will be marked as complete with a degree pending. The student must apply for their degree conferral in the following May ceremony. Their record will then be updated to graduate following the May date.

Student right-to-know act: Retention and graduation rates

Under the Student Right-to-Know Act, educational institutions are required to disclose to current and prospective students their retention and graduation rates. The calculations below are in accordance with the formulas and definitions of the United States Department of Education.

The retention of first-time, first-year students who return in the following fall semester is 100% for the 2020 cohort of new students.

The graduation rate is defined as the percentage of first-time students who complete their degree program within 150 percent of the normal completion time for that degree (six years for an Olin bachelor degree). For the 2016 entering class, the graduate rate is 94%.

Additional information is available from the Registrar and the Office of Institutional Research & Decision Support.

Curriculum and Policy Committees

Academic Recommendation Board (ARB)

- Subcommittee: Course Substitution and Transfer Board (CSTB)

Committee on Student Academic Performance (COSAP)

Academic Recommendation Board (ARB)

The Academic Recommendation Board (ARB) has the responsibility to foster change and act as a steward of the curriculum. Annually, the ARB processes student updates to plans of study (major/concentration). Students may petition the ARB if they need to apply for an exception to graduation requirements and/or academic policy. Petitions should be sent to arb@lists.olin.edu for review.

Course Substitution and Transfer Board (CSTB)

The Course Substitution and Transfer Board (CSTB) is a subcommittee of the ARB and has the responsibility of awarding Olin credit for classes taken at another institution.

There are three cases where a student can take a class at another institution and get credit toward an Olin degree: cross registration at Babson, Brandeis or Wellesley; classes taken during a Study Away experience; and classes taken at another institution during a summer or before enrolling at Olin (not including dual degree high school programs). For more information on transferring credit, see Transfer Credit section. When considering science courses at other institutions be sure they include a laboratory component and are courses within a science major.

The CSTB also determines what distribution and course requirements a non-Olin course can count for. Many courses at the BBW schools have been pre-approved. Prior to taking a non-Olin class not on the pre-approval list, students should request permission from the CSTB to count this class toward satisfying a distribution or course requirement.

Finding Forms:

- 1) to Substitute a Babson, Brandeis, Wellesley or a different Olin course for a requirement - use a Substitution Form
- 2) to transfer credit to Olin from (study away or other), use a (Pre-Approval) / Transfer Credit Form

Committee on Student Academic Performance (COSAP)

The Committee on Student Academic Performance (COSAP) is charged by the Dean of the College and is empowered to review, interpret and propose academic performance policies. This committee considers petitions to waive existing academic performance regulations and acts as an appellate body for students with academic performance grievances. The committee also examines the records of students who are not making satisfactory progress toward a degree.

This committee is chaired by the Dean of the College or the Dean's designee (non-voting, except in the case of a tie) and consists of the Registrar (non-voting), the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and two faculty members. Students wishing to appeal a decision made by COSAP must submit their appeal to the Registrar within one week of the original decision.

COSAP also reviews student petitions for exceptions to academic performance policy. The twenty credit maximum course load policy is a typical example of a petition to COSAP. There is no form to complete. Interested students should discuss their course load with their advisor and then write a detailed petition that outlines the rationale. Students should include their advisor on the email petition, as the advisor is always asked for feedback. Petitions should be emailed to registrar@olin.edu no later than the last day to add a course.

Student academic performance

The Committee on Student Academic Performance uses the following guidelines in determining the academic status of students. Students not in Good Academic Standing will be placed on probation. Students not in Good Academic Standing for two consecutive semesters will be reviewed by the committee and may be required to withdraw. The committee may consider extenuating circumstances in applying these general guidelines. NOTE: In accordance with federal regulations of Title IV Financial Aid Program Integrity Standards, the Financial Aid Office will review academic performance in accordance with the performance measures listed below and will include an overall pace of progression standard. See the financial aid section for more information.

Qualitative measure of academic performance

Student's first semester: Good Academic Standing is defined as receiving Pass grades in all courses by the start of the second semester.

Subsequent semesters: Good Academic Standing is defined as having a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 by the end of the semester.

During times when circumstantial grading is in play (see Grading at Olin), the qualitative measure will be amended to mirror the binary standard of circumstantial grading (met/unmet). Good Academic Standing is defined as receiving all MET grades (or a minimum grade of C in any session I course) for the semester. Students who do not meet 'good academic standing' may be placed on academic probation.

Quantitative measure of academic performance

In order to complete the degree in four years (eight semesters), each student will normally take 16 credits (four courses) per semester. Olin College expects students to make reasonable progress toward their degree each semester. As a result, to remain in good standing a student must complete a minimum of 12 degree credits each semester. The Committee on Student Academic Performance will review this quantitative measure in addition to the qualitative measure of a minimum grade point average.

During times when circumstantial grading is in play (see Grading at Olin), the quantitative measure will remain unchanged, e.g. students must continue to earn a minimum of 12 credits in the semester to remain in good standing. Students who do not meet 'good academic standing' may be placed on academic probation.

Academic readmission

In making decisions on readmission petitions, the Committee on Student Academic Performance (COSAP) will expect the former student to produce timely evidence of good academic performance in college courses comparable to Olin courses, employment and/or community service references and a formal statement explaining changes that will contribute to their academic success at Olin. Credit for courses taken elsewhere while a student is withdrawn from Olin may be eligible for transfer to Olin.

College withdrawal

Withdrawal from the College

Voluntary withdrawal

Students may wish to leave Olin College prior to completing their degree and can voluntarily withdraw from the College. Such a decision may be difficult to make. We encourage students to discuss the situation with their academic advisor and the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Students must request a withdrawal form from the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Withdrawing for non medical reasons during a semester will yield a grade of "W" (Withdrawn) on the academic record for all courses enrolled. If Voluntary Withdrawal occurs after the last instructional day of the semester, grades from that semester will appear on the transcript.

Dropping all registered courses does not automatically result in an official withdrawal from the college. Financial Aid recipients who drop all registered courses and/or officially withdraw from the college prior to the 60% point of a semester should note that this action will result in a review of their financial aid eligibility and a possible refund of monies to the Department of Education.

Students should consider whether a leave of absence (LOA) might provide a more suitable means for them to address their needs. Students for whom an LOA is most appropriate should follow the procedures for requesting a Leave. Please refer to the Leave of Absence Policy.

Medical Withdrawal

Students who need to withdraw from Olin College for medical reasons should request a Withdrawal form from the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and indicate Medical Withdrawal. Medical documentation may be required to complete the process.

Medical Withdrawals during a semester (by the last instructional day of a semester) will result in deletion of the semester's registration from the student's record. Students may be entitled to a full or partial refund of certain expenses and fees according to the guidelines of the College's Refund Policy. Students who are on a Medical Withdrawal may not return to campus or attend college events (on-campus or off-campus) without written permission of the Dean of the College. Permission must be requested at least ten business days in advance of the event.

Required and Administrative Withdrawal

At times, the Dean of the College (or the Dean's designee) may require a student to withdraw from Olin College for academic or any other reasons. Students who are required to withdraw may not return to campus or attend college events (on-campus or off-campus) without written permission of the Dean of the College. Permission must be requested at least ten business days in advance of the event.

Once a Student is Withdrawn

Once a student withdraws they typically have 48 hours to vacate their residence hall room. Specific arrangements should be made with the Associate Director of Residence Life. Students must return their room key to the Associate Director of Residence Life and leave their room in the condition in which they found it. Students who are Withdrawn may not leave items in College storage unless it is appropriate for the circumstances and individual arrangements are made with the Associate Director of Residence Life.

Return Following Withdrawal

Each request for readmission after withdrawal (voluntary, medical, required, or administrative) is assessed on its individual merits. As such, readmission requirements will vary. Written approval from the Dean of the College is required for readmission. To request readmission the student must complete the Readmission Form and send it to the Dean of the College no later than 30 days prior to the first day on instruction for the semester in which the student plans to return. The Dean will follow up with any requests for additional information. When considering registration and housing needs, notification is best made in October for spring returns and April for fall returns. Requests to return are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Leave of absence (LOA)

Students in good academic standing may request a leave of absence (LOA) for up to 180 days in any 12-month period. To initiate a leave of absence, students should meet with their advisor and request a leave of absence form from the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Documentation of the reason for the leave of absence (medical or otherwise) may accompany the request for a leave, if requested. The request, if approved, and any accompanying documentation will be forwarded to the Registrar for processing and placed in the student's academic file. Students may not transfer credits to Olin that are earned during a leave of absence.

When an LOA is approved, student status will be noted as "On Leave." If a leave is not approved, students have the right to appeal the decision to the Dean of the College within two weeks of the date of the denial of leave. There are two kinds of leaves:

- A leave of absence mid-semester: This type of leave is requested when a semester is in active session*. In this case, all courses for which the student is registered will be temporarily designated as Incomplete/ Leave of Absence (IL). Any course that is not subsequently completed will then be changed to a grade of Leave/No Record (L/NR) and will be recorded internally for that course. Incomplete/Leave of Absence and Leave/No Record grades do not affect the student's grade point average. The effective date of this leave is the approval date of the leave. Incomplete/Leave of Absence grades must be completed no later than 90 days after the student's return date, or at another date determined by the faculty member and advisor.
**This active session does not include the study or final exam period. If a student has an unexpected event that impacts his or her ability to take a final exam, he or she should refer to the Excused Absences for Final Assessments policy.*
- A leave of absence between semesters: This type of a leave is requested for a future semester when there is a circumstance that impacts the student's ability to continue in sequence. In this type of leave, there are no grade entries made. The student's schedule for the ensuing semester will be deleted. The student will be placed on leave effective the first day of the upcoming semester for up to 180 days in any 12-month period.
- If a student does not return from a leave of absence or extends beyond the maximum 180 days in any 12-month period, the student will be withdrawn from the college back to the original date of the leave. All Incomplete/Leave of Absence grades will be changed to Leave/No Record. NOTE: this applies to both types of leaves.

Returning from a Leave

All students taking an LOA are expected to return in the semester following the leave. Therefore, they will be given a registration time and should contact Housing no later than 30 days before the start of a return semester. When considering housing needs, notification is best made in October for spring returns and April for fall returns.

Transfer credit

Olin College generally does not accept transfer credit for incoming students. The Course Substitution and Transfer Board (CSTB) may grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis for incoming students who have demonstrated strong performance in rigorous courses taken at accredited institutions of higher education. Under no circumstance will Olin accept courses for transfer that were part of a high school dual credit program with colleges/universities.

Enrolled students wishing to take a course at another college and transfer the credits to Olin must obtain prior approval from the CSTB. A student will need to provide detailed information about the school and the course including, but not limited to, a course description and syllabus. Minimal conditions to determine appropriate schools and courses are 1) the institution must be accredited, and 2) the institution should offer, at minimum, Bachelor degree programs (note: community college systems with articulation agreements to a university or college bachelor's degree may also be considered). Additionally, if the Olin course requirement includes a lab, studio, project and/or shop component, the course at the host school must also include similar experiences to be eligible for transfer. On-line courses may be accepted provided that items 1 and 2 above are fulfilled. Enrolled students considering transferring Olin foundation science courses must show evidence of significant laboratory experience along with relevant content.

The CSTB will ask appropriate faculty to review the course materials before granting approval. If approved, the CSTB will notify the student in writing. Once the course is completed, it is the student's responsibility to have an official transcript sent to Olin College. Provided the student meets the minimum grade (C or equivalent) requirement for transfer, the course and the credits will appear on the student's Olin transcript; the grade does not appear. To ensure standard equivalencies for transfer, the course must be taken for a letter grade or equivalent. Pass/fail grading does not transfer to Olin. In order to receive a degree from Olin, matriculated students must earn at least 60 of their credits from Olin or BBW courses.

Approved coursework will appear on student transcripts with the name of the institution issuing the academic credit, the course title and the credits earned (in equivalence to the Olin semester credit hour). These credits are included in the cumulative earned hours total. NOTE: The pace of progression calculation for financial aid satisfactory academic progress uses credits taken away in both attempted and earned categories. See the Student rights and responsibilities (p. 59) for more details on financial aid satisfactory academic progress.

AP exams and advanced study

Olin College does not accept AP Exam credit for incoming students. Olin College does, however recognize that many students enter Olin with a strong background in various disciplines and works to ensure that all students are challenged by the curriculum.

In exceptional cases in which incoming students have taken college-level courses that are equivalent to required courses at Olin, students may petition the Course Substitution and Transfer Board (CSTB) to substitute a prior course for a relevant course requirement. In such cases, the corresponding distribution requirements remain undiminished.

Disability Services

Disability Services at Olin (DSO) is committed to providing equal opportunities and equal access to education programs, and activities for all students with disabilities. We engage in an interactive process with each student and review requests for accommodations on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore, we want to serve as a resource and source of information to all members of the Olin community around access and disability rights. Using a social model of disability, DSO aims to reduce barriers for students with disabilities to access their education.

If you have a documented disability (or think you may have a disability) and would like to register with Disability Services at Olin (DSO), please contact our Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Adva Waranyuwat at adva.waranyuwat@olin.edu.

Confidentiality Statement

DSO works with students confidentially and does not disclose any medical or disability-related information without their permission. In partnership with faculty and other student services offices, information is shared only on an as-needed basis and in accordance with confidentiality policies and procedures.

Reasonable accommodations policy

Disability Services at Olin (DSO) collaborates with and empowers individuals who have documented disabilities by working together proactively to determine reasonable and appropriate accommodations in a variety of avenues that impact student life (academic, housing, dietary). We value a community approach to understanding disability as an integral part of diversity and work in collaboration with stakeholders on campus to promote a holistic and informed approach to accessibility.

It is Olin College's policy to comply fully with all state and federal disability laws. Olin does not discriminate against applicants or students with disabilities, and will consider modification to academic programs where necessary to ensure that our requirements are not discriminatory, as long as the modifications do not fundamentally alter the nature of our programs. Student Affairs coordinates services for students with learning disabilities, sensory impairments, psychological disabilities and medical conditions.

Academic Accommodations

- The ADA does not require colleges or universities to lower academic standards or fundamentally alter the nature of the programs provided. Students with documented disabilities must meet all requirements for graduation. A reasonable accommodation is a modification or adjustment to a course, program, service, activity, or facility that removes an existing barrier to access, so that qualified students with disabilities have equal opportunities to attain the same levels of performance or enjoy equal benefits and privileges as are available to similarly situated students without disabilities. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive.
- Students are responsible for identifying themselves to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and providing appropriate documentation of their disability and need for accommodation. Services for students with learning disabilities may include, but are not limited to, academic accommodations, coaching on organizational and time management skills, and academic advising. Services for students with physical, sensory, or psychological impairments as well as medical conditions may include, but are not limited to, academic accommodations, assistance with adaptive technology, accessibility accommodations, and academic advising. Any specific modifications granted will be based on detailed discussions with each student about their particular situation, on information from a medical or health care provider concerning the student's disability and related needs, and on an open dialogue about educational expectations. In other words, disability services is seen as an ongoing conversation that we are always open to having, depending on the student's needs and experiences.

Advising and Academic Support Services

Academic Advising

Every student at Olin has an advisor who is available to answer questions and offer guidance about a student's progress to graduation, major requirements, course options, and other aspects of academic health and decision-making at Olin.

Advising relationships can have a significant impact on a student's experience. Olin has a network of faculty, staff, students, and alumni who comprise a multi-faceted resource for guidance and support within and outside the classroom.

Students who wish to switch advisors can request to do so by contacting the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Any changes to faculty advising assignments will be made at the end or beginning of each semester.

Academic Assistance

One of the greatest strengths of our community is in the demonstrated care and effort made to work closely with students who have academic need. Though it may not feel this way, needing academic assistance is very common and is often seen as a positive sign of academic growth and learning. Olin offers multiple options for resources for support and academic assistance. On the part of the student in need, asking for help at the first sign of perceived need is most beneficial. Delay in reaching out tends to have a cumulative effect in courses that are largely project-based where work volume increases quickly and unpredictably. In other words, the sooner the student can reach out and connect with even one resource, the more support we can mobilize to work with that student.

Instructors

Students who need further clarification on course requirements and projects should feel empowered to seek assistance from their faculty instructors. Faculty instructors can arrange office hours as needed and can serve as an invaluable source of information as students work on any number of projects and assignments. Faculty can also help a student determine any need for additional resources. For some students, perceived academic need can be stressful, especially if the student does not have a frame of reference for their progress in a class. Your instructor can directly guide and support the student to better understand how individuals are doing.

Course Assistants (CAs)

Many faculty instructors employ CAs for class. These students have demonstrated strength in understanding course materials and are a vital resource for students with questions. CAs often hold office hours in the residence halls during times that are accessible to classmates. They can provide assistance in large and small group settings as well as on an individual basis.

Tutors

After working with instructors and CAs for the class, if students are in need of more assistance, they can also request a tutor. Students may do this for many different reasons, including that they feel that individualized attention will be beneficial for their success in a course. Tutors are often nominated by faculty instructors and are employed by the college. Students who feel that individual tutoring would be helpful to them should contact the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs as early in the semester as the need becomes apparent. Since the Student Affairs and Resources (StAR) office employs tutors on an as-requested basis, please allow time to locate and connect tutors and students together.

ARCs (Academic Resource Co-Designers)

Often, a student's academic need relates more to skills that have nothing to do with understanding the content of a course. ARCs are available as academic resources to students who may need assistance with academic skills such as time management, prioritization, study skills, stress management, etc. ARCs are trained in facilitation and listening skills, academic skills coaching, and peer mentorship. ARCs will be available to meet 1:1 and also as part of a walk-in service called the ARCAid, located in the Library. ARCs may also associate with particular classes as a resource for students, facilitate workshops on timely issues that affect students, and create resources for students to use. To connect with an ARC, please email the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Technology Requirements

Olin has a responsibility to verify that students enrolled in Olin courses are able to access their educational program. This includes ensuring that students have adequate technology for access. Therefore, students are required to have regular access to an adequate computer (minimum for video is operating camera and audio/speakers/microphone/headphones appropriate for group video engagement) and internet (at least 1 megabit/second upload and 1 megabit/second download bandwidth, per person, and <500ms network latency). For computational coursework (including SolidWorks), a computer with a Windows 10 system, <5 years old, with Intel i7 dual-core 2ghz+ processor, discrete graphics, 8 gig RAM, and solid state hard drive are adequate. Olin student laptops, purchased Fall 2018 and later, meet this requirement. The Olin campus internet meets the internet requirement. The IT Wiki has more information on testing and maximizing internet connectivity.

Policies and Procedures – Non-Academic

Alcohol and drug policies

Alcohol laws and Drug free schools and communities act

Students at Olin College must be aware that their behavior with respect to alcohol and other drugs is constrained by three sets of rules: Massachusetts state law, Needham town bylaws, and the College's own policies which reflect its concern for the health and well-being of its students. Students who violate the college's policy regarding alcohol or other drugs may be subject to disciplinary action, counseling, probation, suspension, dismissal, and referral to proper law enforcement authorities for prosecution.

Various statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission govern the sale, acquisition, possession, transportation and consumption of alcoholic beverages. In general, some of the pertinent statutes provide that:

- No person or group shall sell, deliver, purchase or otherwise procure alcoholic beverages for consumption by a person who is under 21 years of age. Violators are subject to arrest, criminal charges, fines and imprisonment.
- No person shall operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Violators are subject to arrest, fines, mandatory court education programs, loss of license and/or imprisonment.
- No person under 21 years of age shall transport, purchase, sell, deliver, possess or receive or otherwise procure alcoholic beverages except in the course of employment. Violators are subject to arrest, criminal charges, fines and imprisonment.
- No person, group or organization may sell alcoholic beverages except pursuant to license granted by the Commonwealth through the local government's licensing authority.

The law further states that anyone who wishes to purchase alcohol must show, upon request, a valid Massachusetts driver's license indicating that they are 21 years of age or older.

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act also requires that a description of health risks associated with drug use and alcohol abuse be distributed to Olin students. The use of drugs and alcohol has both physical and psychological repercussions. Such substances can interfere with memory, sensation and perception, and impair the brain's ability to synthesize information. Regular users develop tolerance and physical dependence. Psychological dependence occurs when the substance becomes central to the user's life and decision making.

Alcohol consumption may cause a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low doses may significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely. Low to moderate doses of alcohol may increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including physical attacks. Moderate to high doses of alcohol may cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses may cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol may produce the effects just described.

Repeated use of drugs and alcohol can lead to dependence. Sudden cessation of substance intake can produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations and convulsions. Substance withdrawal can be life-threatening. Long-term consumption of substances, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs, such as the brain and liver.

Resources are available to assist Olin students in understanding and dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. Students can contact the Director of Wellness in the Office of Student Affairs for referral to appropriate resources.

Medical and recreational marijuana/cannabis policy

Massachusetts legislation under Massachusetts Act (Chapter 369) “An Act for the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana” allows for the controlled use of medical marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Thus, Massachusetts citizens may legally obtain a medical marijuana “registration card” from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. However, Olin College students who possess a medical marijuana “registration card “ are not permitted to possess and or use any form of marijuana on Olin college property or at college events on or off campus.

In addition, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through 935 CMR 500.00 has legalized the sale of marijuana for recreational purposes to individuals at least 21 years old. Although Massachusetts law permits the use of medical and recreational marijuana, federal laws outlined by the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) has classified marijuana as a schedule 1 drug which prohibits the use, possession and/or cultivation of cannabis. Therefore the use, possession, cultivation or sale of marijuana/cannabis in any form violates federal law. Olin College must comply with the Drug-Free Communities and Schools Act (DFSCA) (20 U.S.C.1011i; 34 C.F.R part 86) as well as the Drug Free Workplace Act which requires a drug free campus environment or risk losing federal funding such as financial aid. Any student who violates Olin College policy prohibiting the use and/or possession of illicit drugs (including medical marijuana) on campus may be subject to disciplinary action.

Olin College alcohol policy

Olin College is committed to encouraging and facilitating responsible student decision making. The college recognizes that responsible decision making concerning alcohol use is especially crucial to the health and safety of students, respect for college property and the educational mission of the institution. Alcohol abuse among students has been shown to have serious negative effects on the students’ abilities to reach their educational goals. While students have the primary responsibility for maintaining their academic progress and their overall health, Olin College seeks, in its programs, services and activities, to enforce the responsible use of alcohol on its campus and among its community members. To achieve this goal, and to monitor and regulate alcohol-related behavior, Olin has adopted the following policy and regulations.

- The college strictly prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol by individuals under the Massachusetts legal age of 21 years old. Additionally, it is a violation to transport or carry alcohol if the individual is under the legal age of 21 years old.

The college strictly prohibits students from providing alcohol to individuals under the Massachusetts legal age of 21 years old. This includes allowing underage students to consume alcohol in a an Olin residence hall. Please see the Guest Policy to understand the college’s expectations for students who host guests in their residence.

The college reserves the right to immediately and permanently confiscate all drinking paraphernalia. Drinking paraphernalia constitutes items that are being used, or could be used in connection with any drinking game or the rapid, mass, or otherwise dangerous consumption of alcohol of any type. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as funnels and table tops used in conjunction with drinking games.

Alcohol may not be possessed or consumed in outdoor areas of the college. Additionally, open containers of alcohol may not be possessed or consumed in residence hall hallways. On occasion, special authorization for specific locations may be obtained for outdoor or indoor consumption through the Student Affairs office.

Under regular circumstances the college prohibits the possession of quantities of alcohol that are larger than what is reasonable for personal consumption. The total amount of alcohol in a residence hall room or suite may not exceed the total amount permitted for the residents of the room or suite, age 21 or older. The college reserves the right, in its sole discretion, and given the specific circumstances of a given incident, to determine the volume of alcohol which constitutes a violation of this policy. Students who are hosting approved social events should request approval for alcohol quantities for the event through the event registration process.

The college prohibits the possession, use, and/or distribution of any central source of alcohol unless it has been previously approved by Student Affairs. A central source may include (but is not limited to) such items as a keg, pony keg, beer ball, or punch bowl. The college reserves the right, in its sole discretion, and given the specific circumstances of a given incident, to determine the volume of alcohol which constitutes a central source. Factors including, but not limited to, an excessive number of students in a given area using the same source of alcohol and/or the intent to consume and/or distribute alcohol for the purposes of mass and/or rapid consumption.

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The commercial delivery of alcohol to Olin College, to individual students, or student groups is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to college residence halls and/ other college buildings.

Exceptions to this policy may only be made for events that have been approved for the delivery of alcohol by Student Affairs. These approved and college-sanctioned events must take place in approved college venues.

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The college recognizes certain venues where organized social events may occur. In review of each proposed event, the college takes into consideration such elements as the timing, location, number of participants, and quantity of alcohol. The applicable regulations are determined by the venue to which the event is assigned. If the requirements of the event registration process are not met, the student and/ or organization will be considered in violation of this policy.

Medical amnesty

The Olin community values the health and safety of its members and guests and supports an environment that encourages students to help others who are in need of assistance. This policy has been established to encourage students to take responsible action when another student or guest is at risk due to the consumption of alcohol and/or drugs.

Students for whom medical or staff assistance is necessary due to being dangerously intoxicated and/or under the influence of drugs will be granted amnesty from the college disciplinary process in accordance with the terms of this policy. The Olin student/guest who calls the Department of Public Safety on behalf of a student/guest in need will like-wise be granted amnesty provided:

- The caller is an Olin student/guest, and
- The caller remains with the Olin student/guest in need until a Public Safety Officer and/or campus official arrives.

Olin recognizes the caller(s) and student(s) in need may involve more than one person.

Consistent with putting the student's health and safety first, the college will approach repeated incidents as a serious health risk. While amnesty from the disciplinary process may be applied, a meeting with the Dean of the College may result. In extreme situations notification of parents or guardians, in consultation with the student, may also result. Students involved in an alcohol and/or drug-related emergency for which amnesty is granted may be required to participate in educational or developmental interventions. An Olin student/guest who summons assistance for a person in need will receive amnesty on an ongoing basis consistent with the terms of this policy. The college's response to these incidents is independent of any action taken by local law enforcement.

Medical amnesty applies only to alcohol or other drug-related medical emergencies. Medical amnesty does not apply to other conduct violations such as, but not limited to: assault, sexual assault, harassment, hazing, vandalism, operating under the influence, property damage, or distribution of illicit substances.

Amnesty for Students Reporting Sexual Misconduct

Olin encourages reporting under Olin's Sexual Misconduct Policy and seeks to remove barriers to reporting. Students may be hesitant to report sexual misconduct out of a concern that they, or witnesses, might be charged with violations of Olin's Alcohol and Drugs policies prohibiting the use of drugs or alcohol. While Olin does not condone such behavior, Olin places a priority on the need to address sexual misconduct. Olin, generally, will not hold a student who in good faith reports or is a witness during an investigation responsible under the Alcohol and Drugs Policies.

Babson athletic facility policies, procedures, general rules and regulations

Assumption of risk

Individuals assume a risk of injury or death while voluntarily participating in the programs and activities offered at any Babson College Athletics facility. All patrons are strongly encouraged to have a health evaluation prior to engagement of exercise activities, and to exercise good judgment concerning their ability to participate in sport and fitness activities. Patrons participate at their own risk.

Facility access

- Patrons are responsible for bringing Babson/Olin photo ID in order to access the Webster Center.
- Group patrons are responsible for bringing their group ID in order to access the Webster Center.
- Patrons must present proper ID to obtain access to the Webster Center.
- Facility hours are subject to change during holidays and Babson closures/special events.
- For current hours, visit our website at www.babsonathletics.com.
- Individuals under the age of 18 are not allowed to utilize the Webster Center.
- Employees and full-time students may register a guest at the Webster Center check-in desk.
- Part-time students, and the general public, must purchase a Webster Center Membership.

General rules & regulation

- All levels of play are welcome.
- Good sportsmanship is required of all patrons:
 - fair play
 - respectful language without profanity
 - mutual respect no fighting or spitting no abuse to other patrons, staff, facilities or equipment taking responsibility for actions
- Patrons must comply with policies and safety instructions given by staff.
- Patrons who demonstrate symptoms that suggest alcohol or drug use will be asked to leave the premises and may have their membership suspended without refund. Symptoms of alcohol/drug use include (but are not limited to) slurred speech, impaired movement or slowed motor skills, odor of alcohol/chemical substances, erratic behavior, etc.
- Tobacco use is not permitted at any Babson College Athletics facility.
- Report damaged equipment or unsafe conditions immediately to lower lobby front desk staff members. Discontinue use of any unsafe area until appropriate repairs/replacements have been made. Personal equipment must be in good, usable condition. Borrowed equipment must be returned the same day to the place where it was originally obtained.
- Glass drinking containers are not permitted any activity area.
- Please dispose of trash and recyclables in the appropriate containers.
- Emergency equipment is for emergency use only. Unauthorized use will result in disciplinary action. Blocking, propping, or restriction of emergency or other exits/entrances is prohibited.
- No pets, bicycles, skates or skateboards are permitted in the Webster Center.
- No video, photography or cell phone use in locker rooms or restrooms.
- Direct a sign posting need to the Assistant Director of Athletics - Facilities & Recreation.
- Only a rented locker may be used for overnight storage.
- ID sharing is not permitted.

Attire

- Appropriate athletics attire is required at all times throughout the Webster Center.
- Appropriate athletics attire for the fitness floors and courts includes T-shirts, shorts, sweats, and aerobics clothing. Jeans, swimsuits and cargo pants are not permitted on fitness equipment.
- Pool area and locker rooms are the only locations where no shirts are permitted.

- Jewelry and/or hats should not be worn during any activity.
- Only non-marking soled shoes are allowed in wooden-floored Webster Center areas.
- Bare feet are only permitted in the pool area and in the Chandor Dance Studio.
- Sandals are not permitted in the Lunder Fitness Center.
- Sneakers are required in Staake Gym.
- Muddy footwear is not permitted in the Webster Center.
- Facility Ejection Webster Center staff reserve the right to immediately eject anyone who:
 - fails to follow policies and/or procedures
 - trespasses or gains entry into the facility through other illegal means
 - engages in actions that pose a threat to someone’s emotional or physical safety
 - engages in actions which destroy property
 - engages in actions which disrupt activities
 - appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs
 - engages in actions which violate any federal, state, or local law

It is the sole determination of staff members whether an individual may first be warned of unacceptable actions. The supervisor on duty will have the right to immediately eject any person engaging in actions described above. If an individual refuses to leave the premises, Babson College Public Safety will be called. Athletics has the right to suspend or terminate the membership of anyone who is ejected or terminated by the college for any reason. Anyone who violates Athletics or College policies, rules, or engages in other actions which violate federal, state, or local laws will be ejected and/or terminated.

Bonfires and campfires

No unauthorized open burning is permitted on campus or any other college owned tract or property. (This restriction does not apply to the use of the small permanently affixed charcoal grills located in various places on campus).

Bonfire/Campfire requests should be made to Facility Services. Burning on campus is by permit only and must be coordinated under the supervision of Facilities Services and the Public Safety Department.

Open burning may only occur in those designated areas deemed appropriate for such burning. Abandoned or unmonitored open burning is prohibited. All small fire type events must be monitored until the event ends and the fire is completely extinguished.

There may be times when the town of Needham will prohibit open burning due to extremely dry and/or dangerous fire conditions. Upon such notification, bonfire or campfire events will be prohibited for the duration of the ban period. The fire department may have additional constraints including but not limited: the fire’s proximity to other structures, the types of materials that can be used to start the fire, and the location of the fire to a fire hydrant or water source.

Facilities services and Public Safety may cancel any scheduled bonfire or campfire based upon any and/or all of the following conditions: inclement or adverse weather conditions, previously unscheduled college events or activities, new concerns about the safety of the event.

Requests for bonfires require a minimum 30 days prior notice to the date of the event and campfires require a minimum 14 days notice. Organizations sponsoring the event will be responsible for paying for permits, fire detail, materials used and labor to prepare and manage the bonfire/campfire.

Chosen name and pronoun policy

Students at Olin College may choose to use a first name other than their legal name to identify themselves as long as the chosen (sometimes called preferred) name is not used for the purposes of misrepresentation. Students may also opt to share their pronouns.

The Olin community will have access to chosen names and pronouns via the Olin College Directory. Students wishing to change their chosen name and/or pronoun should complete the Name and Pronoun Change Form, found on the Student Affairs and Resources website; changes will be made in as timely manner as possible. If students do not indicate a chosen name then the name reflected in college records will be used. If students do not indicate a pronoun, then the pronoun associated with their sex assigned at birth will be used. Students also have the option to change their Olin College email address and identification card to reflect their chosen name. Students changing their name will not be charged the regular replacement fee for reprinting of an identification card.

Legal names will be used whenever it is required. Students wishing to pursue a legal name change should consult with the Registrar's Office.

Dangerous weapons and fireworks

Olin College strictly prohibits possession on campus of firearms (including blank pistols or replicas), explosives, swords or knives (other than those used for cooking or small pocket knives) and other weapons. Practicing or performing with martial arts or fencing equipment is permitted by members of recognized student organizations; when not in use, such equipment should be stored securely. Similarly, use of farming implements is permitted by members of recognized student organizations, but such implements should be stored securely. [Also see Massachusetts General Laws: Chapter 269, sections 10 and 14] Possession of fireworks is also prohibited by the college. [Also see Massachusetts General Laws: Chapter 148, section 39] Possession or use of firearms, fireworks, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, bombs and infernal devices on a college campus also is prohibited by Massachusetts General Law. Any violation will result in immediate and permanent confiscation as well as appropriate referral to the college or appropriate law enforcement agency.

Demonstration and Free Expression Policy

The College's core values affirm that Olin will "strive to provide a safe environment that supports freedom of inquiry, protects diversity, and fosters a sense of well-being." Olin College respects and values the fundamental principles of academic freedom and freedom of expression and free speech.

To protect these core values and enable academic freedom and freedom of speech to flourish, Olin College affirms the rights of students to engage in peaceful protests and demonstrations.

All members of the College community have a reasonable right to freely express their positions and to work for their acceptance, whether they assent to or dissent from existing situations in the College or society.

To ensure that these peaceful demonstrations do not impinge on the rights of others or unduly interfere with College activities, and, importantly, that the College maintains the safety of the community (including compliance with accessibility and fire safety standards), Olin has developed a policy for demonstration activities on its campus.

The College defines the word "demonstration" to include protests, demonstrations, picketing, civil gatherings, and any other form of collective dissent, support, or other expression of speech.

Guidelines and Expectations for Demonstrations

Students planning a demonstration are asked to notify the Dean of the College, or an appropriate representative of the College, at least two days in advance. This process is intended to help planners successfully navigate this policy, and other relevant Olin policies, as well as to allow for facilities and relevant personnel adequate preparation time.

Demonstration organizers should provide the following information via email and, when possible, meet in person with the Dean of the College or their representative; these individuals will involve others in the conversation as necessary for planning purposes. The initial email should include the following information:

1. A brief description of the overall nature of the demonstration.
2. Planned date, time, and location.
3. Likely number of participants (students, faculty, staff, outside visitors, etc.).

4. Plans for managing behavior of any demonstrators that could pose safety concerns or significant disruption and any other known security concerns or questions.
5. Contact information for the demonstration organizers.

Please note that it is important to ensure that a safety plan is developed in advance and that any materials placed on campus also comply with the posting policy. Demonstration organizers are also reasonably responsible for the behavior of guests or visitors they have invited to come to the campus for the demonstration.

There may be times when a demonstration forms spontaneously or in response to an event that was not previously known about. In these cases, organizers should still ensure that the demonstration meets all other provisions of this policy.

Important Considerations

Olin will typically be supportive of demonstrations that embrace the six principles below:

1. The goals of the demonstration should not be contrary to Olin’s mission and values or the Honor Code.
2. The demonstration must be conducted in a safe manner and may not create conditions that may be unsafe and/or unhealthy for participants or other individuals. For example, a demonstration may not hinder access to enter and/or leave a building. Violence or threats of violence are unacceptable at all times.
3. The demonstration should not disrupt meetings, functions, or classes.
4. The demonstration may not cause damage to College property or the property of others, whether intentional or unintentional.
5. The demonstration must occur in an area that is public to all members of the Olin community. (See more information on locations below.)
6. The demonstration may not exceed the designated limit, if any, on the number of individuals who may legally occupy any single space.

If one or more of the foregoing requirements are not followed, the College reserves the right to take appropriate action using existing accountability systems (i.e. the Honor Board).

Location

Three locations have been designated as optimal for demonstrations because they offer high visibility for demonstration efforts, are designed to accommodate large numbers of people, and offer participants and nonparticipants maximum safety. They include the:

- Campus Center Dining Hall (except the Servery)
- Milas Hall Mezzanine
- Oval

The following locations should be avoided:

- Occupied working spaces or conference rooms
- Hallways or lobbies if the demonstration blocks access or egress.
- Secure locations, such as the dining kitchen, the central plant in the Campus Center, storage areas, data and network rooms

Emergency trespass order

When Public Safety deems a student to be an immediate health or safety threat to the community outside of regular business hours and further investigation is needed to assess the situation, Public Safety may issue an emergency trespass order which bans the student from campus and college events (on-campus or off) until they are contacted by the Dean of the College or Public Safety on the next business day in order to make an assessment of the situation and a determination about next steps.

Financial Affairs policies

Financial Affairs policies are available on the Portal under the Olin Community section. Student Affairs can assist you with reimbursements that have been authorized in advance for clubs, Passionate Pursuits, etc. Olin makes all reimbursements to students, faculty and staff via bank transfers, so a bank account that will accept an Olin transfer is required to receive a reimbursement.

Hazing policy

In keeping with the Honor Code, Olin College students may not directly or indirectly support or participate in hazing.

Massachusetts Act prohibiting the practice of Hazing, Chapter 269 of the General laws

Section A: Whoever is principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing as defined herein shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The term “hazing” as used in this section and in sections B and C, shall mean any conduct or method of initiating into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

Section B: Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in Section A and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

Section C: Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post-secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections A and B; provided, however, that the institution’s compliance with this section’s requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections A and B to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution’s recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations. Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections A and B to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections A and B, that each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants has received a copy of sections A and B and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections A and B. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections A and B. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections A and B and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the Student Handbook or similar means of communicating the institution’s policies to its students. The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

Information technology policies and procedures

Information Technology is a critical component of the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering experience.

The information technology infrastructure has been designed to provide for the continuous change and adaptations of technology required by the curricular and business needs of the 21st century. The information technology utilized by the Olin community is a very important asset of the institution. Its use by all members of the college community is governed by this policy and other policies of the college as well as a variety of laws concerned with intellectual property, privacy, confidentiality and theft.

This policy covers any Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering information technology and computing facility regardless of its physical location. It includes but is not necessarily limited to any computer, data/programs stored on the college's computing systems, data/programs stored on magnetic tape, floppy disk, CD ROM or other storage media that is owned and maintained by the college or a server or network provided or supported by the college.

Users are requested to report any weaknesses in the college's computer security that they may discover.

Any discovered incidents of possible misuse or violation of this agreement shall be reported to the CIO (Chief Information Officer) at 781.292.2431 or by sending an electronic letter to it@olin.edu

Users shall not attempt to access any data or programs contained on the college's systems for which they do not have authorization.

Users shall not divulge "Dialup" or "Dialback" modem phone numbers to anyone outside of the Olin community.

Users shall not share their college Information Technology account(s) or account passwords with anyone. This includes providing access via a host entry, making copies of system configuration files (e.g., /etc/passwd) or other means of sharing.

Users shall not make copies of copyrighted software, except as permitted by law or by the owner of the copyright. Users are encouraged to contact the Information Technology Department with any licensing or software copyright questions or concerns.

Material such as information, data, text, software, music, sound, photographs, graphics, video, messages and other material that can be displayed or transmitted by email or posted on a website may often be protected by copyright. All such materials that are displayed, transmitted or otherwise used or distributed on the college's website or servers may be copyright protected and users may not display or transmit any such material without the consent of the copyright owner.

User agrees that the college has a royalty-free license to edit and display such material on its facilities to prevent exposure to copyright infringement.

User agrees that the college may edit or remove any material displayed or transmitted on its facilities or may require users to do so at the request of the appropriate college authority so that the college may take appropriate action to protect itself in the event that any user disobeys the rules of conduct. However, the college is not required to do so in order to prevent users or third parties from obligating the college to screen or edit content that they dislike.

Users shall not engage in any activity with the intent to harass other users, degrade the performance of the system(s), deprive an authorized college user access to college resources, obtain extra resources beyond those allocated, circumvent college computer security measures, or gain unauthorized access to a college system.

Communication facilities such as Email or Netnews may not be used to transmit obscene, abusive or threatening language or to engage in any fraudulent or other illegal act.

Users shall not deliberately download, install or run security programs or utilities, such as password-cracking programs, that reveal weaknesses in the security of the college's information technology system unless specifically directed in writing to do so by the Chief Information Officer or authorized designee.

Commercial use of college information technology systems for non-college related purposes is prohibited. Only those exceptions specifically authorized under college conflict-of-interest, outside employment and other related policies are permitted. In all cases of appropriately approved exceptions, the individuals need to work with Information Technology to detail the requirements prior to the use of the systems.

The college does not have any duty to provide the Services and is relieved of all responsibility in the event of interruption in or failure to provide the services and the college is not responsible for safety or merchantability of any items sold or services provided by these Services.

Any links to other sites or advertisements that appear on any of the college's or college users' web pages are not affiliated with the college and the college is not responsible for the content or practices of such advertisements on other sites.

Users should not expect that files stored on college information technology systems will always be private. Electronic messages and files stored on college information technology systems shall be treated like other college premises that are temporarily assigned for individual use. Administrators may review files and messages in an effort to maintain system integrity and in an effort to insure that users are acting responsibly. Moreover, college officials will cooperate with law enforcement officials who are properly authorized to search college computers and computer systems.

While the college makes all reasonable efforts to ensure the integrity of its information technology system, the college makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied as to the computers, computer systems, Internet access or any other information technology resources it provides. All users accept the use of services at their sole risk and as is. The college shall not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including but not limited to loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in service. The college shall not be responsible for the accuracy, nature or quality of information gathered through college diskettes, hard drives or servers; nor for the accuracy, nature or quality of information gathered through college-provided Internet access. The college shall not be responsible for personal property used to access college computers or networks or for college-provided Internet access. The college shall not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from technical college-provided access to the Internet.

The college reserves the right to modify, discontinue or interrupt the Services (with respect to any or all users), may impose limits on the amount of disk space for users' files, may modify any content in connection with the Services and may take any of the foregoing actions without notice. The college has no obligation to maintain the confidentiality of users' information that it obtains through the use of the Services and the college has the right to use such information.

User agrees to indemnify and hold the college harmless for any losses the college may suffer in connection with such user's use or misuse of the Services or violation of the user agreement. Any possible liability is limited to direct and actual losses and in no event is the college liable for any lost profits, consequential damages or punitive damages, even if a claim is based on breach of contract or negligence.

Noncompliance with this policy and/or any specific directive of a college Information Technology staff member may be reported to the employee user's supervisor or to the Dean of Student Affairs if the user is a student. The violation may also be reported to the Executive Committee of the college. Sanctions may range from loss of some or all access to information technology privileges to separation from the college. Violators may also face civil or criminal penalties.

General security policies and guidelines

All users are expected to familiarize themselves with, understand and follow all college security policies, guidelines and restrictions. In addition, users are expected to report any violations of or weaknesses in the college's computer security that they may discover. Computer security guide- lines and precautions are updated regularly and made available electronically via the Information Technology Department's website at <http://it.olin.edu>

Personal web page publishing guidelines

Students are responsible for the content they publish and are required to abide by college policies regarding the appropriate use of copyrighted materials, information and computing resources. Students are expected to observe safe computing standards and make every effort to ensure that all web pages and/or custom programming has been tested and is protected against known vulnerabilities. Any discovered vulnerabilities will lead to the site being disabled until said vulnerabilities have been addressed.

The college recognizes the need for individual departments and organizations to have a web presence. In consideration of the overall college mission and integrity of message, all institutional web pages (e.g., departments, committees, Co-Curricular groups) must be reviewed by the Communications Office prior to initial posting.

If linkage from the main Olin website is requested, then pages that are linked require review by the Communications Office.

Content on personal web pages must be responsible and consistent with the mission and core values of the college.

Advertising is not permitted on any pages due to the non-profit status of the college.

Web pages may link to commercial sites only when the links do not imply college endorsement of the product or service and when the purpose of the link is consistent with the college's mission.

Personal home pages must include the name and the email address of the person responsible for the content of the pages.

The page is required to contain a link to the main Olin College website.

All pages are required to contain the following disclaimer: "The content of this page is the responsibility of the author and has not been reviewed or approved by Olin College."

The content of all pages must respect intellectual property rights. Permission must be obtained before using copy-righted material.

To hold the copyright for the information published on the web, include: "Copyright ©"; the year, name and any applicable department or office.

Every effort should be made to keep the information free of typographical and grammatical errors, as well as to maintain the accuracy and timeliness of the content.

Intentional misrepresentation, racial or sexual harassment, profane or obscene language, sexually explicit material including nudity, the depiction or description of anything that is illegal and links to other sites that describe or advocate anything that is illegal are prohibited. All pages and their respective contents are subject to the existing local, state and federal laws.

CVentSM event management software guidelines

Olin College uses CVentSM as its primary event management system. This web-based system allows project teams to work and collaborate on events. Event project teams at Olin College will frequently include both Olin and non-Olin team members. As such, standard guidelines are required so that all team members operate on the same standards in terms of privacy of data and use of the system and the associated information. Users of the CVent system agree to the following:

- To respect the privacy of all members of Olin's community: faculty, staff, students and any other constituent group (e.g. alumni, parents, donors, etc.);
- To not use the system or the data contained therein for personal and/or fraudulent use, or to share it without explicit permission from the appropriate college authorities;
- To not engage in any activity with the intent to harass other users or members of Olin constituent groups; degrade the performance of the system; deprive an authorized user access to college resources; obtain extra resources beyond those allocated; circumvent college computer security measures, or gain unauthorized access to the college system;
- To not use the system to transmit obscene, abusive or threatening language or to engage in any fraudulent or other illegal act(s).

Intellectual enterprise policies

Intellectual enterprise policies are available from the Director of Sponsored Programs.

Student employment policies are available from the Office of Human Resources.

Jury duty

Information on Jury Duty in Massachusetts

According to the Office of Jury Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "Every U.S. Citizen 17 years of age or older who is a Massachusetts resident or an inhabitant for more than 50% of the time is eligible to serve as a juror. If you are a resident of another state but a student at a Massachusetts college, you are an inhabitant for more than 50% of the year and, therefore, eligible to serve as a juror in Massachusetts. "

It is not unusual for students residing in Norfolk County to be summoned to serve as trial jurors. Jury service, on a short-term basis, can provide students with a good opportunity to fulfill one of their important responsibilities as members of the community. Olin College supports students in their fulfillment of this civic duty.

Students should carefully read all materials they receive with their summons to service, which contain helpful information about confirming, postponing, rescheduling, or relocating service, and address many of the most frequently asked questions. Jury duty is an important legal obligation, and those who fail to respond are subject to criminal prosecution.

Students who must miss class in order to fulfill their jury service requirement should notify each of their instructors of the summons and make arrangements to complete any missed work. The Student Affairs Office will be able to assist you in making arrangements for missed class time due to jury service. Students may be required to furnish their summons notice or the certificate of service when making these arrangements.

If you have any questions about jury duty, including confirming, postponing, rescheduling, or limiting your service, please contact the Office of Jury Commissioner (1.800.THE.JURY/1.800.843.5879). Further information can be found on the Office of Jury Commissioner's website at: www.massjury.com

Part A. Students exempt from jury duty in Massachusetts

You are exempt from jury duty if any one of the following conditions are true. Note that if you **are exempt**, you still need to return your forms indicating to the Jury Commissioner the reason(s) for your exemption.

1. You are under 17 years old.
2. You are **not** a U.S. Citizen.
3. You have served on a jury (anywhere in the U.S.) within the past 3 years.
4. You have committed a felony in the past 7 years.
5. You will not be residing in Massachusetts for 50% of the calendar year.

Part B. Students who are not exempt –How to plan for jury duty

1. **Choose a day that is convenient for you.** You are allowed **one** automatic postponement of up to a year. Keep in mind that 95% of jurors serve 3 days or less and it is most probable that you will only have to serve 1 day. This is because even if you do have to appear in court, you may not get selected as one of the jurors. In addition, at the **judge's discretion** you can be dismissed from serving on trials lasting for more than one day.
2. **If you are on standby status, call the Courthouse in Dedham after 3 p.m. the day before you are scheduled to serve.** Ninety-nine percent of potential jurors in Norfolk County are placed on standby status. Notification of status is through the mail about one week before your scheduled date. If you are placed on standby, call the Courthouse the day before you are scheduled to serve to see if it is necessary for you to appear in court. If you are not needed, you **do not** have to go to Dedham and you will have satisfied the jury duty requirement for **one** year. If you are needed, you will have to go to Dedham. If you **do not** receive standby notification, you will automatically have to appear in court on your scheduled date.
3. Arrange for transportation to Dedham. You will need to be at the Courthouse at 8:30 a.m. for an orientation meeting (a 20-30 minute film and brief explanation of procedures). Following this orientation you will have a chance to request that the judge limit your service to one day. (You might explain to the judge that you are a full-time student with a difficult schedule, transportation difficulties, grade problems, etc., – if applicable.)
4. If you have further questions contact the Student Affairs Office or call the Office of the Jury Commissioner (1.800.843.5879) or Dedham District Court, 631 High Street, Dedham, MA (clerk's office 781.329.4777).

Library policies

As is true elsewhere at Olin, Library policies and practices are based on the college's core values.

Integrity

Academic Integrity and use of Copyrighted Material: Olin community members are expected to follow accepted academic standards in the use of information. Guidance on the correct use of information and documentation of sources can be found on the Library's website.

Olin complies with relevant Copyright laws in all areas: A summary of Copyright policies as they apply to the use of Library resources and services is available on the Library's website.

Use of licensed information resources and computing facilities: Most of the electronic information sources are provided to Olin students through licensing arrangements. All members of the Olin community are bound to follow any licensing restrictions. Specific restrictions are provided on the Library's website.

The following general guidelines apply to all licensed resources:

- Access to licensed resources is for the Olin community and members of the public who are physically present in the Olin Library. Passwords and access codes should not be shared with anyone outside of Olin.
- Systematic, comprehensive downloading of information is not permitted. You may not download an entire database, book or journal, or substantial portions of it.
- Commercial use of or selling information from these resources is not allowed.

Members of the Olin community are expected to follow relevant Information Technology policies when using work stations in the Library or when accessing Library resources from any location.

Respect for others

- Olin community members should respect the needs of others requiring access to Library materials and be ready to share these materials in a timely manner. When a book is recalled for use by another community member, it must be returned to the library promptly. Due dates of materials from Olin and other libraries must be respected.
- Certain areas of the library facility may be restricted to certain uses — i.e., group study rooms, quiet areas, etc.

Passion for the welfare of Olin College

- Maintaining and preserving Library materials and facilities is an obligation of all members of the community. Members of the community are not to remove Library materials from the facility without checking them out according to Library circulation policies. Community members are responsible for any damage to Library materials while they are checked out and may be charged for replacement of the item and processing. A full description of the Library's circulation policies is available on the Library's website.
- Olin students are responsible for the actions of guests that they bring into the Library.
- Olin has entered into a number of collaborative arrangements with other Libraries for access to resources and services. The Olin Library's ability to borrow materials from other libraries is based on our good reputation of returning materials in a timely fashion and in good condition. Community members are responsible for following the circulation and usage policies of these libraries and may be held financially responsible for any loss or damages.

No contact orders

Olin College encourages students to attempt to resolve their conflicts themselves whenever possible. However, it is understood that is not always possible and circumstances may warrant more direct intervention from the College. When deemed appropriate under the circumstances, the Dean of the College or their designee has the authority to issue no contact orders. A no contact order is used to limit contact between parties.

No contact orders are behavior management tools and typically prohibit parties from having direct or indirect contact, including but not limited to email, mail, text messages, social media, or telephone. A no contact directive may also result in mandated changes to a student's academic schedule, on-campus employment, room assignment, or participation in campus events or activities, or travel around campus if warranted, based on the circumstances of the situation. Refusal to adhere to the order after written or verbal notification of its terms is prohibited and violations of a no contact order may result in disciplinary action.

Parking

Any student who operates or parks a motor vehicle on the property of Olin College must obtain a parking permit within 24 hours of bringing the vehicle to campus. Permits are available through Public Safety on the Babson campus, or online at https://babson.t2hosted.com/cmnm/auth_ext.aspx. Further information may be obtained by calling 781.239.5555 (x5555).

Students may only park in designated student parking areas and may not park more than one car on campus at a time. The designated student parking areas are parking lot A, tiers 4, 5 and 6 as well as parking lot B-2 (East Drive).

A non-resident student who brings a motor vehicle into Massachusetts during any portion of the school year that is registered in another state or country must maintain Massachusetts mandated insurance coverage on the vehicle and may be required to affix a non-resident decal or sticker to the vehicle.

At various times, students may need to park in close proximity to their residence to load or unload personal belongings. At such times, the vehicle operator should park so as not to block any building entrances or fire lanes. The vehicle hazard lights should also be activated. Vehicles parked in excess of 20 minutes are subject to ticketing and towing.

The college has designated the Oval in the middle of campus as a pedestrian mall. All but emergency vehicles are banned from this area. Failure to comply will result in loss of student parking privileges.

Traffic violations are issued by Public Safety and are billed through Student Accounts. Any appeals must be submitted to Public Safety within 14 days.

Additional information about parking, including regulations, fines and ticket appeals can be found at: <https://www.olin.edu/about-offices-and-services-facilities-services/parking-and-transportation>

Personal project, vehicles, and drones

Personal projects, vehicles and drones that are not affiliated with a class or faculty member must be assessed by facilities before being brought to campus. Facilities will work with students on approved projects, vehicles, and drones to find appropriate storage and areas for safe use. Large projects, vehicles and drones that should be assessed include, but are not limited to, vehicles, projects and drones that:

- require permits (building permits, occupancy permits, electrical permits, environmental permits, etc)
- require college land (sheds, tree houses, tiny houses, trailers, boats, etc)
- use a motor;
- involve pressurized tanks;
- use banks of batteries;
- contain hazardous chemicals or gasses;
- have been rewired or have altered the manufactured specification; or
- require additional utilities or space requirements.

The college reserves the right to remove any project, vehicle or drone from the premises that has not been approved to be on campus.

Small Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/Drone Policy

Flying unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) of any type on all property belonging to Olin College is prohibited unless prior approval has been granted. The purpose of this policy is to address safety and privacy concerns of Olin College in addition to enforcing compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) laws and regulations. Areas of use for UAS potentially include research and technology use, recreational/hobbyist use by members of the Olin community, official use by the college (i.e. Departmental use for admission videos, marketing), and intrusion into the campus/space by non-college affiliated members of the general public.

The FAA has proposed new rules for small UAS (under 55 pounds) conducting non-recreational operations, and these include but are not limited to:

- Operator (person actually flying the UAS) must be at least 17 years old, passed an aeronautical knowledge test (to be taken every 24 months to maintain certification) and has an FAA UAS operator certificate.
- Flights are limited to daylight hours and in good weather.
- Flights are limited to 500 feet altitude and no faster than 100 mph.
- UAS must weigh less than 55 pounds.
- Operator is responsible for ensuring an aircraft is safe before flying (i.e. perform a preflight inspection that includes checking the communications link between the control station and the UAS, assess weather conditions, location of people, etc.).
- Operator must maintain visual line of sight of the UAS with unaided vision (except for eye glasses).

- Operator must discontinue the flight when continuing would pose a hazard to other aircraft, people or property.
- UAS cannot be flown over people, except for those directly involved in the flight.
- Operating the UAS in a careless or reckless manner is prohibited.
- Dropping any objects from the UAS is prohibited.
- Operator must respect the privacy of others- avoid flying over private property or taking photos or videos without permission.

Commercial Operator Use

This policy defines commercial operator use as official use by the college and use by non-college affiliated members of the general public. A request for permission to use a UAS/drone on campus must be submitted to the Vice President for Operations and CIO at least three weeks prior to the scheduled flight and will be reviewed by public safety, facilities, environmental health and safety, and risk management. The request will include the following information:

- Name, address and phone number of company/individual making the request
- Operator(s) name(s) and contact information
- UAS model and serial number, weight and dimensions (include a photo)
- Description of the operation
- Geographical boundaries of the operation
- Flight plan
- Date of flight and duration
- Certificate of insurance
- FAA Certificate of Authorization/UAS Operator Certificate

If permission is granted, the marketing/communications department will notify the Olin community at least 24 hours in advance of the flight. Notification will include the purpose of the flight, date, time and duration.

Research Use

Research use is specific to Olin faculty members. Faculty members using small UAS/drones must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), and membership can be obtained at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/>. Faculty members are responsible for obtaining the appropriate licensure and adhering to the FAA regulations, the safety code of the AMA (<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf>), and any additional restrictions/guidelines determined by the college.

Recreational/Hobbyist Use

Students using UAS/drones that are not affiliated with a class or faculty member must have the small UAS/drones assessed by the Safety Office and facilities before being brought to campus. The Safety Office and facilities will determine appropriate storage and areas for safe use. Students must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) before using small UAS/drones on campus, and membership can be obtained at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/>. Proof of membership must be attached to Olin's UAS/drone application to be submitted to the Safety Office before arriving on campus at the start of each school year. The application can be found at <https://www.olin.edu/offices-services/facilities/environmental-health-safety/forms/>. Students are responsible for adhering to the rules of the FAA, the safety code of the AMA (<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf>), and any additional restrictions/guidelines determined by the college.

Any other Olin community members planning to use UAS/drones for recreational/hobbyist use on campus must contact facilities before bringing the UAS/drones to campus. Olin community members are required to be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and are responsible for adhering to the rules of the FAA, the safety code of the AMA, and any additional restrictions/guidelines determined by the college.

Post-Graduate Planning Code of Professionalism

A fundamental element of Olin's culture is trust. As such, our Honor Code requires all members of the Olin community to conduct themselves with honor and integrity. Our code, drawn from a few core values, consists of a set of intentionally broad standards by which every action must be measured.

Three of these values — integrity, respect for others and passion for the welfare of the college — are critical to maintaining our individual and community reputations through interactions with corporate partners of Olin, as well as with graduate school programs and professional societies.

Students participating in the recruiting process through the Office of Post-Graduate Planning (PGP) must adhere to the following guidelines

- Students are asked to review and sign the Code of Professionalism, available in our office and during the PGP portion of OFYI.
- Students will present a truthful, accurate resume.
- Students accepting an interview (on campus or at the company's facility) will attend it and will be prepared. They will arrive on time, dress appropriately and professionally, research the background of the company and conduct themselves in a respectful manner. They will respond to all interview questions with integrity.
- Students will send a thank you note after each interview (phone or in-person), to each person they speak with.
- Students will not accept an offer of employment until they have considered the decision carefully. Once they have accepted an offer, either for an internship or a full time position, they will honor that commitment and not conduct interviews with other employers, or accept a grad school program, research opportunity, or another company's offer of employment.

Each student is expected to sign this Code of Professionalism at the start of their First Year at Olin. Any infringement of this code will result in a temporary ban from the PGP recruiting platform (Handshake), a discussion with the Director of Post-Graduate Planning, and (if necessary and appropriate) an apology to the impacted company, school or association representative.

The career development staff understand that life is unpredictable and situations arise where it may be unclear what actions you should take to maintain your professionalism while doing what is best for you. In these circumstances, we strongly urge you to make an appointment with PGP to discuss the situation and possible solutions.

Posting: Signs, posters, sidewalk chalk, and long-term modifications

Posters, flyers, and other modes of expression in public spaces are an important mode of expression and communication in a vibrant campus community. Posted and publicly displayed materials must be consistent with the values of the Honor Code, and, as such, should not contain sexist, racist, other derogatory or defamatory language, or promote underage drinking or illegal drug use. Materials that do not meet the criteria of this policy will be removed and anyone responsible for posting materials not consistent with our community values may be referred to the Honor Board.

Posters and Signs (short-term postings)

In order to keep walls, doors, wooden surfaces, and windows in good condition and to comply with fire codes, posting of signs, flyers, or any other material is only permitted on designated posting locations. Items posted in any other location will be removed immediately and discarded. Posters and flyers may not be placed or taped to wooden surfaces and/or windows. Stickers (vinyl or other) should not be placed on college property, including buildings, windows, and furniture and will be removed if placed there. Designated posting locations are as follows:

- Campus Center: Multiple bulletin boards on the first floor, table tents or napkin dispenser sign holders on Dining Hall tables
- Miller Academic Center: Bulletin boards in the north (towards Campus Center) and south (towards Lot A) entrance vestibules and near the elevators
- Milas Hall: Library upper level bulletin boards

- East and West Halls: Bulletin boards in the main entrance lobbies and designated Community Posting Areas (varies by Hall and floor)

Posted materials must:

- Contain the contact information of an individual or recognized organization
 - Anonymous posts may be displayed if the poster deems absolutely necessary; anonymous posts will be removed after 2 weeks and must comply with all other elements of the Posting policy
- Fit on the designated posting area
- Not cover another posting to obscure its content
- Have a clearly visible expiration date – this may be the date of an advertised event or 1 month from the date posted. In the case of the later, those posting should write the posting date on it.
- Community members are asked to remove their posters after the expiration date. Facilities staff will periodically remove out of date postings.
- Facilities will generally remove all temporary postings at the end of the fall and spring semesters and summer session.

Students who wish to post or display items outside of these parameters should contact the Dean of the College to discuss available options.

Removing, destroying, or tampering with others' postings that are in compliance with this policy may be a violation of the Honor Code and students who do so may be referred to the Honor Board.

Sidewalk Chalk

Sidewalk chalk may only be used only on the non-brick walkways around the residence halls (paths from soccer field to Campus Center and interconnecting paths between residence halls, Campus Center and Milas Hall). Chalking personal or college property (i.e., brick areas, the Oval, stairs, buildings, landscape walls, cars, signs, etc.) is not permitted. The content and location of chalkings must be in accordance with the Olin College Honor Code and the college reserves the right to authorize the removal of chalkings.

Long-term/Permanent installations or modifications to facilities

Any (non-facilities) Olin Community member(s) wishing to display an installation long-term or make long-term modifications to Olin facilities (i.e., installing a post-it mural on a window or painting a mural on a wall) must seek approval prior to making the modification. Community members must submit a detailed proposal, including design, plan for execution, maintenance/stewardship, removal (if relevant), and budget/funding information to the Dean of the College.

The Dean of the College will convene the appropriate group to discuss and consider the change based on location. For example, in the residence halls, the committee might include the Director of Facilities, Associate Director for Housing and Residence Life, and CORE Campus Services Rep. In the Miller Academic Center, the decision may be referred to the Space Force. The group may seek additional information from the community member(s) proposing the project and may work with the proposer(s) on modifications to make the project feasible. The relevant group will provide a decision on the proposal in a timely manner.

Sale of food and beverages

The sale of food and beverages on Olin's campus requires an approved Temporary Event Permit from the Town of Needham Board of Health. All permit applications must be signed by either the Dean of the College or the Vice President for Operations prior to their being submitted to the Board of Health.

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping are not permitted in or near any buildings on campus except in the designated areas outside the lower doors of Milas Hall and the Campus Center

Stewardship of Shared Spaces: Shop, Lab, Facilities, and Equipment Policies

Stewardship of Olin Shared Spaces

There are numerous spaces available for you to work on projects at Olin, such as shop and lab spaces in the Miller Academic Center (MAC) and the Library in Milas Hall. These spaces are equipped with many different tools and resources. The spaces themselves, and the staff, faculty, and students who support them, are incredible resources for our community and the spaces require stewardship from the whole community to keep them accessible and safe for all community members and visitors. Please be thoughtful in your actions. If you have questions about a piece of equipment or about the project you're working on, please ask. There is a wealth of experience at Olin and we are here to help you!

1. Keep your project materials in designated spaces. We need to keep hallways clear for fire code reasons, and the rest of the space clear for being-a-good-neighbor reasons. Do not annex surrounding space. If you leave items behind, label them with your name, date, and the best way to contact you. Any unlabeled items left behind may be tossed out.
2. Keep your space open and presentable. Tours of prospective students and other visitors walk around Olin everyday so please keep your project space presentable and safe for those passing by. Please avoid putting up barriers or aggressive notes between spaces. Public project space is available in the spirit of collaboration--"working in public"--not creating cubicles in hallways or other spaces. If your project materials require privacy, please consider finding a private space for storing your things.
3. Do not commandeer public resources. This includes not removing common space tables and chairs from the spaces as well as leaving project materials in a very public common area for an extended period of time. If there's something that you need and can't procure it yourself, reach out to staff or faculty responsible for the space.
4. If you need to borrow tools, email the appropriate group (i.e. shop, library, lab manager) that you are borrowing it and always return promptly. Do not 'borrow' tools from the shop/labs/spaces and then keep them indefinitely. We want everyone to have access to the tools they need to complete a project.
5. Report broken/damaged tools and equipment to the appropriate instructor/staff/faculty as soon as possible. We understand that sometimes things break, but we can't repair or replace a broken or worn tool if we don't know about it. Please let one of the faculty or staff in the space know immediately so we can replace it.
6. Protect yourself and others. Don't do any work in public spaces that requires safety glasses. Any powered tools require safety glasses and a shop space is the best place for that type of work. If you need to wear safety glasses, everyone around in a 10 ft. radius you should be too. It's not reasonable to expect that anyone and everyone walking down the hall or other public spaces will be wearing safety glasses.
7. Help others be safe. If you see something that might be unsafe, say something. Help others see how things might go wrong, or how things could be done more safely. Try to do this in a kind and supportive manner, not an antagonistic or aggressive or controlling manner. We're all trying to learn here, so let's help each other.
8. Clean up your mess, and put your tools and materials away when you are done.

A clean space is a safe space for all.

If you have any questions about academic spaces at Olin, especially within the Miller Academic Center, please reach out to the Space Force at space-force@olin.edu. Space Force is a cross-functional team comprised of faculty, staff, and students. Together, they work towards optimizing the use of academic spaces and making improvements to academic spaces at Olin College.

Miller Academic Center Space Policies

The Olin lab and shop spaces in the Miller Academic Center are an important part of our community. They provide opportunities for students to bring ideas to fruition and assist with academic learning. Olin has three machine shops; the Main Shop (MAC104-107), the Mini Shop (MAC108), the CNC Shop (MAC109), the 3D Print Studio (MAC125), the Bot Shop (MAC 116), the Advanced Wood Shop (MAC 129) and the Wood Shop (MAC207), plus four labs on the 4th floor (MAC404, 406, 409, 413), the large project building, and the electrical engineering prototyping facility (MAC329). In addition, there are numerous smaller facilities for fabrication and testing across campus. The machine shops located in MAC104-107 are open from 9am to 600 PM when the staff leave. Additional rules regarding access may be in place for particular equipment and processes in other labs or shops. Students have traditionally been permitted access to the mini and wood shops past 5pm, but this privilege is not granted lightly.

These privileges come with significant responsibilities. The entire Olin community must adhere to, and help ensure that others are also following, the rules regarding lab and fabrication space usage. These are the main rules for a safe working environment for the entire community, but be sure to check each individual space for unique rules or policies prior to use.

Access to the labs and shops only works when the entire community abides by these rules. If there are issues that arise, the College will review access to the labs and shops after 5:00pm.

Working In Laboratories

Students may work in labs unsupervised if they have permission from the faculty or staff member managing the lab and they adhere to the rules of the lab space. No student is allowed to work in such facilities alone; students must be accompanied by at least one authorized person (a “buddy”) at all times. If there is an accident, other people will be essential in calling for help and coming to the injured student’s aid. Never operate a major piece of equipment unless specifically trained and certified by a qualified Olin faculty member.

Facilities, equipment, and furniture

Care for equipment and furniture: All members of the college community are expected to treat college equipment and furniture with sufficient care to avoid damage. Furniture and equipment should, when not in use, be left intact and in location. Each student is responsible for any damages caused by themselves and their guests.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, shoes must be worn at all times in the Campus Center, Miller Academic Center, and Milas Hall.

Student employment policies

Student employment policies are available from the Office of Human Resources.

Transportation

Olin Van

Olin College has one (1) passenger van, a 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan that seats seven (7) people (including the driver). The van is available to the Olin College community for official college business (i.e. student Clubs and Organizations, Competition Teams, course-related travel, Passionate Pursuit travel, etc.). Due to insurance limitations, the van may not be used for “taxi” or “shuttle” service for personal needs. The Olin van may only be used for destinations under 200 miles from Olin.

To become a certified driver, students must complete the certification process, which consists of:

- Complete online driver training (contact olinvan@olin.edu to request online training)
- Satisfactory driving record (contact olinvan@olin.edu for the Motor Vehicle Record Release)
- Complete vehicle orientation administered by Public Safety (contact Public Safety at 781- 239-5555)

Once you are certified, please email olinvan@olin.edu to reserve the van.

Wellesley—Olin—Babson Shuttle

Olin College, Wellesley College and Babson College jointly fund a shuttle service to aid cross-registered students. An Olin, Wellesley or Babson ID card is required. Shuttle schedule available at: <http://bow3colleges.org>

Zipcar

Zipcar has cars on the Wellesley College and Babson College campuses. These cars are conveniently located near Olin and are available for use by Olin community members who are over 18 years old. For more information visit: www.zipcar.com

Voter registration

In compliance with The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315), Olin College of Engineering must make Voter Registration forms accessible (paper and/or electronic resources) to students each year. Depending on the state, registering to vote can be an electronic or paper process. Please utilize the resources below to help answer your questions about registering and voting in upcoming elections.

You may register to vote in Massachusetts by visiting Massachusetts Secretary of State website. You can register online if you meet specific qualifications or obtain a mail-in form. You may also obtain a voter registration form in person at the Registrar’s Office, located on the third floor of the Campus Center.

If you wish to register in a different state, please visit the United States Election Assistance Commission where you can obtain information for all U.S. voting states and territories.

Honor Code and Related Processes

Honor Code

1. Purpose of the Honor Code

PURPOSE OF THE HONOR CODE

This Honor Code, written and maintained by the students of Olin College, exists to provide an ethical framework for the Olin student community. It represents an individual commitment by each Olin student to dedicate themselves self to these standards as well as a community commitment to ensure that these standards are upheld. This Code will serve always as a bold statement that ethics are not optional at Olin and that they are simultaneously an individual and community concern.

2. College jurisdiction

COLLEGE JURISDICTION

Olin College students are members of the college community as well as citizens of the Town of Needham and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As citizens, students are responsible to the community of which they are a part and the college neither substitutes for nor interferes with the regular legal processes. Students are also accountable for offenses against the academic community. Therefore, an action involving a student in a legal proceeding in a civil or criminal court does not free the student from responsibility for their conduct in a college proceeding. If a student is charged in both jurisdictions, the college will proceed with its internal review according to its own timetable. Also see Related Policies and Processes for articulation with Babson College, Wellesley College, and Brandeis University student judicial systems.

3. Honor Code values

3.1 Integrity

I will represent myself accurately and completely in my work, my words, and my actions in academic and in non-academic affairs.

3.2 Respect for others

I will be patient with and understanding of fellow community members, and considerate of their inherent dignity and personal property. I will care for community resources and facilities so others may effectively use them.

3.3 Passion for the welfare of Olin College

I will be a steward for the welfare of Olin College through a spirit of cooperation, concern for others, and responsibility for the reputation of Olin College.

3.4 Openness to change

I will be receptive to change, supportive of innovation, and willing to take risks for the benefit of the community.

3.5 Do something

I will strive to better myself and my community and take responsibility for my own behavior. When I become aware of a violation of the Honor Code or an issue within the community, I will take action towards resolution of the situation. I expect others to do the same.

4. Honor Code procedures

HONOR CODE PROCEDURES

4.1 Procedural definitions

Honor Board: The Honor Board members consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, and 6 general members. There must be at least one member from each class. Additional involvement includes a staff representative, a faculty representative, and an Adviser to the Honor Board.

Honor Board Leadership: The Honor Board Leadership consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, and the Adviser. The Chair does administrative tasks and works with the rest of the Honor Board to assist in hearing and administrative processes. The Vice Chair assists the Chair in their duties. The Chair is a voting member of the Student Government. The Adviser is the Dean of the College or their designee.

Hearing Panel: The Hearing Panel consists of four persons selected by the Facilitation Team and Chair and Vice Chair from the appropriately trained members of the Hearing Panel Pool. The Hearing Panel recommends sanctions and Dean of Student Life approves/modifies/waives sanction as they see fit. in responsibility hearings and sanction setting hearings.

Hearing Panel Pool: The Hearing Panel Pool is a set of enrolled students who have been trained in the Honor Board procedures and feel comfortable in their skills to hear a case that comes to the Board.

Facilitation Team: The Facilitation Team consists of the Adviser and two members of the Honor Board that facilitate report proceedings. Their goal is to ensure that proceedings are conducted in a responsible and timely manner per the Honor Code.

Moderator: A member of the Facilitation Team responsible for moderating discussions of all Hearings as the result of a Report.

Recorder: A member of the Facilitation Team responsible for recording the proceedings and discussion during a hearing.

Reporter: The person(s) filing the report.

Reported: The person(s) being accused of a violation of the Honor Code..

Report: A written notification of a violation of the Honor Code or college policies or procedures. May take the form of a “General” or “Streamlined Academic.”

General Report: Any report of a violation(s) of the Honor Code or college policies or procedures excluding reports of sexual misconduct (i.e. Title IX violation), which should be submitted as a report to the Title IX Coordinator and/or relevant authorities. Please visit this link to report sexual misconduct (<https://www.olin.edu/about/sexual-misconduct-title-ix>) .

Streamlined Academic Report: Reports of an academic violation where a conclusion has been reached and is sent to the Honor Board for review.

Charge: The details of a violation and each individual aspect of the Honor Code or college policies or procedures addressed by a report.

Hearing: The process by which the Reporter, Reported, Facilitation Team, Hearing Panel, and Adviser to the Honor Board meet to determine responsibility and set sanctions, if deemed appropriate.

Responsibility: Acceptance of one’s actions, refers to confirming the violations listed on a report.

Sanction: The consequence assigned to the Reported based upon a finding of responsibility and nature of the violation as determined by the Hearing Panel.

Witnesses/Advisers: Both the reporter and the reported can call witnesses and advisers to assist them throughout the hearing. Witnesses are people who have knowledge of the event and advisers are people who support the reporter or reported in the hearing.

Aggrieved Parties: The Facilitation Team can determine that there are one or more aggrieved parties, in addition to the reporter, who have been substantively aggrieved by the violation beyond any grievance suffered by the Olin community as a whole.

Appeals Board: This group is convened to review all information available pertaining to hearings and proceedings that have led to an Appeal. Their purpose is to ensure that such proceedings were conducted according to the established procedures as written in the Honor Code and, if it is determined that procedures were not followed accordingly, to send the case back to the Honor Board for further review.

Faculty Representative: A member of the faculty who attends Honor Board meetings and is a member of the Appeals Board.

Staff Representative: A member of the staff who attends Honor Board meetings and is a member of the Appeals Board.

Investigative Procedure: If deemed necessary by the Honor Board Leadership and/or the Facilitation Team, an Investigative Procedure may take place to determine the merit of a Report. All actions taken regarding a Report before a decision of merit are considered part of this procedure.

Merit: Whether or not a Report has substance that necessitates the need for a Hearing. It is not necessary to use an Investigative Procedure to determine merit and it is assumed that most Reports will have merit. This definition is simply meant to prevent abuse of the Honor Code procedures.

Hearing: All actions taken regarding a Report if and after the Honor Board Leadership and Facilitation Team has decided that it has merit.

Case: A General Report that has merit as determined by the Honor Board Leadership and Facilitation Team.

Quorum: 50% of the student body presently enrolled at Olin College..

4.2 Reporting and Hearing Procedures

Reporting Overview

There are several tracks that students or community members have when considering using the college as a means of adjudicating a violation of the Honor Code or related College policies. This Honor Code outlines the track that involves the Olin College Honor Board, a group of elected student representatives and appointed employees of the college responsible for facilitating adjudication of violation reports sent to them. Other tracks - direct facilitation and/or adjudication by the Office of Student Affairs, direct facilitation and/or adjudication by the Olin College Title IX Coordinator, civil or criminal courts, etc. are not bound to the same process as outlined herein.

Report

In order to submit a report to the Honor Board for review, any Olin community member can file a report form that is received by the Chair, Vice Chair, and Adviser to the Honor Board. The details of the layout and content of the report form are subject to the determination of the current Honor Board. At minimum, the Report cites a violation of at least one of either the Honor Code Values or college policies or procedures. The Honor Board Leadership and Facilitation Team have the responsibility to view each report that is filed and make a decision of whether or not to proceed with the Case. The Chair and Vice Chair have the ability to dismiss a report if it is not under the jurisdiction of the Honor Code. If they do not dismiss it, normal procedures are followed.

Determining Merit

Upon receiving a report, the Honor Board Leadership will assign a Facilitation Team to it. If either the Honor Board Leadership or the Facilitation Team feels they are not able to clearly determine merit from the content of the report, the Facilitation team should conduct an Investigative Procedure. The purpose of this procedure is not to determine responsibility but merely whether or not a Report is worthy. In absence of obvious lack of merit after an Investigative Procedure, all Reports should be assumed to have merit and be continued to a Case.

Investigative Procedure

If an Investigative Procedure is deemed necessary by either the Honor Board Leadership or the Facilitation Team, the Facilitation Team shall interview the Reported and the Reporter about the alleged violation and shall gather from both parties names of witnesses able to substantially contribute to the Facilitation Team's understanding of the alleged violation. Members of the Facilitation Team may interview witnesses with substantive knowledge of the alleged violation. It is critical that the Facilitation Team conduct this process in a timely manner. In absence of obvious lack of merit after an efficient Investigative Procedure, all Reports should be assumed to have merit and be continued to a Case. If, in a Case that does not involve a potential academic violation of the Honor Code, all members of the Facilitation Team, as well as all Reporters, Reported, and involved Aggrieved Parties, agree that an alternate solution may resolve the issue presented by a report without requiring a hearing, then the Facilitation Team may recommend that the solution be attempted. The outcome of this attempt will then be taken into consideration when the Facilitation Team determines whether or not to refer the Case to the Honor Board.

Hearing

During each Hearing one member of the Facilitation Team shall serve as moderator and the other shall serve as recorder. Neither the moderator nor the recorder shall have decision-making power. The Hearing Panel is formed as defined in Section 4.1. The faculty and/or staff representatives to the Honor Board may be present at hearings, though their presence is not required and they hold no decision-making power. If the Honor Board is unable to meet its obligations in a timely fashion due to scheduling conflicts, disqualifications, or other reasons that the Dean of the College determines may compromise its effectiveness, the Dean may appoint an ad hoc Facilitation Team.

Upon formation of the Hearing Panel the Facilitation Team will deliver the charges to the Reported and the Reported will be given the opportunity to accept or not accept Responsibility. If Responsibility is accepted, the Case will then proceed to a Sanction Setting Hearing. If Responsibility is not accepted the Case will proceed to a Responsibility Hearing. Absent extraordinary circumstances, a Hearing shall be held within sixty business days of a Report being submitted and ten business days from the date the Facilitation Team delivers the charges to the Reported. All Hearings will be closed to all persons other than the Facilitation Team, the Hearing Panel, the Adviser to the Honor Board, , Witnesses, Aggrieved Parties, the Reporter, the Reported, and their Advisers. Notice of the Hearing shall be delivered to the Aggrieved Parties, the Reporter, the Reported, and Witnesses either in person, or to the appropriate campus mailboxes, or to the appropriate e-mail accounts, at least two business days in advance of the hearing. Notice to the Reported shall include the charge(s) against the Reported.

Responsibility Hearing

Immediately prior to the Hearing, the Hearing Panel will receive the Report submitted by the Reported and will be briefed by the Facilitation Team. During the Hearing the Reported and the Reporter will both be given the opportunity to speak, if present, and the Hearing Panel will have the opportunity to ask questions of each. Decisions shall be based solely upon evidence and testimony introduced at the Hearing and the briefing provided by the Facilitation Team.

The Hearing Panel shall make one of the following decisions: (a) a finding of not responsible, (b) a finding of responsible (based on preponderance of the evidence), to be followed up by a Sanction Setting Hearing, or (c) continuance of the Case to obtain additional information or for further consideration. All decisions shall be made by consensus.

Sanction Setting Hearing

Prior to the recommendation of Sanction(s), the Reported may present one Character Witness. Advisers may serve as the Character Witness during a Sanction Setting Hearing.

The Hearing Panel may request and/or review recommendations for Sanction(s) from the Reported, the Aggrieved Parties, and the Reporter. The Reported may respond to the Hearing Panel's recommended Sanction(s) prior to the close of the Hearing. The Dean of the College shall review sanctions recommended by the Hearing Panel. Decisions shall be based solely upon evidence and testimony introduced at the Hearing(s) and shall be made by consensus (i.e., unanimous vote of the voting members of the Hearing Panel who do not abstain from voting). The Hearing Panel shall include in the materials it submits to the Dean of the College a brief written summary of the Reported's response, if given.

Appeals

Requests for appeal may be made to the Dean of the College on the following grounds:

- 1.

Procedural error;

2.

New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time of the Hearing that could change the outcome of the Hearing;

3.

Belief that the severity of the Sanction is inappropriate given the details of the Case.

Disagreement with the finding(s) or Sanction(s) is not, by itself, grounds for Appeal.

Upon conclusion of a Hearing and delivery of the outcome to the parties involved, the Reported and/or Reporter may appeal a finding of Responsibility or Sanction(s) by written statement to the Dean of the College within one business day. The Appeal letter must clearly state the grounds and rationale for the Appeal. Once received, the Dean of the College will convene an Appeals Board and notify the Reporter, Reported and Aggrieved Parties. The members of the Appeals Board will be the Faculty Representative to the Honor Board, the Staff Representative to the Honor Board, and a student member of the Honor Board determined by the Honor Board Leadership. None of the Appeals Board members will have been involved in the adjudication of the Case being appealed. The Dean of the College may appoint new members to the Appeals Board as needed or in the event of a conflict of interest. This may result in more than three voting members on the Appeals Board.

The Appeals Board will not substitute its own judgment for a finding of Responsibility or Sanction(s).

The Appeals Board may rule in one of three ways:

1.

They may recommend a new Hearing before a new Hearing Panel.

2.

They may recommend the Case go back to the original Hearing Panel for further review for reasons such as new evidence that was not available during the original Hearing.

3.

They may recommend that the Appeal be denied.

If the Appeal is denied, the Sanction(s) will be imposed and the college will consider the Case closed. The Appeals Board must inform the Dean of the College about the outcome of the Appeal deliberations within 10 business days of the written Appeal being received. The Dean of the College will notify, in writing, the Reporter, the Reported, and Aggrieved Parties of the outcome of the Appeal within 2 business days of receiving the outcome from the Appeals Board.

Barring any extraordinary circumstances, if a request for Appeal is filed, Sanction(s) resulting from the Case will typically be put on hiatus and not implemented until after the Appeal is resolved. If an emergency suspension or dismissal has been administered, the student must leave campus and remain off campus during the Appeal process.

Failure to Comply with Sanction(s)

If the student fails to comply with sanctions, the Honor Board Chair and Vice Chair will determine if a noncompliance hearing (which is handled by the Dean of the College) is needed or if the Dean of the College is granted authority to setup a separate process.

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In the event that a faculty or staff member identifies a violation of academic integrity, the faculty or staff member and the Reported will work independently to develop an appropriate Sanction. A summary of the violation and resolution is submitted to the Honor Board Leadership for reviewing and recording.

5. Amendments

. AMENDMENTS

Within a month of the start of every academic year, a town hall must be called to ratify and/or amend the Honor Code for that academic year.

Any member of the Olin student body may submit a proposal for an amendment to the Honor Code to the Honor Board Chair or Vice Chair. The proposal must include the reasons for the amendment and the proposed wording of the amendment, along with signatures of at least 10% of the student body.

Once the proposal has been brought to the Honor Board, a Town Hall Meeting must be called within the semester to discuss and vote on the proposed amendment. Multiple amendments may be considered at one Town Hall Meeting. The Town Hall Meeting is open to all of the Olin community, and all students are expected to make an effort to attend. Quorum (half of the student body) must be met to vote on any amendments.

At the close of the meeting, all present students will vote by secret ballot, once per amendment, with the option to vote for each proposed amendment or the unchanged Honor Code. If no choice receives the votes of more than 50% of the student body or 75% of the students voting at the meeting, whichever is smaller, or if quorum is not reached, the Code remains unchanged.

After all proposed amendments are voted upon, all present students will vote by secret ballot on whether or not to abolish the Honor Code. If neither choice receives the vote of more than 50% of the student body the Honor Code remains in effect.

If the Honor Code is abolished, policies drafted by the Student Affairs Office will take effect immediately. In order to reinstate the Honor Code, a proposal must be submitted to the Student Affairs Office, which will put the issue to a student vote, as per the policies of the Student Affairs Office.

Related Policies and Processes

Articulation with Babson College, Wellesley College and Brandeis University student judicial systems

Olin College has agreed with Babson College and Brandeis University to enforce their respective conduct standards when their students participate in academic, Co-Curricular and extracurricular pursuits on the neighboring (host) campuses. The Olin College honor system will hear cases in which Olin students are reported of violating a host campus's standards, using the host's policies and definitions but Olin disciplinary procedures. Similarly, the Babson and Brandeis judicial systems will hear cases in which their students are reported of violating Olin standards, using Olin policies and definitions but their own judicial procedures.

When on each other's campuses, Olin and Wellesley students will be subject to the host campus's standards of conduct for academic integrity. The host campus's disciplinary process will be used when an Olin or Wellesley student violates the host's standards. The Student Affairs Office at Olin will work closely with the Dean of Students at Wellesley to determine the best procedures to follow for non-academic issues.

Olin students taking classes or participating in activities on other campuses should familiarize themselves with the host's student disciplinary system and standards of conduct.

For more information:

The Wellesley Honor Code: <https://www.wellesley.edu/studentlife/aboutus/honor>

The Babson Community Standards: <http://www.babson.edu/student-life/community-standards/Pages/home.aspx>

Brandeis Student Rights and Community Standards: <http://www.brandeis.edu/studentlife/srcs/index.html>

Appeals process

Upon conclusion of an Honor Board hearing and delivery of the outcome to the parties involved, students may appeal a “finding of responsibility” or “sanctions” by writing via email to the Dean of the College within one business day following the delivery of the outcome of the hearing. The appeal letter must clearly state the grounds and rationale for the appeal. Once received, the Dean of the College will convene an Appeals Board. The members of the Appeals Board will be the faculty representative to the Honor Board, the staff representative to the Honor Board, and a student member of the Honor Board . None of the Appeals Board members will have been involved in the adjudication of the case being appealed. A student member of the Honor Board will sit in on all other appeals. The Dean may appoint new members to the panel in the event of a conflict or add members as needed. In the latter case, this may result in more than three voting members on the Appeals Board.

The purpose of the Appeals Board is to review all information available pertaining to hearings and proceedings that led to the appeal to ensure that these were conducted according to the established judicial procedures. The Appeals Board will not substitute its own judgment for a “finding of responsibility” or “sanctions”. Requests for appeal may be made to the Dean of the College on the following grounds:

1. Procedural error;
2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time of the hearing that could change the outcome of the hearing;
3. Belief that the severity of the sanction is inappropriate given the details of the case.

Disagreement with the finding or sanctions is not, by itself, grounds for appeal.

The Appeals Board may rule in one of three ways:

1. They may recommend a new hearing before a new hearing panel.
2. They may recommend the case go back to the original hearing panel for further review for reasons such as new evidence that was not available during the original hearing.
3. They may recommend that the appeal be denied.

If the appeal is denied, the sanctions will be imposed and the college will consider the case closed. The Appeals Board must inform the Dean of the College about the outcome of the appeal deliberations within 10 business days of the written appeal being received. The Dean of the College will notify the student(s) in writing of the outcome of the appeal within 2 business days of receiving the outcome from the Appeals Board.

Barring any extraordinary circumstances, if a request for appeal is filed sanctions resulting from the case will typically be put on hiatus and not implemented until after the appeal is resolved. If an emergency suspension or dismissal has been administered, the student must leave campus and remain off campus during the appeal process.

Student Complaint Procedure

Student Complaint Process- distance education

Students with any concerns that they believe can be addressed by the Olin administration should request support through the Provost's Office, using this [form](#). The Provost will route concerns to the appropriate internal processes.

While students are requested to seek resolution through Olin's processes first, a student who has exhausted these processes without receiving adequate resolution may file a complaint with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (MDHE) following the MDHE consumer complaint process.

Beginning in 2021, Olin is now approved to offer distance education under the authorization from the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). For student complaints concerning distance education, if unsatisfied after pursuing remedy through Olin's processes (above), distance education students may pursue a complaint with the MDHE. Students located in Massachusetts, or in non-SARA member states and territories (e.g., California) should use the MDHE consumer complaint form, while those located in SARA member states and territories should use the MDHE SARA complaint form.

[MDHE consumer complaint form] <https://www.mass.edu/forstufam/complaints/complaintform.asp>

[MDHE SARA complaint form] <https://www.mass.edu/foradmin/sara/complaints.asp>

Library

Library Mission Statement

The Olin College Library enables discovery, connection, and inclusion for all members of our community. We aim to enrich the educational experience for our students through free access to information and equipment. As the cultural heart of campus, we offer space, learning, and leisure opportunities for the continuous development of social consciousness and self-awareness. Through our unique resources and programming, we offer a gateway to explorations of engineering and a wider world.

Circulation Policies

Standard Loan Periods

- Books + DVDS: 28 days
- Course Reserves: 3 hours
- Board Games: 14 days
- Library of Things Equipment (cameras, tools, etc.): 7 days
*Use for longer than one week requires approval from library staff (we almost always say yes).
Email library@olin.edu to request and confirm.*

Power Drills and Tools

Power drills and hand tools in the lower-level workshop space can be used in the library for small, short projects that will not be disruptive to other students. They are meant to supplement what is available to you in the Shops, but the safety rules and practices used in the shops apply in the library, too. That means you are required to take, and wear, safety goggles in accordance with general campus safety policies and best practices. The library's drills and hand tools on the lower level are intended for in-library use. If you need to borrow hand tools or drills, we circulate several toolkits and drill kits, available on the main floor near the elevator.

Overdue & Replacement Fees

Overdue and replacement fees are not charged to Olin students.

Stewardship

The library is one of the most creative and student-driven spaces on campus. We depend on every Oliner's help to keep it as accessible and useful as possible. As a part of being a good Olin citizen, you are expected to leave every space at least as clean as you found it (bonus points if cleaner!). Project storage space is available in the lower-level workshop area, as well as in the workroom for larger projects. We require you to label your stored projects with your name and a date indicating how long you will be keeping it in the library. If you are planning to use any part of the library for large-scale projects that may make it difficult for other community members to use a given space, please contact the library staff (library@olin.edu).

Events

Our library is a flexible space available for faculty, staff and students to study, to work together, to create, and to relax. We ask for advanced notice for organized events, especially those bringing in food or rearranging furniture, purely to avoid scheduling conflicts and to ensure an enjoyable library experience for all. The library works best as a space for events where the entire community is invited, and we ask that more private gatherings occur on the lower level of the library, or in team rooms.

Patron Privacy

The right to privacy and freedom of intellectual pursuit are core values of the Olin College Library and the library profession as a whole. We maintain the privacy of patron circulation records as recommended by the American Library Association and will not disclose these records, either casually or upon request. Requests for research or reference consultation will also remain confidential. Records containing information about patrons are kept to the bare minimum needed to maintain library workflows.

A Note on Our Collection

Because of the size of the college and ever-changing curriculum at Olin, we've chosen to pursue a "just in time" strategy for acquiring and retaining content instead of building collections "just in case" they're needed. This approach leverages our network borrowing powers, interlibrary loan processes, and the model of patron-driven acquisition. The Olin College Library is a member of the Minuteman Library Network and has reciprocal borrowing arrangements with Babson and Wellesley. We will consider adding many types of items to our circulating collection, from Wacom tablets to binoculars.

Financial Aid

Costs and financial aid

Committed to Affordability

Olin is committed to affordability. Olin's merit scholarship—complemented by our policy of meeting full demonstrated need—means finances should never stand in the way of an Olin education. Our combination of excellent academics and generous aid is why the 2020 Princeton Review named Olin a "Best Value College" and 2023 Fiske Guide calls us a "Best Buy College". In addition, The Chronicle of Higher Education recognized Olin on their list of "Colleges That Are the Most Generous to the Financially Neediest Students" (Jan 2020). Admission to Olin is need blind, meaning ability to pay is not a consideration when evaluating a student's admission application materials.

The Olin Tuition Scholarship

Currently valued at more than \$110,000, the merit-based Olin Tuition Scholarship benefits all admitted students. Offered for eight semesters of required full-time study and covering half the annual tuition charges, this scholarship recognizes achievement inside and outside the classroom and represents our confidence in your ability to succeed in this unique academic environment. Our goal is to attract talented students committed to making a difference in the world and partnering with them to make an Olin education a reality.

Need-Based Aid at Olin

In addition to this merit scholarship, the College is committed to meeting full demonstrated need for up to eight semesters of required full-time study for those who apply by the appropriate deadline and are eligible for additional assistance.

Eligibility is determined by completion of the FAFSA. Currently, need-based aid is available to U.S. Citizens and Eligible Non-Citizens

Types of assistance

Institutional funding

Olin tuition scholarship (merit-based)

The Olin Tuition Scholarship is awarded for a maximum of eight semesters of required full-time study. Anyone permanently disqualified to attend or return to Olin College for academic or disciplinary reasons will forfeit the remaining portion of the scholarship.

Special Considerations:

- Full time Study Away (which requires pre-approval) counts as one of the eight scholarship semesters (the student is maintained as full-time at Olin and is expected to pay Olin tuition after the merit scholarship and any additional costs associated with any such activity at the host institution including any tuition exceeding Olin's, room board and fees if applicable.)
- For students who leave Olin College during a semester of study (withdrawal or leave of absence), the partial semester utilized counts as one of the eight scholarship semesters.

Payment of full tuition is required for any semester(s) beyond eight before graduation. Olin College provides accommodation for documented disabilities. Exceptions may also be granted in extenuating circumstances. Petitions to request an exception should be submitted to the Dean of the College and the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid. These petitions will be reviewed in collaboration with the Provost.

While the Olin Tuition Scholarship is awarded independent of financial need, your merit award will be included in the aid provided to meet your financial need. Thus, merit awards are coordinated with other need-based aid to help meet demonstrated financial need and cannot be used to help reduce the family's calculated contribution.

National Merit Finalists:

National Merit Finalists who win either a National Merit or National Achievement Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation or other corporate sponsor are able to use this scholarship at Olin College, and will be identified as National Merit Scholars. Eligibility criteria is established and determined by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Finalists who designate Olin College as their first choice college, but do not receive a NMSC or corporate-sponsored scholarship, may be designated as Olin National Merit Scholars. Olin National Merit Scholars will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship for four years, funded by Olin College. The student must submit renewal paperwork to National Merit each year for continued eligibility.

Olin Need-Based Financial Aid

Our need-based aid programs are funded through grants, scholarships, and need-based federal loans. The Olin Tuition Scholarship, which is awarded based on your admission, is considered part of the resources used to meet your financial need. If you meet eligibility requirements* and demonstrate need beyond that, we will work to meet your full financial need. Need-based funding from Olin is available for eight semesters of required full time study. Olin College provides accommodation for documented disabilities. Exceptions may also be granted in extenuating circumstances. Petitions to request an exception should be submitted to the Dean of the College and the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid. These petitions will be reviewed in collaboration with the Provost

Olin Need-Based Grant

Olin Need-Based Grant may be awarded by the Financial Aid Office to students who demonstrate financial need.

Donor Funded Grants

These awards are designated with the name of the donor and/or are a particular fund established in honor of a person or organization. These funds are awarded annually on the basis of financial need and may be renewable. No additional application is necessary.

R2 Scholarship

Students who are selected to be an "R2" by Student Affairs and Resources receive a scholarship that is equal to the amount of their room charge. Student's are charged for their room, and then receive the equivalent amount in an "R2 Scholarship". Regulations require that, within a need-based aid package, these benefits be counted as a resource to meet a student's financial need. This award does not reduce or assist with the family contribution. The R2 Scholarship is packaged in such a way that it replaces the student contribution or "self-help" component of the student's financial aid award - similar to an outside scholarship - prior to any reduction in need-based grant. Depending on the individual financial aid award, some Olin Need-Based may be replaced, but the total overall package will not be reduced due to a student becoming an R2.

Outside Scholarships

We encourage all students to pursue outside scholarships to help meet their annual student contribution. Students are required to inform their financial aid office of any grants, scholarships, or benefits received from sources outside the college. A copy of the award notification should be provided. An outside award that is restricted to tuition will reduce your Olin Tuition Scholarship only if it exceeds the remaining tuition.

It is our policy to use the first \$3500 of outside scholarships received to meet the student contribution and reduce the amount the student borrows. If a student receives need-based grants AND receives outside aid in excess of \$3500, the Olin Need-Based Grant will be reduced to avoid receipt of need-based funds in excess of financial need. The total amount of outside scholarship is divided equally between the Fall and Spring semesters. Outside awards must be reported annually. We will not automatically renew an award from a previous year without an annual notice from the agency indicating renewal.

Note: Taxability of Scholarships and Grants

Under current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations a portion of grant and scholarship aid may be considered taxable income, which must be reported on your general income tax return. IRS regulations consider any amount or combination of scholarship and grant benefits greater than the amount of qualified tuition and fees to be taxable income. In addition, amounts received as payments for teaching, research, or other services required as a condition of receiving the scholarship would be considered taxable. The final determination of any tax liability and the payment of tax on your grant/scholarship is the taxpayer responsibility. Questions should be addressed to qualified tax counsel.

Federal grant and loan programs

Federal Pell Grant

Eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant program is based on a family's expected family contribution. If your EFC is less than an amount pre-determined by federal regulation, you may be awarded a Federal Pell Grant. Based on 2021-22 data, approximately 13% of full time students at Olin College are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

This grant is provided by the federal government and is available to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. Priority is given to Federal Pell Grant recipients.

Federal Direct Loan

Direct Loan eligibility will be noted on your Financial Aid offer and will be denoted as either subsidized or unsubsidized. This is a loan program and funds must be paid back according to the terms of the loan. Terms and Conditions and current interest rates for the Federal Direct Loan program can be found in the Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentaid.gov. Approximately 49% of 2021 graduates utilized this program with an average cumulative debt of \$18,545.

Direct Subsidized Loan

This loan program is available to students who demonstrate financial need. The interest on the Subsidized Direct Loan is paid by the federal government while the student is enrolled in school at least half-time.

Direct Unsubsidized Loan

This loan program is available to students who do not demonstrate financial need, or whose financial need has been met by other resources (i.e. grants and scholarships). Borrowers are required to either pay the interest as it accrues, or have it capitalized (added to the principal) into a repayment schedule that starts after graduation.

Direct PLUS Loan

This loan program is available to parents of dependent students. PLUS loans help pay for education expenses up to the cost of attendance minus all other financial assistance. Interest is usually charged during all periods. Families that wish to apply for a Direct PLUS are required to submit a FAFSA.

Other loan assistance

Students and families may be in need of additional assistance to pay their bill. Families should research the loan option that best suits their financial situation. Students or parents pursuing other alternative loan options will be required to submit a "Self-Certification Form" to the lender prior to obtaining loan approval.

Federal notices and disclosures

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 requires disclosure of policies that can affect students in colleges and universities. The following information is disclosed to you as a student at Olin College in compliance with federal Law. Additional disclosures can be found at About Olin.

Student rights and responsibilities

Verification process

The U.S. Department of Education requires that certain financial aid applications be verified. Olin College verifies all applications selected by the U.S. Department of Education, as well as institutionally selected applications. In addition, the Financial Aid Office is required to clarify any unclear or conflicting information in a financial aid application. If additional documentation is necessary, you will receive notification from the Financial Aid Office. Please respond to the request for documentation within the deadlines indicated.

NOTE: For incoming students, your Financial Aid Offer is a tentative offer until such time as verification documents are received and reviewed. If you are aware of discrepancies in income or assets, please make necessary corrections to your FAFSA. Any adjustments to aid due to Verification will be indicated on a revised aid offer.

Appeal process/change in circumstance

Occasionally students may find that the financial circumstances reported on the FAFSA do not accurately reflect their current situation. In these cases students have an opportunity to submit an appeal letter for reconsideration of their financial aid eligibility. In most circumstances these requests will require supporting documentation.

Students are required by the federal government to update the Financial Aid Office regarding certain changes that occur during the academic year. The following changes MUST be reported:

- Number of family members in the household
- Number of siblings attending college
- Student's enrollment status
- Student's housing status

NOTE: A change to any of the above factors could result in an adjustment to financial aid.

Outside scholarship policy

We encourage all students to pursue outside scholarships to help meet their annual student contribution. Students are required to inform the Financial Aid Office of any grants, scholarships, or benefits received from sources outside the college. Please provide a copy of the award notification as soon as possible. An outside award that is restricted to tuition will reduce your Olin Tuition Scholarship only if it exceeds the remaining tuition.

It is our policy to use the first \$3500 of outside scholarships received to meet your student contribution and reduce the amount you may need to borrow. If you receive need-based grants from Olin and receive outside aid in excess of \$3500, we will be required to reduce your Olin Need-Based Grant so that the total amount of aid does not exceed your financial need. The total amount of outside scholarship is divided equally between the Fall and Spring semesters. Outside scholarships must be reported to the Financial Aid Office annually. We will not automatically renew an award from a previous year without an annual notice from the agency indicating renewal.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Federal regulations require that students receiving financial assistance meet certain standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). This means that the student is making progress toward completing their degree in a manner determined by the school. Financial Aid follows the same academic criteria as the Committee on Student Academic Performance (COSAP) and the standard applies to both Federal and Institutional funding received by the student (including merit aid).

In addition to this COSAP review, pace of progression will also be reviewed in cooperation with the Registrar. The quantitative calculation of pace of progression differs from the College quantitative measure in both its cumulative nature and the treatment of transfer credits. Both college and federal standards must be met for continued financial aid eligibility. Specific criteria may also exist for particular awards. Students who are not in Good Academic Standing will be placed on Financial Aid Warning. During this warning period students continue to receive financial assistance. If at the end of the warning period the student is not meeting required standards, they may be placed on Financial Aid Suspension until such time as they are meeting the required standard. During Financial Aid Suspension, students are not eligible for financial assistance –this includes all federal and institutional aid, and private loan funding. Appeals to these decisions may be made to the Director of Financial Aid. The SAP Policy contains specifics regarding the review and appeals process.

Direct loan borrowers

The Department of Education has developed a comprehensive website at studentaid.gov to provide Consumer Information to student and parent borrowers.

Students who are borrowing through the Federal Direct Loan program are also required to complete Entrance Counseling to advise of their Rights and Responsibilities with regard to borrowing a student loan. This is completed at www.studentloans.gov. Entrance Counseling must be completed prior to the first disbursement of your student loan.

Exit Counseling is completed upon graduation and/or less than half-time enrollment. Students can visit the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) for comprehensive information regarding their student loan history and servicing information. Exit Counseling is also completed at the studentaid.gov website. Borrowers who withdraw or take an academic leave of absence from the college prior to completing degree requirements MUST complete this requirement as part of the withdrawal process. Students who fail to complete this requirement will be subject to a hold on their student record.

Students and parents with an executed Master Promissory Note (MPN) should note that the loan will be submitted to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS), and will be accessible to guaranty agencies lenders, and institutions determined to be authorized users of the data system.

Requirements for return of Title IV, HEA grant or loan

Students who withdraw from Olin College must file a College Withdrawal Form with the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for Advising. Students who withdraw from all classes before the 60% point in a semester may be required to repay all or a portion of the Title IV financial aid they received for that semester. The exact amount to be returned will vary depending on the amount of aid received and at what point during the semester the student withdraws from the college.

If a recipient of Title IV grant or loan funds withdraws after beginning attendance in a term, the amount of Title IV grant or loan assistance earned by the student must be determined. The amount earned is calculated by taking into consideration the percentage of the semester completed and the amount of aid the student was eligible to receive. This is known as the Return to Title IV calculation. If the amount disbursed to the student is greater than the amount the student earned, the unearned funds must be returned. If the amount disbursed to the student is less than the amount the student earned, and for which the student is otherwise eligible, they are eligible to receive a post-withdrawal disbursement of the earned aid that was not received. Students who withdraw after the 60% point of the semester will have fully earned their Title IV aid and no funds will be returned.

Students owing a balance to the college will receive a revised statement of account.

Notice of federal student financial aid penalties for drug law violations

A conviction for any offense, during a period of enrollment for which a student received Title IV, HEA program funds, under any federal or state law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs will result in the loss of eligibility for any Title IV, HEA grant, loan, or work study assistance (HEA Sec.484(r)(1);(20 U.S.C. 1091(r)(1)).

Study away

Students who are planning to study away should meet with financial aid staff to discuss options and eligibility prior to submitting their study away plan for approval. A Consortium Agreement is required of all students who study away who receive need-based aid and Federal loans.

Statement of ethical principles and code of conduct for institutional financial aid professionals

Department of Education regulation requires a school that participates in an FSA loan program to establish and enforce a code of conduct that includes bans on:

- Revenue-sharing arrangements with any lender
- Steering borrowers to particular lenders or delaying loan certifications
- Offers of funds for private loans to students in exchange for providing concessions or promises to the lender for a specific number of FSA loans, a specified loan volume, or a preferred lender arrangement

This code of conduct applies to the officers, employees and agents of the school and must also prohibit employees of the financial aid office from receiving gifts from a lender, guaranty agency or loan servicer.

This code also prohibits financial aid office staff (or other employees or agents with responsibilities with respect to education loans) from accepting compensations for:

- Any type of consulting arrangement or contract to provide services to or on behalf of a lender relating to education loans; and
- Service on an advisory board, commission, or group established by lenders or guarantors, except for reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

As an Institutional member of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), Olin College supports and adheres to the Statement of Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct established by NASFAA in November 2017 and November 2019 respectively.

Health Care

Babson College Health Services

Babson-Olin College Health Services ("Health Services") serves both Babson and Olin students. The following services are available to all full-time Olin College students: diagnosis and treatment of illnesses, evaluation and treatment of injuries, male and female reproductive examinations, gynecological care, including contraceptive management and counseling, pregnancy testing, emergency contraception, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment and administration of immunizations injections. There is no cost to students to visit Health Services for routine care. However, students may incur costs related to medical tests, immunizations or services provided off-campus.

Required vaccinations

Each year new students are notified by Health Services about required vaccinations (e.g., MMR, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap), hepatitis B, meningococcal meningitis immunizations, varicella, Tuberculosis).

Confidentiality

All visits to Health Services and conversations with the staff are confidential. Your permission must be obtained before we will give information to anyone not directly connected with your care. This includes parents and college officials.

There are limited exceptions to this policy as we are required by law to report certain communicable diseases to the Public Health Department and in life-threatening situations.

Health insurance

Massachusetts law requires students enrolled in colleges located in the state to participate in a qualifying student health insurance program. Further, the law requires that colleges must enroll students who have not provided verification that they are in a health insurance program that meets the law's minimum required benefits. The college has arranged for qualifying student accident and illness insurance. Students who have comparable health insurance may elect to waive the requirement to participate in the health insurance program.

Financial responsibility for all medical and dental expenses rests with the student and his or her family. Olin College does not assume financial responsibility for injuries incurred in instructional, intercollegiate, intramural or recreational programs.

Mental Health Services

Olin provides mental health services through Colony Care Behavioral Health group practice at no charge to the student.* Students in need of mental health services may want to connect with StAR, to discuss concerns and options. Other members of the Office of Student Affairs staff are also available to meet with students about these issues. Students are also free to contact Colony Care directly and confidentially.

Colony Care Behavioral Health is a multi-disciplinary group of psychologists, social workers certified nurse practitioners, and psychiatrists. A variety of providers offer a wide array of treatment approaches including short and long term psychotherapy, stress management counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy, medication management and hypnosis. Students seek help from Colony Care for a variety of issues, including but not limited to the following: school stress, relationship issues, family issues, depression, anxiety, postgraduate concerns, eating concerns, sexual assault, grief/bereavement, gender identity, sexual orientation, and/or substance abuse issues.

Making an appointment

A core group of providers work with Olin College students at their offices at 11 River St. in Wellesley, located near the intersection of Rts. 16 and 128. To set up a first time appointment, call Laura Kinney, LICSW at 781.431.1177 x213. Leave a message and a reliable way of contacting you. If your call is urgent, Laura can be paged by following the instructions given on her outgoing voicemail message. For routine appointments, Laura will contact you within the same business day to briefly talk with you about your concerns and needs. Based on this information, she will arrange for the most appropriate provider to contact you to arrange for a first appointment. You may also email Laura at lkinneylicsw@yahoo.com; however, your email message should only include an inquiry and a telephone number where you can be reached. Due to confidentiality issues, Colony Care staff members prefer to schedule appointments via the telephone. To get to the Colony Care offices, turn right out of Olin and take Rt. 135 (Great Plain Ave.) toward Babson. At the rotary, take the second right onto Seaver St., and then turn left onto Forest St. When you reach Washington St./Rt. 16, turn right, and follow this road until you reach River St. Turn right onto River St.; the offices for Colony Care and the parking lot are on the right.

Clinicians from Colony Care Behavioral Health also conduct counseling sessions on Olin's campus; typically three hours per week are offered and the clinicians staffing those hours vary. These meetings are still confidential and free. Look for more information about these on-campus counseling hours around campus and via email. You can also check with your R2 or the Office of Student Affairs for more information. A clinician from Colony Care may also be available to facilitate time limited discussions for groups of students around a range of quality of life issues (e.g., college adjustment, social relationships, identity development, eating concerns). If you are interested, or know of a group of students who might be interested, contact StAR to explore possibilities. Whatever option you choose, your communications with mental health providers will remain entirely confidential within the boundaries of state law. They will not be shared with college officials unless you explicitly request that they be or if any student's safety is in question. Olin College will pay for mental health services as described above during the academic year and bills to the college will not include personally identifiable information.

Transportation

Students unable to arrange their own transportation may use Wellesley Transportation by calling 781.235.2200. Olin covers this cost; you need only to sign a receipt given to you by the cab driver at the time.

** Of course, students always have the option to utilize private insurance to access mental health services independently. Check with your provider for information about coverage terms and conditions.*

Residence Life

Olin College wishes to provide a safe and supportive environment that promotes academic success, personal development, and involvement in campus life. The Residence Life team supports the College's commitment to revolutionize engineering education by creating a seamless connection between experiences inside the classroom and life in the residence halls. Living in Olin student housing is a privilege. Students living in student housing are responsible for complying with Olin policies and for providing responsible stewardship and encouraging a spirit of service to each other in an effort to further this commitment and achieve equitable rights and access within our residential community. A student's adherence to this responsibility is required to retain the privilege of on-campus residency.

Policies governing behavior within the residence halls are based on the principle that the exercise of one person's rights must not infringe upon the exercise of another's rights in the ordinary course of daily living. Each student is expected to behave in a manner that respects and considers the rights of others in the college community.

Student Residency Requirement

All students are required to live on campus. Exemptions may be approved by the Dean of the College, please send requests to live off campus via email.

Housing Assignments & Occupancy Changes

All students must review and submit their Housing Agreement to Residence Life prior to obtaining a housing assignment. The housing assignment outlines the priority housing request dates in addition to outlining the requirements for living on campus at Olin. Olin makes no promises and no guaranties that a student will be assigned to or remain in a specific or requested housing location. Olin reserves the right to adjust selected housing assignments as needed during the course of the year.

Incoming Student Housing Assignments

The Housing Application collects a series of roommate matching related questions, to assist in the process of assigning incoming students to rooms and/or gathering community groups. Residence Life team typically completes the assignment process in late June with room and roommate information sent to the student's Olin email address in mid-July.

Returning Student Room Selection

Returning students participate in a Room Selection process where they will select their specific room assignment with their intended room and/or suitemates during the Spring semester. Rooms are selected in descending class year through a randomly generated selection order. Students returning from a leave of absence or withdrawal must request housing by the priority date listed above to assure space has been reserved for their return to campus. Please review the student handbook for the detailed process on returning from a leave of absence or withdrawal.

Room Occupancy

Rooms are to be occupied only by the person(s) assigned by the Associate Director for Residence Life (ADRL). The ADRL has the sole right to make and change room assignments in College housing, determine the occupancy of any room, fill any vacancies, consolidate room assignments, and approve requests for room changes. The ADRL may change a student's room assignment at any time if the College feels it is in the best interest of a student or in the best interest of the College's needs and operations. A person who has not been assigned a room by the College is not permitted to reside in College housing. Room assignments are not transferable and subletting of any type is not permitted.

Room Change Requests

Students experiencing conflict with their room or suite mates should contact their Resident Resource (R2) for assistance in attempting to resolve the conflict at hand. Students seeking a room change to join a peer or change their room type should email the Associate Director of Residence Life. Requests will not be approved during the first two weeks or last four weeks of the semester. These room change freeze periods are established to limit changes while room assignments are being adjusted. The College does not provide moving assistance for students seeking a room change. Students may only choose to change rooms; students cannot request their roommate move out.

Vacant Beds and Rooms

If there is an unassigned space in a room or suite, the College may assign someone to that vacancy at any time. Vacant rooms within suites are to remain locked at all times. Over winter break, students must leave vacant spaces and areas of rooms and suites move-in ready, including preparing and cleaning common spaces, in anticipation of new occupants. Failure to do so may result in fines related to this improper occupancy.

Housing Accommodations and Assistance Animals

Students seeking an accommodation to the housing assignment process or the assigned housing due to a disability-related reason are to request the accommodation through Disability Services. Given the limited on-campus housing, please submit accommodation requests before the deadlines listed in the Housing Assignment Process section above, where it is possible to do so.

Although Residence Life works with Disability Services to address disability-related housing accommodation requests, students must make those requests directly to Disability services. To contact Disability services, visit their section on Olin's website: <https://www.olin.edu/student-life/disability-services> or email disability.services@olin.edu.

Service and Assistance Animals

Disability Services reviews registrations of Service or Assistance Animals for individuals with disabilities. Olin College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified students with disabilities. Students with disabilities who require the use of Service or Assistance Animals as a reasonable accommodation may be permitted to bring such animals on campus if they are deemed necessary by Disability Services. Students who seek to bring a Service or Assistance Animal to campus must first contact Disability Services. The Disability Services staff will determine, on a case-by-case basis, and in collaboration with other offices on campus, whether to approve the student's request for a Service or Assistance Animal. In making this determination, Disability Services will consider the needs of the student, as well as the impact of the animal on the campus community. Students seeking to have a Service or Assistance Animal in housing must submit a request for review each academic year.

The animal must not be in residence prior to approval by Disability Services. The approval of a request is animal-specific and is not transferable to another animal.

Bedrooms and Suites

By design, residence hall rooms are temporary housing with provided furnishings to support students' academic engagement by removing barriers to success. Due to the temporary nature of this housing, students are expected to leave their rooms & suites in move-in condition when moving out. Each student should have the opportunity to personalize their room as they see fit so long as

- a) that personalization does not impact the safety of themselves or their neighbors,
- b) said personalization does not impact the ability of the room to be returned to move-in readiness for future students,
- c) Or, personalization does not violate local, state, and federal laws and policies designed to promote safety in occupancy of community living environments.

With these goals in mind, the following policies are designed to best support students' decision making to ensure a long-lasting and safe residential experience.

Students may not bring into College housing items that bring risk to the safety and health of others. The College reserves the right to make a determination as to the safety of items that students bring into College housing. The student will be required to remove immediately any item from Olin housing that the College deems to raise a safety concern

Furniture

Each room has been outfitted with a twin-XL bed & mattress, a dresser and closet or wardrobe, and a desk with a chair for each resident. These furnishings are designed to last long and meet the high safety standards required of community style living. College provided furnishings are to remain within the room provided for. No room furniture may be left in common spaces at any time.

Students may request materials to bunk or loft beds, contact the Associate Director for Residence Life for more details. To best comply with fire safety, and OSHA standards, students are discouraged from constructing bed lofts. Should a student wish to bring in or build a bed loft, they need to work with the Associate Director for Residence Life prior to purchasing/bringing to campus.

All upholstered furniture and rugs must carry the label of "California Test TB 117" to meet the fire safety standards set by state law. Be mindful of the risk of bedbugs, especially when obtaining fabrics & upholstered items from second hand sources. In addition, the often-significant costs associated with addressing any such infestation will be billed to the student(s) responsible for bringing that piece of furniture into the residence halls. Students are prohibited from bringing additional mattresses.

Open, visible egress paths of at least 28" must always remain from all beds to the room and suite exit. Sleeping areas cannot be enclosed with drapes, curtains, or barriers of any kind to ensure residents are visible in the event of a building fire search. No electrical wiring or lighting fixtures may be attached to a bed or loft, as required by electrical code. No furniture, including bed lofts, will shield or block sprinklers.

Room Alterations & Additional Structures

Any physical alterations to any room without permission from the Associate Director of Residence Life are strictly prohibited. The Associate Director of Residence Life will consult the Director of Facilities Services before permission is granted.

No additional structures will be permitted. Structures include any item with a footprint larger than 45” X 92” and a height of 72” or more.

Windows and doors must always remain operable and not be impeded from closing. Installation of anything outside of your room, including antennae or other exterior devices is prohibited.

Decorating Your Room

Students are encouraged to decorate their space to build a home-like environment for rest & relaxation during their time at college. When decorating, consider how your methods will impact the space at move-out. Residence Life encourages the use of paint-safe masking tape, removable stick-on hooks, and other temporary hanging solutions to avoid damage to walls & surfaces. Students are responsible for repair costs to rooms upon move-out; these costs are billed to your student account according to the damage billing section of the Student Handbook. To assure best repair and longevity, residents are not permitted to make their own repairs to the residence halls.

If you use posters/wall hangings to decorate your room, do so in moderation. Entire walls may not be covered, as this ensures the rapid spread of fire. Decorations must be affixed flat against walls so that flames cannot reach both sides. Absolutely no cloth, paper, or flammable material (including lamp shades) may be hung from the ceiling, as this poses a hazard. If you choose to use your own curtains, you must be able to show proof that they are fire retardant. Nothing should be attached to or cover any smoke detectors, sprinkler head covers or fire alarm strobes/speakers. Water from sprinkler heads must be accessible to all areas of the room in the event of a fire. Furniture, fabric or other dividers may not be placed in a way that the flow of water would be restricted in the event of a fire.

Students may not paint their rooms or suite spaces without written approval by the Associate Director of Residence Life. Students who are approved to paint their rooms will be required to return room to original wall color prior to moving out. Painting or modifying Residence Hall community spaces, such as lounges and kitchens, is reviewed through the policy on long-term/permanent modification to facilities by non-facilities community members.

Production Work & Tools

Students should use campus facilities such as the shop for producing any physical elements to their projects. The use or storage of large power tools such as miter/table saws, 3-D printers, and drill presses is prohibited in the residence halls. Students are permitted to store personal handheld tools such as drills and sanders in their rooms, but these tools must be used in proper production spaces, not in the residence halls.

Pets & Plants

Students are encouraged to factor in breaks & travel when considering having pets and plants on campus. No pets are allowed on campus with the exception of fish in a single 10-gallon tank or smaller and Assistance Animals registered with Disability Services. All fish should be registered with Residence Life prior to moving in or setting up the fish tank. All houseplants must be compliant with Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources standards and the sum of soil used by houseplants within one room shall not exceed 10 gallons. No container of water or dirt shall exceed 10 gallons; water beds, hot tubs, and Jacuzzis are prohibited. Combustible vegetation, such as fresh-cut trees, is prohibited. Artificial vegetation must be certified as being fire retardant.

For details on houseplants, visit MA Department of Agricultural Resources: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-agricultural-resources>

Micro-Fridge & Cooking Equipment

Each stand-alone room is provided with a microwave-fridge combination unit. Each suite shares a large microwave-fridge unit. All additional refrigerators and microwaves must be approved by the Associate Director for Residence Life prior to move-in. Students are responsible for keeping the Micro-fridge in a clean and healthy condition; all units should be left defrosted and emptied for winter break and at move-out to conserve electricity and avoid food born illnesses.

For reasons of safety, other than the microwave provided by the college, cooking equipment of any other kind is not allowed to be used outside of community kitchens, including in student rooms. This includes hot plates, toaster ovens, coffee makers, hot pots, immersion heaters, pressure cookers, fry pans, etc. Bathroom sink drains are not designed for food waste and as such dishes should only be washed in the community kitchen sinks.

Community Spaces

Our residence halls feature a wealth of shared community spaces. While regular cleaning and maintenance occurs throughout these spaces, students are expected to always leave the spaces clean and functional. Any item left in community spaces are expected to be open for use by all students, as such leaving personal items is discouraged. Any item left in community spaces may be assumed to be unwanted and then disposed of.

Only furniture provided by the College may be left in public areas of the residence halls at any time due to fire restrictions. Any personal furniture left in public areas will be disposed of without notice. No bedroom furniture may be moved to community spaces, retain all bedroom furniture in your room and contact Residence Life to inquire about possible storage options.

Residence Life is committed to supporting the ever-changing needs of the residential community and wants to work with students and student groups to offer the best possible community resources. All changes and additions to community spaces and resources must be approved by the Associate Director for Residence Life prior to purchasing items or altering spaces.

Community Kitchens

Each residence hall features a shared community kitchen stocked with a stove top, oven, microwave, sink, community fridge, and tons of cooking utensils. The primary goal of our community kitchens is to provide students a space to share in cooking and food as a cultural practice. By design, all students are required to have a meal plan and should not plan to rely on access to the kitchens for regular sustenance. Cooking that happens in these spaces should be a stress reductive activity for students.

All personal food must be stored in your room or suite. One cabinet in each kitchen and the spice rack are dedicated to shared community foods. The amount of food in the kitchen is limited to best assure food safety, prevent attracting unwanted creatures, and assure equitable access to the limited community space.

All items stored in the community kitchen are assumed to be open for community use, students should not leave things in community spaces they do not welcome others to utilize. Items determined to be inoperable or unsafe will be discarded. Leave only clean dishes, dirty dishes are at risk of being disposed of by staff in the process of cleaning the kitchen.

Team Rooms & Study Nooks

Throughout the residences there are spaces dedicated to teamwork and studying. Typically, these spaces feature chairs around a table with a few white boards. Students should clear whiteboards after each use to welcome others in and to help extend the life of these resources. For additional dry-erase markers, contact Residence Life.

Laundry Rooms

East Hall features one large laundry room in the lower level. West Hall features a small laundry on each floor in the North wing. Washers and dryers allow for unlimited usage to discourage overloading the machines, which can cause damage. All washers on campus are High Efficiency Machines and require no more than 2 tablespoons of detergent, excessive detergent causes build up and damage to machines. Residence Life encourages use of laundry pods and powder detergents due to the frequent spills caused by liquid detergents.

Laundry rooms also feature irons and ironing boards; be sure to return these to their storage area after each use. While Olin does encourage the use of drying racks to reduce ones carbon footprint, drying racks cannot be left in the laundry room or hallways as they restrict necessary egress pathways.

Waste Stations & Cleaning Supplies

Every floor features a waste station for students to leave trash and recyclables.

- **Landfill:** All non-recyclables should be placed in the trash cans. Pet waste must be bagged.
- **Single Stream Recycling:** Olin currently utilizes a single-stream recycling system for paper, clean plastic containers, glass bottles, and metal cans. Recycling does not need to be bagged.
- **Cardboard Recycling:** Corrugated cardboard is the most successfully recycled material on campus. Each waste station features an area for flattened cardboard boxes, please be sure to flatten all boxes before leaving to aid in the continued success of this waste management initiative.
- **Composting:** All composting is collected in the dining hall dish return area. The Eco-Reps manage small compost collection bins in each community kitchen for food scraps when cooking.
- **E-Waste & Batteries:** Electronic waste & batteries are collected in the mail room lobby for recycling.
- **Freecycle:** A dedicated space to leave and take items for reuse is being established during the Fall of 2022 in West Hall for all residents to utilize as a trading post in an effort to divert waste from landfills.

Cleaning supplies & toilet paper are available to residents, typically in the waste station. Community vacuums should be emptied and returned clean after each use. If a vacuum is not working, please email reslife@olin.edu to assure its speedy repair.

Music Practice Rooms

Two music practice rooms are located in the lower level of East Hall and are open to all residents. Residents are discouraged from practicing music in their bedrooms out of respect for their neighbors. Each music practice room features a piano, chairs, and music stands as well as acoustic paneling. Additionally, the Jam Room located in the Campus Center features a collection of instruments for student use; this space is located off the Pool Room next to the Mail Center on the lower level.

Fitness Room & Recreation Equipment

Located in East Hall lower level, the Olin Fitness room is a small workout space dedicated to Olin students. This space is an auxiliary option in addition to the more robust fitness offerings at the BRACC on Babson's campus. Students are always encouraged to work out with a buddy and to only use equipment they have previously been trained on how to use properly.

Across the hall from the Fitness Room is the Recreation Equipment room, which is home to tons of outdoor recreation equipment, the bike share program, bike repair shop, and more. Be sure to return items to their proper location within this space, leaving recreation equipment outside greatly decreases its life expectancy and usefulness.

Bicycles at Olin

In the Recreation Equipment room, you will find our bike share bike collection. These bikes are maintained by the bike co-op for community use. Always wear a helmet and keep the bike locked with the provided bicycle locks whenever using off campus.

All personal bicycles must be stored in your room or locked to an outdoor bicycle rack. Personal bicycles should be registered with Residence Life and have a registration sticker attached. Use or storage of motorized vehicles (scooters, e-bikes, motorcycles) is prohibited within the residence halls.

Storage Rooms, Mechanical Closets, & Roofs

Throughout the residences there are a mix of locked closet doors. Most of these spaces are designated homes for building systems like HVAC, plumbing, electrical, or even janitorial supplies. A limited number of spaces have been dedicated to storage for student organizations. The leaders of the student organizations are issued keys (up to 2 per organization) upon establishment of a use plan for these spaces to assure proper adherence to relevant policies and codes with the Associate Director of Residence Life. In general, closets, mechanic spaces, and penthouses are off limits to students without prior authorization. Access to the roof is prohibited.

Student Storage

The College strongly recommends that all valuable belongings be taken home for intersession and summer breaks. Limited storage may be available through Residence Life. Details of summer storage responsibilities is included in the Summer Storage Agreement and should be reviewed prior to using summer storage. Private storage facilities are also available in the Needham area.

Students are discouraged from using summer storage for any high-value (both monetary and emotional value) items due to the at-will nature of our storage setup. Liquids and hazardous materials may not be kept in storage areas at any time. Students are responsible for contacting Student Affairs to retrieve storage items. Unclaimed items in storage not removed by the end of the second week of classes will be considered abandoned and items will be given away to students at a pop-up FreeCycle event. Remaining items will be donated to local charities or discarded. The College insures only its own property against loss. It does not insure against nor reimburse against the loss, from any cause, of student property including student laptops. It is strongly suggested that students who possess property of value insure against loss through their own insurance company.

Items left on campus in unapproved storage locations, including items not registered for summer storage, will be considered abandoned and become the property of Olin College. Personal items are prohibited from being stored in Student Organization storage spaces.

Mail & Packages

All mail and packages are received to the Campus Center on campus where they sort out mail and notify you of packages in the mailroom. Anything small enough to fit in your physical mailbox will be put there, so we encourage you to keep your mailbox closed and locked at all times. Your mailbox assignment will stay the same for as long as you live on campus, so it's a smart idea to save the box number and combination in your phone. Be sure to always include your first and last name on any mailings.

YOUR NAME, MB###
1000 Olin Way
Needham, MA 02492-1200

Do not use "PO Box" or even the word "box" on your shipments to campus – this will flag mail to end up in the Needham post office and you will have to go into town to track down your mail. If you are ever having trouble including your MB### (Mailbox number) on a shipping label, you can stick it in the "APT" or Apartment number spot. Mail is only received on weekdays, so when a shipper asks if this is a business address it can be helpful to say yes (that tends to discourage weekend delivery).

To open your mailbox, turn 4 times LEFT and stop at the first number. Then turn right past the 1st number and then stop at the second number, turn left and stop at the third number. Turn right to open. After closing the mailbox, turn left to lock.

Living With Others

At its core, living in college residence halls is a fundamentally different experience than living in single family homes or apartments. Due to the high density of people sharing a space, it is important to establish community standards and practices that best support a successful living environment for everyone within the residence halls. Early in the year, your R2 will work with your floor to establish community standards you all share. This section outlines long-standing community standards and policies set to support the overall residential experience at the College.

Noise

By their nature residence halls are noisy places due to the density of residents. All students are expected to show consideration for other residents. Residents should feel welcome to ask neighbors to turn down stereos, musical instruments, televisions, etc. and residents should respect these requests. At the start of each year, hall, floor or wing communities may decide to set quiet hours to establish a shared community standard in how the individuals within the area define reasonable times to be noisy.

Resident Resources (R2)

R2s are student leaders who have been selected to serve as leaders for each floor community. The R2's primary responsibility is to support the individual, personal, social, and academic needs of students at Olin. In addition, R2s act on a commitment to diversity and pluralism by providing leadership within the residence halls to facilitate the development of community while supporting residents as described below:

- Supports and assists other R2s in evaluating or handling student issues through an on-call rotation for Olin students to seek around the clock assistance.
- Makes referrals to the appropriate person or office, if the student problem appears too severe for R2s to handle effectively, especially with issues such as depression, suicide, eating disorders, etc.
- Facilitates the resolution of conflicts and problems when they arise in the residence halls.

Social Gatherings & Parties

Residence Life encourages safe social gatherings within the residence halls. Large gatherings and any parties or events with alcoholic beverages must be registered with Residence Life. Large gatherings may require staff and/or Babson College Public Safety coverage at a cost to the event sponsor(s). College staff members may enter to observe an event at any time. Event hosts are responsible for assuring that guests adhere to laws and college policies.

Guests & Visitors

Overnight guests are permitted in the residence halls, provided consideration is given to the rights of all permanent occupants. Roommates must give explicit approval. Any guest who remains within the residence hall for more than one consecutive night must be registered with Residence Life. Four nights within a 14-day period is the maximum length of time normally permitted for each guest. Special permission from Residence Life is required for guest stays of longer than four days. Residents assume responsibility for the actions of their guests.

Guests and visitors should always remain in the presence of their host within the Residence Halls.

Peddling, Canvassing & Soliciting

Students may not use or permit the use of their room for peddling or canvassing except as approved by the Associate Director for Residence Life. Soliciting in the campus buildings or on the grounds is prohibited.

Bugs & Pests

We must work together to prevent the attraction of bugs and pests within the residence halls. Any food should be stored in a sealed, hard container to prevent the attraction of mice. Be mindful of the risk of bedbugs, especially when obtaining fabrics & upholstered items from second-hand sources. In addition, the often-significant costs associated with addressing any such infestation will be billed to the student(s) responsible for bringing that piece of furniture into the residence halls.

Safety and Security

All students are subject to and responsible for adhering to Olin rules and regulations, including without limitation, Olin Honor Code, fire safety expectations, Information Technology policies & procedures, campus policies and expectations, and other official Olin publications (see www.Olin.edu), and all state and federal laws, and understand that failure to do so may result in Olin taking action, as determined in its sole discretion, including but not limited to removal from the residence halls. Students who are required to leave the residence halls will not be eligible for a refund of any portion of the payment made for use of Olin housing.

Fire Safety

The College strictly enforces safety and fire regulations. Persons who are identified removing, destroying, or otherwise tampering with safety equipment will be subject to disciplinary actions. **The Residence Halls and rooms are subject to inspection visits by the State Fire Marshall, often unannounced.**

Open and enclosed flames are prohibited within the residence halls. Candles, oil lamps, fireworks, blowtorches, incense, or any sources of open flame are not allowed in any part of the residence halls. Melting paraffin, or other flammable materials, is prohibited in the residence halls. Smoking and vaping is prohibited in all residence halls.

Storage or use of flammable fluids, such as lighter fluid or solvents, is prohibited. Secure storage space has been established in East Hall for storage of flammable liquids utilized by Student Organizations, contact the Associate Director of Residence Life for details.

Always treat the activation of the Fire Alarm system in the residence hall as a serious alert to evacuate the building. Periodic fire drills are required to be conducted in the residence halls during the academic year. When the alarm is sounded, all students must vacate the building and gather on the Great Lawn. Students may not return until instructed to do so by a college official.

Electrical Safety

All electrical devices must be UL Listed and labeled and shall be used in accordance with the listing limitations and manufacturers instructions. The use of extension cords is prohibited within the residence halls, only UL listed power strips with built in circuit breaker is approved for augmenting provided electrical outlets.

Do not modify or tamer with electrical or lighting fixtures. Do not overload electrical outlets. If repairs need to be made, file a work order with facilities or call public safety if the situation is urgent.

Doors, Locks, & Lockouts

Exterior and hallway doors are secured for the safety of residents and their belongings. Propping and/or tampering with doors or locks to prevent them from closing securely is prohibited. Residents are not permitted to tamper with locks or add private locks or security devices to their rooms/suites or to any part of the building. The outside of a room door is considered part of the hallway or common area and, as such, subject to the posting regulations for residence halls as displayed in each residence hall.

At move-in all students receive a room key and an Olin ID card. The Olin ID card also serves as the proximity access cards for hall entrances equipped with proximity access card readers. If you lose your ID card or key, you must report the loss immediately, Residence Life oversees key distribution while IT oversees ID card production. If it is your room key that is lost, your lock will be changed, you will receive a key for the new lock, and assessed a replacement fee for the key and lock replacement. If an ID card is lost, it is replaced and a replacement fee is assessed. Failure to return your key during move out or upon departure from the campus will result in a fee. For safety reasons, keys should always be kept in your possession and should not be left in locks. Keys found left in locks will be collected and treated as a “lost key.” You should never give your keys or IDs to anyone else.

Students who are locked out of their room should contact the Resident Resource (R2) on duty; students may also call Public Safety Department if an R2 is unavailable. An R2 or Public Safety Officer may check your ID and let you in. Only Residence Life staff, and Public Safety staff will let you in; custodians are instructed not to open locked doors for students. Students who habitually lock themselves out may be assessed for a lost key charge and/or asked to meet with Residence Life staff to develop a key management plan.

Right To Entry & Emergency Personnel

Olin reserves the right to enter Olin housing, including the residence halls, common areas, suites, and individual rooms assigned to students, for verification of occupancy; for performance of housekeeping, maintenance and repairs functions; to respond to, address or investigate suspicion of activity that may be illegal or that may be in violation of any College rule, regulation, or policy; for safety, health or sanitary reasons; and in any other situation when Olin deems entry necessary to address the welfare or interests of a student or the Olin community.

The College values the role and contributions of fire, emergency responders, and law enforcement personnel. Fire, emergency responders, and law enforcement personnel will be provided access to enter the residence halls and students’ assigned suites and rooms in Olin housing to respond matters of personal or public health and safety. The residence halls and individually assigned suites and rooms are subject to fire/smoke/CO alarms, periodic fire safety inspection visits, and access by fire, emergency responders and law enforcement personnel, including entry into individual rooms and suites. Without limiting the above, the College strictly enforces safety and fire regulations. Persons who are identified removing, destroying, or otherwise tampering with safety equipment will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Personal Insurance

Olin recommends that all students purchase (at their own expense) personal insurance to cover their personal belongings prior to their move-in to Olin housing and that they take steps to safeguard their personal property.

Moving In and Out

Moving In

Each student will receive details for their specific move-in day about two weeks prior to move-in via their Olin email address. It is important to plan to arrive during the allotted move-in time block to assure full access to the necessary campus resources. Early and late move-in requests should be made no later than seven days in advance of arrival to assure adequate planning. Should the necessary campus resources not be available, students may not be approved for early or late arrival and will need to plan accordingly.

On move-in day, each student will receive a key to their room (and suite if applicable). Students are responsible for returning all Olin issued keys upon move-out and as such should work with Residence Life to assure they have received their keys. New students will receive an ID card on move-in day, please stay tuned to your Olin email for photo submission details to assist in the pre-printing of ID cards for a smooth move-in day. Students are expected to retain their ID card for the duration of their time as a student, returning students should have their ID card ready upon arrival to move-in.

Moving Out

When a room is permanently vacated, the residents are responsible for and agree to return the Olin housing and its Olin contents to their original and clean condition no later than the date required for vacating the Olin housing. Failure to leave the Olin housing appropriately clean may result in a cleaning charge. Students who fail to properly turn in their key at the time of check out will be charged \$75.00, to address Olin's need to change the lock and replace keys, for each lock where a key is not returned.

Students must remove all personal effects, valuables, or other property from the Olin housing no later than the expiration of the period of their Housing Agreement or earlier upon written request by Olin. Students who withdraw or take a leave of absence are expected to vacate Olin housing within two business days, or sooner if Olin deems appropriate. Any property or items not removed from the Olin housing by the required date may be considered abandoned and become the property of Olin College.

Residence Damages & Repairs

Each student must complete a room assessment form within 48 hours of moving in to avoid being assessed unwarranted charges. Students should also file workorders to report damages during the year. All rooms, corridors and public spaces must be left clean, neat and in order. All furniture must be intact and returned to their original location. Students are prohibited from repairing damages themselves.

The cost of any necessary repairs to the residence hall, suite, or room to which the student is assigned may be charged against the student's College account. Similarly, the cost for repair or replacement of any missing or damaged College furniture from the residence hall, suite or room to which the student is assigned will be billed to the student's account. If the student(s) whose actions necessitated the repairs, replacement, or cleaning cannot be readily identified, then the cost of such repairs or cleaning will be charged equally among the residents of the room, suite, floor, or building. Room cleaning charges will be applied to students' accounts who vacate without properly returning their room/apartment to its original condition.

Summer Housing

Limited student housing may be available during a period of the summer break. Should Summer housing be available, Residence Life will announce its eligibility requirements and costs by April 1st of each year. Typically, housing is not available for a few weeks following commencement and prior to Fall move-in. Campus resources are limited during the summer period and students are encouraged to consider these limits in planning their summer housing.

Intersession housing is not available during winter break, or the hall closure period before and after summer housing to allow for proper maintenance of the residential facilities.

Campus Safety

Babson College Public Safety Department

The Babson College Public Safety Department strives for professional excellence while providing a comprehensive program of police, security, crime prevention, emergency medical, fire safety, and parking related service to enhance the quality of life, safety and security of the Babson and Olin College communities. The Department is dedicated in creating an inclusive environment that students, staff, faculty and visitors feel they are treated fairly and with respect. The Department focuses efforts on a team building approach with community members and groups to focus on the resiliency, wellness and safety of the community. The services are provided on all property owned, used or occupied by the colleges, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Upon completion of a certified police academy, the officers have full law enforcement powers on college property as special state police officers under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 22c, section 63. Additionally some police officers have specialized training in the areas of crime prevention theory and the investigation of sexual assaults and bias-motivated crime, as well as other subjects that enhance the ability of the department to provide comprehensive public safety services. The department also comprises of Community Service Officers (CSO) who serve in a non-sworn uniformed security position. The CSO is responsible for patrolling the campus on foot or vehicle, issuing parking tickets, performing as walking or mobile personal safety escort services and working as a dispatcher in the Public Safety communications center.

The Public Safety Department is charged with providing law enforcement and other emergency services to the Babson College and Olin College communities. All complaints will be investigated and any violations of law or college policy can result in the filing of criminal charges and/or referral to Student Affairs. In certain cases, such investigations are carried out in conjunction with local, state or federal law enforcement agencies.

The college community can contact the Public Safety Department using the on-campus extension x5555, or, if calling from a cell phone or off-campus location, 781.239.5555. In addition to the Public Safety Department officers and staff, residents may discuss community concerns and issues of security and safety with Student Affairs staff members. The Public Safety Department provides a wide range of services designed to inform students and employees about ways to increase security on campus: release of a police log accessible to the public, bicycle patrol, articles on crime prevention, and informational presentations during Orientation and personal safety escort services.

In the event of an emergency, a meeting of the College Crisis Management Team is held to determine the most appropriate course of action. In some instances, the Public Safety Department issues a public safety advisory, during emergency situations alert notifications will be sent out through the Olin Emergency Notification system, updating the community through text, email and phone calls of the emergency situation on campus and advising what action should be taken.

Members of the Public Safety Department also conduct external checks of all buildings to ensure they are secure at the appropriate times. Residence Hall exterior doors are locked 24 hours a day while classroom and administrative buildings are secured at the conclusion of normally scheduled business hours.

The Associate Dean of Student Affairs, the Director of Facilities Services, and the public safety staff work together to ensure building security. The Public Safety Department recognizes the need to have assistance if we are going to effectively perform our duties. In an effort to encourage calls from those members of our community who would not normally contact a police officer whenever they have complaints, concerns or information, we have installed a confidential caller telephone line.

Although we prefer to converse with individuals, we acknowledge the fact that some people wish to leave information anonymously. To protect the identity of callers, all calls will be directed to an answering machine that does not have caller ID. The telephone number is 781.237.8164.

See <http://olin.edu/offices-services/facilities/public-safety/> for information regarding campus security and statistics about criminal acts on the Olin campus. The Babson College Public Safety Department Chief of Police is Erin S. Carcia and she can be reached at publicsafety@olin.edu or 781.239.5555.

Olin Emergency Alert System

Olin’s Emergency Alert System (Olin EAS) allows for rapid dissemination of news and instructions in the event of a campus-wide emergency. Alerts for this system are managed through the Public Safety Department.

Olin community members are responsible for populating and maintaining his or her information. Contact information can be updated and changed anytime by logging into the Olin EAS.

If you are leaving Olin for an extended period and are concerned about incurring costs due to notifications to your cell phone, you may edit your phone contact information to temporarily turn off text messaging and/or phone calls.

For information about the Olin EAS system, and for instructions on how to register, edit, or deactivate your account, please consult the Olin EAS FAQ sheet, which is accessible on Olin’s “Emergency Communication” webpage at <https://www.olin.edu/student-life/safety-security> or from the “Campus Life” tab of the Olin Portal at <https://my.olin.edu/ics>

Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHands)

A safe environment is one tenet of the Olin College Core Institutional Values and the college is committed to reducing or eliminating the health and safety risks to its students, employees and visitors. The success of this commitment depends on all members of the Olin community actively participating in the design and operation of campus programs and activities that insure the security, safety and health of our community.

The Office of EH&S offers technical support and a variety of services to the college community with the goal of promoting programs and activities that operate in a safe, healthy and environmentally responsible manner and that comply with EH&S laws and regulations. The EH&S office works with the college community to review and address ongoing and emerging safety issues associated with all campus activities. The Office of EH&S is located in Campus Center, Suite 332 and can be reached at x2316 (781.292.2316 off-campus) or via safety@olin.edu.

EthicsPoint

A successful safety program depends on us all being alert and committed to safety. We want you to know that you can report your campus and workplace concerns anonymously and without fear of reprisal through EthicsPoint. This valuable external service may be accessed by the Internet (<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/79218/index.html>) or by calling the toll-free number (844-548-0642). Both of these avenues are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This new service is an enhancement, not a replacement, of our current resources and processes. Please feel free to utilize this system if you do not feel comfortable using our current procedures.

Weather cancellation policy

Should it be necessary to close the college or delay the opening of the college, an announcement will be made on the following media outlets:

TV	Radio
WBZ-TV channel 4	WBZ 1030 AM
WHDH-TV channel 7	WRKO 680 AM
WCVB-TV channel 5	WBR 90.9 FM
WFXT-TV channel 25	

An announcement on cancellations or delays will be posted on the info line at 781.292.2699 and an email will be sent to the entire community.

If the college is closed, only essential employees will be available on campus. This includes the Public Safety Department, Facilities Services and Dining Services. No message or announcement will be made if the college remains open.

Class and office schedules for a delayed opening are as follows:

Announcement	Class that will be held	Office will open
1 hour delay	Regularly scheduled courses beginning at or after 9:00 a.m	9:00 a.m.
1 1/2 hour delay	Regularly scheduled courses beginning at or after 9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
2 hour delay	Regularly scheduled courses beginning at or after 10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
No morning classes	Regularly scheduled classes courses beginning at or after 12:00 p.m	12:00 p.m.

Missing student procedures

Olin takes student safety very seriously. To this end, the following policy and procedure have been established by Olin College and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and applies to all students at the college.

For the purposes of this policy, a student may be considered to be a “missing person” if the student’s absence from campus is contrary to her or his usual pattern of behavior and Olin has reasonable belief that the unusual circumstances may have caused the absence. Such circumstances may include, but not be limited to, a report or suspicion that the student may be a victim of foul play; the student has expressed suicidal thoughts, may be drug dependent or in a life threatening situation; or if the student is overdue returning to campus and is not heard from after giving a specific return time to friends or family.

If a member of the Olin Community has reason to believe that a student is missing, whether or not the student resides on campus, that individual should contact Public Safety. Public Safety will collaborate with the Student Affairs team to make an effort to locate the student and determine her or his state of health and well-being. Public Safety will gather pertinent information about the student from the reporting person. Such information may include description, cellular phone number, clothes last worn, vehicle description, information about the physical and emotional well-being of the student, an up-to-date photograph, etc.

College officials will also endeavor to determine the student’s whereabouts through contact with friends, associates, and/or employers of the student, and determine whether the student has been attending classes, scheduled organizational or academic meetings, and work. If the student is living on campus, Public Safety and Student Affairs staff may make a welfare entry into the student’s room. If the student resides off-campus or studying abroad, Public Safety and Student Affairs staff will informally enlist the aid of police agencies that have jurisdiction.

If a residential student is reported missing and cannot be located, certain notices will be made as follows:

- Parents/Guardians will be notified within 24 hours (after Public Safety receives the initial missing person report) to determine whether they know the whereabouts of the student.
- Local law enforcement will be notified within 24 hours after Public Safety determines that the student is missing.
- The student’s designated emergency contact (if any) will be notified once Public Safety or local law enforcement personnel make a determination that the student has been missing for more than 24 hours.

If the student is an off-campus resident, Public Safety will notify appropriate family members or associates within 24 hours of receiving the initial report. These individuals will then be encouraged to make an official missing-person report to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. Public Safety will cooperate, aid, and assist the primary investigative agency as appropriate.

After the student has been located, Public Safety will attempt to verify the student’s state of health and intention of returning to the campus. When and where appropriate, a referral may be made to the Counseling Center and/or the Student Health Center.

Upon notification from any entity that a student may be missing, Olin may use any of the following resources to assist in locating the student. These resources may be used in any order and combination.

- Through Student Affairs, the R2s (Resident Resources) may be asked to assist in physically locating the student by keying into the student’s assigned room and talking with friends.
- College officials may search on campus public locations to find the student (library, Dining Hall, etc.).
- College officials may be issued an ID picture to assist in identifying the missing student.
- Student Affairs may try to contact known friends, family, or faculty members for last sighting or additional contact information.

- Olin staff or faculty may be contacted to seek information on last sighting or other contact information.
- College officials may access card access logs to determine last use of the card and track the card for future uses.
- College officials may access vehicle registration information for vehicle location and distribution to authorities.
- Information Technology (IT) may be asked to access email logs for last login and use of Olin email system.
- If there is any indication of foul play, college officials may contact the local police department for assistance.

Designation of emergency contact information

Students may designate an individual to be contacted by the college if the student is determined to be missing. The designation will remain in effect until changed or revoked by the student.

Communications about missing students

The local law enforcement agency in charge of the investigation and Public Safety will be consulted by Dean of the College prior to any information release from the college so as not to jeopardize any investigation.

- Information provided to the media to elicit public assistance in the search for the missing person will be handled by the local law enforcement agency.

Sexual Misconduct and Title IX

Olin College is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment for all community members, guests, and visitors. In compliance with federal law, Olin has adopted policies and procedures to prevent and respond to incidents of discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, gender identity or sexual orientation, including, but not limited to sexual violence, dating and domestic violence, stalking, or retaliation. These policies have been developed to reaffirm the values of our community and to provide transparency about Olin’s Sexual Misconduct processes. These policies and resolution procedures are intended to comply with Title IX, the Massachusetts Campus Sexual Assault Law, the Clery Act, the reauthorized Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), including the Campus SaVE Act, and the guidance documents on Title IX issued by the Department of Education’s (DOE) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

The Sexual Misconduct Policy applies to all Olin community members, and all members of Olin are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the Sexual Misconduct Policy at all times.

Overview of Olin College Interim Sexual Misconduct Policy

I. Statement of Values

Sexual misconduct and sexual violence violate the values of Olin and will not be tolerated within the College community. Olin rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, discrimination, retaliation and disrespect. Olin is committed to sustaining a welcoming environment for everyone and especially for those vulnerable to discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, marital or parental status, veteran status, sex, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, and/or gender identity. It is the policy of Olin to adhere to all applicable state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. All members of the campus community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others. In addition, all community members are expected to take reasonable and prudent actions to prevent or stop an act of sexual misconduct through safe bystander intervention.

Sexual misconduct and sexual violence can be devastating to the person who experiences it directly and can be traumatic to the person’s family, friends, and to the Olin community. Olin is committed to providing an environment of well-being, learning, and accountability for its members by preventing the occurrence of sexual misconduct and addressing its effects.

II. Commitment to Non-Discrimination

Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination that deprives a person of equal treatment. It is prohibited by Title IX, a federal law that states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Sexual harassment is also prohibited under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 151B, Massachusetts Fair Education Practices Act, Massachusetts General Laws 151 C, Section 2(g), and other applicable state and federal statutes.

Olin rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, discrimination, retaliation and disrespect, and is committed to sustaining a welcoming environment for every individual. It is the policy of Olin to adhere to all applicable state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. Olin does not discriminate in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities on the basis of a person’s race, religion, color, national origin, age, marital or parental status, veteran status, sex, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other legally protected status.

The following individual has been designated by Olin to respond to general inquiries regarding the College’s non-discrimination policies:

Sharon Woodward, Director of Human Resources

Olin College of Engineering

1000 Olin Way

Needham, MA 02492-1000
 781-292-2409
 Sharon.Woodward@olin.edu

III. How Olin will address sexual misconduct

Olin's commitment to non-discrimination includes an assertion that the College will not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation including, but not limited to sexual violence, dating and domestic violence, stalking, or retaliation in its community. The College follows through on that commitment, in part, through the implementation of a Sexual Misconduct Policy that defines prohibited conduct and the process by which the College will address such conduct in different circumstances. Olin College's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy is composed of several components:

- Definitions of Prohibited Sexual and Interpersonal Conduct Covered by Title IX
- Definitions of Prohibited Sexual and Interpersonal Conduct Not Covered by Title IX
- The College's Response to Reports of Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct
- Process for Resolving Formal Complaints Covered by Title IX
- Process for Resolving Complaints of Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Not Covered by Title IX

The Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy applies to all Olin community members, and all members of the College community are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the Sexual Misconduct Policy at all times.

Olin will also provide relevant resources for the community on the Sexual Misconduct and Title IX webpage available on the Olin College website. While separate from the Policy, these additional resources are part of the College's ongoing efforts to ensure an environment free of discrimination on the basis of sex.

IV. Role of the Title IX Coordinator

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating Olin programs to comply with Title IX. This includes leading Olin's efforts to respond to reports of conduct that could trigger Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy. The Title IX Coordinator is also available to meet with any individual to provide information about the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy (including the availability of supportive measures and the right to file a formal complaint, which will trigger the investigation and resolution/sanction process), as well as discussing other resources within the Olin community and beyond.

Where the Title IX Coordinator is listed as the designated point of contact for any role in the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy, the College may designate a Deputy Title IX Coordinator(s) or other qualified member of the College community to assume the role, as necessary and appropriate. These individuals would be available to receive a report from any member of the Olin community who believes the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy has been violated. They may also be available to assist others, including respondents and witnesses in understanding the College's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy and procedures.

The College's Interim Title IX Coordinator is:

Guilene Prepetit

Interim Title
Human

Guilene.Prepetit@olin.edu

781.292.2411; Campus Center 332

IX
Resources

Coordinator
Generalist

V. Role of the Confidential Resource Provider

Under the 2021 Massachusetts Campus Sexual Assault Law, each college must appoint at least one (1) Confidential Resource Provider. A Confidential Resource provider is an employee of the college who is not required by Title IX to report to the Title IX Coordinator. The role of the Confidential Resource Provider is to provide supportive measures, information about Olin-specific resources and external resources, i.e., counseling, medical and health services available on and off campus. The Confidential Resource Provider also provides information, *to the complainant and respondent (if known)*, about Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy, reporting options and the effects of each option, the disciplinary process under this policy, and their rights to report or not report the incident to local law enforcement agencies.

The Confidential Resource Provider maintains all information as confidential unless otherwise required by state or federal law.

The College's Confidential Resource Providers are:

TBD

Director of Wellness

Jon Adler

Professor of Psychology

jadler@olin.edu

781-292-2583

VI. Olin resources and other community resources

There are several offices and resources within the Olin community that can be called upon to respond to incidents of behavior that could be subject to the Sexual Misconduct Policy and can serve as supports to individuals in many different ways. These resources are available to both Reporting and Responding Parties.

A. Confidential Medical and Counseling Resources

Some Olin resources designated as "confidential resources" have the ability to maintain legally-protected confidentiality with the individual who shared the information. These individuals serve in professional roles in which communications are provided confidential status under the law (e.g., licensed mental health care providers, licensed medical providers, pastoral counselors and clergy) and may not report identifying information about behavior that may implicate the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy without the expressed permission of the individual who supplied the information in question or otherwise in compliance with law. However, these confidential resources are instructed to inform individuals of their right to file a complaint under the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy and/or with the police and may assist in that process.

Below is a list of some available confidential resources for community members at Olin:

Babson/Olin Health Services (students only)

Phone: 781.239.6363 - Fax: 781.239.5069

Babson College - Babson Park, MA 02457
 Academic Year: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
 Urgent Care hours: Monday-Thursday 5pm-7pm
 Semester Breaks: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
 Summer: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Services: Health services, physical exams, and testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) and pregnancy.

Colony Care Behavioral Health (students only)

Phone: 781.431.1177 Ext. 213 - Fax: 781.431.1181
 River Street, First floor - Wellesley, MA 02481

Services: Comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment, individual psychotherapy, and walk-in crisis appointments.

Laura Kinney is Olin's main contact at Colony Care. To schedule an appointment, provide your name and contact phone number in the voicemail and Laura or another counselor will contact you to set up a time to meet.

Colony Care is available on-site at Olin during the academic year. Appointments may also be scheduled to meet off-campus with free transportation to the office.

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Phone: 617.677.7000 - Emergency: 781.453.5400
 148 Chestnut Street - Needham, MA 02492

Services: Mental health, counseling, and adult medicine.

Employee Assistance Program (employees only)

Call: 800.311.4327
 TDD: 800.697.0353
 Online: guidanceresources.com

Services: Collaborate with employees to resolve personal and/or job related concerns that may adversely impact health, well-being, social functioning and productivity issues in the workplace. Topics of support include: Balancing work and family, mental health, alcohol and drugs, recovery management, diversity, domestic violence, job related, and financial.

Additional Services: Confidential counseling, legal consultation, health and wellness resources, family and caregiving referrals, and convenience services.

B. Non-Confidential Olin Reporting Options and Resources

To report a violation, file a formal complaint, or seek information about the process under the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy, please contact the Title IX Coordinator (See contact information in Section IV above).

Olin recognizes that an individual may feel most comfortable discussing incidents, situations, and/or allegations with Olin employees whom the individual knows well. It is important to note that the following Olin employees have been designated to receive reports of sexual misconduct and are obligated by law to disclose all reports and relevant information committed by or impacting any community member, that is shared with them, to the Title IX Coordinator concerning unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and marital or parental status, as well as incidents and allegations of sexual misconduct (including, but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking), and/or retaliation. The Title IX Coordinator will then take the steps to provide the complainant (if known) with rights and resource information and implement any supportive measures.

MANDATORY REPORTERS ARE LISTED IN THE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT APPENDIX, which can be found on the College's Sexual Misconduct Webpage

[Webpage](#)

The College officials listed in the Mandatory Reporters list have the authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the College. They must disclose to the Title IX Coordinator all information they know related to a report of potential sexual harassment, including the names of the alleged victim and perpetrator (if known), any witnesses and any other relevant facts including, the date, time and specific location of the alleged incident.

To the extent possible, information reported to the above listed College officials will be shared only with the Title IX Coordinator and those who assist in the implementation of Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy and procedures. If the incident is an emergency or poses a serious or continuing threat, the official should first call Babson/Olin Public Safety immediately. If the incident is not an emergency does not pose a serious or continuing threat the official should not share information with law enforcement without the alleged victim's consent or unless the employee is otherwise required by law to do so.

Once the College official learns about an incident, allegation or receives a report, Olin is on actual notice of the alleged incident and the Title IX Coordinator will then take the steps to provide the complainant (if known) with rights and resource information and implement any supportive measures.

Whenever possible, the above listed College officials will disclose their duty to report incidents before someone reveals information about an incident. Olin encourages individuals to speak with the Title IX Coordinator or one of the officials listed above so that supportive measures may be provided and, if the complainant elects to file a formal complaint, that the incident can be looked into and properly resolved.

Steps to Preserve Evidence. Any person who has experienced sexual violence is encouraged to take steps to preserve evidence of the incident, as doing so may be necessary to the proof of the crime or to obtain a protective order. Clothing and surroundings may contain valuable evidence. If possible, refrain from going to the bathroom unless one can save a urine sample in a clear container. Too, refrain from drinking, showering, brushing teeth, combing hair, changing clothing, and straighten up anything. It is natural to want to do these things, yet it is important that a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or physician be able to examine an individual as they are from the incident. If an individual needs to change their clothes, each garment worn during the incident should be separated in a paper (not plastic) bag. If the incident involves any written or electronic communications (such as texts, pictures, videos, social media posts, phone calls), one should try and preserve copies and not delete original material.

C. Criminal Reporting Options

Individuals who believe that they may have been victims of a crime may file a criminal complaint with the Babson/Olin Public Safety (781.239.5555) and/or the local police department (911) where the incident occurred. An individual may make both a criminal complaint and a complaint to Olin under its Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy.

Olin encourages individuals to report incidents to the police so the police can take appropriate measures to help individuals and prevent future crimes. However, individuals are never required to report an incident to Babson/Olin Public Safety or the local police.

Babson/Olin Public Safety

Phone: 781.239.5555 – Non-emergency Anonymous Tip Line: 781.237.8164

Emergency Call Boxes are located across Babson and Olin to contact Public Safety

Babson College - Babson Park, Massachusetts 02457

If an individual wishes to file a report on campus, a trained investigator at Babson/Olin Public Safety will be available to meet and receive a report. It is the policy of the Babson/Olin Public Safety Department to ensure consistent standardized procedures for the investigation and prosecution of all sexual misconduct claims. Officers and investigators are trained to respond, support, and collaborate with local health and law enforcement to help preserve evidence should an individual wish to pursue a criminal prosecution in addition to other protective orders available through the court system.

Needham Police Department

Phone: 781.455.7570

99 School Street - Needham, MA 02392

Massachusetts State Police

Phone: 781.431.5050

470 Worcester Rd - Framingham, MA 01702

District Attorney Office – Victim Witness Coordinator

Phone: 781.830.4800

45 Shawmut Rd - Framingham, MA 01702

If an individual would like assistance in filing a report with local law enforcement, Babson/Olin Public Safety will be available to provide assistance. Additionally, if an individual wishes to file a report with off-campus authorities, they may choose to go directly to the local police department. Transportation to the police department is available through Olin. One may also choose to have the police come to Olin's campus. If this option is chosen Olin can arrange for a discreet and private place to meet for this purpose. By filing a report, you are not committed to seek criminal prosecution. However, Olin will evaluate its obligation to conduct an internal investigation as described in Section VII.A.1 below.

D. Government Reporting Options

If one wishes to file a complaint of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, including, but not limited to, sexual misconduct, sexual violence, relationship violence, stalking, and/or retaliation, outside of the College or in addition to a complaint filed under Olin's Sexual Misconduct Policy, contact one of the government agencies listed below.

U.S. Department of Education (DOE), Office of Civil Rights (OCR)

Phone: 617.289.0111

5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor – Boston, MA 02109

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Phone: 617.565.3200 / 800.669.4000

475 Government Center – Boston, MA 02203

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Phone: 617.994.6000

One Ashburton Place, Suite 601– Boston, MA 02108

E. Additional Resources and Guidance for Complaining and/or Reporting Parties

Individuals who have experienced sexual violence, other inappropriate sexual contact, relationship violence, and/or stalking may experience a wide range of feelings and have questions and concerns. Many resources to assist individuals at Olin in including local and national services.

In an emergency, contact public safety at 781.239.5555 or dial 911. Immediately get to a safe place and call someone you trust.

1. Steps to Preserve Evidence. Any person who has experience sexual violence is encouraged to take steps to preserve evidence of the incident, as doing so may be necessary to the proof of the crime or to obtain a protective order. Clothing and surroundings may contain valuable evidence. An individual should try and refrain from going to the bathroom unless they are able to save a urine sample in a clear container. They should also try and refrain from drinking, showering, brushing teeth, combing hair, changing clothing, and straighten up anything. It is natural to want to do these things, yet it is important that a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or physician be able to examine an individual as they are from the incident. If an individual needs to change their clothes, each garment worn during the incident should be separated in a paper (not plastic) bag. If the incident involves any written or electronic communications (such as texts, pictures, videos, social media posts, phone calls), one should try and preserve copies and not delete original material.

2. Confidential Medical Attention after Sexual Assault or Other Violence. Medical attention is highly recommended to treat any possible injuries, including internal injuries or infections, even if there is no visible injury present. It is important to be aware that there are some medical actions that are more effective if taken within the first few days after an offense, such as pregnancy tests, tests for sexually transmitted infections (STI's), evidence collection, and toxicology testing (if there are signs that drugs or alcohol facilitated the offense). Immediate medical attention may be especially helpful to prevent the transmission of STI's, such as HIV, as long as medications are administered within the first 24-72 hours following an assault. Generally, an individual may discuss the incident with a licensed medical professional on a confidential basis.

Olin recommends that any person who has experienced sexual violence obtain medical assistance at a hospital or medical facility immediately after or within 72 hours of a sexual assault. These providers offer physical exams and provide sexual and reproductive health services (e.g., sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy testing). Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) are also available at some hospitals to collect evidence in the event that the individual seeks to pursue criminal charges or a protective order.

Babson/Olin Health Services (students only)

Phone: 781.239.6363

Health services, physical exams and testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) and pregnancy.

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Phone: 617.677.7000

Needham Hospital Phone: 781.453.3000

Violence Prevention & Recovery Phone: 617.667.8141

Mental health, counseling, and adult medicine.

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Phone: 617.243.6000

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) are available to collect evidence if looking to pursue criminal charges.

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Phone: 617.732.5000

Metro West Hospital

Phone: 508.650.7000

Massachusetts Department of Health

Phone: 617.624.6000

If seeking transportation to the hospital through Olin, please contact the Title IX Coordinator. An individual may also request transportation with the help of Babson/Olin Health Services, or be transported by a friend or family member.

A Sexual Assault Medical examination is used to (a) collect evidence important in criminal prosecution or a civil case and (b) treat possible injuries or illness sustained from the offense. Having the examination provides an opportunity to obtain any possible evidence necessary to support the case should one choose to handle the incident through the criminal justice or other legal process. The examination is an optional procedure and does not commit an individual to any legal action. An individual is also not required to make a police report. Any evidence collected during the examination is held up to six months in a confidential storage which is identified only by a number, not a name. It is the individual's right to request a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to perform the examination.

There is no charge for a sexual assault medical examination completed in a Massachusetts hospital within five days after a sexual assault occurring in the state. The hospital where the examination occurred will work with the Massachusetts Victim Compensation & Assistance Division for the payment of any lab work, emergency room fees, physician's fees, and medications during the hospital visit. Individuals are also eligible for additional expenses associated with the aftercare if deemed medically necessary as result of the incident. This can include further medical treatment, medications, counseling, replacement bedding and clothing (taken during the administration of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) kit), security measures, etc. To determine eligibility for these post-examination expenses, one will need to complete the Massachusetts SAFE Post Examination Application provided at the time of release from the hospital.

If an individual did not obtain an examination at the time of the incident, the Massachusetts Victim Compensation Fund may also cover the cost of the examination care at a later date as well as some possible post examination care (e.g., for follow up care for STI prevention, medication, testing, counseling, security measures, lost wages) if an individual submits a Crime Victim's Compensation application with law enforcement. More information can be found at www.mass.gov/ago/vcomp.

F. Confidential Support for Complaining and Responding parties

The following resources can generally talk to individuals without revealing any personally identifying information about an incident to Olin. While maintaining an individual's confidentiality, these individuals or their offices may report the nature, date, time, and general location of an incident to the Title IX Coordinator. This limited report, which does not include information that would directly or indirectly identify the individual, helps keep the Title IX Coordinator informed of the general extent and nature of sexual misconduct on and off campus so the Coordinator can track patterns, evaluate the scope of the problem, and formulate appropriate campus-wide responses. Before reporting any information to the Title IX Coordinator, these individuals will consult with the individual to ensure that personally identifying details are not shared.

1. Babson/Olin Health Services (students only). Babson/Olin Health Services is available to assist students with immediate needs and to review available medical options. Babson/Olin Health Services can offer support, testing and treatment for STI's and follow-up appointments for further testing, if necessary. If medical care is needed well after the incident had occurred, Babson/Olin Health Services can still provide any needed support and perform testing and treatment for students. Olin recommends that any person who has experienced sexual violence obtain medical assistance at a hospital immediately after or within 72 hours of a sexual assault. Babson/Olin Health Services staff are trained to assist individuals and determine what options and resources are available. A confidential meeting can be scheduled by calling Babson/Olin Health Services at 781.239.6363. Transportation to a local hospital with a support person of your choice can also be arranged.
2. Colony Care Behavioral Health (students only). Individual counseling appointments with members of the Colony Care staff are confidential and no information will be released with your permission except as required by law. A therapist will review confidentiality so individuals are able to make an informed decision about what information they feel comfortable sharing. All independently licensed psychologists at Colony Care are experienced in counseling both Complaining and Responding Parties in sexual misconduct, dating violence and domestic violence concerns. Psychological counseling is intended to help individuals process their emotions and thoughts related to the incident. The course of treatment is determined by each individual's needs, which may change over time⁴. Some goals of treatment include establishing safety, regaining a sense of control, addressing depression, and attending to any psychological symptoms that may result from the incident. Counselors at Colony Care will also provide individuals with options and resources as well as providing support when making important decisions.
3. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (employees only). E4 Health is available to provide up to (7) sessions of confidential counseling for employees, their family and household members to resolve personal and/or job-related concerns that may adversely impact health, well-being, social functioning, and productivity issues in the workplace. Some support issues include: relationship difficulties, mental health, life cycle events, grief and loss, addiction, stress, and family. Additionally, E4 provides legal consultation, health and wellness resources, family and caregiving referrals, and convenience services.

G. Consider Reporting and Complaint Options

1. **Complaint under Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy.** To file a complaint under this policy, contact the Title IX Coordinator as described in Section IV.
2. **Criminal Report.** To file a criminal complaint, contact public safety at 781.239.5555 or dial 911 as described in Section VI.C
3. **Reporting to Governmental Agency.** To file a complaint with a governmental agency, please see Section VI. D

H. Additional Support and Resources – Hotlines, Advocacy, Shelters, and Support

There are many resources available for individuals seeking support, assistance, and guidance from someone outside of the Olin College Community. These service providers are not required to report any information to Olin and generally hold confidentiality with individuals seeking assistance.

Boston Area Rape Crisis Counseling Center (BARCC)

Phone: 800.941.8371 - Website: www.barcc.org

24hr hotline, 24hr medical advocacy, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy, case management

REACH Beyond Domestic Violence

Phone: 800.899.4000 - Website: www.reachma.org

24hr domestic violence hotline, shelter, intervention, and prevention services, community based support services

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)

Phone: 800.657.4673 - Website: www.rainn.org

24hr national hotline, victim services, resources, advocacy

Jane Doe Inc.

Phone: 877.785.2020 – Website: www.janedoe.org

24hr sexual assault and domestic violence multilingual hotline, movement building, networking and support

Fenway Health

Phone: 888.242.0900 – Website: www.fenwayhealth.org

24hr LGBTQ hotline, counseling, support groups, advocacy, referral services

The Network / LA Red

Phone: 617.742.4911 – Website: www.tnlr.org

24hr LGBTQ, BDSM, and polyamorous partner abuse hotline, emotional support, resources, safety planning

Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance

Phone: 617.586.1340 – Website: www.mass.gov/mova/

Victim advocacy and assistance, outreach, resources

Resources for legal aid, advice and/or representation:

Committee for Public Counsel Services

Website: www.publiccounsel.net

Public defender agency for Massachusetts

Mass Legal Services

Website: www.masslegalservices.org/FindLegalAid

Legal Resource Finder: Contact information for legal aid programs, nonprofits, government agencies, and court programs

Norfolk Superior Court

Phone: 781.326.1600

Dedham District Court

Phone: 781.329.4777

VII. Additional considerations

A. Privacy and Confidentiality: Treatment of Reported Information.

1. **Requests for Confidentiality or No Investigation.** Olin will act with discretion with regards to the privacy of individuals and the sensitivity of the situation when receiving a report of conduct that could trigger the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy. The Title IX Coordinator will only share information with College personnel who assist in the implementation of Olin’s Sexual Misconduct Policy and procedures.

There are certain circumstances in which Olin has a broader obligation to the community and may need to override a) an individual’s request for privacy or b) an individual’s request Olin will not investigate a matter. Because either such a request could impact Olin’s ability to appropriately address and resolve the behavior in question, Olin will weigh these requests carefully. In the case of sexual misconduct allegations, the Title IX Coordinator will evaluate the aforementioned requests by considering a range of factors including, but not limited to, whether:

- There have been similar complaints about the same individual
- There appears to be a pattern of perpetration
- The alleged responding party has a history of violence

- The alleged responding party threatened further or future violence
- The misconduct was alleged to have been committed by multiple perpetrators
- The alleged responding party holds a position of power over the alleged victim or others
- The alleged complaining party is a minor
- Other similar factors

The presence of one or more of these factors may lead Olin to commence an investigation. If so, Olin will inform the Complainant/Reporting Party prior to proceeding and will to the extent possible share information only with the individuals responsible for handling Olin's response and others involved in the investigation. In the event that a Complainant/Reporting Party requests that Olin inform the Responding Party that the Complainant/Reporting Party asked the College not to investigate or seek discipline, Olin will honor the request and inform the Responding Party that Olin made the decision to proceed.

If Olin does not proceed, the Title IX Coordinator will consider broader remedial action, such as increased or targeted education or prevention measures, increased monitoring, security or supervision, conducting surveys and/or revisiting its policies and practices.

2. **Disclosure of Sexual Misconduct at Public Awareness Events.** Public awareness events such as "Take Back the Night", candlelight vigils, community programs and other public forums in which individuals disclose incidents of sexual violence, dating or domestic violence, and/or stalking are not considered notice to the College to trigger an obligation to investigate. However, such events may inform Olin's prevention and education efforts.

B. Duty to Report Gender-Based Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Retaliation

All college employees, other than the confidential resources described in Section VI.A., are obligated by law to disclose reports and information that is shared with them to the Title IX Coordinator concerning: unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and marital or parental status, as well as incidents and allegations of sexual misconduct (including, but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual violence, relationship violence and stalking), and/or retaliation. In addition, Olin employees who are designated as campus security authorities (CSAs) for the purposes of the Clery Act must provide Public Safety with non-identifying statistical information regarding all reporting incidents of Clery crimes (including, but not limited to, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and hate crimes). Any questions about the reporting or confidentiality status of an individual should be directed to the Title IX Coordinator.

Individuals who serve in professional roles in which communications are provided confidential status under the law (e.g., licensed mental health care providers, licensed medical providers, pastoral counselors and clergy) are not obligated to report identifying information about behavior that may implicate the Sexual Misconduct Policy without the consent of the individual who supplied the information in question or is otherwise in compliance with law as noted in Section VI.A above. However, these confidential resources are instructed to inform individuals of their rights to file a complaint under the Sexual Misconduct Policy and may assist in that process. Please note that such employees who receive reports when not functioning in their licensed or confidential capacity are not prohibited from making a report. Confidential resources may however, consistent with their legal obligation and ethical requirements, provide limited statistical information about incidents without revealing personally identifiable information regarding the identity of the individuals involved to the Title IX Coordinator.

C. Crime Log, Statistical Reporting, Emergency Notifications and Timely Warnings

The Clery Act requires Olin to maintain a daily log of certain reported crimes that occurred on campus, Olin controlled property, and public property immediately adjacent to the campus, to publish an Annual Security and Fire Report concerning those reported crimes, and to issue emergency notifications and/or timely warnings. The current Annual Security and Fire Report can be found on the Olin webpage of Public Safety at <https://www.olin.edu/about-offices-and-services-facilities-services/public-safety>. In connection with such reports involving sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking, Public Safety will include the reported crime in its crime log and Annual Security and Fire Report statistics without identifiable information or other information prohibited by law. Public Safety will also issue emergency notifications and/or timely warnings, as appropriate, without the name or personally identifiable information about the alleged victim-survivor.

D. Consensual Sexual Relationships Involving Employees

Employee Relationships with Students. The personal relationships that a student develops with College employees play a fundamental role in the student's educational experience at Olin. Given the inherent authority and power dynamic employees may have over students, a sexual or romantic relationship between a student and an employee can easily raise concerns about sexual harassment or intimidation. In light of these considerations and given that an employee might be called upon to teach, advise, evaluate, or supervise any student, Olin employees should be aware that it is never appropriate for employees to develop a sexual or romantic relationship, even if consensual, with any current Olin student. Any employee engaging in sexual or romantic relations with a current student, even if consensual, may be found in violation of Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy.

VIII. PROHIBITED CONDUCT UNDER OLIN'S SEXUAL AND INTERPERSONAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

Olin's commitment to non-discrimination includes an assurance that Olin rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and disrespect on the basis of a person's race, religion, color, national origin, age, marital or parental status, veteran status, sex, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity and other legally protected status. Olin follows through on that commitment, in part, through the implementation of its Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy. These policies and procedures apply to all Olin community members, and all members of the Olin community are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy at all times.

A. Definitions of Prohibited Conduct Under Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy

The College's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy governs incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (and any retaliation associated with these). The College's policy applies regardless of a person's sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, nationality, class status, ability, religion, or other protected status.

The following are the definitions of conduct that is prohibited under Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy, including attempts to commit and aiding or inciting others to commit these acts. If an individual has any questions about the definition or application of any of these terms, the Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy in general, or the resources available to all member of the Olin community, please contact the Title IX Coordinator. The contact information for the Title IX Coordinator, as well as other resources who can provide support is located in Section IV, V, and VI.

Title IX Sexual Harassment:

Sexual Harassment means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. An employee of the College conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the College on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the College's education program or activity; or
3. "Sexual assault" as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or "stalking" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30).

Title IX Sexual Harassment is conduct occurring within a College education program against a person in the United States. An "education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the College exercises substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs, and also includes any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the College. Allegations of prohibited conduct that do not fall under this definition are handled under Non-Title IX definitions, policies, and procedures.

Forms of Sexual Harassment: In some cases, sexual harassment is obvious and may involve an overt action, a threat, or reprisal. In other instances, sexual harassment is subtle and indirect, with a coercive aspect that is unstated. Some examples include the following:

- Sexual harassment can occur between persons of equal power status (e.g., student to student, employee to employee) or between persons of unequal power status (e.g., employee to student, supervisor to employee). Although sexual harassment often occurs in the context of the misuse of power by the individual with the greater power, a person who appears to have less or equal power in a relationship can also commit sexual harassment.
- Sexual harassment can be committed by (or against) an individual or by (or against) an organization or group.
- Sexual harassment can be committed by an acquaintance, a stranger, or people who shared a personal, intimate, or sexual relationship.
- Sexual harassment can occur by (or against) an individual of any sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.
- It does NOT have to include intent to harm.

Title IX Sexual Assault means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and includes:

1. *Rape*:
 - The carnal knowledge of a person (i.e., penile-vaginal penetration), without the consent of that person, including instances where the person is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity;
 - Oral or anal sexual intercourse (i.e., penile penetration) with another person, without the consent of that person, including instances where the person is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity;
 - To use an object or instrument (e.g., an inanimate object or body part other than a penis) to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of that person, including instances where the person is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity;
2. *Fondling*: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of that person, including instances where the person is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (for purposes of this definition, "private body parts" includes breasts, buttocks, or genitals, whether clothed or unclothed);
3. *Incest*: Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law; or
4. *Statutory Rape*: Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Title IX Dating Violence for purposes of the Title IX Sexual Harassment definition is conduct on the basis of sex committed in an education program or activity of the College in the United States that constitutes violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the complainant. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

For the purposes of this definition—

- (A) Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
- (B) Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

Title IX Domestic Violence for purposes of the Title IX Sexual Harassment definition is conduct on the basis of sex committed in an education program or activity of the College in the United States that constitutes a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed—

- (A) By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- (B) By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- (C) By a person who is cohabiting with, or has cohabited with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- (D) By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or
- (E) By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Title IX Stalking for purposes of the Title IX Sexual Harassment definition is conduct on the basis of sex committed in an education program or activity of the College in the United States that constitutes engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to

- (A) Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or
- (B) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

(ii) For purposes of this definition—

- (A) Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property.
- (B) Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
- (C) Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

Examples of stalking behaviors or activities include, but are not limited to the following, if they occur in the context of stalking as defined above (i.e., the behaviors or activities would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress): (1) non-consensual communication, including face-to-face communication, telephone calls, voice messages, e-mails, text messages, written letters, gifts, or any other communications that are unwelcome; (2) use of online, electronic or digital technologies, such as posting pictures or text in chat rooms or on websites, sending unwanted or unsolicited e-mail or talk requests, posting private or public messages on Internet sites, social networks, and/or school bulletin boards, installing spyware on a person's computer, or using Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or similar technology to monitor a person; (3) pursuing, following, waiting for, or showing up uninvited at or near a residence, workplace, classroom, or other places frequented by the person; (4) surveillance or other types of observation, including staring and voyeurism; (5) trespassing; (6) vandalism; (7) non-consensual touching; (8) direct verbal or physical threats against a person or a person's family member, pet or personal property; (9) gathering information about a person from friends, family, or co-workers; (10) accessing private information through unauthorized means; (11) threats to harm self or others; (12) defamation and/or lying to others about the person; and (13) using a third party or parties to accomplish any of the above.

Non-Title IX Misconduct

Non-Title IX Misconduct is Prohibited Conduct that falls within the scope of this policy and the definitions below but that does not fall within the definition of Title IX Sexual Harassment, either due to the nature of the conduct or because it did not reportedly occur within a program or activity of the College in the United States. Behavior that falls within the definition of Non-Title IX Misconduct violates College policy and is prohibited. Such conduct is defined for purposes of this policy as:

Non-Title IX Sexual Harassment is a form of sex discrimination that includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, shared living, or educational environment, on the basis of sex. The College will determine whether conduct falls within this definition by using both an objective standard (that is, would a reasonable person experience the conduct as intimidating, hostile or offensive as defined here) and a subjective standard (that is, did the person actually perceive the conduct as intimidating, hostile or offensive as defined here).

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to the following, when such acts or behavior come within the above definition:

- touching or grabbing any part of a person's body (in a manner that is sexual or offensive on the basis of sex but that does not constitute "fondling", which is a form of Title IX Sexual Assault or Non-Title IX Sexual Assault as defined above and below) after that person has indicated, or it is known or should be known, that such physical contact is unwelcome; and the person knew or should reasonably have known that the other person did not or would not welcome such physical contact;
- continuing to ask a person to socialize on or off-campus when that person has indicated that they are not interested;
- displaying or transmitting sexually suggestive pictures, videos, objects, cartoons, messages, web links, posters or any other sexually suggestive content/media content or posters if it is known or should be known that the behavior is unwelcome;
- continuing to write sexually suggestive notes or letters if it is known or should be known that the person does not welcome such behavior;
- referring to or calling a person a sexualized name if it is known or should be known that the person does not welcome such behavior;
- regularly telling sexual jokes or using sexually vulgar or explicit language in the presence of a person if it is known or should be known that the person does not welcome such behavior;
- communicating derogatory or provoking remarks about or relating to a person's sex, gender identity or sexual orientation;
- directing harassing acts or behavior against a person on the basis of their sex, gender identity or sexual orientation; or
- off-campus conduct which falls within the above definition and affects a person's on-campus educational, shared living, or work environment.

Non-Title IX Sexual Assault is sexual assault (i.e., rape, fondling, incest or statutory rape) as defined in the Title IX Sexual Assault definition above that did not reportedly occur in a program or activity of the College in the United States, and attempts to commit such misconduct.

Non-Title IX Domestic Violence is domestic violence as defined in the Title IX Domestic Violence definition above that did not reportedly occur in a program or activity of the College in the United States.

Non-Title IX Dating Violence is dating violence as defined in the Title IX Dating Violence definition above that did not reportedly occur in a program or activity of the College in the United States.

Non-Title IX Stalking is stalking as defined in the Title IX Stalking definition above that did not reportedly occur in a program or activity of the College in the United States, or that otherwise fits within the definition of stalking but does not fall within the Title IX Stalking definition because the reported conduct is not directed at the complainant on the basis of sex.

Non-Title IX Sexual Exploitation occurs when a person takes sexual advantage of another person for the benefit of anyone other than that other person without that other person's consent, and attempted sexual exploitation. Examples of sexually exploitative behavior include, but are not limited to: (1) video recording or photographing of sexual acts or nudity of another member of the College community without the consent of a person involved; (2) transmitting such video recordings or photographs without the consent of the person involved; (3) viewing or allowing or aiding others to view another person's sexual activity, intimate body parts, or nudity without the person's consent; and (4) sexual exhibitionism or exposure of one's genitalia in the presence of others without their consent.

Consent and Sexual Coercion:

Consent is the affirmative and willing agreement to engage in a specific form of sexual contact with another person who is capable of giving consent. Consent cannot be obtained through: (a) the use of coercion, or (b) by taking advantage of the incapacitation or impairment of another individual, including someone who is underage, unconscious, asleep, incapacitated, or impaired by intoxication or drugs. Consent requires an outward demonstration, through mutually understandable words or actions, indicating that an individual has chosen freely to engage in a sexual contact.

Sexual Coercion is defined for purposes of this section as the application of unreasonable pressure to take part in sexual activity or in any of the prohibited conduct listed in Olin's Sexual Misconduct Policy. Unreasonable pressure can be exerted through physical or emotional force, intimidation, misuse of authority, or outright threats. When someone makes it clear that they do not want to engage in sexual activity or do not want to go beyond a certain point of sexual interaction, continued pressure beyond that point may be considered coercive. Ignoring or dismissing the objections of another person may also be a form of coercion.

Silence, passivity, or the absence of resistance does not imply consent. Relying solely on non-verbal communication may result in confusion about whether there is effective consent. It is important not to make assumptions. If confusion or ambiguity arises during a sexual interaction, it is essential that each participant stops and verbally clarifies the other's willingness to continue.

Consent can be withdrawn at any time. When consent is withdrawn, sexual activity must cease. Prior consent does not imply current or future consent; even in the context of an ongoing relationship, consent must be sought and freely given for each instance of sexual contact. An essential element of consent is that it be freely given.

In evaluating whether consent was given, consideration will be given to the totality of the facts and circumstances including, but not limited to, the extent to which an individual affirmatively uses words or actions indicating a willingness to engage in sexual contact, free from intimidation, fear, or coercion; whether a reasonable person in the position of the individual alleged to have committed the conduct would have understood such person's words and acts as an expression of consent; and whether there are any circumstances, known or reasonably apparent to the individual alleged to have committed the conduct, demonstrating incapacitation or fear.

Incapacitation is the inability, temporarily or permanently, to give consent, because the individual is mentally and/or physically helpless due to drug or alcohol consumption, taken either voluntarily or involuntarily, or the individual is unconscious, asleep or otherwise unaware that the sexual activity is occurring. In addition, an individual is incapacitated if they demonstrate that they are unaware of where they are, how they arrived at a location, or why or how they became engaged in a sexual interaction. Where alcohol is involved, incapacitation is a state beyond drunkenness or intoxication.

Retaliation: No member of the College community or other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by this policy, Title IX, or 34 CFR Part 106, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. Intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination, including charges against an individual for code of conduct violations that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment, but arise out of the same facts or circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by this policy, Title IX, or 34 CFR Part 106, will also be considered retaliation by the College. Retaliation can be committed by any individual or group of individuals, not just a Respondent or a Complainant. Retaliation may constitute a violation of Olin's Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy, even when the underlying report made did not result in a finding of responsibility. Retaliation, even in the absence of provable discrimination or harassment in the original complaint or charge, constitutes a serious violation of this policy.

B. State Law Definitions

The following are excerpts compiled from the Massachusetts General Laws that describe how certain relevant behavior is defined in Massachusetts. These definitions are not identical to the definitions of conduct prohibited in Olin's Sexual Misconduct Policy, but Olin considered these definitions in developing its Policy.

Sexual Assault (Rape, Indecent Assault & Battery): (Compiled from M.G.L. Ch. 265, § 13 & 22)

Sexual assault is defined under Massachusetts law as rape or indecent assault and battery.

Rape is defined as occurring when a person has “sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a person, and compels such person to submit by force and against his will, or compels such person to submit by threat of bodily injury and if either such sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse results in or is committed with acts resulting in serious bodily injury, or is committed by a joint enterprise...”

Indecent assault and battery occurs when one person touches another person in an “indecent” way. Examples of indecent assault and battery include touching a person’s buttocks, breasts, or genitals without consent. The Commonwealth must prove that the defendant touched the alleged victim without justification or excuse; and that the touching was “indecent;” and that the alleged victim did not consent.

An indecent act is one that is fundamentally offensive to contemporary standards of decency.

Stalking: (Compiled from M.G.L. Ch. 265, § 43)

The act of “willfully and maliciously engaging in a knowing pattern of conduct or series of acts over a period of time directed at a specific person which seriously alarms or annoys that person and would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress and makes a threat with the intent to place the person in imminent fear of death or bodily injury.” Stalking includes, but is not limited to, acts or threats conducted by mail or by use of a telephonic or electronic communication device. Communications include, but are not limited to, electronic mail, internet communications, instant messages or facsimile communications.

Domestic and Dating Violence: (Compiled from M.G.L. Ch. 209A)

“Abuse” is defined as “the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:

- Attempting to cause or causing physical harm;
- Placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm; or
- Causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat, or duress.”

Family or household members are defined as “persons who:

- Are or were married to one another;
- Are or were residing together in the same household;
- Are or were related by blood or marriage;
- Have a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together; or
- Are or have been in a substantive relationship, which shall be adjudged in consideration of the following factors: (1) the length of time of the relationship; (2) the type of relationship; (3) the frequency of interaction between the parties; and (4) if the relationship has been terminated by either person, the length of time elapsed since the termination of the relationship.”

Consent: (not defined by M.G.L. in this context)

In Massachusetts, it is illegal to have sex under any circumstances with someone who is incapable of giving consent due to incapacity or impairment; incapacity or impairment may be caused by intoxication or drugs, or because a victim is underage, mentally impaired, unconscious, or asleep. For purposes of the Olin Sexual Misconduct Policy, consent is an explicitly communicated, reversible, mutual agreement to which all parties are capable of making a decision.

Massachusetts has several laws that define the age of consent and the additional penalties that attach if a person is under the age of 16 or 14. E.g., statutory rape laws, indecent and assault and battery on a person under the age of 14.

Retaliation: (Referenced by M.G.L. in various contexts, e.g., Chap. 151B.)

Other Definitions

Actual Knowledge means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the College’s Title IX Coordinator or any official of the College who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the College. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only official of the College with actual knowledge is also the respondent. The mere ability or obligation to report sexual harassment or to inform a student about how to report sexual harassment, or having been trained to do so, does not qualify an individual as one who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the College. “Notice” as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator.

Complainant means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment. At the time of filing a formal complaint, the complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the College’s education program or activity.

Education Program or Activity includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the College exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs, and also includes any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by a postsecondary institution.

Formal Complaint means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the College investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. At the time of filing a formal complaint, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the College with which the formal complaint is filed. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator in this policy and by any additional method designated by the College. As used in this paragraph, the phrase “document filed by a complainant” means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the College) that contains the complainant’s physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a complainant or otherwise a party.

Respondent means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

Supportive Measures means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the College’s education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the College’s educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The College will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the College to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

Student includes all persons taking courses at the College both full and part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate or professional studies; and those who attend post-secondary education institutions other than Olin College and who reside in College residence halls. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a term, but who have a continuing relationship with the College are considered students. Solely for purposes of this definition, the term “employee of the College” does not include students who are employed by the College through a work-study or similar program.

Link to Active Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy

Olin College Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy can be found at: <https://www.olin.edu/student-life/sexual-misconduct-title-ix>

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Non-discrimination Policy

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and disrespect, and is committed to sustaining a welcoming environment for every individual. It is the policy of Olin to adhere to all applicable state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination. Olin does not discriminate in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities on the basis of a person's race, religion, color, national origin, age, marital or parental status, veteran status, sex, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other legally protected status.

Olin's commitment to non-discrimination includes an assertion that the College will not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation including, but not limited to sexual violence, dating and domestic violence, stalking, or retaliation in its community. The College follows through on that commitment, in part, through the implementation of a Title IX Policy that defines prohibited conduct and the process by which the College will address such conduct in different circumstances. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Sexual harassment is also prohibited under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 151B, Massachusetts Fair Education Practices Act, Massachusetts General Laws 151 C, Section 2(g), and other applicable state and federal statutes.

If any member of the Olin community feels that they have been discriminated against on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, and/or marital or parental status they should contact Olin's interim Title IX Coordinator Guilene Prepetit at 781.292.2411. If any member of the Olin community feels that they have been discriminated against by a student on any other basis, they should contact Dean of the College Alisha Sarang-Sieminski at 781.292.2321 to discuss possible referral of the matter to the Honor Board. Similarly, if any member of the Olin community feels that they have been discriminated against by an employee on any other basis, they should contact the Director of Human Resources Sharon Woodward at 781.292.2409 to discuss investigation of the matter.

Student Accounts

Billing Dates and Payment Options

Bill Mailing and Due Dates:

Fall bills will be available on the student portal by July 1st with full payment, or enrollment in a payment plan, **due by August 1st**. Spring bills will be available on the portal by November 1st with full payment, or enrollment in a payment plan, **due by December 1st**. Late payments are subject to a \$150 late fee. For complete details regarding tuition and fees, please refer to the 'Costs' section on the Olin website

Payment Options

Checks may be sent to:

Student Accounts

1000 Olin Way

Needham, MA 02492

Outside Scholarship Checks

You must notify the financial aid office of any outside scholarships you receive. Checks payable to Olin College should be sent to the address above.

Electronic Payment Options

One Time Payments: Domestic and International Students can pay their tuition in full by echeck or using a credit card via Nelnet Campus Commerce at <https://online.campuscommerce.com/signin/4NRW1>. International Students will be directed to Western Union to process payments from banks outside of the US.

Payment Plans: Students can sign up for a payment plan each semester to spread payments over 5 months. Plans do not automatically roll over so you must re-enroll in a new plan each semester. There is no interest or prequalification to sign up for a payment plan but there is a \$60 enrollment fee each semester in which you choose to enroll. <https://online.campuscommerce.com/signin/4NRW1>

Fall semester plan: Payments due July 15 – November 15

Spring semester plan: Payments due December 15 – April 15

View Your Account Statement. Please refer to your student account statement for the correct budget amount when enrolling in your plan. Nelnet does not have access to your student account. Up to date statements are available through the student portal <https://my.olin.edu/ics>

- Log into the student portal
- Choose MY STAR at the top
- Top left frame choose “student accounts”
- Top right side – click “my account information”
- Click “course and fee statement”
- Choose the semester
- Click “generate my course and fee statement PDF”

Health insurance

Health Insurance

In accordance with Massachusetts state law, Olin College requires that all enrolled students be covered by a comprehensive health insurance program. Students who cannot certify that they have qualifying health insurance **must** participate in the school sponsored plan. Olin College is pleased to offer our students **UnitedHealthCare Student Resources** coverage managed by University Health Plans. This plan provides excellent health insurance coverage against illness and accidents. The policy period is August 15th through August 14th each year.

Students have the option to waive the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) from **June 1 – July 31st** each year. Students who waive early will not be billed for the SHIP. Students who waive later may be charged for the SHIP but the charge will be reversed off the bill when the waiver is processed. **Students will be irrevocably enrolled in the plan and will be responsible for the full premium, unless a waiver is completed.** The waiver certifies that equivalent coverage will be maintained during the enrollment period. **Waivers must be renewed annually** at www.universityhealthplans.com.

If a student's insurance is cancelled at any point during the academic year they are required to notify Student Accounts within 60 days of the loss of coverage. Olin's UnitedHealthCare Student Resources insurance is available. Please consult Student Accounts for applicable rates. Payment is due immediately.

Massachusetts State Requirements

In order to waive participation in the Olin sponsored policy your insurance must meet the following requirements:

- Be a US health insurance plan that is filed and approved in the US.
- Must provide coverage for the entire policy year with no break in coverage
- Must comply with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and provide minimum essential coverage as defined by the ACA including:
 - Unlimited policy maximum
 - Coverage for pre-existing conditions
 - Provide emergency and non-emergency care in the area of the College

Students can file their health insurance waiver form or enroll in the UnitedHealthCare Student Resources plan online. Go to <https://www.universityhealthplans.com/> and click on Olin College then follow the prompts. Have your Olin student ID number available (new students received this number from the Admission Office). The University Health Plan website provides information regarding the insurance policy benefits and details on the coverage.

ID cards

Replacement identification cards are available at the **IT Helpdesk CC300** (Campus Center, 3rd floor, room 300.) Replacement cards are \$30.

Identity theft prevention program

In compliance with the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flag Ruling, Olin College has an established program to detect, prevent and mitigate identity theft in connection with relevant administrative procedures related to student accounts.

Incidental charges

Incidental Charges

In addition to Tuition and Fees, Olin College reserves the right to charge the following to a student's account:

Returned Check Fee (paper check or e-check)	\$30
Replacement ID	\$30
Late Departure Fee	\$50 per hour
Replacement Key/Lockset Core Replacement	\$35/\$75
Replacement Diploma	\$100

Babson Public Safety notifies Student Accounts of any unpaid parking fines. Parking fines are due immediately. Payment can be made by OneCard, check or cash in the Financial Affairs office MH300.

Facilities Services notifies Student Accounts of any dormitory and/or replacement key charges which are then charged to the student account. Payment is due immediately and appeals may be made through Facilities Services.

In addition to Tuition and Fees, Olin College reserves the right to charge the following to a student's account:

Returned Check Fee/Insufficient Funds/ACH Return:	\$30
Replacement ID:	\$30
Replacement Key / Core Replacement:	\$35/\$75
Lost Book Fee:	Cost of book + \$10 charge

Lost or Damaged Tool/Equipment Fee:

Cost of item + \$10 charge

Late Departure Fee:

\$50/hour

Students are responsible for reimbursing the college for any damages to college property. Payment is due upon notification of the charges.

Babson College Police Department notifies Student Accounts of any unpaid parking fines which are then charged to the student's account and payment is due immediately.

U.S. Veterans education benefits

Veterans Benefits Information

Effective February 1, 2023, Olin College no longer participates in the GI Bill Program.

Olin College of Engineering is approved for the use of GI Bill® education benefits. Veterans and eligible dependents who are accepted into a degree program at Olin and who also may qualify for the GI Bill® should contact the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at 1.888.442.4551 or visit the VA website at <https://www.va.gov/education/> for the GI Bill® application process.

Olin College's billing policy is compliant with the requirements of 38 USC 3679 (e). Any individual who is eligible for educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment or chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill®, will be permitted to participate in the educational program at Olin College beginning on the date a certificate of eligibility is provided to the College. Olin College will not impose any penalty, including assessment of late fees or denial of access to facilities, due to delayed reimbursement funding from the VA.

Student Responsibilities

- **Application:** Students must apply for education benefits through the Veterans Administration. Any questions related to eligibility should be directed to the VA.
- **Certificates of Eligibility:** Students who are eligible for VA benefits must send a certificate of eligibility (and/or a statement of benefits) to Student Accounts (studentaccounts@olin.edu) before their enrollment can be certified with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Certificates of eligibility can also be faxed to 781-292-2420. Enrollments will be certified at the beginning of each term and updated throughout the semester as needed. Any questions can be directed to veteransbenefits@olin.edu.
- **Settlement of Account:** Students are responsible to pay amounts remaining due (if any) on their account within 2 weeks of receipt of the final VA payment for the semester. If applicable, students will be notified of the balance due on their account and will have two weeks from the date of notice before payment is due.

Post-9/11 GI Bill® Yellow Ribbon Program

Olin College participates in the Post-9/11 GI Bill® Yellow Ribbon Program. This award is a supplement to Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits and signifies the College's commitment to support veterans who are pursuing higher education. The combined Olin and VA contribution cannot exceed your net tuition and fee charges for the semester.

Please direct any questions regarding eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program directly to the Veterans Administration.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Olin Dollars

Olin Dollars

"Olin Dollars" is a feature of your Olin ID/OneCard. Olin Dollars act as a debit account for students to purchase items and services. The current program involves vending and mailroom services.

"Olin Dollars" can be purchased at <http://onecard.olin.edu/> using your network credentials or you can purchase dollars with a check or cash at Financial Affairs, located in MH-300. Parents can deposit funds to their student's OneCard account via <http://onecard.olin.edu/>. Parents will need three simple pieces of information, (1) the student's first name, (2) the student's last name and (3) the student's 16 digit ISO # located on the student's ID card. This feature will be available for new students once they are issued their ID cards on arrival day.

"Olin Dollars" program details are subject to change.

Refund policy

Students who are officially approved by the Office of Student Affairs to withdraw or take a leave of absence may be granted a refund of tuition and room & board only. Fees are not refundable unless the student leaves prior to the first day of instruction. Health Insurance is generally non-refundable once the plan begins but some exceptions may apply (consult with Student Accounts for more details). The cost of the laptop computer* is non-refundable once delivered to the student. Students are not eligible to receive cash or credit for any unused portion of the Olin Tuition Scholarship under any circumstances. Students who are dismissed due to disciplinary action will not be entitled to any refund. Students who leave Olin College without approval are not entitled to a refund. Approved withdrawals or leaves may be eligible for a refund based on the following schedule:

- Leave prior to the 1st day of instruction: 100% refund
- Leave prior to the 20th day of instruction: 75% refund
- Leave up to the 33rd day of instruction: 50% refund
- Leave after the 33rd day of instruction: 0%

The refund policy also applies to any Olin institutional financial aid (merit and need-based aid) that was previously awarded for the semester. Olin institutional financial aid is refunded to the college using the percentages referenced above. Federal need-based aid will be refunded based on the Federal Title IV refund process. Olin College will adhere to any provisions and refund policies set forth by outside scholarship agencies. Any balance created because of scholarship returns or financial aid refunds is immediately due.

* NOTE: The laptop computer is billed in two installments during the first year (one in July for the fall semester and one in November for the spring semester). The student is responsible for full payment of the laptop. Therefore, if a student leaves Olin College in their first year, they must make a full payment for the laptop and the applicable Massachusetts sales tax prior to departure.

Financial aid and loan refunds

Students who have an overpaid account due to financial aid or loan proceeds will be issued a refund within 14 days after the semester begins or 14 days from receipt of the funds within a semester.

Disbursement for books and supplies: Pell eligible students may receive a refund within the first 7 days of the semester if the Title IV financial aid overpays the student account balance. The student must meet applicable eligibility requirements at least 10 days prior to the start date. Additionally, eligible students may opt-out of this refund by notifying Student Accounts.

Student Activities

Student Government Constitution

Olin College Student Government Constitution

Agreed upon by the Students of Olin College, in Town Hall Meeting, on April 13, 2018. This Constitution will sunset on March 1, 2020.

Preamble

We, the students of Olin College of Engineering, establish this Constitution to empower the Student Government to actively represent the interests and fulfill the changing needs of the Student Body.

Part I. The Student Government.

Article 1. The Nature of Student Government.

Section 1. The Relationship.

The elected Student Leadership - Executives, Representatives, and Committee Leaders - together form the Student Government which will have sole authority to allocate the Student Activities Fund and amend the Student Government By-Laws. This group will also have several functions, as described in Article 2. A smaller subsection of the Student Government - the Executives and the Representatives - will comprise the Council of Olin Representatives which alone may not allocate the Student Activities Fund or amend the Student Government By-Laws. However, this group may make recommendations to the College Administration and Board of Trustees on behalf of the Student Government, and will work to compile Action Items and prioritize their execution, as described in Article 3.

Structuring the Council as a subsection of Student Government enables the Council to continually represent the Student Body and frees the Committee Leaders to execute their missions while still involving the entire Student Leadership in decisions that impact the entire school.

Article 2. The Student Government.

Section 1. Name.

The combined legislative and executive organization of the Student Body will be known as the Student Government.

Section 2. Mission.

The Student Government will facilitate and ensure communication between the Administration of the College, the Council of Olin Representatives, the Student Government Committees, and the Student Body. The Student Government will allocate and oversee the Student Activities Fund and coordinate initiatives requiring the involvement of both the Council of Olin Representatives and the Student Government Committees. The Student Government will establish and develop initiatives which improve the lives of students at Olin College.

Section 3. Structure.

The Student Government will consist of the elected members of the Council of Olin Representatives and the Leaders of the Student Government Committees. In the event of the absence of a Leader of a Student Government Committee, acknowledged by the presiding officer of the Student Government, the Assistant Leader of the Student Government Committee may stand in for the Committee Leader and may carry the full voting power of the absent Leader.

Section 4. Source of Authority.

The Student Government derives its power from the consent of the Students and the trust of the Administration and Board of Trustees of the College.

Section 5. Student Activities Fee.

The Board of Trustees of the College has ultimate authority over the Student Activities Fee, which each student pays annually. The Student Government may recommend changes to the Student Activities Fee to the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. Student Activities Fund.

The Student Activities Fund is funded through the Student Activities Fee. The Student Government has ultimate authority over the allocation of the Student Activities Fund. The Student Government has the power to divide the Student Activities Fund into virtual funds to be used by the Council of Olin Representatives, by Student Government Committees, and for other purposes defined in the Student Government By-Laws.

Section 7. Amending the By-Laws.

The Student Government may amend the Student Government By-Laws using the procedure described in Article 12.

Section 8. Ad Hoc Representatives.

The Student Government may establish in the Student Government By-Laws elected or appointed non-voting ad hoc representatives of the Council.

Article 3. The Council of Olin Representatives.

Section 1. Name.

The core of the Student Government consisting of the Executives and the Representatives will be known as the Council of Olin Representatives.

Section 2. Mission.

The Council of Olin Representatives will work to amplify student input on issues under consideration by the administration and will support student initiatives. The Council will represent Olin's student body to the administration, other colleges, and the outside world, while working to improve student life by supporting and developing solutions to issues facing the student body.

Section 3. Structure.

The Council will be comprised of three Executive Officers and some number of elected Representatives, as defined in the Student Government By-Laws. The Executive Officers will include the President, the Vice President for Communications, and the Vice President for Finance. Between Executives and Representatives, there must be at least one member of each graduating class.

Section 4. Allocation Powers.

The Council may allocate money from any fund allocated to the Council by the Student Government.

Section 5. Recommendations.

The Council may express the official opinion of the Student Government by making recommendations to the Administration and Board of Trustees of the College.

Section 6. Action Items.

The Council may demonstrate the commitment of the Student Government to an issue facing the Student Body by assigning tasks to its members for the purpose of resolving the issue.

Section 7. Committee Appointments.

If a committee or working group of faculty and/or staff requests student representative(s), the Council may solicit volunteers from the Student Body to fill the representative positions on that committee. If there are more volunteers than available positions, the Council will appoint students by excellence voting.

Section 8. Appellate Authority.

As the representatives of the Student Body, the Council will arbitrate any major disagreements between a Committee Leader and their Assistant Leader as well as any major disagreements between a Committee and a club or organization being funded by a Committee. In case of disagreement, the Council has ultimate authority over money from virtual funds involved in the disagreement over which the Council does not normally have authority.

Part II. The Student Government Committees

Article 4. The Nature of the Committees.

Section 1. Names.

There will be four Student Government Committees: the Honor Board, the Student Activities Committee, the Committee for Clubs and Organizations, and the Committee for Supporting, Encouraging, and Recognizing Volunteerism.

Section 2. Purposes.

The Student Government Committees will perform the day to day operations required to maintain the various aspects of student life, including allocation of funds to clubs and organizations, funding and organizing events and initiatives, and the administration of the Honor Code.

Section 3. Structures.

Each Committee has a Chair or Director (Leader) and a Vice Chair or Assistant Director (Assistant). The Leader sits on Student Government, and can be substituted in the event of absence, as outlined in Article 2, Section 3. The Committees may have additional members to fulfill their respective missions.

Article 5. The Honor Board

Section 1. Mission.

The mission of the Honor Board is specified in the Honor Code.

Section 2. Structure.

The structure of the Honor Board is specified in the Honor Code. The Chair of the Honor Board will sit on Student Government.

Section 3. Funding.

The Chair and Vice Chair will have the power to distribute and spend any funds allocated to the Honor Board by the Student Government.

Section 4. Responsibility.

The Honor Board will encourage and promote a safe and ethical student environment, as defined by the Honor Code.

Section 5. Purview.

The Honor Board has sole responsibility for administering the Honor Code procedures.

Section 6. Audits.

The Honor Board will periodically review the actions of the Student Government to ensure that the elected Student Leadership is abiding by the Governing Documents. This process will be conducted as described in Part 3, Article 9 of the Student Government Constitution.

Article 6. The Student Activities Committee.

Section 1. Mission.

The Student Activities Committee will maintain and expand a continuous, diverse, and accessible set of social opportunities for the entire Student Body.

Section 2. Structure.

The Student Activities Committee will be led by the Director of Student Activities and the Assistant Director of Student Activities who are elected by the Student Body. Additional membership will be governed by the Student Government By-Laws.

Section 3. Funding.

The Director and Assistant Director of Student Activities will have the power to distribute and spend any funds allocated to the Student Activities Committee by the Student Government.

Article 7. The Committee for Clubs and Organizations.**Section 1. Mission.**

The Committee for Clubs and Organizations will enable students to pursue their interests, facilitate the formation of diverse communities, and promote the continuation of a rich and healthy club culture at the College by financially subsidizing and encouraging the growth of student groups.

Section 2. Structure.

The Committee for Clubs and Organizations will be led by the Director of Clubs and Organizations and the Assistant Director of Clubs and Organizations who are elected by the Student Body. Additional membership will be governed by the Student Government By-Laws.

Section 3. Funding.

The Director and Assistant Director of Clubs and Organizations will have the power to distribute and spend any funds allocated to the Committee for Clubs and Organizations by the Student Government.

Article 8. The Committee for Supporting, Encouraging, and Recognizing Volunteerism.**Section 1. Mission.**

The Committee for Supporting, Encouraging, and Recognizing Volunteerism will support and encourage volunteerism, service, and philanthropy in the Olin Community through the funding and organization of service oriented clubs, organizations, and activities.

Section 2. Structure.

The Committee for Supporting, Encouraging, and Recognizing Volunteerism will be led by the Director of Service and the Assistant Director of Service who are elected by the Student Body. Additional membership will be governed by the Student Government By-Laws.

Section 3. Funding.

The Director and Assistant Director of Service will have the power to distribute and spend any funds allocated to the Committee for Supporting, Encouraging, and Recognizing Volunteerism by the Student Government.

Part III. Procedures and Provisions.**Article 9. Student Government Audits.**

Section 1. Purpose.

To ensure that the Student Government Constitution and By-Laws are followed, Student Government will periodically meet with one or more representatives of the Honor Board to review the actions of Student Government.

Section 2. Procedure.

At each Review, should the Honor Board find that a portion of the governing documents are not being followed, the Honor Board will request that the person(s) responsible resolve the issue within an appropriate amount of time after which the person(s) responsible must send the Honor Board a report outlining how and when the issue was resolved. The time allowed for the report is up to the discretion of the Honor Board. If a report is not filed outlining the resolution of the infraction within the given timeframe, the Honor Board may file a case report about Student Government citing the infraction, and an abstract will be published to the community after investigation and resolution through the Honor Board process.

Article 10. Election Procedures.

Section 1. Election Monitor.

The all-school elections will be facilitated by a member of the Student Government not running for re-election. In the case that no member is eligible, a substitute will be selected to perform the duties of the Election Monitor as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Campaigning.

To preserve an intellectual atmosphere and guarantee equal opportunities of election, campaigning is only allowed at the College within published guidelines specified in the Student Government By-Laws. The Election Monitor presiding over the election, and as needed, the Honor Board, will jointly investigate allegations of campaigning and decide upon potential resolutions - up to and including removal from the ballot.

Section 3. Voting.

Voting for all positions will occur by excellence (approval) voting and by secret ballot.

Article 11. Governing Documents and their Precedence.

Section 1. Precedence.

There will be three Governing Documents of the Student Body each of which has an order of precedence. If changes at a higher level of precedence invalidate those at a lower level, the lower documents must be modified to accommodate those changes.

Section 2. Honor Code.

As the ethical framework of the Student Body, the Honor Code takes precedence over the other two Governing Documents. No Governing Document or policy of the Student Government may contradict the Honor Code.

Section 3. Student Government Constitution.

The Student Government Constitution takes precedence over the Student Government By-Laws but may not contradict the Honor Code. The Constitution governs the purpose, structure, and powers of the Student Government, Council of Olin Representatives, and Student Government Committees.

Section 4. Student Government By-Laws.

The Student Government By-Laws do not take precedence over the other two Governing Documents. The By-Laws govern the specific roles and responsibilities of elected officials. The By-Laws will also specify meeting frequency and funding procedures of the Student Government, the Council of Olin Representatives, and the Student Government Committees.

Article 12. Amendment Procedures.

Section 1. Amendments to the Honor Code.

The Honor Code may be amended by procedures specified in the Honor Code.

Section 2. Amendments to the Student Government Constitution.

The Student Government Constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Students present at a Town Hall Meeting where a quorum of one half of the Student Body is present.

Section 3. Amendments to the Student Government By-Laws.

In order to keep the Student Government adaptable to change, the Student Government By-Laws may be amended by the Student Government with the approval of three-fourths of its voting members.

Article 13. Ratification and Review

Section 1. Ratification.

For this Student Government Constitution to go into effect, it must be ratified by a simple majority vote of the Students present at a Town Hall Meeting where quorum is one half of the Student Body, including proxy voters.

Section 2. Review and Sunset.

This Student Government Constitution will be reviewed by the Student Government in two year's time. In order to enforce the review, this Constitution will sunset on the 1st of March, 2020. If this Constitution is still appropriate, relevant, and effective at that time, the Student Body may choose to amend this section to renew this Constitution. In the event that this section is not amended by that time, the Student Body must ratify a new Constitution as described in Article 13, Section 1.

Student Government Overview

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government at Olin is comprised of a governing body, known as the Council of Olin Representatives (CORe), as well as four Student Experience Organizations. The purpose of each Student Experience Organization is unique, as they individually have their own missions and functions, however, each of these organizations is deemed vital to the education and college experience of the student body as they all address aspects of Olin's central philosophies, founding precepts, and goals. The four Student Experience Organizations at Olin include the Honor Board, the Student Activities Council (SAC), the Committee for Clubs and Organizations (CCO), and the organization to Support, Encourage, and Recognize Volunteerism (SERV).

THE COUNCIL OF OLIN REPRESENTATIVES (CORe)

CORe is a student experience organization centered around two complementary mission areas. First, CORe is the representative body that acts as the student body government, helps shape continuous improvement goals for the student body, and works to amplify the value of student input in all change initiatives that occur at Olin College. Second, CORe is further charged with coordinating action initiatives where student input is involved as necessary, ensuring the realization of student body goals and change initiatives. CORe also helps to fund student clubs, organizations, and initiatives.

Mission:

The Council of Olin Representatives will work to amplify student input on issues under consideration by the administration and will support student initiatives. The Council will represent Olin's student body to help the administration, other colleges, and the outside world, while working to improve student life by supporting and developing solutions to issues facing the student body.

THE HONOR BOARD

The Olin College Honor Board administers the Olin Honor Code and ensures that it meets the evolving needs of the Olin Community.

Responsibilities:

- To engage the Olin Community in the discussion and administration of the Honor Code and related policies (see appendices in the Student Handbook)
- To use the resources available to the Olin Community to productively and effectively resolve reported violations of the Honor Code and related policies
- To continually evaluate the efficacy of the Honor Board procedures and the Olin Honor Code and address shortcomings therein.

THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (SAC)

The Student Activities Committee (SAC) is one of the major programming groups on campus responsible for hosting a number of events throughout the year. Their team consists of a student director and assistant director, as well as general body members from the Olin Community. Recognizing that there is more to college than just homework and studying, SAC strives to provide opportunities for socialization and entertainment at least once a week.

COMMITTEE FOR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS (CCO)

The Committee for Clubs and Organizations, lead by a director and assistant director, oversees and distributes funds to all clubs and student organizations. CCO maintains and expands a continuous and diverse set of social opportunities for the student body with the help of the Student Activities Committee (SAC), club presidents, and student organization leaders.

Responsibilities

- Ensuring that the student activities fund is fairly and reasonably distributed and used by SAC, clubs, and student organizations throughout the year
- Responsible for maintaining a current list of student clubs and organizations, as well as other issues of club administration.
- Via the Student Activities Committee, CCO is charged with throwing campus-wide events, facilitating club events as requested, and maintaining a public calendar of events

SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, AND RECOGNIZE VOLUNTEERISM (SERV)

SERV is governed by two elected student officers and a StAR advisor who together foster community awareness, increase involvement in community service activities, and generally work to support and coordinate community service activities at Olin. They coordinate with outside groups seeking volunteers, plan one-time and whole community events, charter projects, make budgeting decisions, and generally deal with community service concerns that arise throughout the year.

Policies - Event Planning

Advertising, Posters, and Marketing

Flyers and marketing materials follow the Posting (p. 42) policy.

Alcohol

Alcohol may be present at campus events and available to those who are 21 or older. To have alcohol at an event:

- Students must submit a request to the Dean of the College at least one month prior to the event, with the following information:
 - Event Name
 - Date, Time, Location
 - Hosting Group
 - Event Contact
 - Event Purpose
 - Expected Number of Attendees
- Request a Police Detail through Public Safety
- Have certified/trained volunteers checking ID's

Events with alcohol that are also open to those under 21 must have a separate area where alcohol is being served (ex. roped off, separate room, etc.)

Contracts

Contracts are required for all external vendors, including goods, services, speakers, and performances. To begin the contract process, Student Groups should contact the Dean of the College.

Events that have not properly submitted a contract in a timely manor may be cancelled, and the hosting group responsible for any cancellation fees. In order to ensure adequate time for review and signing, contracts should be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to an event.

Movie Licensing

Any movie screening taking place in a public area on campus, such as a classroom, meeting room, or the auditorium, requires rights to be purchased from a licensing agency. Students interested in hosting a movie event should contact the Office of Student Affairs and Resources (StAR).

Trips and Transportation

Students who will be traveling for a recognized student group are required to fill complete an Olin Travel Request Form prior to departure, which can be obtained from the Office of Student Affairs & Resources.

Students may request to use the Olin 7 passenger van and be reimbursed for gas, or may use a personal vehicle, and be reimbursed for millage, so long as a reimbursement request form is submitted within two weeks.

Students traveling overnight as part of a club/org must contact the Risk Assessment Coordinator in the Office of Financial Affairs for the appropriate waiver form prior to participating.

Student Group Spending Policies

All Olin student group finances must be managed through Olin College, this includes purchases, fundraising, and cash advances.

P-Card Purchases

There are two P-Cards (purchase cards) available for official use by student groups. Students must attend Student Group spending training in order to use a P-Card and must also provide the vendor with a copy of Olin's Tax Exempt form so as to not be charged taxes on purchases. All P-Card purchases for student groups under Student Government (SG) are overseen by the Vice President for Finance, the Committee for Clubs and Organizations (CCO), and the Office of Student Affairs and Resources (StAR). Other student groups (i.e. competition teams) work directly with Academic Affairs or StAR.

After an in-person purchase, students in SG groups must complete the SG Student Body Spending Form (provided by CORE upon completion of training). Failure to do so may result in a spending ban or penalty issued by the CORE VP of Finance.

Reimbursements

Reimbursement requests for SG groups must be made via the Student Body Spending Form. Non-SG groups should use the standard student reimbursement form. Requests must be submitted within 4 weeks of making the purchase to be eligible for reimbursement. Late reimbursement requests will not be accepted.

Check Purchases

P-Card is the preferred method of payment for any event or activity, however, if credit cards are not accepted by the vendor than Student Groups can request a check be issued. In order to issue a check, the Student Group must provide the StAR Office with an invoice/receipt, as well as a copy of the vendor's W9 if not already on file. Checks will typically be mailed within two weeks of the request.

SG group expenses with checks must be reported to the Student Government via the Student Body Spending Form. Failure to do so may result in a spending ban or penalty issued by the CORE VP of Finance.

Fundraising

Student Groups wishing to fundraise using cash must contact the StAR Office in order to request a cash box and change. A Student Group designee will need to fill out a Petty Cash Request form where they will indicate the purpose, dates, and times of their fundraiser. This form must be submitted to Financial Affairs at least 7 days prior to a fundraising event. Each day funds are collected, the Student Group designee must return the cashbox to the StAR Office (CC319), and complete a deposit form. For fundraising events taking place on weekends or holidays, deposits should be done the next business day. Upon completion of a fundraiser, the cashbox and any remaining change must be returned to StAR.

Any student group income for an SG group must be reported to the Student Government via the Student Body Spending Form. Failure to do so may result in a spending ban or penalty issued by the CORE VP of Finance.

Cash Advances

Students may request cash advances in situations where venues or activities are cash only. In order to request a cash advance, Student Groups should reach out to the StAR Office at least 7 days prior to their event. They will need to provide the name, date, and location of the event, as well as the purpose of the funds. Excess funds must be returned to the StAR Office, along with a receipt for any cash purchases.

SG group expenses with cash advances must be reported to the Student Government via the Student Body Spending Form. Failure to do so may result in a spending ban or penalty issued by the CORE VP of Finance.

Online Spending for SG Clubs and Organizations

Students who do not hold p-cards in their names (i.e. members of SG Clubs and Organizations) are unable to purchase items online and do to the need for items to be tax exempt. Requests for online items for SG groups can be submitted to the Vice-President of Finance of Student Government via the Student Body Spending Form, and should be done at least two weeks prior to an event or activity in order to ensure on-time delivery. If the Vice-President of Finance is unavailable, students may contact the StAR office.

Spending Violations

Not following the proper Student Group financial policies and procedures, such as not turning in p-card purchase receipts, will result in consequences and a revoke of student spending privileges.

Strike 1: Verbal Warning

Strike 2: Spending ban for 1 month.

Strike 3: Spending ban for the remainder of academic year.

Please refer to the Student Group Guidebook for more detailed information on Club/Org Spending Processes and Procedures.

Student Records

Address change

Matriculated students needing to update their address information may do so with the Registrar's Office. Either a completed form (My Forms) delivered to the Registrar's Office or an electronic update to your biographical information under 'personal info' in your my.olin.edu account is required.

If you have questions about address types please contact the Registrar's Office (registrar@olin.edu) or call 781-292-2340.

Course registration

Course registration takes place in November for the spring semester and in April (or August for new students) for the fall semester. Materials are distributed to students and advisors approximately 10 days prior to registration. For additional information, please reference the Registration section in Academic Policies.

Enrollment certifications

Enrollment certifications for Olin students are available via the my.olin.edu portal 24/7. This service is provided by the National Student Clearinghouse at no charge. Certifications are often required for health insurance and scholarship notification. You may also request a certification in writing, via Olin email to registrar@olin.edu.

Any company or agency may request degree or enrollment certifications from:

National Student Clearinghouse
2300 Dulles Station Boulevard, Suite 300
Herndon, Virginia 20171
www.enrollmentverify.org
www.degreeverify.org

Name change

Matriculated students with proof of a legal name change, may update their information with the Registrar's Office. Original documentation is required and a copy is retained for the file. Sample documentation may be in the form of a court order, marriage certificate, naturalization paperwork, etc. As some systems require name and social security number matches, we do require a copy of an updated social security card when it becomes available.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Registrar's Office or call 781-292-2340.

Transcripts

Transcripts represent course work, passionate pursuits and co-curriculars within the Olin Learning Continuum. Transcripts contain confidential information and must be requested by the current or former student and in a secure manner. Olin College does not release official transcripts without signed consent. There are two types of transcripts, Unofficial and Official.

Unofficial Transcripts can be obtained via the MyStAR tab on the portal. (If an alum does not recall their credentials, please contact the IT Help Desk.)

FREE Official Transcripts can be obtained via a paper request form to the Registrar's Office. Your request must be signed or come from an Olin email address if you are a current student. We also accept scanned copies of signed requests and fax copies.

FEE-Based Transcript ordering is also available via the National Student Clearinghouse. This service provides you with up-to-date order tracking, pdf delivery and electronic exchange delivery options. There is a modest fee to use this service. If you have a student portal or alumni portal log-in, it is best to authenticate to the service via MyStAR. Otherwise, you may go directly to The National Student Clearinghouse and follow the steps for transcript ordering.

Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

Drug Free schools and Communities Act Students at Olin College must be aware that their behavior with respect to alcoholic beverages is constrained by two sets of rules: Massachusetts state law and the college's own policies which reflect its concern for the health and well-being of its students. The alcohol and drug policies (p. 27) are set forth in the Non-Academic Policies section of the handbook.

Persons who violate the college's policy regarding alcohol or other drugs are subject to appropriate disciplinary action, counseling, probation, suspension, dismissal and referral to proper law enforcement authorities for prosecution. Massachusetts state law subjects an individual to fines ranging from \$300 to \$1,000, loss of driver's license and/or imprisonment for the following acts:

- Sale or delivery of alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age;
- Possession, purchase, delivery, or transportation of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age; and
- Misrepresentation or falsification of identification in order to purchase alcohol.

The law further states that anyone who wishes to purchase alcohol must show, upon request, a valid Massachusetts driver's license indicating that they are 21 years of age or older.

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act also requires that a description of health risks associated with drug use and alcohol abuse be distributed to Olin students. Potential health risks resulting from alcohol and drug abuse include but are not limited to the following:

- Aggressive behavior
- Brain damage
- Bronchitis
- Cancer of the esophagus
- Cirrhosis of the liver
- Delirium tremors
- Fluctuating moods and emotions
- Heart attack
- Hepatitis
- Impotency
- Irritability
- Malnutrition
- Meningitis
- Pancreatitis
- Physical dependence
- Pneumonia
- Pregnancy complications
- Relationship problems
- Respiratory arrest
- Sleep problems
- Ulcers

Resources are available to assist Olin students in understanding and dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. The National Institute on Drug Abuse provides a confidential information and referral line that directs callers to cocaine abuse treatment centers in the local community. Contact Health Services in Hollister Hall for free materials on drug use.

See non-academic policies of this Handbook for college policies on alcohol and other drugs (p. 27). See the Honor Code section (p. 47) of this Handbook for the range of possible sanctions.

Privacy Policies

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) ensures confidentiality of educational records for eligible students (including, but not limited to, academic and enrollment data, and financial data related to scholarships, educational loans, need-based aid, and Olin Dollars) and restricts disclosure to or access by third parties, except as authorized by law. Educational records do NOT include the following:

1. Records that are in the sole possession of the person who created them and are not accessible to others with the exception of a substitute;
2. Records created and maintained solely by and for the college law enforcement unit;
3. Records maintained and used solely in relationship to the college and employment;
4. Records of Health Services or psychological counseling; and
5. Records pertaining to individual information after the person is no longer a student at the college.

FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. You have the right to:

1. inspect your educational records, with certain exceptions. If you wish to inspect your records, you need to submit a formal request to the Registrar. An appointment will be made within 45 days of the date of the request.
2. request an amendment if you believe your educational records are inaccurate or misleading. If you wish to request an amendment, you must do so in writing directed to the Registrar's Office. If it is determined that the record will not be amended, you will be notified of your right to, and procedures for requesting, a hearing.
3. provide written consent before Olin College discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
4. file a complaint if you believe that the college has failed to comply with the requirements of FERPA. Complaints can be addressed to:

Family Policy Compliance Office
 U.S. Department of Education
 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
 Washington, DC 20202-5901
 Phone: 1.800.U.S.A.LEARN

The college has designated certain types of personally identifiable information as "Directory Information." This includes your name, local address and telephone number, email address, photograph, degree program and major and concentration, dates of attendance, full and part time status and degrees, honors, and awards received. Your local address and telephone number are also contained in an annual directory published by the college and are accessible on an electronic directory. Both the printed and electronic directory are intended for the use of the college community. You may request, in writing, to restrict the disclosure of your directory information. Your request will remain in effect unless you revoke it. Additionally, if you do not want public directory information released, you must indicate that preference at the time the information is collected. You may request nondisclosure at any time during your enrollment by completing the "FERPA Request to Prevent Disclosure" form found in the Registrar's office.

The college, in compliance with the law, may disclose other (non-Directory) personally identifiable information without your prior consent under certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To college officials, staff and others engaged in activities on behalf of the college with a legitimate educational interest (may include contracted individuals, person(s) serving on the Board of Trustees, student(s) serving on an official committee or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks);
2. In compliance with a lawful subpoena;
3. To officials of another institution where you are enrolled or seek to enroll, or where you received services in connection with placement or participation in internships, practica, affiliations, and other programs related to your courses or program at the college;
4. To authorized representatives of institutions from which you have received financial aid or applied for financial aid;

5. To organizations conducting studies “for, or on behalf of” Olin College;
6. Under the provisions of the USA Patriot Act;
7. Under the provisions of the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act;
8. To appropriate parties in the event of an emergency when the information is necessary to protect the health, safety, and/or welfare of the student or others.

Library policies

Records of library transactions (circulation, interlibrary loan requests, database access, workstation logs and reference assistance) are considered confidential. An individual’s use of specific materials will be released only to law enforcement officials with legal authority to obtain such materials and proper documentation. Normally a subpoena is required for release of such information.

Assessment policies

In order to collect useful data for assessment and improvement and ensure the ongoing privacy of members of the Olin community, the Office of Institutional Research & Decision Support (IRDS) has adopted policies relating to privacy. IRDS will make all reasonable attempts to ensure the following:

- All data submitted to IRDS is held as confidential, unless otherwise specified at the time of collection or released through the consent of the individual.
- Reporting of data for public use is done anonymously and in aggregate.
- Reporting of data for internal use maintains the appropriate level of anonymity and/or confidentiality to minimize risk to individuals and maximize its use in the assessment process.
- All requests for data from IRDS are analyzed to assess the privacy risks for individual community members prior to the release of any information.
- All IRDS files that contain information about individual community members are kept in secure physical or electronic locations.
- IRDS maintains privacy and allows access to its records in keeping with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- IRDS conducts its affairs in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Association for Institutional Research.

Parental notification policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Parents often remain an important influence in their children’s lives after students enter college and Olin views parents as an important partner in their student’s education. However, there is a federal law that guides what information can be released to a parent, or anyone else, without the student’s permission. This law is called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Attending college is a time of growth and development for students. As such, it is the college’s general policy (and is required of us by FERPA) to treat the student as the person primarily privileged to authorize release of personal information. This policy reflects our philosophy that an important goal of undergraduate education is to continue the student’s development as an autonomous adult. The college encourages students to share information with their parents or legal guardians, but ultimately the decision of what information to share normally rests with the student. Hence, the vast majority of communications are directed to the student rather than to the parents/guardians. For example, grades are only available to students via secure access to the student records system.

It is important for parents to recognize that it is not the college's intention to exclude them from information. Rather, the College is following the guidelines required by FERPA. As such, we encourage students and parents to have open and ongoing dialogue regarding how information will be shared between them. Decisions regarding information sharing are most appropriately made within the family. As part of that discussion, students may decide to give consent to the College to disclose protected information to parents. In that case, students must sign and submit the Consent Form for Disclosure to Parents form found on the Olin website. For more information regarding student privacy and FERPA please visit <http://www.olin.edu/family-educational-rights-and-privacy-act/>

We recognize, however, that this commitment to fostering the development of the student and adhering to FERPA requirements must be balanced with the parents' interest in the well-being and progress of their student at the college, and we recognize that there are times in which parental involvement can be in everyone's best interests. Thus, while the general policy is to be protective of the student's privacy, there are instances allowed by law, including those listed below, in which a parent or legal guardian will be notified of matters concerning a student. In such instances, we believe it is appropriate for the student to inform their parent or guardian directly, so whenever reasonable we will allow time for students themselves to do so. However, in situations where prompt notification is prudent, a member of the Student Affairs staff will contact a parent or guardian as soon as possible.

Change of status at the college

Parents are normally notified, usually in writing, when a student's status at the college changes. It should be noted that parents are not normally notified about less severe instances of disciplinary or academic action, such as warning or probation.

Health and safety emergencies

The college reserves the right to contact parents when it reasonably believes that the student is subject to a health or safety emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, situations in which a student needs to be transported to the hospital in a critical situation. It also includes situations in which it comes to the attention of college officials that a student is inexplicably absent from campus for a prolonged period. College officials may contact a parent or guardian in order to ascertain the whereabouts of the student. However, normally, college officials will first try to contact the student's listed emergency contact of record to locate the student. Students are responsible for identifying their contact. The college is not responsible for a student's failure to be in touch with their parents.

Disclosures for other reasons in exercise of college's judgment

The college reserves the right to notify a parent or guardian, as permitted by law, for reasons other than those listed above, based on our judgment of what is in the best interests of the student and of the college.

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