

Spring 2021 Statistics Report

This report presents University Judiciary Committee (UJC) case statistics for the fifty-two (52) cases which were adjudicated from the period beginning 1/1/2021 and ending 5/10/2021, hereinafter referred to as the spring 2021 semester. As recorded by the UJC case processing system, these included complaints filed on various dates ranging from January 2019 to April 2021. This report was publicly released on May 11, 2021 by a unanimous vote of the Voting Members of the UJC, pursuant to Article III, Section D of the UJC By-Laws.

These data do not include cases which have been accepted but have not yet been adjudicated. As of May 11, 2021, the UJC docket includes another seven (7) pending cases.

The UJC receives more complaints than it accepts as cases, with a small number of complaints being dismissed each semester due to lack of jurisdiction, exceeding the statute of limitations, or other reasons. Complaints can be filed by any community member against any University student or student group at ujc.virginia.edu. Cases which are accepted can be resolved either by trial or by Hearing Panel.

In instances where an accused party is found guilty of violating one or more of the University Standards of Conduct, the elected student judges of the trial panel may assign no sanction, one sanction, or multiple sanctions. Sanctions are determined on a case-by-case basis, and trial panels take aggravating and mitigating factors into account. The UJC's mission while sanctioning is to maintain and promote a community of safety, respect, and freedom.

Cases relating to alleged violations of COVID-19 mitigation policies constituted a large portion of those cases adjudicated in the spring 2021 semester. Such cases were primarily filed under Standards of Conduct 2, 6, and/or 12 which prohibit, respectively, endangering the community, violating University policy, and/or failing to comply with the instructions of University officials. The University policy alleged to have been violated in Standard 6 complaints was primarily SEC-045, which outlines UVA's restrictions on gathering sizes, masking, and social distancing.

The demographic data reported here rely on limited information from the University's Student Information System (SIS) and the Institutional Research and Analytics unit of the Office of the Provost. The specific categories recorded in SIS align with United States Department of Education (USDE) definitions that inform mandatory reporting to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). While these data provide some basic insights, the UJC is developing a secure data collection system to allow individuals involved in cases to self-report demographic data. In the future, the implementation of this system will allow for more comprehensive demographic data.

The UJC is an entirely student-run organization made up of over 100 students representing every one of the 13 schools of the University. The Committee is deeply grateful for the hard work of all the support officers and judges who made it possible to adjudicate the immense case load of this year.

More detailed information about all of the UJC's procedures, the current Committee, and statistics from past semesters can be found at ujc.virginia.edu. Please direct any inquiries to the UJC Chair, whose contact information can be found on the website.

The University Standards of Conduct

1. **Physical assault** of any person on University-owned or leased property, at any University sanctioned function, at the permanent or temporary local residence of a University student, faculty member, employee, visitor, or in the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle County, or Prohibited Conduct, as defined in the University of Virginia Policy on Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Other Forms of Interpersonal Violence.
2. **Conduct which intentionally or recklessly threatens the health or safety** of any person on University-owned or leased property, at a University sanctioned function, at the permanent or temporary local residence of a University student, faculty member, employee or visitor, or in the city of Charlottesville or Albemarle County.
3. **Unauthorized entry** into or occupation of University facilities which are locked, closed to student activities or otherwise restricted as to use.
4. **Intentional disruption or obstruction** of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, other University activities, or activities authorized to take place on University property.
5. **Unlawfully blocking or impeding normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic** on or adjacent to University property.
6. Violation of University policies or regulations referenced in **The Record**, including policies concerning residence and the use of University facilities.
7. **Alteration, fabrication, or misuse of, or obtaining unauthorized access** to University identification cards, other documents, or computer files or systems.
8. **Disorderly conduct** on University-owned or leased property or at a University-sanctioned function. Disorderly conduct is defined to include but is not limited to acts that breach the peace, are lewd, indecent, or obscene, and that are not Constitutionally protected speech.
9. **Substantial damage** to University-owned or leased property or to any property in the city of Charlottesville or Albemarle County or to property of a University student, employee, faculty member, or visitor, occurring on University-owned or leased property or at the permanent or temporary local residence of any student, faculty member, employee or visitor.
10. **Any violation of Federal, State, or local law**, if such directly affects the University's pursuit of its proper educational purposes and only to the extent such violations are not covered by other Standards of Conduct and only where a specific provision of a statute or ordinance is charged in the complaint.
11. **Intentional, reckless, or negligent conduct** which obstructs the operations of the Honor or Judiciary Committee, or conduct that violates their rules of confidentiality.
12. **Failure to comply with directions of University officials** acting under provisions 1-11 set above. This shall include failure to give identity in situations concerning alleged violations of sections 1-11.

Case Statistics for Academic Year 2020–2021

Item	Fall 2020	Spring 2021
Cases adjudicated	23	52
" against students	21	38
" against organizations	2	14
" related to COVID-19 policy	9	46
Total number of accused students	61	93
" alleged to have violated COVID-19 policy	44	80
Total number of accused organizations	2	13
" alleged to have violated COVID-19 policy	1	13
Total number of Hearing Panels granted	7	23
" in UJC cases	0	7
" in FYJC cases	7	16
Mean case processing time*	181.2 days	68.6 days
Median case processing time	37.0 days	42.0 days
Cases adjudicated in 14 days or less	2	2
Cases adjudicated in 15 to 28 days	7	10
Cases adjudicated in 29 to 42 days	3	14
Cases adjudicated in 43 to 56 days	0	8
Cases adjudicated in 57 or more days	11	18

* Case processing time reports the number of days between the date a complaint was filed and the date the same complaint was adjudicated. It includes the period of time between semesters when classes are not in session (i.e., summer and winter breaks).

Demographic Data for Spring 2021

Accused Students 1/1/2021 to 5/10/2021	Count	Percent of Total
Gender (categories as reported by SIS)*		
Female	35	37.6 %
Male	58	62.4 %
Data Not Available	0	0.0 %
TOTAL	93	100.0 %
Race/ethnicity (categories as reported by SIS)†		
African American	3	3.2 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0 %
Asian	9	9.7 %
Hispanic	2	2.2 %
Multi-Race	11	11.8 %
Native American or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0 %
Non-Resident Alien	0	0.0 %
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	1	1.1 %
White	67	72.0 %
TOTAL	93	100.0 %
Accused Organizations 1/1/2021 to 5/10/2021	Count	Percent of Total
Type‡		
Contracted Independent Organization (CIO)	1	7.7 %
Fraternal Organization Agreement (FOA)	12	92.3 %
Special Status Organization (SSO)	0	0.0 %
Agency Organization	0	0.0 %
TOTAL	13	100.0 %

* Gender data reported from SIS. UVa only reports these three categories due to mandatory federal reporting requirements; see first page for more details.

† Race and ethnicity data reported from SIS. UVa only reports these nine categories due to mandatory federal reporting requirements; see first page for more details. Individuals reporting multiple options are reported under the Multi-Race category.

‡ The UJC classifies student organizations into four primary categories. CIOs are student clubs affiliated with the University through a CIO contract. FOAs are Greek-letter social fraternities and sororities affiliated with the University through an FOA contract. SSOs include the University Guide Service, the University Board of Elections, Student Council, Class Councils, etc. Agency Organizations include University Programs Council, the Honor Committee, the UJC itself, and Residence Life.

Sanctions Data for Spring 2021*

Type	Cases Used	Notes
Essay	32	108 essays at an average length of 900.0 words each (97,200 words total)
Change to house/apartment COVID guidelines	14	Includes mandatory guest lists, drafting new social guidelines, revising house policy, etc.
Educational program	12	Involving 16 students and 4 organizations
Community service	11	8 specific projects plus 280 hours, benefitting the Charlottesville community through efforts such as clean up and PPE drives
" in abeyance [†]	1	200 hours
Presentation delivery	7	Includes research and delivery of reflective, educational presentations to peers or faculty
Conversation with RA, dean, or professional advisor	17	Involving 13 students and 9 organizations
Probation	2	Involving 1 student and 1 organization on social probation
" in abeyance [†]	4	Involving 9 students and 1 organization
Suspension	0	
" in abeyance [†]	11	Involving 6 students and 9 organizations
Expulsion	0	
" in abeyance [†]	1	Involving 1 student

* The student judges of a UJC trial panel may assign no sanction, one sanction, or multiple sanctions for a given case. This table reports selected sanction data, reporting the most common categories. Some sanctions are not shown to preserve anonymity. Sanctions from cases currently under appeal are also not shown.

[†] Sanctions held in abeyance can be enacted if the accused party returns to the UJC for another violation.

Standards Data for Spring 2021*

Standard	Times Alleged	Found Guilty	Found Not Guilty
1	2	2	0
2	52	26	26
3	0	0	0
4	0	0	0
5	1	0	1
6	96	95	1
7	1	1	0
8	7	3	4
9	2	2	0
10	3	2	1
11	0	0	0
12	7	7	0
TOTAL	171	138	33
TOTAL involving COVID-19 policy	145	122	23

* Standards data from cases currently under appeal are not shown.

Infographic*

