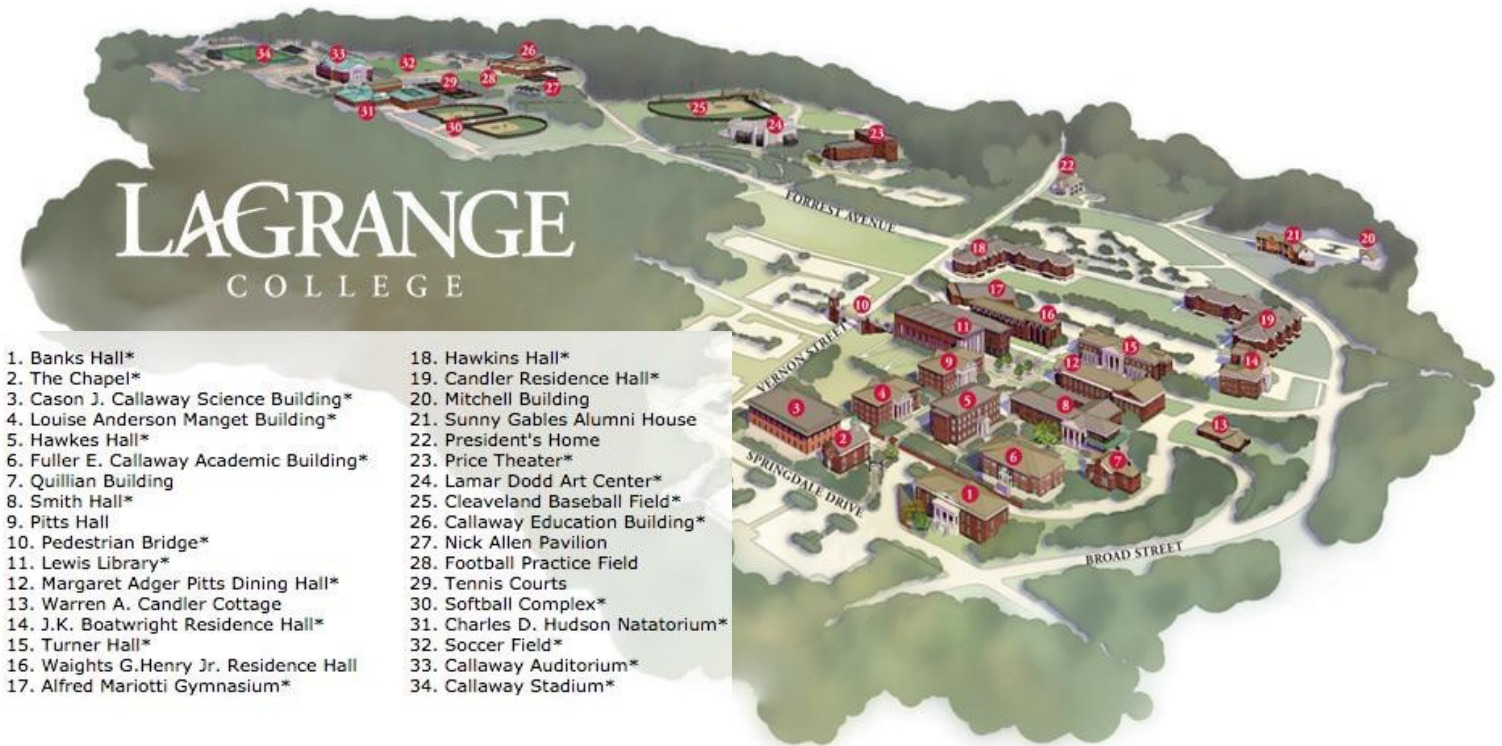




# Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

## Campus Crime, Fire, and Arrest Statistics

# 2024



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## **LaGrange College Mission, Vision, & Values**

### **Our Heritage**

Founded in 1831 by what would become the United Methodist Church, LaGrange College embraces its history with the Wesleyan, liberal arts traditions.

Our community's life and work are rooted in the Wesleyan notion of education as not just informative, but also *transformative*: connecting mind, body, and heart. We carry on John Wesley's passion for making education broadly accessible. We do this by striving to meet each student where they are and by valuing them for who they are.

### **Key Elements**

- The oldest private college in the state of Georgia, the institution has been affiliated with the United Methodist Church for more than 150 years.
- Firmly rooted in the Christian faith and grounded in the Wesleyan and liberal arts traditions, both of which are devoted to the unfettered pursuit of truth, the college encourages students to deepen their understanding of their faith and empowers them to engage in free intellectual inquiry.
- Welcoming students from widely diverse backgrounds and a variety of faith traditions, the college fosters an environment of respect and humility and is committed to the ideals of religious and academic freedom.

### **LaGrange College Mission**

We challenge the minds and inspire the souls of our students, preparing them to become successful, responsible citizens who pursue lives of integrity, service, and lifelong learning.

### **LaGrange College Vision**

To be an innovative institution, holistically educating our students to connect with and contribute to an ever-changing world.

### **LaGrange College Values**

As an Institution, we value:

- The inherent worth of every human being
- Pursuit of lifelong learning and development
- Integrity and moral courage
- Spiritual growth
- Service to our community and to our world

## **Campus Safety at LaGrange College**

No community's security plan can be effective unless everyone in the community contributes to making it work. Safety and security are both personal and shared responsibilities. Only by accepting this responsibility can members of the community maintain a safe and secure environment.

This security section of the Annual Security Report is provided to you as a part of LaGrange College's commitment to safety and security on campus and satisfies all the requirements of the Federal Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990. It is filled with information about a variety of security services and programs, which are available to you as a member of the College community. We hope that you will become familiar with this information and find the programs useful.

The College has an established campus-wide Safety Committee that is charged with the assessment and improvement of safe practices and safe environments across the College. If you should ever encounter an unsafe condition on campus, please alert campus security or your RA/Assistant Director.

### Security Services

The Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience has primary responsibility for the security of LaGrange College. The Office's mission is to create and maintain a safe and secure environment. This includes protecting lives and securing property and preserving peace and order. There are two main branches of services: security operation and education.

### Office of Campus Safety

Campus Safety, who reports to the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience, provides security services at LaGrange College. They are on duty 24 hours a day. Officers check in at the residence halls and routinely patrol the buildings and property of the entire campus.

Campus Safety officers respond to all reports of crime, fire, medical and other emergencies and call in and coordinate with the City of LaGrange Fire and Police Departments. They complete incident reports, interview witnesses, gather facts, and conduct preliminary investigations. Officers lock and unlock buildings, admit authorized persons into locked areas, and monitor fire and burglary alarm systems. Officers can be reached by calling 706-880-8911 or if calling from another campus extension just dial ext. 8911 via Teams. Campus Safety is in Smith Hall, Room 119.

### Campus Safety Authority

LaGrange College campus safety officers have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at LaGrange College. LaGrange College officers have the authority to issue parking tickets, which are billed to financial accounts of students, faculty, and staff. Campus officers do not possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are referred to the local police who have jurisdiction on the campus.

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### Relationship of Campus Safety Personnel with State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies

The LaGrange College campus safety office maintains a close working relationship with the LaGrange Police

Department (LPD). College safety and staff occasionally work with other law enforcement agencies in Georgia, including the FBI, the Park Police and the U.S. Secret Service. Meetings are held between the leaders of these agencies on both a formal and informal basis. The officers of campus safety and LPD communicate regularly on the scene of incidents that occur in and around the campus area. There is no written memorandum of understanding between campus safety and LPD.

### **Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Safety Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act)**

The Clery Act requires all institutions of higher education to publish an annual report on security policies and crime statistics. The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 also requires an annual report containing information on campus emergency response and evacuation procedures, emergency notification, additional hate crime reporting and fire safety policies and statistics. Information contained in this report was also solicited from all campus safety authorities. This report is made available to all current and prospective students and employees. LaGrange College sends an e-mail to every enrolled student and current employee on an annual basis to notify them that the report is available to be viewed which includes a PDF file containing the report. Printed copies are available on request and are available in person at the LaGrange College Campus Safety Office (located in Smith Hall) or by contacting the Enrollment Management and Student Experience's Office (located in Smith Hall).

The report is due by October 1st of each year and must contain certain crime statistics for the current and preceding two- year reporting period.

The purpose of this publication is to:

- Provide the LaGrange College community with an overview of campus safety services
- Share crime statistics required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
- Inform current and prospective students, staff, faculty, and visitors about the College's policies and programs designed to help keep them safe
- Share information regarding emergency preparedness and planning
- Share information regarding fire safety, fire statistics, and fire-related information

Comprehensive crime statistics for LaGrange College are also available online at the U.S. Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/security/>).

LaGrange, Georgia/ Troup County area statistics are also available by accessing the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) (<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>).

### **Emergency Notifications and Timely Warnings**

Students, faculty, staff, community members, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety-related incidents to campus safety in a timely manner to aid in providing accurate and timely warning notices to the community when appropriate, and to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics.

LaGrange College makes every attempt to communicate accurate, timely information to members of the campus community in the event of a crisis, serious crime, emergency, or other situation which may impact the safety of the community. The intent of a Timely Warning is to provide information to enable members of the college community to protect themselves.

Information on criminal incidents that occur, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience or his/her designee through consultation with the President's Office and Cabinet, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat to the campus community will

be distributed on a timely basis.

Among the various distribution methods available are through e-mail and the ReGroup system. A campus meeting may be called at the discretion of the College President. Warning posters may also be strategically placed throughout the campus depending on the nature of the incident.

Status updates regarding the resolution and/or “un-founding” of a crime and issued timely warnings will be disseminated in a similar fashion and updated as soon as possible. The intent of a Timely Warning is to provide information to enable members of the college community to protect themselves.

### **Notification to the LaGrange College Community About an Immediate Threat**

LaGrange College community members are encouraged to notify campus safety of any situation or incident on campus that involves a significant emergency or dangerous situation that may involve an immediate or ongoing threat to the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, or visitors on campus. Campus safety has the responsibility of responding to, and summoning the necessary resources, to mitigate, investigate, and document any situation that may cause a significant emergency or dangerous situation. In addition, campus safety has a responsibility to respond to such incidents to determine if the situation does in fact pose a threat to the community. If so, federal law requires that the institution notify the campus community or the appropriate segments of the community that may be affected by the situation.

If campus safety confirms that there is an emergency or dangerous situation that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of some or all members of the LaGrange College community, emergency notification procedures will be activated to provide immediate notification of the threat to the LaGrange College community, or to the appropriate segment of the community if the threat is limited to a particular building or segment of the population. Campus safety will, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate notification, unless issuing a notification will, in the judgment of the first responders (including, but not limited to campus police or housing staff), compromise the efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

In the event of a serious incident that poses an immediate threat to members of the LaGrange College community, the College has various systems in place for communicating information quickly. Some or all these methods of communication may be activated in the event of an immediate threat to the LaGrange College campus community. These methods of communication include ReGroup, a system that provides email and text message alerts to members of the LaGrange College community. All students, faculty, and staff are automatically registered in ReGroup; each is encouraged to keep numbers on record accurate.

### **Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures**

Upon confirmation of a significant emergency or a dangerous situation occurring on campus (or directly affecting the campus) that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees, the College will alert the campus community in the most expeditious manner available about the situation. This will generally involve activation of our ReGroup system. This system, which can be activated by campus safety or other designated personnel, will via phone text messages and other media alert those who have preregistered for the system. This initial alert will be augmented, if appropriate, by other forms of communication, including electronic mail, phone calls, and personal contact. The College will make every effort to confirm the validity of the emergency or dangerous situation. It will do so by use of established lines of communication with college staff, administrators, residence hall personnel (including resident assistants), area coordinators, campus safety personnel, and local law enforcement and emergency responders, as well as media reports and any other available sources.

The college's President or Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience (or the Senior administrative officer acting at the time of the occurrence) will determine, based on that information, whether notification is necessary or desirable and, if so, what form that notification should take and to whom it should be directed. Notification will not be delayed simply because all information has not been gathered or fully confirmed. A notification in such cases may use wording that stresses that an incident has been "reported" or that there is not yet confirmation. What is most critical is that the awareness of those potentially affected, directed or indirectly, is heightened and that any appropriate safety precautions are taken without delay. The College will err on the side of notification, understanding that corrections can be made through subsequent communications.

The content of the notification will be only the information necessary to give the nature of the threat or situation and the recommended actions, recognizing that the longer the message the more time it takes to absorb and act upon.

Usual components of such a message would be the nature of the situation; the location of the situation; what action should be taken; and (if appropriate) a promise of further information as it becomes known.

***An example of such a message containing those components would be: "Fire reported in Turner Hall. Evacuate that building. Others stay clear. More info to follow."*** The notification can be activated by personnel in Information Technology, Public Relations, Campus Safety, and/or Enrollment Management and Student Experience.

Individual and community safety is the paramount concern in any decision to notify the campus community of a dangerous or emergency situation. Safety may, in certain circumstances, require that notification be delayed, particularly when emergency or law enforcement personnel believe that such notification will compromise efforts to assist a victim or victims or frustrate efforts to respond to or mitigate an emergency. Due deference will be given to such considerations, but only in truly exceptional circumstances will there be a decision to delay or avoid notification.

After the campus community or affected portions of the campus community have been notified, the College will coordinate the dissemination of emergency information to the larger community, both by means of media and through local emergency responders.

## **Reporting Crimes and Emergencies**

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and safety related incidents to campus safety in a timely manner. To report a crime or emergency on campus, call campus safety at 706-880-8911.

Campus Safety Office is in Smith Hall, Room 119.

Crimes should be reported to campus safety to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

Information regarding incidents of sexual misconduct may be reported to any employee of LaGrange College. Employees who learn of an incident of sexual misconduct or other serious crimes (Clery Act crimes including Murder, Manslaughter, Forcible Sex Offenses, Burglary, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson or Hate Crimes) are asked to report this information to campus safety, the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience, and/or the LaGrange Police Department.

To report a fire or to request an ambulance for a medical emergency, call campus safety (706-880-8911). If you do dial 911, provide accurate and complete information regarding your location and the nature of the emergency. It is important that your information be relayed accurately as it will enable a prompt response.

### **Reporting a crime:**

- Call campus safety at 706-880-8911; report any and all details of the incident.
- Describe the suspect's appearance, clothing, height, weight, coloring, scars or other noticeable features.
- Describe the location of the incident.
- Describe the suspect's vehicle, license plate number and direction of travel.
- **If you observe a crime or a suspicious incident, call immediately.** Do not assume someone else has made the call.

Try to provide the dispatcher with accurate, detailed information about the problem. When reporting an emergency, try to explain your needs as calmly as you can. **STAY ON THE LINE** until the dispatcher says it is okay to hang up.

Crimes often occur in clusters. If you report a crime or a suspicious situation, you might prevent the next one from taking place. An activity which you feel is unusual may be a sign of a criminal act. It is crucial that you contact campus safety immediately whenever you see or hear something suspicious.

Campus safety incident reports involving students are forwarded to the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience's office for review and potential action as directed by the Social Code.

### **Confidential Reporting**

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the college system or the criminal justice system, you may want to consider making a confidential report. A campus safety officer can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing the victim's identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to maintain confidentiality, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the college can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, employees, and visitors; determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant; and alert the campus community to potential dangers. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution. You can call campus safety at 706-880-8911 and ask that information remain confidential.

When these reports involve allegations of sexual misconduct (including sexual harassment or sexual violence) they are made available to the college's Title IX Coordinator.

**NOTE:** If a report of crime or incident of sexual misconduct discloses an immediate threat to the college campus community, where timely notice must be given to protect the health or safety of the community, the college may not be able to maintain confidentiality. Immediately threatening circumstances include, but are not limited to, reported incidents of sexual misconduct that include the use of force, a weapon, crimes of violence, or other circumstances that represent a serious and ongoing threat to LaGrange College students, faculty, staff or visitors.

### **Reporting of Crimes to Confidential Sources on Campus**

As a result of the negotiated rulemaking process which followed the signing into law, the 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092 (f), clarification was given to those considered to be campus security authorities. Campus "Pastoral



Counselors” and Campus “Professional Counselors,” when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes, including acts covered by the College’s Sexual Misconduct Policy, for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

The rulemaking committee defines counselors as:

#### *Pastoral Counselor*

An employee of an institution who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor. The College Chaplain, the Rev. Ashley Jenkins, is deemed a pastoral counselor in accordance with this policy. She may be contacted at 706-880-8004.

#### *Professional Counselor*

An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution’s community. Individuals providing counseling through the College’s Counseling Center are deemed as professional counselors in accordance with this policy. The college’s professional counselors employed by the Counseling Center are Ratoya Mason, M.A., L.P.C. and Rosie Bolan, M.A., A.P.C. Appointments with the Counseling Center can be made by calling 706-880-8176 or by [scheduling online](#).

### **Security and Access**

During business hours certain College administrative offices will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. All other facilities will have card and key access only. During non-business hours access to all College facilities is by key or card access or admittance by campus safety or Housing and Student Life staff. In the case of periods of extended closing only those with an authorized card and key will have access to facilities.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. Over extended breaks, the doors of all halls will be secured and will be equipped with a lock separate from the regular key issued to resident students. Some facilities may have individual hours, which may vary at different times of the year. In these cases, the facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the department responsible for the facility. Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules.

### **Security Awareness Programs for Students and Employees**

During summer orientation and Welcome Week, students are informed of services offered by campus safety. Additional information on security and campus safety services are provided by housing staff in the residence halls. Similar information is presented to new employees. Crime Prevention Programs and Sexual Assault Prevention Programs are offered throughout the academic year as presented by Enrollment Management and Student Experience, the Counseling Center, and the Office of Housing and Student Life.

A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others. The College also provides notifications pertaining to timely warnings and immediate threats via the Regroup Campus system.

## **Crime Prevention Programs for Students and Employees**

Crime Prevention Programs on personal safety and theft prevention are sponsored by the Office of Housing and Student Life as well as various campus organizations throughout the year. Through summer orientation sessions and Welcome Week, campus safety information and general crime prevention is offered to new students and their families. Similar information is provided to new employees and faculty through their orientation sessions offered by Human Resources. The Office of Housing and Student Life also offers programming to residential students on a periodic basis throughout the year.

### **LIST Prevention Program Titles**

Prevention training programs include:

- Sexual Assault for Undergraduates -Part 1 & 2 (Vector Training)
- Sexual Assault for Graduates – Part 1 & 2 (Vector Training)
- Bystander Intervention Training
- Title IX Policy Training
- Sexual Assault Awareness
- Week Training One Love (dating violence training)
- Consent Training
- Active Threat Preventive Training for Faculty and Staff

## **Criminal Activity Off-Campus Involving Students**

LaGrange College operates no off-campus housing or off-campus student organization facilities. However, approved students live off campus provided that they complete the residency waiver application process (for additional information see the *Student Handbook*). LaGrange City and Troup County Police have primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus.

When a LaGrange College student is involved in an off-campus offense, campus safety may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state, or federal law enforcement. Local agencies may request a College staff member or campus safety representative be present when dealing with students in areas immediately adjacent to campus.

## **Missing Student Notification Policy**

In accordance with the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Section 485 (j), LaGrange College follows these guidelines concerning missing students who reside in campus housing.

Residential students will be informed (at the beginning of fall and spring semesters) that they have the option to identify an individual that the College can contact within 24 hours after the time that a student has been determined to be missing by the designated officials authorized to make that determination, specifically the Assistant Directors, Housing Director, or Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Experience. The confidential contact may be the person designated by the student in addition to the designated emergency contact. In cases where a student has not designated a separate missing person contact, the emergency contact on record will be notified.

For students under 18 years of age (and not emancipated), the College will notify a custodial parent or guardian no later than 24 hours after the time the student has been officially determined to be missing.

A student is determined to be missing when the College's Housing & Student Life staff (including Resident Advisors, Assistant Directors, Housing Director, and/or the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Experience) verify that the report information is credible and that the circumstances warrant

declaring the student as missing.

Once a student is determined to be missing, the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Experience or Housing Director will contact the student's designated contact. In addition, the LaGrange Police Department may also be contacted.

At the beginning of each academic year, the Housing and Student Life staff will collect the following information from each residence student:

- Student's full legal name
- LC ID #
- Residence Hall and Room Number
- Student's cell phone number
- The name and relationship of the person(s) the student wants to be contacted
- A home and/or cell phone number for that contact person(s)
- An email address for that contact person(s)
- A home address for that person(s)

The student is responsible for keeping this contact information updated and accurate. This information will be kept confidential and on file in the Office of Housing and Student Life.

## **College Statement and Information on Alcohol and Drugs**

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs**

LaGrange College prohibits the possession, distribution and use of alcohol or illegal drugs. As members of the College community, we recognize that we have an obligation to examine critically the issues surrounding drug and alcohol abuse on campuses, to provide appropriate institutional responses, and to promote responsible personal decisions. Community members have the right to live, work, learn and study in an environment free from the damaging effects of drug and alcohol abuse. To this end, LaGrange College sponsors a variety of programs and provides information and resources regarding drug and alcohol abuse. In addition, the College's policies for faculty, staff and students are consistent with federal and local law and reinforce the belief that people are accountable for their own actions. The College's procedure for alcohol and drug infractions is listed in the Social Code policy. This section is provided to give the student information to make an informed choice about alcohol and drug use.

### **Health Risks Associated with Substance Abuse**

This section summarizes the health risks associated with drug and alcohol abuse and resources for addressing drug and alcohol abuse.

Caffeine, alcohol and tobacco are commonly used drugs. Although some are regulated, they are not per se illegal. It is important to realize that for some people, even these legal drugs taken in moderation can produce serious health risks, and under certain circumstances, these drugs can prove as insidious and damaging as some illegal substances.

Some illicit drugs and controlled substances have valid pharmaceutical uses. When properly administered by a physician their effect can be beneficial, yet, as with the licit drugs mentioned above, these same drugs can also prove damaging. Other substances, such as inhalants and analogs, have no legitimate claim to healing. Their use by definition is abuse, and the results are unpredictable and sometimes fatal.

Regardless of the licit or illicit status of a substance, abusing drugs is never beneficial physically, socially,

psychologically, or economically. The following discussion provides a listing of common drugs and substances along with the associated physical and psychological effects and risks. Keep in mind that the effects and risks may vary depending upon dosage, frequency of use, duration of use combination with other substances, as well as the age, sex and health of the person.

### **Physical Health Risks**

#### ***Depressants*** (Quaaludes, barbiturates, tranquilizers, and alcohol)

**Health Risks:** General - depression of the central nervous system, slow response time, loss of rational judgment, decreased coordination and motor skills, death. These drugs are particularly dangerous when combined.

**Health Risks:** Alcohol - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, metabolic changes (e.g., hypoglycemia, elevated triglycerides), cancer of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, and liver, heart disease, nervous system damage, gastrointestinal disorder (e.g., peptic ulcers, pancreatitis, gastritis), liver damage (e.g., alcoholic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and fat accumulations), death from overdose (2,000 per year in U.S.), blackouts, accidental injuries, anemia.

#### ***Narcotics*** (heroin, methadone, codeine, morphine, meperidine, opium, and others)

**Health Risks:** General - nausea, vomiting, convulsion, coma, possible death. The use of contaminated syringes may result in diseases such as HIV, endocarditis and hepatitis. Addiction during pregnancy can lead to premature, stillborn or addicted infants.

#### ***Stimulants*** (caffeine as found in coffee, tea, soft drinks, diet and caffeine pills; cocaine; crack; amphetamines such as Benzedrine, Dexedrine, methedrine – speed)

**Health Risks:** Caffeine - increased motor activity, diminishes small muscle coordination and timing, insomnia or restlessness and disturbed sleep, increased basal metabolic rate, increased urination, premature systoles, heart palpitation, tachycardia, gastrointestinal irritation, ulcers, diarrhea, constipation (from high tannin content of tea) mild delirium, auditory and visual disturbances.

**Health Risks:** Cocaine - (highly addictive) elevated blood pressure, increased temperature, nosebleeds, erosion of the nasal septum, paranoia, nervousness, insomnia, malnutrition, tactile hallucinations, seizures, convulsions, death from effect on cardiac function and respiration.

**Health Risks:** Crack - (highly addictive) dilated pupils, increased pulse rate, elevated blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite, tactile hallucination, paranoia, seizures, agitation, increased temperature, convulsions, possible death from cardiac arrest.

**Health Risks:** Amphetamine – elevated blood pressure, nervousness, hyperactivity, insomnia, malnutrition, acute psychoses.

#### ***Hallucinogens*** (phencyclidine - PCP, lysergic acid diethylamide -LSD, mescaline-peyote, psilocybin – mushrooms, marijuana).

**Health Risks:** PCP - unexpected psychotic episodes, perceptual distortions, sense of estrangement, poor muscular coordination, impaired speech, long term persistent memory

**Health Risks:** LSD - peyote mushrooms – illusions, hallucination, increased temperature and heart rate, elevated blood pressure, loss of appetite, insomnia, tremors, panic, confusion, and speech impairments, depression, anxiety, violent behavior, hallucination, coma, heart failure, lung problems, ruptured blood vessels in the brain, death. paranoia, loss of control, long term persistent flash backs, psychosis, dementia.

**Health Risks:** Marijuana - perceptual distortion of time, increased heart rate, dilation of blood vessels, loss of short-term memory, impaired comprehension, decreased visual perception and psychomotor skills, loss of motivation, fatigue, chronic bronchitis, decreased vital lung capacity, lung cancer, paranoia, psychosis.

**Inhalants** (nitrous oxide, amyl nitrate, butyl nitrite, chlorohydro carbons, hydro-carbons-found in aerosol sprays, solvents, chemicals and gasoline).

**Health Risks:** General - Nausea, sneezing, coughing, nose bleeds, fatigue, lack of coordination, loss of appetite, decreased heart and respiratory rates, impaired judgment, violent behavior, disorientation, rapid pulse, headaches, incontinence, hepatitis, renal and hepatic damage, peripheral neuropathy, convulsions, encephalopathy, cardiac arrhythmia, ataxia, chorea, tremors, organic lead encephalopathy, myopathy, brain hemorrhage, unconsciousness, and death from asphyxiation.

**Designer Drugs or Analogs** (synthetic chemical modification of older drugs, sometimes several hundred to several thousand times stronger than the drugs they are designed to imitate.)

**Health Risks:** General – depression, anxiety, paranoia, illusions, hallucinations, impaired perception, tremors, drooling, impaired speech, paralysis, irreversible brain damage, and death.

**Smoking** (cigarette smoking in particular, cigar and pipe smoking to a lesser extent.)

**Health Risks:** General - Nausea, vomiting, peripheral vasoconstriction, tachycardia, elevated blood pressure, increased risk of heart disease as well as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, decreased life expectancy, increased potential for serious adverse effects in women taking oral contraceptives, lung cancer and other cancers (mouth, larynx, esophagus, bladder, pancreas, kidney). When used during pregnancy: premature and low birth weight babies, increased risk of miscarriage and still birth, hyperirritability, and hyperkinesia in infants.

Early recognition and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse are important for successful rehabilitation and reduced personal, family and social disruption. The College encourages and supports the earliest possible diagnosis and treatment for substance abuse. Whenever feasible, the College will assist students in overcoming alcohol and drug abuse. However, the decision to seek diagnosis and accept treatment for any problem remains primarily the individual's responsibility.

#### Counseling/Treatment Resources

A number of counseling and treatment options are available to students at LaGrange College. All counseling is confidential (except as otherwise required by law in cases of child abuse or when the person presents a clear and present danger to him/herself or others). Students are encouraged to seek counseling and/or treatment in dealing with personal issues of substance abuse relating to themselves, their friends or their families. Specific counseling and/or treatment may be required of students as a result of conduct concerns or proceedings.

The following is a list of available counseling treatment resources:

**Counseling Center:** Individual and small group counseling sessions are available depending upon the specific needs of the students. Referrals are made to off-campus provider when the individual requires long-term or specialized assistance beyond the scope of the center staff. For more information or an appointment, call 706-880-8117.

**Spiritual Life:** Clergy is available for personal counseling and may refer students to other resources as appropriate. For information or for an appointment call 706-880-8004.

For additional resources on drug education contact: The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug

Dependence (NCADD) Information Line at 1-601-899-5880 or the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Hotline at 1-800-662- HELP (4357).

### **Programs**

Programs offered through Enrollment Management and Student Experience and other units focus on education, wellness, prevention and personal choice. Workshops and seminars are provided within the residence halls, as a part of Welcome Week, during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, and Drug Awareness Week, through student organizations and throughout the year on an ad hoc basis.

### **How The College Views Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

The use of alcohol and other drugs can have a negative impact on judgments and reactions, health and safety, but may lead to legal complications as well. Even more basic is the stance that drugs and alcohol have no place on this campus among our students.

### **The College's Role**

The College's principal role is to engage in education, which leads to high standards and respectful conduct. When those are compromised, it will take action against individuals or organizations violating rules regarding alcohol and against individuals violating either the law or College policy concerning alcohol. The College will deal severely with students convicted of the illegal possession, use, or sale of drugs.

### **The College Community's Role to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

Students can help control substance abuse by declining to use or condone the use of drugs and by insisting that organizations and individuals use alcohol within the law and adhere to College policy. Students should make an effort to prevent persons who have abused alcohol or used drugs from harming themselves or others, especially when driving a motor vehicle, and should encourage those needing professional help to seek it.

The same standards and regulations apply with equal force to members of the faculty, staff and administration.

### **Parental Notification**

The college reserves the right to notify parents of students under the age of 21 who violate rules governing alcohol/drug use at LaGrange College.

### **Drinking Age Laws**

Georgia State Statute 3-3-23 makes it unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to have in his or her possession alcoholic beverages; to sell, give, serve or permit to be served alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age or to permit a person under 21 years of age to consume said beverages on the premises; to misrepresent or misstate his or her age or any other person for the purpose of inducing any licensee or his agents or employees to sell, give, serve or deliver any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.

### **Drug Policy**

The College does not condone the possession, consumption, ingestion, injection, or inhalation (without prescription or medical authorization) of substances that have the capacity to change a person's mood, behavior, or mind, or modify and relieve pain, such as, but not limited to marijuana, opiates, amphetamines, barbiturates, hallucinogens, psychedelics, or solvents. Any student found to be in conflict with the above or local, state, and federal narcotics laws, will be referred to the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience who will initiate the college's disciplinary process. The sanction may result in separation from the College. Disciplinary action against a student under College rules does not preclude the possibility of criminal charges against that individual. Similarly, the filing of criminal charges does not preclude action by the College.

The use of illegal drugs and the misuse of prescription and other drugs pose a serious threat to the physical and mental well-being of students, faculty, staff, visitors and guests of the College. The College is committed to

providing accurate information and educational programs to prevent such use of drugs. If further information is required about these programs, services, and the assistance available at the College. Please contact the Counseling Center, Spiritual Life or any Enrollment Management and Student Experience Staff.

### **Drug Testing Policy**

Given grounds for reasonable suspicion, the College reserves the right to require any student to undergo drug testing, the cost to be borne by the student. Drug testing is provided to student athletes as dictated by NCAA guidelines. A drug conviction may negatively impact a student's financial aid, <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/criminal-convictions>.

## **Response to Sexual & Gender Based Violence**

LaGrange College is committed to providing an educational and working environment for its students, faculty, and staff that is free from sexual assault, interpersonal violence (including domestic and dating violence), stalking, sexual harassment, and sex discrimination. In accordance with federal and state law, LaGrange College prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender and prohibits sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, sexual exploitation, interpersonal violence, and stalking.

### **Reporting**

Reporting prohibited conduct informs LaGrange College of that conduct, which allows the College to provide supportive measures to the parties involved. All parties who report incidents under College policy will be offered individualized supportive measures. Prompt reporting is encouraged. All College employees except for those deemed confidential employees are obligated to promptly report all occurrences of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking to the Title IX Coordinator.

LaGrange College will respond to all reports of prohibited conduct. LaGrange College will conduct a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and resolution for complaints and, where appropriate, issue remedial measures and/or sanctions. LaGrange College strongly urges campus members to promptly report incidents of prohibited conduct as provided in the policy to the Title IX Coordinator or the Title IX Deputy Coordinator.

The full Sexual Misconduct Policy can be found at [Sexual Misconduct Policy \(lagrange.edu\)](https://lagrange.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy).

### **Sex Offender Notification and Information (Megan's Law)**

The Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act has been amended by the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 to require sex offenders who are enrolled in or work at institutions of higher education to register with the state's sex offender registration program. The state in turn is obligated to notify the school's campus security unit as soon as possible. This act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice, as required under state law, of each institution of higher education in that state at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student.

Below are links to websites that list registered sex offenders:

- <https://gbi.georgia.gov/services/georgia-sex-offender-registry> (This website is operated by

the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and allows you to search by offender name, city, county or zip code in Georgia.)

- <http://www.nsopw.gov/> (This website is operated by the United States Department of Justice and allows you to search by offender name, city, county or zip code of participating states.)

## **Campus Crime and Arrest Statistics**

*The information below provides context for the crime statistics reported as part of compliance with the Clery Act.*

The statistics in this report are published in accordance with the standards and guidelines used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook and relevant federal law. LaGrange College submits the annual crime statistics published in this report to the Department of Education (ED). The statistical information gathered by the Department of Education is available to the public through the ED website. The procedures for preparing the annual disclosure of crime statistics include reporting statistics to the College community obtained from campus safety, Enrollment Management and Student Experience, and other Campus Safety Authorities. For statistical purposes, crime statistics reported to any of these sources are recorded in the calendar year the crime was reported.

### On-campus Crime Statistics

The following statistics, provided in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, are for your information. If you have any questions, contact Enrollment Management and Student Experience at 706-880-8269.



## Criminal Offenses

Criminal Offenses	Year	On-Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling (Sexual Battery)	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2022	0	5	0	0	5
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2022	5	5	0	0	5
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0

## Arrests

Arrests	Year	On-Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0

### Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary Actions	Year	On-Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	1	1	0	0	1
Drug abuse violations	2022	6	6	0	0	6
	2023	3	3	0	0	3
	2024	4	4	0	0	4
Liquor law violations	2022	15	15	0	0	15
	2023	17	17	0	0	17
	2024	4	4	0	0	4

### Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Report

Violence (VAWA)	Year	On-Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total
Domestic Violence	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2022	2	0	0	0	2
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	2022	1	0	0	0	1
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0

### Unfounded Crimes

	Year	Unfounded Crimes	Total Unfounded Crimes
Unfounded Crimes	2022	0	0
	2023	0	0
	2024	0	0

### Hate Crimes

There have been no reported hate crimes for any of the aforementioned locations for the years 2022-2024.

## Fires

<b>Fires</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>On-Campus</b>	<b>Residential Facilities</b>	<b>Non-Campus</b>	<b>Public Property</b>	<b>Total</b>
Boatwright Hall	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Broad Street Apartments	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Candler Hall	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Hawkes Hall	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Hawkins Hall	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Pitts Hall	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Turner Hall	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority House	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Kappa Delta Sorority House	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Phi Mu Sorority House	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Alpha Delta Gamma Fraternity House	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity House	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity House	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0

## LaGrange College Clery Act Definitions 2024

### Crime Definitions for Reportable Crimes

**Murder/ Non-Negligent Manslaughter:** the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Manslaughter by Negligence:** the killing of another person through gross negligence.

#### **Sexual Assault**

An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Per the National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual from the FBI UCR Program, a sex offense is "any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent."

**Rape** is defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

**Fondling** is defined as the touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

**Incest** is defined as sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

**Statutory Rape** is defined as sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent. In Georgia, minors under the age of 16 years of are generally unable to provide consent, with narrow exceptions. See Georgia Code Ann. Section 16-6-3, Statutory Rape.

**Robbery:** taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault:** unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. Usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

**Burglary:** unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

**Motor Vehicle Theft:** the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. There are three classes of motor vehicles: (1) autos, (2) trucks and buses, (3) and other vehicles.

**Larceny Theft:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

**Arson:** Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another, etc.

**Vandalism:** To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law.

**Liquor Law Violations:** The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

**Drug Abuse Violations:** The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in the preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or the importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.

**Weapon Law Violations:** The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or deadly weapons.

### **Clery Act Definitions: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

#### **Domestic violence:**

(1) 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 cohabitating with or has cohabitated 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.

(2) For the purpose of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

#### **Dating violence:**

- 1) Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.
- 2) 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.
- 3) For the purpose of this definition –
  - a. Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or threat of such abuse.
  - b. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
  - c. For the purpose of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

#### **Stalking:**

- 1) Means a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his, or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.
- 2) For the purpose of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

### **Clery Act Definitions: Hate Crime Definitions for Reportable Crimes**

**Hate Crime:** A criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society which is motivated, in whole or part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, gender, or gender identity; also known as a bias crime.

**Larceny-Theft:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. (Note: Constructive possession is defined by Black's Law Dictionary, 6th ed. as "where one does not have physical custody or possession but is in a position to exercise dominion or control over a thing.")

- a. **Pocket-picking:** The theft of articles from another person's physical possession by stealth where the victim usually does not become immediately aware of the theft.
- b. **Purse-snatching:** The grabbing or snatching of a purse, handbag, etc., from the physical possession of another person.
- c. **Shoplifting:** The theft, by someone other than an employee of the victim, of goods or merchandise exposed for sale.
- d. **Theft From Building:** A theft from within a building which is either open to the general public or where the offender has legal access.
- e. **Theft From Coin Operated Machine or Device:** A theft from a machine or device which is operated or activated by the use of coins.
- f. **Theft From Motor Vehicle (Except "Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories"):** The theft of articles from a motor vehicle, whether locked or unlocked.
- g. **Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories:** The theft of any part or accessory affixed to the interior or exterior of a motor vehicle in a manner which would make the item an attachment of the vehicle, or necessary for its operation.
- h. **All Other Larceny:** All thefts which do not fit any of the definitions of the specific subcategories of Larceny/Theft listed above.

Source: *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, 2004; U.S. Department of Justice*

**Simple Assault:** An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

**Intimidation:** To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

**Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property (Except "Arson"):** To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

Source: *Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines, October 1999; U.S. Department of Justice*

### **Clery Act Definitions: Fire Safety Definitions**

**Cause of fire:** The factor or factors that give rise to a fire. The causal factor may be, but is not limited to, the result of an intentional or unintentional action, mechanical failure, or act of nature.

**Fire:** Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

**Fire drill:** A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.

**Fire-related injury:** Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire. The term person may include students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters or other individuals.

**Fire-related death:** Any instance in which a person: (1) is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire; or (2) dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.

**Fire safety system:** Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire. This system includes sprinkler systems or other fire extinguishing systems, fire detection devices, stand-alone smoke alarms, devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights; smoke-control and reduction mechanisms; and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of fire.

**Value of Property Damage:** The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity. This estimate should include contents damaged by fire, and related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul; however, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption.

**Fire log:** (1) An institution that maintains on-campus student housing facilities must maintain a written, easily understood fire log that records, by the date that the fire was reported, any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility. This log must include the nature, date, time and general location of each fire. (2) An institution must make an entry or an addition to an entry to the log within two business days of the receipt of the information. (3) An institution must make the fire log for the most recent 60-day period open to the public inspection during normal business hours. The institution must make any portion of the log older than 60 days available within two business days of a request for public inspection. (4) An institution must make an annual report to the campus community on the fires recorded in the fire log.

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### **Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems**

Fire alarms systems are monitored 24 hours/day, seven days/week by the LaGrange College Campus Safety. A majority of college buildings are equipped with automatic fire detection and alarm systems that are constantly monitored by campus safety staff.

Buildings are equipped with a variety of features that are designed to detect, stop and/or suppress the spread of a fire. A door can be the first line of defense against the spread of smoke or fire from one area to another. Some doors, such as fire doors in corridors or stairwells of residence halls, are designed to stand up to fire longer than those of an individual room.

It is important that these doors are closed for them to work. Additionally, if a door has a device that automatically closes the door, it should not be propped open. Do not obstruct sprinkler heads with materials like clothing hanging from the piping. Smoke detectors cannot do their job if they are disabled or covered by the occupant, which is a violation of college policy.

### **Reporting a Fire**

Persons reporting a fire are encouraged to call campus safety at 706-880-8911; if you notice a large fire, immediately call 911. If there is a fire in your area and the alarm has not sounded, you should immediately activate a local fire alarm pull station.

### **Fire Safety Improvements and Upgrades**

LaGrange College Campus Safety, Physical Plant, the Office of Housing and Student Life, and the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Experience annually review the fire systems in our residence halls and will make upgrades, repairs or revisions when problems are identified.

### **Health and Safety Checks**

LaGrange College believes that residence halls should be a clean and safe environment in which to live. In an effort to minimize chances of health problems, fire and/or bodily injury, health and safety checks will be conducted by housing staff to focus on potentially hazardous situations within the residence halls.

### **Fire Safety Training**

All Residence Assistants receive fire safety related training at the start of each school year. Physical Plant employees receive fire safety training as part of their on-going OSHA training. Other employees receive fire safety training through Human Resources.

### **Fire Safety Education**

All residence halls are equipped with fire detection and firefighting equipment. All residents should familiarize themselves with the emergency escape plan for their residence hall. Throughout the year, fire alarm systems will be tested to ensure they are in working order. When an alarm sounds all occupants must vacate the facility for their own safety and so fire fighters may work undisturbed. In the event of an actual fire, the local fire department and/or LaGrange College security personnel will notify residents when it is safe to re-enter a building.

Students should treat all alarms as actual emergencies and respond accordingly. Students should never reenter a building until the area has been properly cleared and declared safe by Fire Department or security personnel.



### **Evacuation of Student Housing Facilities in the Event of Fire**

To promote the safety of residents, there are periodic drills in all residence halls, and all students are required to participate. Instructions are posted throughout the buildings. Please read carefully the following instructions:

#### **Fire alarm: When the alarm sounds:**

- Dress appropriately for outside weather conditions, wear hard-soled shoes, and take a towel to prevent smoke inhalation.
- Close all windows. Close all doors and leave the door unlocked so it can be checked.
- Leave the building by the closest exit. Do not use the elevator.
- Students will not be allowed to re-enter the building until the drill ceases.
- Remain calm and orderly at assembly areas until the “all clear” is given by the Fire Department or Synergy.
- ONCE YOU ARE OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, CALL SYNERGY AT (706)880-8911 to ensure that they have been notified about the fire alarm.

#### **Fire Alarm Assembly Areas**

##### **Residence Halls**

Boatwright Hall  
Broad Street Apartments  
Candler Hall  
Fraternity Houses  
Hawkes Hall  
Hawkins Hall  
Pitts Hall  
Sorority Houses  
Turner Hall

##### **Pre-Designated Assembly Area (Outside) for Fire Alarms**

Center of the Residential Quad  
Grass area at least 100 ft. away from the building  
Center of the Residential Quad  
Grass area at least 100 ft. away from the Fraternity Houses  
Center of the Academic Quad  
Center of the Residential Quad  
Grass area behind Pitts Hall & beside the Frank & Laura Lewis Library  
Sunny Gables grass area  
Center of the Residential Quad

### **Fire Safety: Items Prohibited in Residence Halls & Residential Fire Safety**

Open flames including burning charcoal, burning candles, burning incense sticks, oil lamps, or burning devices are not permitted in College housing. Candles with unburnt wicks are permitted as decorative items and/or with candle warmers; candle warmers must be turned off when residents are not in their room and placed in a safe location to prevent a concern for fire safety.

Residence halls have definite limits on the capacities of their electrical systems. Overloading the systems can present fire and safety hazards. No appliance may be possessed or used in the residence halls that use over 500 watts. Examples of approved appliances are electric fans, radios, computers, stereos, study lamps, shavers, curling irons, clocks, TVs, and single cup brew systems (Keurig and Keurig-style). Students may have one small refrigerator per room, no bigger than 5 cubic feet inside capacity. Hair dryers can be used; however, no other appliance should be using the same outlet during usage. Unapproved appliances include sunlamps, coffee makers, space heaters, hot plates, grills, electric fry pans, woks, crock pots, musical instrument amplifying equipment, toasters, ovens, microwaves, and air conditioners.

All appliances with an exposed heating element, regardless of wattage, are prohibited. Microwaves are permitted only in the lounge area of the residence halls. A microwave is provided in a designated place in

each residence hall. Students found having a microwave will be asked to remove them from their rooms.

Electric outlets should be maintained at a one-to-one ratio in relation to the number of electric units plugged into the outlet at any time. Students are required to use heavy-duty extension cords, or adapters approved by Underwriters Laboratories.

Extension cords can be used for just one appliance at a time. Students must maintain a one plug per one receptacle ratio at all times. Please consult the Office of Housing and Student Life if you have questions about the use of any other appliance or equipment.

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Facility	Fire Alarm Monitoring Done On-Site	Full Sprinkler System	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguisher Devices	Evacuation Plans & Placards	Number of Evacuation (Fire) Drills per Calendar Year
Boatwright Hall	X	X	X	X	X	2
Broad Street Apartments	X	X	X	X	X	2
Candler Hall	X	X	X	X	X	2
Fraternity Houses	X	X	X	X	X	2
Hawkes Hall	X	X	X	X	X	2
Hawkins Hall	X	X	X	X	X	2
Pitts Hall	X	X	X	X	X	2
Sorority Houses	X	X	X	X	X	2
Turner Hall	X	X	X	X	X	2