

Ordinance 16

Conduct of Student Members of the University

1. All students are required to provide an undertaking as a condition of their registration with the University that they will duly observe the Charter and Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University from time to time in force.
2. The authority of the University to take disciplinary action against students whose conduct is in breach of the University's Ordinances and Regulations derives from the powers of the Vice-Chancellor and of the Senate as defined in Statute 5.4 and 5.5.
3. The kinds of conduct which the University regards as unacceptable and in respect of which disciplinary action might be taken against students under this Ordinance may include but is not limited to the following:
 - 3.1. conduct which disrupts the academic, administrative, or other activities of the University;
 - 3.2. conduct which obstructs any member of the University, or visitor to the University from going about his/her legitimate business in the University;
 - 3.3. failure to disclose personal details to a member of staff of the University or persons acting as agents for the University, in circumstances in which it is reasonable to require such information to be given;
 - 3.4. violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, aggressive, intimidating, bullying, defamatory, derogatory or otherwise offensive behaviour or language, however expressed (including via social media), towards any member of the University or visitor to the University;
 - 3.5. harassment or discrimination against any member of the University or visitor to the University on the grounds of protected characteristics;
 - 3.6. sexual misconduct (including but not limited to: engaging, or attempting to engage, in any sexual act without consent; sharing private sexual images or materials of another person without consent; inappropriately showing sex organs to another person; making unwanted remarks of a sexual nature);
 - 3.7. offences against the Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech;
 - 3.8. abuse of University facilities, including, for example, computing, and library facilities;
 - 3.9. damage to, or defacement of, University premises or property or the property of other students or staff, caused intentionally or recklessly; or conduct which is reckless as to whether such premises or property or premises would be damaged;
 - 3.10. theft, misappropriation or unauthorised removal of any property owned or leased by the University or property belonging to a student, member of staff, authorised visitor to the University or any other individual during the period of the student's registration; this includes copyright and intellectual property;
 - 3.11. action likely to cause injury or impair safety on University premises, including misuse of safety equipment and infringement of safety requirements;

- 3.12. behaviour that uses or attempts to use fraud, deceit or dishonesty in relation to the University or its staff, funds or property, or in connection with holding any office in the University or in relation to being a student of the University; this includes falsification or misuse of University records including certificates or academic awards and false pretences in connection with academic attainments or financial awards;
 - 3.13. supply, possession, use, creation or cultivation of any illegal drug, or any prescription drug which is not prescribed to that student, and unacceptable behaviour arising from the consumption of drugs or alcohol;
 - 3.14. behaviour that jeopardises or damages the good order or the reputation of the University;
 - 3.15. failure to comply with a penalty previously imposed under these Ordinances or other University procedures (including failure to pay a financial penalty imposed as a result of disciplinary action) or failure to comply with any reasonable instruction relating to discipline issues;
 - 3.16. interfering with or intimidating witnesses in disciplinary, or other, proceedings and/or breaching the confidentiality of the disciplinary process;
 - 3.17. making frivolous, vexatious and/or malicious allegations or complaints;
 - 3.18. offering or giving money, gifts or any other advantage to any employee of the University with the intention of inducing that employee to perform his/her job improperly or of rewarding that employee for performing his/her job improperly;
 - 3.19. serious academic misconduct including offences in connection with University examinations or the presentation of work for formal assessment;
 - 3.20. failure to comply with a reasonable request or instruction of the University;
 - 3.21. hazing, (i.e., initiation ceremonies or initiation-style activities designed to degrade, demean or humiliate participants irrespective of their willingness to participate); and
 - 3.22. other conduct which may constitute a criminal offence.
4. The fact that proceedings in a Court of Law have been instituted against a student or that the police do not intend to proceed with the matter does not preclude the University from taking its own disciplinary action.
 5. The Vice-Chancellor has a general responsibility to the Council and the Senate to maintain the good order of the University.
 6. The Vice-Chancellor may delegate to the following University Officers the authority to suspend or expel any student:
 - the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - the Pro-Vice-Chancellors; and
 - the Deans.
 7. The procedures for dealing with an alleged commission of an act which constitutes unacceptable conduct are laid down in University Regulations. These procedures will include a student's right of appeal.
 8. A guilty plea or a finding of guilt, and the penalty, in respect of disciplinary action taken against a student under this Ordinance shall be expunged from the record when the student finally leaves the University, except where the penalty is suspension or expulsion from the University or where the course of study is subject to fitness to practise procedures.