



This Student Code of Conduct explains the University's expectations relating to the behaviour of its students in meeting social responsibilities, legislative and regulatory requirements, professional expectations and standards. It is not a legal proceeding.

### THE STUDENT CODES OF CONDUCT

1. You should not behave in a way that is or could be perceived to be unacceptable to another person. This includes your actions or verbal and written words, including social media, texting, other messaging forums etc. I.e.: you should not behave in a way that is or could be considered to be, but not limited to:

- Abusive or unreasonable behaviour eg: making offensive comments; causing someone to feel threatened, fearful or anxious; making abusive comments relating to an individual's sex, sexual orientation, religion or belief, race, pregnancy/maternity, marriage/civil partnership, gender, reassignment, disability or age; acting in an intimidating or hostile manner.
- Physical misconduct eg: punching, kicking, slapping, biting, pushing, shoving.
- Sexual misconduct eg:
  - o Inappropriately showing sexual organs to another person; repeatedly follow another person without good reason; make unwanted remarks of a sexual nature
  - o Without consent of the other person: engaging in or attempting to engage in kissing, sexual intercourse or a sexual act; share private sexual materials of another person; touching inappropriately through clothes.
- Engaging in any activity that may constitute hate crime including, but not limited to, antisemitism and anti Muslim activity.
- Engaging in any activities related to the incitement of, or participation in, acts of terrorism.

2. You should not behave in a way that has the potential to, or does damage, the reputation of or brings the University into disrepute. This includes but is not limited to, for example, your behaviour or conduct:

- On campus
- In any University-related activity, regardless of location
- Off campus.

3. You should not act in a way that has the potential to or does cause injury or harm or affect the health and safety of yourself or others. This includes but is not limited to, for example:

- Breaching the University's policies on Health, Safety and the Environment

- Misuse of or tampering with fire safety equipment
- Keeping or carrying any items that may constitute a weapon, even if properly licenced.

4. You should meet the academic and professional expectations and requirements of your programme in

relation to conduct and behaviour. This includes but is not limited to, for example:

- Attending and engaging as per your programme expectations, normally set out in relevant handbooks, including formal timetabled sessions, informal programme related activity, placement/practice requirements, compliance with specific programme codes of practice
- Complying with professional, statutory, regulatory body expectations and requirements to protect present and future patients, service users or clients at all time. See also the Academy Fitness to Practise Policy. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - Health Care Professions Council
  - Nursing and Midwifery Council
  - North West Ambulance Service
- Complying with relevant programme professional standards relating to personal and professional conduct.

Examples include but not limited to:

- The Youth Work National Occupational Standards
- Teachers' Standards
- Policing Code of Ethics
- Military codes of conduct

5. You should comply with UKVI Visas and Immigration rules if you are a student with a Tier 4 visa. You must ensure you meet all your visa requirements. This includes, but is not limited to fulfilling your attendance requirements. Student Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure V9 2020-21 7

6. You should comply with approved University policies and regulations. This includes but is not limited to, for example:

- Academy Fitness to Practise Policy
- Academic Regulations including the Attendance Policy
- Admissions Procedure and DBS requirements
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Freedom of Speech: Code of Practice
- Library Regulations
- Safeguarding: children and working with vulnerable groups
- Student Progress Reviews
- Student Social Media Policy
- University parking regulations.

- Use of computer facilities: the academic network, e-mail, software, data-sets, web access, information security etc

7. You should not cause damage to, mistreat or take property or equipment. This includes, for example property or equipment that belongs to or is part of:

- The University, its campuses, teaching and service facilities etc
- University staff and or students
- Any visitors to the University or users of University services and facilities
- Placement/practice organisations
- University-managed student accommodation.

8. You must not act in a way that is, or has the potential to be fraudulent, deceitful, deceptive or dishonest. This includes but is not limited to, for example:

9. You should not smoke in any areas other than those designated as authorised smoking areas. This includes, but is not limited to, for example, smoking cigarettes or illegal substances.

10. You should not (mis)use, produce, trade, store or transport drugs or other illegal substances. This includes but is not limited to, for example, to not:

- Using, keeping or selling illegal substances
- Keeping any paraphernalia that could be used in relation to drug use or misuse.

11. You should comply with the Conditions of Residence associated with your accommodation contract. This includes but is not limited to, for example:

- Maintaining standards of behaviour and domestic arrangements
- Complying with a proper direction or request from of a member of the Accommodation and Estates teams etc as they fulfil their duties and responsibilities
- The behaviour and conduct of any person you allow or invite into University-managed accommodation.

12. You should not make a vexatious or malicious complaint about another person associated with the University.

13. Criminal conviction. If you are convicted of a criminal act, regardless of location (i.e.: University premises, any organisation where you are on placement or visiting as part of your studies and non-University premises and location), the University will facilitate its Disciplinary Procedures to consider the implications of the conviction to your status as a student of the University.

Note: The University will not normally investigate an allegation that has been investigated externally but will consider the implications of the outcome of those investigations. Student Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure V9 2020-21 8

14. You should comply with the Student Disciplinary Procedures associated with this Student Code of Conduct. This includes, for example, to:

- Not assisting, encouraging or inciting any other student to act in a way which may constitute a breach of the Student Code of Conduct. You may be held responsible for the behaviour of any person you have invited to any part of the University.
- Ensuring you attend or respond to correspondence related to the Disciplinary Procedure.
- Not intimidating, victimising or threatening any person who may have made a complaint or raised a concern about your alleged behaviour, or any witnesses who do, or refuse to, support a complaint against you or who you ask to support you in responding to the complaint.
- Complying with the decisions of the Disciplinary Procedure i.e.: fulfil sanctions and outcomes such as payment of fines, abiding by an action plan etc.

Note: Accumulated breaches may result in more severe sanctions being applied and a formal consideration of the implications for your programme of study.