



The University of Sydney

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

1. Principles

This Code of Conduct has been formulated to provide a clear statement of the University's expectations of students in respect of academic matters and personal behaviour.

Study at the University presents opportunities for interacting with other members of the University community. The University recognises and values the diversity of student experiences and expectations, and is committed to treating students, both academically and personally, in a fair and transparent manner. All students, in return, are required to comply with the requirements set down in this Code of Conduct.

The University reaffirms its commitment to:

- high academic standards, intellectual rigour and a high quality education;
- intellectual freedom and social responsibility;
- recognition of the importance of ideas and the pursuit of critical and open inquiry;
- tolerance, honesty and respect as the hallmarks of relationships throughout the University community; and
- high standards of ethical behaviour.

All students are required to be aware of and act consistently with these values.

2. Coverage

This Code of Conduct applies to all students of the University of Sydney, in respect of all actions and activities (including inaction or inactivity) relating to or impacting on the University or its students and employees. It must be read in conjunction with the statutes, rules, and resolutions of the University.

3. Definitions

In this Code of Conduct:

Student means all students of the University of Sydney, including but not limited to fee paying students, HECS students, PELS students, audit students, Centre for Continuing Education students, Centre for English Teaching students, exchange students, Study Abroad students, Summer School students and Winter School students.

Employee means all staff of the University of Sydney, (including full-time, part-time or casual staff).

4. Personal conduct

All students must:

- treat all employees, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers any other members of the public and other students with respect, dignity, impartiality, courtesy and sensitivity;
- maintain a cooperative and collaborative approach to inter-personal relationships;
- act honestly and ethically in their dealings with University employees, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers any other members of the public and other students;
- respect the privacy of employees, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers any other members of the public and other students;
- ensure that they do not act in a manner that unnecessarily or unreasonably impedes the ability of employees, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers any other members of the public and other students to carry out their study, research or work at the University, including in the University of Sydney Library, lecture theatres and laboratories;
- ensure that they do not act in a manner that unnecessarily or unreasonably impedes the ability of employees, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers any other members of the public or other students to access or use the resources of the University, including the University of Sydney Library resources, lecture theatres and laboratories; and
- ensure that they do not become involved in or encourage discrimination against or harassment or bullying of employees, honorary appointees, consultants, contractors, volunteers any other members of the public or other students.

5. Academic Conduct

All students must:

- ensure that their enrolment and progress in their award course is lawful and consistent with the statutes, rule and resolutions of the University of Sydney. Students must not enrol in additional units of study outside the degree resolutions even if the student information system allows it when enrolling on-line. It is a student's responsibility to maintain current information in the student information system, and observe key dates and deadlines;
- read all official correspondence from the University, including email;
- act ethically and honestly in the preparation, conduct, submission and publication of academic work, and during all forms of assessment, including formal examinations and informal tests;
- avoid any activity or behaviour that would unfairly advantage or disadvantage another student academically;
- conform to the University's requirements for working with humans, animals and biohazards;

- behave professionally, ethically and respectfully in all dealings with the University's learning partners during extramural placements and practicums; and
- use University resources, including information and communication technology resources, in a lawful and ethical manner and for University purposes only, unless express permission has been granted for non-University or private usage.

6. Authority

This Code of Conduct was approved by the Academic Board pursuant to the University of Sydney (Academic Governance) Rule 2003 on 2 February 2005.

7. Useful References

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of the policies applying to students at the University. The full set of University policies is available on *Policy Online* at <http://www.usyd.edu.au/policy>.

PERSONAL CONDUCT

Alcohol: Policy and Guidelines on Consumption

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/policies/Alcohol.pdf>

Campus Access Policy

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/fmo/projects/pdf/policy23-access.pdf>

Discrimination Prevention Policy – Your Rights and Responsibilities

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/eeo/pdf/discrim.pdf>

Equal Opportunity in Education

http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/policies/EO_Education.pdf

Harassment Prevention Policy – Your Rights and Responsibilities

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/eeo/pdf/haras.pdf>

HIV or Hepatitis: Policy on Students with HIV or Hepatitis

http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/HIV_HepB.pdf

ICTR: Policy on the use of information and communication technology resources (ICT resources)

<http://policy.rms.usyd.edu.au/00000ah.pdf>

Library use: University of Sydney Library Rule 2003

http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/policies/Library_Rule.pdf

Occupational Health and Safety Policy Statement

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/risk/policies/ohs/policy.shtml>

Occupation Health and Safety - Policies & Guidelines

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/risk/policies/ohs/index.shtml>

Policy on children on University Premises

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/risk/policies/ohs/children.shtml>

University of Sydney By-Law 1999 – Chapter 8: Student Discipline
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/policies/Bylaw.pdf>

ACADEMIC CONDUCT

Academic Honesty in Coursework (plagiarism)
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Academic_Honesty_Cwk.pdf

Animals: Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 7th Edition 2004
<http://www7.health.gov.au/nhmrc/publications/synopses/ea16syn.htm>

Appeals, academic: Student Appeals Against Academic Decisions – Academic Board Resolutions
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Student_Appeals_Ac_AB.pdf

Assessment and Examination of Coursework
http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/ab/Assess_Exam_Coursework.pdf

Ethical Conduct in Research involving Humans: National Statement
<http://www7.health.gov.au/nhmrc/publications/humans/contents.htm>

Generic Attributes of Graduates of the University of Sydney, 1997
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Generic_Attributes_Grads.pdf

ICTR: Policy on the use of information and communication technology resources (ICT resources)
<http://policy.rms.usyd.edu.au/00000ah.pdf>

Intellectual Property: University of Sydney (Intellectual Property) Rule 2002
http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/policies/Intellectual_Property_Rule.pdf

Library use: University of Sydney Library Rule 2003
http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/policies/Library_Rule.pdf

Management and evaluation of coursework teaching
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Mngt_Eval_Cwk_Teaching.pdf

Postgraduate: Attendance: Postgraduate Courses
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/PG_Attendance.pdf

Postgraduate Research Higher Degree Training Supervision at the University of Sydney
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/PG_Rsch_Hghr_Dgree_Train_Sprvsn.pdf

Responsible Research Practice: Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Research Misconduct.
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Rsch_Code_Conduct.pdf

Student Discipline: University of Sydney By-Law 1999 – Chapter 8
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/senate/policies/Bylaw.pdf>

Supervision: Code of Practice for Supervision of Postgraduate Research Students
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Supervision_PG_Rsch_Students.pdf

Teaching and Learning: Guidelines for Good Practice in Teaching and Learning
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ab/policies/Good_Prac_T&L.pdf