
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

1. As a widely respected institution of higher learning, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is dedicated to cultivating academic and personal excellence in a way that is inclusive and supportive, where communal values as well as the dignity and rights of each person are respected.

NUS students are expected to maintain and uphold the highest standards of integrity and honesty at all times, as well as embrace community standards, diversity and mutual respect for one another, both within the University and the wider Singapore community.

This Code of Student Conduct is intended to guide students' conduct in both the academic and non-academic aspects of their University life by providing an overview of the behaviour generally expected of them as members of the University community. It is meant to serve as a broad framework, and should not be treated as an exhaustive list.

In line with the above, the University expects students to uphold both the spirit and letter of this Code of Student Conduct at all times.

2. This Code of Student Conduct is based on the following fundamental principles:
 - (A) Academic, Professional, and Personal Integrity
 - (B) Respect for People
 - (C) Respect for and Compliance with the Law and with Campus Policies and Regulations
 - (D) Responsibility towards Maintaining the Campus as a Place Conducive for Learning and Living

(A) Academic, Professional, and Personal Integrity

3. The University is committed to nurturing an environment conducive for the exchange of ideas, advancement of knowledge and intellectual development. Academic honesty and integrity are essential conditions for the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge, and the University expects each student to maintain and uphold the highest standards of integrity and academic honesty at all times.
4. The University takes a strict view of cheating in any form, deceptive fabrication, plagiarism and violation of intellectual property and copyright laws. Any student who is found to have engaged in such misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the University. Such misconduct will include, but is not limited to, the misuse of content or language generated by artificial intelligence (AI) computer programmes.
5. It is important to note that all students share the responsibility of protecting the academic standards and reputation of the University. This responsibility can extend beyond each student's own conduct, and can include reporting incidents of suspected academic dishonesty through the appropriate channels. Students who have reasonable grounds to suspect academic dishonesty should raise their concerns directly to the relevant Head of Department, Dean of Faculty, Registrar, Vice Provost, or Provost.

(B) Respect for People

6. The University encourages students to display consideration, kindness, and responsibility in their dealings with staff, students, members of the University community, and the wider public (“others”). Students should not engage in disorderly or offensive behaviour such as making threats against others, intimidating others, harassing others, drunkenness, lewdness, or participating in any unlawful assembly.
7. Students are expected to treat others with respect, courtesy and consideration so as to create a positive learning and social environment at the University. Treating others with dignity and respect with regard to their gender, race, values, religion and disabilities help create experiences that are meaningful and uplifting for all students which in turn help create lifelong bonds and support networks that enrich the students’ lives. Students must feel safe and secure at all times while at the University.

Accordingly, students should not engage in conduct which violates the dignity of or creates an environment which is hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive for others. Conduct which insults, abuses, denigrates, victimizes, demeans, embarrasses or disparages others is not acceptable to the University.

Students should also refrain from participating in any activity which physically or mentally harms, intimidates or humiliates other students, or which violates one’s dignity as an individual. In particular, negative and improper orientation practices that make new students feel uncomfortable (also known as “ragging”) are not tolerated by the University. Such practices display a lack of basic respect for other students, imperil students’ physical and mental welfare, and may unintentionally result in an unhealthy atmosphere of fear and intimidation on campus. Freshmen are not to be treated as subordinates but as peers to be accorded the same measure of respect for their dignity and well-being as other students.

8. Students in positions of authority or leadership who participate in or allow inappropriate or offensive conduct, or are involved in the development of policies or programmes that facilitate or encourage such conduct, will be dealt with severely by the University.

Sexual Misconduct

9. Unwanted sexual advances and inappropriate physical contact, sexually explicit remarks or innuendoes of a sexual nature, offensive body language or gestures and other forms of sexual harassment will not be tolerated by the University. Students should refrain from all acts (including threats) of Sexual Misconduct (as defined in [‘A Policy on the Protection of Staff and Students against Sexual Misconduct’](#)) against any staff, student or member of the University community and the wider public, whether it takes the form of an action, be it verbal, in writing or on digital media.

Dress Code

10. Dressing well is also a show of respect for others. Students are expected to dress appropriately to project a positive and fitting image of themselves when they are on campus. Attire such as skimpy or revealing clothes or clothes printed with vulgar or offensive words or pictures are considered inappropriate attire. Singlets and slippers meant for domestic use may give others a poor impression of students and the University.

Conduct in relation to Religious and Political Activities

11. As a secular institution, the University is committed to maintaining harmony among the multi-ethnic and multi-religious communities on campus. Students are expected to be respectful towards the religious beliefs, customs, and sensitivities of others. They should also not impinge on or disparage other faiths. Additionally, proselytizing in campus, in any form, is not allowed.
12. As an educational institution, the University is committed to providing a forum for the exploration and discussion of a diversity of ideas and opinions, including political and social-political issues. Students are free to express their views and opinions on campus, bearing in mind the need to act in accordance with accepted scholarly and professional standards and the laws of the country. In particular, students should avoid the following:
 - a) the purveying or dissemination of pejorative viewpoints along sectarian lines (including but not limited to issues on race, language, religion, gender, sexuality, age, nationality);
 - b) any incitements to engage in disturbance, violence and/or criminal acts; and
 - c) the use of University grounds for partisan politics and/or political fundraising.

(C) Respect for and Compliance with the Law and with Campus Policies and Regulations

13. Students are obliged to observe and uphold the laws of Singapore as well as the policies and regulations of NUS at all times.
14. When students undertake an overseas educational programme or attachment at one of NUS's partner institutions, they are also expected to observe and uphold the laws of the host country and the regulations of the respective partner institutions. Students on internships are expected to adhere to the employer's employment policies, practices, procedures, dress codes and/or standards of conduct. Student interns are also expected to maintain the established work schedule and meet internship obligations.
15. Students participating in academic or non-academic NUS-approved activities outside of campus are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations set by the organisers, coordinators or venue owners.

Smoking

16. The University believes in providing a healthy environment for everyone on campus. Smoking is strictly prohibited within the University premises (as defined in '[Policy on the Prohibition of Smoking on NUS Campus](#)').
17. Students are reminded that the legal smoking age is 21 years old and it is a violation of Singapore law to sell or offer cigarettes to others below the legal smoking age.

Vaping

18. Students are reminded that it is illegal under Singapore law to use, possess or purchase any harmful or imitation tobacco products (e.g. vapes, e—cigarettes, etc) and that the University takes a zero-tolerance approach towards any vaping-related activities.

Alcohol

19. Students should observe socially responsible behaviour when drinking. Consumption of alcohol on University premises and/or during University events is generally prohibited except in the following situations:
- a) onsite consumption of alcohol at designated campus food and beverage outlets during specified operating hours; or
 - b) at official University events where alcohol is served.
20. Students are reminded that the legal drinking age is 18 years old and it is a violation of Singapore law to sell or serve alcohol to others below the legal drinking age.

Online Behaviour

21. Students are expected to adhere to the same standards of behaviour online as they would in face-to-face interactions with others. They should also note that irresponsible usage of digital and social media, even if done in a personal capacity and/or off campus, may have a significant detrimental effect on the interest or welfare of others.
22. When using digital and social media, students should be mindful that materials posted online can be copied freely and can continue to exist even if the original item is removed. They should therefore strive to be transparent and respectful; exercise good judgment before making any postings; and engage the community responsibly.

(D) Responsibility towards Maintaining the Campus as a Place Conducive for Learning and Living

23. University authorities ensure that the NUS campuses are properly managed so that students have the benefit of learning and living in a safe, well-maintained campus. At all times, students are expected to identify themselves or comply with the directions of University personnel (including campus security wardens) who are performing their duties while on campus. For security reasons, students must be readily identifiable at all times and have their faces uncovered. No student shall be attired in any way that prevents or obstructs ready identification, e.g. wearing a full-face motorcycle helmet, mask or veil.

Mutilation, Vandalism, Theft, Misappropriation and Misuse

24. The University provides a safe and pleasant environment and good facilities for the benefit of all members of the University community. Acts such as the following will not be condoned:

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- a) Mutilation, vandalism, theft or misappropriation of properties belonging to members of the University community or the University or the wider public; and
 - b) Use of toilets or bathrooms of the opposite gender.

Use of University Resources

25. University IT resources are intended to aid learning and facilitate knowledge creation and dissemination. They should not be used for the transmission of obscene or inflammatory information, or for commercial purposes, or for personal monetary profit. Students should observe good computer etiquette at all times, and are required to abide by any laws and regulations governing IT use.
26. Students should respect intellectual property rights, in line with the guidelines stated in the [NUS IT Acceptable Use Policy for IT Resources](#) and the [NUS IT Guidelines for Acceptable Use](#). Students should not use or install unlicensed software or programmes. Students are also not allowed to download, use or distribute copyrighted software, programs or materials over the NUS network by any means or methods.

Parking on Campus

27. Parking space on campus is in great demand and there is limited land that can be used as parking areas. Inconsiderate and unauthorised parking poses inconvenience and hazards to other members of the University community. Students who drive to the campus are required to comply with parking regulations and respect traffic laws.

Student Accommodation

28. University student accommodation should be safe and pleasant living environments conducive to learning and the promotion of personal development. The University places great importance on the safety of its students and has put in place appropriate measures and rules to ensure that its students live in an environment which is safe and conducive to harmonious community living. Students are expected to observe the [Housing Agreement](#) and to uphold all applicable housing rules and regulations at all times.
29. University student accommodation is granted to students who qualify for such housing privileges. Such students must abide by the housing rules and regulations and the housing agreement and are not permitted to sublet or allow any unauthorized person to reside in their accommodations in hostels (e.g. residential colleges, halls, houses, or residences).

Students invited to visit any hostel are to observe the housing rules and regulations and should not remain on hostel premises (including common facilities) beyond the permitted visiting hours. They may not use the card, transponder or key of any resident to access the hostel. Students are not allowed to stay overnight or rent any room from another student at the hostel.

Student Discipline

Jurisdiction

30. The University has jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against a student in respect of a violation of this Code of Student Conduct and any conduct which is or may be detrimental to the interest or welfare of members of the University community, or the reputation and dignity of the University. Such conduct can include acts which take place outside campus, while the student is awaiting matriculation, on study leave, or carried out by the student in his or her personal capacity.
31. It is the responsibility of all students to acquaint themselves with Singapore's laws and the University's statutes, regulations, campus policies and regulations pertaining to student conduct.

Statute 6: Discipline With Respect To Students

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/docs/info/administrative-policies-procedures/statute06.pdf>

Regulation 10: Discipline With Respect To Students

<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/docs/info/administrative-policies-procedures/regn10.pdf>

Regulation 10A: Discipline With Respect To Students for Sexual Misconduct Offences

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/docs/info/administrative-policies-procedures/regn10a.pdf>

Parking at NUS Kent Ridge Campus and Bukit Timah Campus

<https://uci.nus.edu.sg/campus-life/campus-services/transportation/parking-information/>

Library Policies

<https://nus.edu.sg/nuslibraries/about/library-policies>

Housing Agreement

<https://nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/housing-agreement>