

Name of the Policy/ Guidelines	Code of Conduct for Students
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Code of conduct for students

Introduction

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 behavior. Study at the University presents opportunities for interacting with other members of the University community. The University recognizes 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.

Definitions

1. University refers to NITTE (Deemed to be University)
2. **Student** means all students of the NITTE (Deemed to be University), including but not limited to fee paying students, exchange students, certificate course students, trainees and students attending short term courses.

Code of conduct statements

Personal conduct

Students must refrain from (prohibited conduct but not limited to):

1. Acts of discrimination (physical or verbal conduct) based on an individual's gender, caste, race, religion or religious beliefs, colour, region, language, disability, or sexual orientation, marital or family status, physical or mental disability, gender identity, etc.
2. Intentionally damaging or destroying university property or property of other students and/or faculty members
3. Possessing, consuming, distributing, selling of alcohol, tobacco and other substances of abuse in the University campus
4. Engaging in disorderly, lewd, or indecent conduct, including, but not limited to, creating unreasonable noise; pushing and shoving; inciting or participating in a riot or group disruption
5. Posting derogatory comments about other individuals from the university on the social media or indulging in any such related activities having grave ramifications on the reputation of the university.
6. Ragging
 - a. As per the Order of the Honourable Supreme Court of India, ragging in any manner is considered a punishable criminal offence and is banned. Any student found indulging in ragging, in whatever manner, either directly or indirectly, shall be severely dealt with.
 - b. According to Karnataka Education Act, 1983 (Karnataka Act No. 1 of 1995) Section 2 (29) "Ragging means causing, inducing, compelling or forcing students, whether by the way of a practical joke or otherwise, to do any act which detracts from human dignity or violated his person or exposes him to ridicule or to forbear from doing any lawful act by intimidating wrongfully restraining, wrongfully confining or injuring him or by using

criminal intimidation, wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, injury or the use of criminal force”.

7. Any form of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. leering or staring
 - b. persistent following or stalking
 - c. sexually suggestive words, gestures or sounds
 - d. unwanted ongoing declarations of affection or approaches for affection, including gifts
 - e. persistent unwelcome invitations, telephone calls or emails
 - f. obscene sexual communications in any media including social networking
 - g. sending of sexually explicit emails or text messages, display of sexually suggestive material
 - h. unwelcome behaviour or contact of a sexual nature which offends, intimidates, embarrasses or humiliates an individual
 - i. unwelcome physical touching or familiarity, including deliberately brushing against someone, patting, kissing and embracing
8. Engaging in or inciting others to engage in conduct which interferes with or disrupts any University function, or which prevents or limits the free expression of the ideas of others, or which physically obstructs or threatens to obstruct or restrain other members of the University community or visitors.
9. Failing to comply with the direction of clearly identified University personnel (this includes campus security guards) in the performance of their assigned duties.
10. Violating rules regarding use of personal vehicles inside the campus.
11. Encouraging, aiding or conspiring with another student in the commission of prohibited conduct, or encourage or aid behavior by a non-student which, if committed by a student, would be prohibited conduct under this Code.
12. Bringing a false charge against any member of the University under this Code.

Academic Conduct

Students must (desirable conduct, but not limited to):

1. 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
2. Conform to the University’s ethical and safety guidelines for working with humans, animals and biohazardous material.
3. 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
4. Behave professionally, ethically and respectfully in all dealings with the University’s learning partners

Students will refrain from (prohibited conduct, but not limited to):

1. Any activity or behavior that would unfairly advantage or disadvantage another student academically
1. Forging, unauthorized alteration, or unauthorized use of any University documents or records, or any instrument or form of identification.
2. Intentionally furnishing false information to the University.

3. Intentionally furnishing false information to persons outside the University concerning the student's academic record, degree, or activities.
4. Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated any false report, warning, or threat of fire, explosion, or other emergency.

Procedure for handling student misconduct

1. Any complaint / allegation of student misconduct is to be reported to the Head of the Institution.
2. For minor infractions, the Head of Institute may investigate the complaint / allegation and decide on the disciplinary action in consultation with a senior faculty member / administrator as designated in Institutional policies.
3. The Head of Institution will, when required, refer to a Standing Disciplinary Committee or constitute a Disciplinary Committee for inquiry into the complaint / allegation. The Disciplinary Committee will conduct an inquiry and submit a report on the nature of misconduct, seriousness, and recommended action. The Head of the Institution will be the deciding authority on the final action to be taken.
4. The student alleged with misconduct will be given an opportunity to present his / her views in person and in writing before action is initiated.
5. Incidents of misconduct that involve infringement of the law, involve law enforcement agencies or jeopardize the safety and reputation of the Institution / University have to be brought to the notice of the Registrar of the University.
6. Incidents of ragging should be referred to the Institutional Anti-Ragging Committee
7. Incidents involving sexual harassment should be referred to the Institutional Anti-Sexual Harassment cell

Disciplinary measures

Disciplinary Measures that may be imposed under the Code include but are not limited to):

1. Written warning or reprimand
2. Issuance of an apology
3. Withdrawal of certain privileges including restriction or prohibition of access to, or use of, University / Institutional facilities, services, activities or programs
4. Probation during which specified conditions must be fulfilled and good behavior must be demonstrated
5. Payment of costs or compensation for any loss, damage or injury caused by the conduct
6. Fines or loss of fees
7. Expulsion from hostel / campus accommodation
8. Suspension
9. Expulsion