

## 7. DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS

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The Regulations in force at the time of the alleged misconduct will apply.

### Purpose

7.1 The University of Bath's Disciplinary Regulations are intended to support our duty of care and responsibility to our university community by:

- Setting clear expectations for how members of the University community should take care and responsibility for each other.
- Upholding appropriate standards of behaviour.
- Upholding the integrity of the University's academic context.

7.2 Article 24 of the [Charter of the University and the University Statutes](#) confer on the Senate the power to make Regulations to regulate, amongst other things, the education and discipline of the students of the University.

The SU (Students' Union) has its own constitution, whose provisions are subject to approval by the University Council and apply to all members of The SU.

### Scope

7.3 Disciplinary procedures will be used where a student enrolled or registered at the University of Bath has allegedly committed an act of misconduct on or off University premises (including online) where the injured party is:

- the University itself (this includes cases which could potentially bring the University into disrepute or where action is deemed necessary to safeguard our community)
- a student or employee of the University
- any other person on University premises
- any other person involved with a University activity

### Definitions

7.4 Misconduct:

Misconduct is broadly defined as behaviour where the University community has been, or could be, impacted as a result and/or where a member of the community has not taken appropriate care or responsibility for how their behaviour has affected others.

7.5 The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of misconduct:

a) Health and Safety Misconduct:

Action likely to cause injury or impair health or safety including:

- (i) smoking and vaping in areas not designated for this purpose including the Underdeck, the Library Balcony or on the Parade (you should be at least 4 metres away from any building when you smoke).
- (ii) parking motor vehicles or bicycles in any place not specifically authorised for that purpose
- (iii) the driving of motor vehicles on campus in a dangerous, reckless, or careless manner

- (iv) the use of any mode of personal transport in pedestrian areas other than where duly authorised
  - (v) possession of any drug or drugs, which unless prescribed for the student by a registered medical practitioner, would mean that the student could be prosecuted. (Drug possession will normally be classed as a breach of Health and Safety misconduct. In some circumstance, e.g. multiple breaches, drug possession may be categorised as misconduct which may also constitute a criminal offence).
  - (vi) inappropriate interference with the services of the University or any part of the University estate including with fire safety systems or equipment
  - (vii) entering any restricted area (including roofs) without obtaining official permission from the Director of Campus Infrastructure
  - (viii) dropping or throwing an object from a high-rise building
  - (ix) entering the lake by any means, without authorisation from Campus Infrastructure.
- b) Operational Obstruction:
- (i) inappropriate interference with academic or other activities of the University
  - (ii) inappropriate interference with, the functions, duties or activities of any Student, member of staff or other employee of the University or any authorised visitor to the University
  - (iii) allowing others to use your University Library card and/or University log-in details.
  - (iv) failure to disclose name and other relevant details, or to provide your library card to an officer or employee of the University in circumstances when it is reasonable to require that such information be given
- c) Regulatory breaches
- (i) breach of any other University Code, rule or regulation which provides for breaches to constitute misconduct under these Regulations
  - (ii) failure to comply with a previously imposed penalty under these Regulations
- d) Damage to property
- (i) damage, misuse, unauthorised use or taking of items of property, including technology misuse
- e) Academic Misconduct
- The use of, or participation in, any means that may result in a student obtaining an unfair academic advantage in any assessment, whether successful or not.
- f) Reputational Damage
- (i) behaviour that brings the University into disrepute (excluding legitimate complaints against the university, formal representations by the SU or whistleblowing)
- g) Criminal offences
- (i) fraud: deceit, deception or dishonesty
  - (ii) supply of any drug or drugs, which unless prescribed for the student by a registered medical practitioner, would render mean that the student could be prosecuted.

- (iii) offences of dishonesty where the student holds an office of responsibility in the University
  - (iv) unless duly authorised, possession or use of firearms, imitation firearms, fireworks, explosives or any highly combustible materials or any article which is made, adapted, or intended to be used as an offensive weapon.
  - (v) possession of a bladed article, an offensive weapon or weapon of offence
  - (vi) any other behaviour which could constitute a criminal offence
- h) Offensive or abusive behaviour
- (i) violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, or offensive behaviour or language
  - (ii) taking or sharing audio, video, or photographic recordings of others (including teaching activities) without their express consent
  - (iii) unless duly authorised, using, permitting, or causing to be used any means of sound reproduction or amplifying device so as to cause offence or inconvenience to others
  - (iv) organising or leading coercive initiation-type behaviours
- i) Breach of Dignity and Respect policy (which has not or cannot be resolved by informal means):
- (i) discrimination
  - (ii) bullying
  - (iii) harassment
  - (iv) sexual misconduct
  - (v) hate motivated misconduct
  - (vi) online misconduct
  - (vii) victimisation

### **Categorisation of misconduct**

**7.6** The University will categorise the severity of misconduct according to that misconduct meeting one or more of the criteria in the categories listed below.

#### Category A

No or minimal harm or disruption caused, or a limited impact (or risk thereof) on the proper functioning or activities of the University, or to a member or members of the University Community, or an accidental or inadvertent breach.

#### Category B

Moderate harm or disruption caused, or a moderate impact (or risk thereof) on the proper functioning or activities of the University, or to a member or members of the University Community.

#### Category C

Significant harm or disruption caused, or a severe impact (or risk thereof) on the proper functioning or activities of the University, or to a member or members of the University Community or sustained or repeated misconduct.

### **Policy review**

**7.7** If you have any feedback on this policy, or on your experience of this policy or process, please email [studentpolicy@bath.ac.uk](mailto:studentpolicy@bath.ac.uk)

## **Related Policies and Procedures**

- 7.8** Regulation 8 – Disciplinary Processes for Students  
SU Disciplinary Procedure  
Student Precautionary Measures Policy  
Student Appeals Policy and Procedure  
Dignity & Respect Policy & Procedure

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