Students Conduct and Discipline Rules

1. Rules of Conduct

1. The behavior of the vast majority of IIU students is exemplary - they are responsible and considerate. To deal with those who are not, the University has a disciplinary system whose purpose is to protect the University community and to deter those who interfere with its work and activities. Students agree to abide by the University rules at the time they register and they apply not just on campus but outside of campus as well. Parents, staff and students all expect IIU to maintain a safe, orderly and peaceful environment – we at IIU take this very seriously.

2. IIU constantly strives to improve the study and work environment within the campus. As we know the behavior reflects the academic and social progress of a student, therefore, we expect our students to behave at all times in a manner that reflects the culture, traditions and beliefs of our society and is conductive to a positive working environment.

3. The administration and staff of IIU believe that it is important to encourage and reinforce positive behavioral patterns and to discourage negative behavioral trends, and rely upon parental support and cooperation to accomplish this objective. The students who violate any of the University rules and regulations shall have to bear the consequences that come under various categories of offences as mentioned below.

2. General Code of Conduct during university hours

1. All forms of student academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and plagiarism.
2. Students are required to be dressed properly and neatly.
3. Loud talking, loitering or congregating, being a source of distraction and annoyance to others is not permitted.
4. Students to make all possible efforts to conserve electricity and water.
5. Students must help keep the university campus neat and clean and also preserve and maintain the gardens.
6. Students are prohibited to take part in political activities, ragging or any activity which is harmful to the dignity of the university.
7. Students must keep their identity cards with them and shall show the same on the demand by any teaching or non-teaching staff.
8. Any student found smoking or under the influence of alcohol/drugs in the university campus or in hostel is liable to strict disciplinary action.
9. Students are advised to see regularly the university notice boards.
10. In case of any kind of problem student has to report to concerned student advisors.
11. Use of cell phones is strictly prohibited in all academic areas of the university campus.
12. Late arrival in and early departure from classes are recorded as absence from the class.
13. Students are prohibited to use the unauthorized facilities, services, equipment, and account numbers assigned to another user.
14. Gambling in any form in the university campus, hostels or in any University event is strictly prohibited as per University Policy.
15. Any relative or friend of a student cannot enter the university premises without a valid gate pass or entry in the register at main gate specifying the purpose of such visit.
16. Ragging in any form is strictly prohibited as per the guidelines of UGC/Supreme Court of India and is punishable under law.

3. Offences

A. Type I Offences:

1. Displaying negative attitude/showing disrespect towards staff and any student.
2. Defacing the walls, doors and other university properties.
3. Trespassing on university property.
4. Littering the university campus.
5. Chewing gum, using mobile phones while in the classroom.
6. Dealing with videos, pictures and magazines which are unacceptable in our society.
7. Showing disrespect in any way towards religion, honor, or honesty.
8. Any other conduct deemed inappropriate or unacceptable by the university.
9. Shouting and walking disorderly in the corridors when moving around the premises of University.
10. Disturbing a lecture either from within or outside the classroom.
11. Use of computers/laptop to do the following on campus:
    - Emails, Browsing / Downloading from social or other websites material not related to academics, including but not limited to playing games, watching videos and playing music.
12. Failure to return a book borrowed from the library by the date specified.
13. Failure to wear the ID cards at all times when on campus.
14. Plagiarism, an offence occurs when a student submits as her/his own work of which he/she is not the author.

B. Type II Offences:
   1. Violent, indecent, threatening or offensive behavior or language, whether expressed orally, in writing or electronically, towards any member or student of university irrespective of location.
   2. Engaged in any activity including harassment of a particular group or individual in the University or conduct which is deemed unacceptable.
   3. Distributing or publishing a poster, notice, sign, electronic or internet posting or any other publication either on University premises or computer networks relating to University which is offensive, intimidating, threatening, indecent or illegal, or is likely to make others fearful, anxious or apprehensive or which could reasonably be expected to significantly and unfairly harm the standing or reputation or welfare of any student, member of staff or associate of the University.
4. Harassment of any kind towards a student, member of staff, associates or authorized visitor to the University.
5. Throwing or using objects in a manner that may hurt others.
6. Smoking or consuming any other intoxicant on campus and entering campus under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. False and malicious complaints.
8. Improper conduct in tests and examinations: Any act considered unfair or improper by the Examination Board will be construed as an offence.
9. Breaching / not adhering to stated University Grievance redressing and complaints processes.

C. Type III Offences:

1. Fighting, bullying or violent behavior towards others.
2. Sexual harassment, stalking, provocative gesture and eye teasing.
3. Serious damage to, or defacement of University property or the property of other members of the University community caused intentionally or recklessly, and misappropriation of such property.
4. Serious misuse or unauthorized use of University premises and property, including computer misuse.
5. Falsifying university reports and certificates.
6. Any act that affects the reputation of the University, including but not limited to unauthorized dissemination of information to the media and/or general public.
7. Mass/group absenting of lectures, lab sessions and all assessments.
8. Indulging in any act detrimental to the functioning of the University, including going on strikes or threatening to do so, raising slogans.
9. Coercing, instigating students to act against the University or its policies and threatening students who refuse to comply. Such actions include but are not limited to participating in strikes, sloganeering etc.
10. Any misconduct (e.g. playing or singing unethical music, commenting from the bus on other students, driver or any outsider) during transportation in the university buses.
11. Any conduct which constitutes a criminal offence.
4. Penalties

1. IIU staff and faculty can charge students found guilty for any type of offence viz. type I, II and type III.
2. The type of offence will be decided upon only by a Disciplinary Committee, whose decision will be final and binding.
3. If a student is found in violation of discipline then the following penalties shall be imposed:
   a. Withholding scholarships or other benefits.
   b. Debarring from representation of events.
   c. Withholding results.
   d. Expulsion from hostel, mess and from the university.
   e. Debarring/detaining from exams.
   f. Suspension from the class for a specified period.
   g. Fine.
   h. Recovery of the cost of damages.
   i. Public apology.
   j. Prosecuting for criminal offense.
   k. Filing FIR with local police.
   l. Cancellation of admission.

Note:- A student can have one or more penalties imposed depending on the severity of indiscipline by the competent authority.

4. Student grievance / complaints redressing policy

1. IIU is sensitive to meet the administrative and academic needs of its students and endeavors to take all possible measures to ensure a high level of satisfaction amongst the students in the campus. To this end, it lays down a procedure to receive students complaints and redress the same with all fairness, equity and resources at its command.
2. Fill out the Complaints Form available with the University reception or with the office of Student development.
3. This form must be submitted to his / her Faculty Advisor. The Advisor will liaise with concerned IIU staff or faculty member and will make every effort to ensure the issue is addressed. If this is not done to the satisfaction of the student, he/ she may appeal to the head of the administrative or academic unit concerned with the issue. In the unlikely event that the issue still remains unresolved, the following hierarchy must be followed in the appeals process through Registrar and Vice Chancellor.

4. If after exhausting all these options, the issue remains unresolved, the student may file a complaint with the HP Private Education Regulatory Commission (HPPERC). A copy of the communication to the HPPERC must be sent to the IIU Registrar as well. The decision of the HPPERC is final and will be binding.

5. Any violation / by passing of steps in the above procedure will constitute a type II offence as mentioned above.

The Vice Chancellor of the University reserves the right to appoint a Disciplinary Committee to classify violations not expressly stated in the above three types of offences. In all such cases, the decision of the Disciplinary Committee will be final and binding.

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