

Student Code of Conduct

Section 1 - Preamble

(1) This Code is effective from [insert date] 2021.

Section 2 - Purpose

(2) This Code sets out the standards of responsible and ethical behaviour and conduct expected of Deakin students as part of contributing to a thriving, progressive, respectful and inclusive University community.

Section 3 - Scope

(3) This Code applies to all students of the University. This Code should be read in conjunction with other policies and procedures set out in Section 7.

Section 4 - Deakin's values

- (4) Deakin's values underpin the expected behaviour of students in interactions with the University community:
- a) **Ethical:** We conduct our work and study with the highest standards of behaviour and integrity
 - b) **Inclusive:** We value equity and diversity, embrace difference, and seek to engage and welcome all
 - c) **Sustainable:** We care about our shared future, integrating economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability in all we do
 - d) **Excellent:** We strive for excellence in all aspects of our work and study
 - e) **Brave:** We make bold decisions, demonstrate courage and ambition, and we support personal responsibility and accountability
 - f) **Dynamic:** We are innovative and entrepreneurial, solving problems with creativity and flexibility.
- (5) We apply these values to all our actions, decision-making and conduct. In demonstrating these values, we act respectfully towards others across the University community.

Section 5 - Deakin's commitment to students

- (6) Deakin is committed to:
- a) enhancing student experience and outcomes
 - b) creating an environment where students can achieve success, and preparing students for employment
 - c) integrity and respectful, ethical behaviour in all aspects of learning, teaching and research
 - d) promoting an environment where students feel safe, included and respected, and are treated with fairness and objectivity
 - e) advancing the educational aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and moving Indigenous Knowledges into the mainstream of Australian life
 - f) a proactive approach to preventing sexual harm in our University community and continuously improving how we respond to, and support, those who have been affected

- g) an environment where ideas are pursued with passion and where they can be challenged freely in accordance with the commitments set out in the [Code for Upholding Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom](#).

Section 6 - Student responsibilities and obligations

(7) Deakin students:

- a) are responsible and accountable for their actions, and proactive in seeking information and assistance from university support services in a timely manner
- b) undertake their academic work with integrity and honesty
- c) work cooperatively and collaboratively with other students, staff, associates and University partners
- d) educate themselves on, and comply with all relevant [University policies](#) and with any codes of conduct and practice that apply at the course, professional or research level, including those of external partner organisations
- e) communicate with courtesy and consideration in person and online (including via email and social media)
- f) respect others' rights to their own opinions and beliefs and engage only in rational discussion in accordance with the [Code for Upholding Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom](#)
- g) uphold the health, safety, wellbeing and privacy of others in the University community
- h) use University property, facilities and resources responsibly, in accordance with relevant policies and considering others' needs
- i) follow reasonable directions from University staff
- j) provide accurate personal details to the University; keep those details up to date; and read and respond to official university communications (including via Deakin email) in a timely manner.

(8) Deakin encourages students and staff to report breaches of this Code to the University.

(9) Alleged or actual breaches of the Student Code of Conduct are taken seriously by the University and may be dealt with by the relevant policy set out in Section 7.

Section 7 - Associated policies and procedures

(10) This Code is a set of overarching principles to be followed. It is not an exhaustive list of behaviours. The Code cannot address all possible issues and scenarios which may be faced in the course of a student's activities or study at the University.

(11) The following policies provide further guidance on how to implement the Code in specific areas:

- a) [Alcohol policy](#)
- b) [Child Safety policy](#)
- c) [Code for Upholding Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom](#)
- d) [Copyright policy](#)
- e) [Diversity and Inclusion policy](#)
- f) [Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Control policy](#)
- g) [Health, Wellbeing and Safety policy](#)
- h) [Information and Communication Technology Acceptable Use policy](#)
- i) [Library policy](#)

- j) [Privacy policy](#)
- k) [Research Conduct policy](#)
- l) [Restricted Areas policy](#)
- m) [Social Media procedure](#)
- n) [Student Academic Integrity policy](#)
- o) [Sexual Harm Prevention and Response policy](#)
- p) [Smoking and Tobacco policy](#)
- q) [Student Complaints policy](#)
- r) [Student Misconduct procedure.](#)

Section 8 - Definitions

(12) For the purpose of the Student Code of Conduct:

- a) associates: contractors, consultants, volunteers, visiting appointees and visitors to the University.
- b) staff: members of the academic or professional staff, or persons holding Honorary or conjoint appointments.
- c) student:
 - i. a person enrolled in a course or unit in the University;
 - ii. a student of another higher education institution to whom the University grants rights of access to University premises and facilities;
 - iii. a candidate for an award of the University whose work has been examined or assessed but on whom the award has not been conferred;
 - iv. a person who is on leave of absence from or who has deferred enrolment in a unit or course of the University.

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