

POLICY WITH RESPECT TO STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

POLICY NUMBER:	2015-04-POL
TITLE OF THE POLICY:	Student Code of Conduct
DATE OF ADOPTION:	21 October 2015
SUPERSEDES:	Policy Statement on Student Code of Conduct
DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	Fall 2015
PROJECTED DATE OF REVISION:	Fall 2017
PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:	To provide students with standards of conduct
ACCOUNTABILITY:	Office of Student Affairs
APPENDICES:	Appendix I - Offences and Sanctions Appendix II - Administrative Procedure of the Student Disciplinary Process

1.0 Preamble

The University of The Bahamas strives on the pursuit of knowledge and truth through teaching, learning, research and service. This policy is established to develop an overall sense of responsibility within students; to engender a sense of dignity, pride and respect for the University; and to uphold the laws of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Each student is expected to adhere and conform to the tenets as set out in this policy.

2.0 Scope

The policy presents guidelines and standards of behaviour that govern the general social conduct of all University of The Bahamas students. Students who commit offences, as listed in Appendix I, shall be subject to a Disciplinary Process (Appendix II) administered by the Office of the Vice President, Student Affairs, at the Oakes Field Campus; the Dean of Students at the Northern Bahamas Campus; and the University Administrator at satellite campuses and centres.

3.0 Student Code of Conduct

This policy, through appropriate due process, shall impose disciplinary measures for conduct that adversely affects the institution's pursuit of its educational objectives; threatens or endangers the health and safety of any member of the University community and or property; and demonstrates a disrespect for authority. Students are expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct on and off the University campus:

- 3.1 Law Abiding Citizens. Conduct themselves as law abiding citizens of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.
- 3.2 Respect for Self and Others. Exhibit respect for themselves and towards the rights of others, their person, property and opinions.
- 3.3 Core Values. Uphold the core values as established by University of The Bahamas.
- 3.4 Diversity. Demonstrate respect for the differences of others and their culture, age, gender, identity, race, religion, disability, ethnic heritage, socio-economic status, political persuasion and sexual orientation.

- 3.5 Uphold the Code of Conduct. All students are expected to uphold the Code of Conduct as set out in this policy. These standards of behaviour ensure the general well-being of all members of the University community. Thus, the University requires that all students avoid actions that will bring discredit to the institution or undermine its reputation. Further, the University reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action as may be necessary to maintain campus conditions and preserve the integrity of the institution and its educational environment.

4.0 Definitions

Core Values. Guiding principles established by the University for members of the University community.

Disciplinary Process. A step-by-step procedure developed by the University to discipline students who violate the University's Code of Conduct.

Ethnic Heritage. Origin by birth or descent rather than by present nationality that has been passed down from previous generations (*Concise Oxford English Dictionary, 2004*).

Political Persuasion. A person's political choice.

Satellite Campuses. Campuses (or centres) on the Family Islands that operate with an administrator.

Sexual Orientation. An individual's sexual identity in relation to the gender to which they are attracted (*Oxford English Dictionary 2011*).

Social Conduct. Conduct that speaks specifically to the non-academic behaviour of the student.

Tenets. Principles or beliefs as set out in this Code of Conduct held true by all members of the University community.

References

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