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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The University of Gloucestershire is committed to providing a quality student experience, to support equality, diversity and inclusion, and to building a strong sense of community for our students.
- 1.2. The Student Code of Conduct (the Code) is based upon respect for the University community, the wider local community, for individuals, property and the environment. It is expected that all students are aware of it and abide by its principles
- 1.3. The Code provides general guidance on student behaviour and provides links to the appropriate policies and regulations. It does not supersede any of the regulations, policies or other contractual documents issued by the University.

2. Scope and Purpose

- 2.1. This Code applies to all students of the University from enrolment (or arrival in halls of residence, if earlier) up to completion of their programme of study at the University (or departure from halls of residence, if later).
- 2.2. This code applies to student conduct both off and on the University's campus/premises. It also applies to those living in or visiting University student accommodation.
- 2.3. For those registered on professional programmes of study such as Law, Education, Social Work which impose their own professional standards or fitness to practise regulations, this Code is complementary to, and does not replace, those standards, regulations or professional conduct requirements.
- 2.4. In applying this Code, the University seeks to comply with all relevant legislation promoting privacy, equality of opportunity and anti-discrimination.
- 2.5. Incidents of alleged student misconduct may lead to the invoking of formal University Investigatory Procedures.

3. Student Standards of Conduct

- 3.1. The University's Student Charter sets out what our students can expect from the University and what the University expects in return.
- 3.2. All students are expected to be considerate to the needs of fellow students, visitors and staff and to positively integrate with local residents.
- 3.3. The University has excellent relationships with the police constabulary. Where an informal approach has not been effective or where offences are more serious or repeated, a criminal investigation may be deemed necessary; where this is the case, the University will fully support such action or instigate it if appropriate.

4. Examples of Misconduct

4.1 Our students are expected to act appropriately and conduct themselves as respectful citizens of both the University and the local community. It is expected therefore that our students are seen as positive ambassadors for the University whilst they are enrolled on their programme of study.

4.2 As such the following actions, whether occurring on University premises or elsewhere, are examples of conduct which are not acceptable to the University and the Students' Union, and may lead to the invoking of formal University Investigatory Procedures:

4.3 Conduct which constitutes a criminal offence including but not limited to:

- assault
- sexual misconduct
- any form of hate crime
- theft, fraud, deceit, deception or dishonesty
- violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, intimidating or offensive behaviour or language.
- the use, possession or supply of illegal drugs.

- 4.3.1 Unacceptable behaviour arising from excessive consumption of alcohol and/or drugs (legal highs or illegal)
- 4.3.2 Damage or vandalism to property
- 4.3.3 Misuse or unauthorised use of University premises
- 4.3.4 Action likely to cause injury or to impair Health and Safety procedures.
- 4.3.5 Any form of bullying or harassment – virtual (on-line), verbal or physical actions
- 4.3.6 Making slanderous/libellous claims against the University or a member of the University's community
- 4.3.7 Any behaviour that brings the University into disrepute
- 4.3.8 Failure to respect the rights of others to freedom of belief, speech, or conscience
- 4.3.9 Disruption of, or improper interference with, the academic, administrative, sporting, social or other activities of the University or Students' Union
- 4.3.10 Obstruction of, or improper interference with, the functions, duties or activities of any student, member of staff, or visitor of the University
- 4.3.11 Failure to disclose personal details to a member of staff of the University or Students' Union in circumstances in which it is reasonable to require that such information be given
- 4.3.12 Breaches of any codes, policies or regulations adopted by the University or the Students' Union
- 4.3.13 Direct or indirect association related to a behaviour classified as misconduct

5 Investigating Alleged Student Misconduct

5.1 Cases of alleged student misconduct vary in their nature and complexity but where deemed appropriate they will be investigated under one or more of the following:

- 5.1.1 Investigative Procedures (Student Matters)
- 5.1.2 Academic Regulations for Taught Provision
- 5.1.3 Academic Regulations for Research Degree Provision
- 5.1.4 Halls of Residence Disciplinary Procedures

5.2 Students under investigation for alleged misconduct are strongly advised to seek advice and assistance from the Students' Union.

5.3 In some instances whereby an instance of alleged misconduct is the result of a physical or psychological problem, a student may be referred to Student Services for assistance and advice either in addition to or instead of another formal procedure.

5.4 Following the outcome of an investigation the University may need to invoke the Student Disciplinary Procedures and/or other such procedure as appropriate or relevant. These include but are not limited to:

- Student Fitness to Practise Procedure
- Supported Study Procedure
- Bye Laws of The University of Gloucestershire Students' Union