

STUDENT BEHAVIOURAL INTEGRITY POLICY

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Purpose:

This policy sets out the standards of behaviour expected of students and establishes a framework for dealing with behaviours that undermine the University as a well-functioning and safe environment for staff, students and visitors.

Audience:

Staff, Students

Objectives:

- Align the University's student behavioural integrity policy with:
 - The Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021
 - The Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 and the related National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018
 - The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011
 - The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment (Prohibiting Academic Cheating Services) Act 2020.
- Promote standards of behaviour that demonstrate the University values of honesty, respect and responsible care
- Identify behaviours that constitute student general misconduct.

Scope:

This policy applies to the behaviour of Murdoch University students that occurs during all University activities, in all physical and digital environments, University facilities, practicum placements, student accommodation, conferences, field excursions, exchanges, transport, sport and recreational clubs, parties and other social functions on and off campus. Matters relating to sexual harm are dealt with under the *Sexual Harm Policy*, *Sexual Harm Procedure* and *Sexual Harm Procedure Dubai*.

Definitions:

The definition of common terms appears in the Murdoch University Dictionary of Terms. Any defined terms below are specific to this document.

- “University Community” means University staff, students, volunteers, consultants, contractors and their staff, members of University boards and committees, subsidiaries of the University and their staff, visitors to University grounds, University guests, University function attendees, and any other people or organisations appointed or engaged by the University to perform duties or functions on its behalf.

Policy Statement:

1. The University will:
 - 1.1 maintain a well ordered and safe environment for students and staff to pursue academic, community or other University activities
 - 1.2 make explicit to students the norms and values that constitute behavioural integrity
 - 1.3 support students to act and communicate with honesty, consideration and respect for the rights of others.
2. Members of University staff will:
 - 2.1 be fair, consistent and timely in managing general misconduct
 - 2.2 be guided by the decision-making principles set out in the Student Integrity Regulations.
3. The University expects students to:
 - 3.1 apply themselves consistently to academic work and make sustained progress towards completion of their degree
 - 3.2 be aware how their words and actions may affect others and treat students and staff members with civility and care in person and online (including email, online fora and social media)
 - 3.3 develop the ability to function effectively across cultures, to act appropriately and to communicate and work with people who are linguistically and culturally different
 - 3.4 work honestly, professionally and collaboratively with other students, staff and University partners
 - 3.5 engage in free and open debate with fellow students, staff, visitors and University partners, respecting the right of others to express their views including those with opposing ideas and values, in accordance with the Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Regulations
 - 3.6 respect the health, safety, wellbeing and privacy of all members of the University Community
 - 3.7 use University property, facilities and resources responsibly, in accordance with relevant policies and considering others' needs
 - 3.8 follow reasonable directions from University staff
 - 3.9 provide true and accurate information to the University, keep personal details up to date, and read and respond to official University communications in a timely manner.

4. This policy sets out overarching principles and does not include all possible instances of student general misconduct. The Student Integrity Regulations set out behaviours that the University considers misconduct. Within that framework, the following categories provide examples of behaviour that the University designates as student general misconduct. Additional details and examples are provided in the Student General Misconduct Guidelines.
 - 4.1 causing harm
 - 4.2 undermining or endangering the health and safety of members of the University Community
 - 4.3 misusing resources, facilities or the University name
 - 4.4 damaging property
 - 4.5 committing fraud, misusing information, impersonation and cheating
 - 4.6 failing to meet standards of professional behaviour in clinical and non-clinical settings.
5. The exercise of freedom of speech and academic freedom by students will not constitute student general misconduct subject to the prohibitions, restrictions and conditions of the Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Regulations.
6. Peaceful protest and orderly demonstration are permitted provided the time and location have been approved by the relevant Murdoch staff member.

Related Documents:

[Sexual Harm Policy](#)

[Sexual Harm Procedure](#)

[Sexual Harm Procedure - Dubai](#)

[Student Integrity Regulations](#)

[Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Regulations](#)

Approval and Implementation:

Approval Authority:	Vice Chancellor
Responsible Officer(s):	Director Academic Quality, Curriculum Management and Policy
Committee with oversight:	Quality and Standards
Approval Authority for supporting procedures:	There are no supporting procedures.
Approval Authority for supporting guidelines:	There are no supporting guidelines.
Approval Authority for supporting standards:	There are no supporting standards.
Contact Officer:	Senior Coordinator Student Integrity Services

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