

Student Integrity Regulations

Effective 1 January 2023

**Replaces Student Discipline Regulations
valid until 31 December 2022**

These Regulations give effect to *Statute No. 26 – Student Misconduct*. They must be read in conjunction with the *Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech Regulations* which prevail over these Regulations.

Definitions

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

- “Misconduct” means any behaviour on the part of a Student that:
 - impairs the reasonable freedom of the University community to pursue and participate in academic, community or other University activities, or in the life of the University.
 - contravenes the provisions of the Murdoch University Act 1973, any statute, rule or by-law of the University, or a University code of conduct, policy, procedure or set of guidelines.
 - contravenes any lawful direction by a member of the staff of the University.
 - contravenes any written law of the Commonwealth of Australia, a State or Territory of Australia where the written law relates to an activity associated with the Student being a Student of the University.
- “Student” means a person enrolled in a unit or course offered by the University at the time the alleged misconduct occurred.
- “Outcome” means the education, support, conditions or penalties imposed on students following the determination of a case of student misconduct.
- “Suspension” means suspension of the Student’s enrolment in a course for one or more teaching periods to a maximum equivalent of one year, including suspension of current enrolment in all units and/or removal or placing conditions on the Student’s use of or attendance at facilities, participation in University activities, access to assessment results, graduation, and re-enrolment for a period up to 12 months.
- “Exclusion” means that the Student is forbidden to enter or remain on any or all University physical environments or any specified part of a University physical environment and/or to use or access University facilities or any specified University facilities for a period of time.

- “Expulsion” means that the Student is expelled from the University including cancellation of the Student’s current enrolment and removal of access to future enrolment for any period of time.
 - “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.
1. These Regulations specify:
 - 1.1 the behaviour for which a Student may be disciplined by the University.
 - 1.2 the procedure for dealing with allegations of Misconduct made against a Student.
 - 1.3 the Outcomes that may be imposed upon a Student if any allegation of Misconduct is upheld.
 - 1.4 the capacity for an appeal against any finding of Misconduct against a Student.
 2. Immediate Exclusion
 - 2.1 A security officer or other person authorised by the Vice Chancellor may, without a hearing, exclude a Student from any or all University physical environments if they are of the reasonable opinion that doing so is necessary to protect other people, property or to prevent serious disruption to University activities.
 - 2.2 A person authorised by the Vice Chancellor may, without a hearing, exclude a Student from use of University information technology facilities if they are of the reasonable opinion that doing so is necessary to protect other people, University information and communication systems or prevent serious disruption to University activities.
 3. Decision-Making
 - 3.1 Decision-makers will take account of the following principles:
 - 3.1.1 actions are to be fair and just.
 - 3.1.2 the rights and interests of all University members, visitors and the University’s partners and stakeholders are to be respected, as well as those of individual Students.
 - 3.1.3 investigations will be impartial, timely and transparent.
 - 3.1.4 decision-making will be carried out by those explicitly delegated to decide the matter under consideration.
 - 3.1.5 outcomes imposed for student Misconduct will be appropriate and proportionate.
 - 3.1.6 privacy will be treated in accordance with the University’s *Privacy Policy*.
 - 3.1.7 the requisite standard of proof is the balance of probabilities.

4. Managing Allegations of Student Misconduct
 - 4.1 Allegations of student Misconduct will be made in accordance with University policies and procedures.
 - 4.2 The relevant decision-makers will review allegations of Misconduct and:
 - 4.2.1 dismiss the allegation if it does not constitute Misconduct.
 - 4.2.2 determine that it be resolved through an educative process.
 - 4.2.3 impose an outcome if there is clear evidence that Misconduct has occurred.
 - 4.2.4 refer the matter for formal investigation.
5. Outcomes
 - 5.1 The relevant decision-maker must determine whether Misconduct has occurred and may impose Outcomes including:
 - 5.1.1 the requirement to access support or undertake training.
 - 5.1.2 a reprimand, caution or requirement to undertake service.
 - 5.1.3 variation to assessment activity or results.
 - 5.1.4 variation to results, enrolment or award of degree.
 - 5.1.5 the requirement to make financial/material restitution.
 - 5.1.6 the requirement to make a retraction or apology.
 - 5.1.7 Suspension.
 - 5.1.8 Exclusion or Expulsion.
 - 5.2 in the event of Exclusion or Expulsion the relevant decision-maker is the Vice Chancellor.
 - 5.3 details of Outcomes are included in Schedule 1 of these Regulations.
6. Appeal
 - 6.1 A Student can appeal a decision in accordance with the *Student Appeals Policy*.

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Outcomes for Failure to Meet Student Integrity Standards

1. The relevant decision-maker may impose outcomes including:
 - 1.1 The requirement to access support or undertake training;
 - 1.1.1 require the Student to take part in specified support activities.
 - 1.1.2 require the Student to take a course of corrective action or specified training.
 - 1.2 A reprimand, caution or requirement to undertake service 1.2.1.
 - 1.2.1 issue a reprimand, caution, behavioural reminder or formal warning.
 - 1.2.2 require the Student to undertake service.
 - 1.3 Variation to learning, assessment activity or results
 - 1.3.1 require the Student to resubmit, or revise and resubmit, the whole or part of the assessment, examination or research.
 - 1.3.2 disallow or amend a mark or grade (including zero marks) for the whole or part of the assessment task, examination, final grade or unit.
 - 1.3.3 determine that any learning activity be attempted again.
 - 1.4 Variation to results, enrolment or award of degree
 - 1.4.1 place condition/s on the Student's enrolment or academic performance.
 - 1.4.2 require the Student to transfer to another course if the student wishes to remain enrolled at the University.
 - 1.4.3 determine that the degree cannot be awarded.
 - 1.4.4 recommend to Academic Council to rescind the Student's award.
 - 1.5 The requirement to make financial/material restitution
 - 1.5.1 require the Student to pay for repair or replacement of damaged or lost property or facilities.
 - 1.5.2 require restitution of data.
 - 1.6 Require a retraction or apology
 - 1.6.1 require a verbal, written or published apology.
 - 1.6.2 require a retraction of a publication/s or amendment of material on the public record.
 - 1.7 Suspension
 - 1.7.1 suspend the Student from a course for one or more teaching periods to a maximum equivalent of one year, including suspension of current enrolment in all units.

- 1.7.2 suspend the Student from use of or attendance at any or all of: University facilities, participation in University activities, access to assessment results, graduation and re-enrolment for a period up to 12 months.
2. The Vice Chancellor may impose:
- 2.1 Exclusion or Expulsion
- 2.1.1 impose a requirement that the Student refrain from having any contact with specified students, members of staff, or other members of the University community for any period of time.
- 2.1.2 prohibit use of or restrict access to University premises, University facilities and services or University activities for any period of time.
- 2.1.3 expel the Student from the University.

Approval and Implementation:

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Note: All enquiries relating to Legislation should be referred to the University Secretary's Office.