



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

BHIKSU UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

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The University is a community, and as members of the community, students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is responsible and respectful to others, whether they are other students, members of staff, visitors to the University, or members of the local community. The Student Code of Conduct outlines the University's expectations for on-site behaviour. It is essential for all students to familiarise themselves with this code of conduct. Any violation of the Student Code of Conduct may be treated as a disciplinary matter, under the University's Student Disciplinary Procedure.

1. Student Identification

- 1.1. The student must have an Identity Card and a Student' Record Book issued by the Registrar of the University. The Identity Card and the Students' Record Book should have the student's photograph and be embossed with the University's seal. These documents will serve as conclusive evidence of the student's identity and the accuracy of the information provided.
- 1.2. Every registered student of the University must have their Identity Card and/or Students' Record Book in their possession at all times. They must be able to present it when asked to do so by a member of the academic staff, administrative staff, security officer, or any other officer authorised by the Vice-Chancellor or Registrar.
- 1.3. If any registered student fails to produce, willfully refuses to produce, or neglects to produce their Identity Card or Students' Record Book when requested by an authorised officer of the University, such student shall be deemed guilty of an offence punishable under these guidelines.

- 1.4. If a student fails or refuses to produce their Identity Card or Student Record Book to any member of the academic staff or an authorized officer, the officer may report this to the Proctor or Registrar of the University. If the student resides in a student hostel, the officer should also notify the warden. If the student does not reside in a hall of residence, they may be brought before the Marshal or Chief Security Officer, who will then report to the Deputy Proctor or Proctor for appropriate action.

2. Student Appearance

- 2.1 Bhikkhu students should wear appropriate coloured (brown, yellow, orange, and maroon) robes as directed by the University when appearing in public. They must also be clean-shaven, including their hair, beard, and moustache before the 30th or 31st of each month/ before the full moon day.
- 2.2 Lay Students are required to dress appropriately in attire that is considered suitable for the academic environment. The attire should not obstruct the identification of the student during their time at the University.

3. Student Ragging

- 3.1 Any student involved in ragging of any sort directly or indirectly shall be dismissed from the University in addition to facing action by the law-enforcing authorities.

The following activities are treated as ragging:

- a) Any conduct by any student, whether spoken or written, or by an act that has the effect of teasing, treating, or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student.
- b) Indulging in disruptive or disorderly conduct by any student or students, leading to annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm, or instilling fear or apprehension among any fresher or other students.
- c) Asking any student to do anything that they wouldn't normally do, and that causes shame, torment, or embarrassment, which could harm the body or mind of a fresh student or any other student.
- d) Any action by a senior student that hinders, disrupts or interferes with the regular academic activities of any fresh student or other student.
- e) Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student to complete academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f) Any act of financial extortion or forceful financial burden placed on a fresh student by other students is strictly prohibited.

- g) Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person;
- h) Any act of abuse through spoken words, emails, posts, or public insults, including deriving perverted pleasure from causing discomfort to a fresher or any other student.
- i) Any action that has an impact on the mental well-being and self-esteem of a new student, or any other student, with or without the intention of deriving sadistic pleasure or demonstrating power, authority, or superiority over a fresh student.

4. Behaviour in the Student Hostel

- 4.1 Upon checking into the hostel, the student is considered to have agreed to abide by the rules and regulations that apply to residential students of the University at the time of move-in, as well as any future regulations that may be introduced.

All the rules generally applicable to students of the University shall apply within the hostels. All students should avoid causing disturbances to others in the residence/hostel and should maintain a good reputation for the hostel they occupy. The hostel warden/sub-warden should report any violations of these rules to the Vice-Chancellor.

- 4.2 Every student is responsible for protecting the facilities provided for their own use and all other items in common use in the hostel, both individually and collectively. Students must not damage or alter any installation or equipment, nor use such installations or equipment for any purpose other than what is authorised.
- 4.3 The cost of any damage caused by a student or group of students shall be recovered from the responsible student or group after a thorough investigation.
- 4.4 Smoking, chewing and spitting tobacco products, and the consumption of alcohol or narcotic drugs are strictly prohibited inside the hostels/University premises. violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action as the University premises are a smoking and no alcoholic free zone.
- 4.5 Posting of posters, writings, wall chalking, slogans of any kind or defacing the hostel in any form is not allowed.
- 4.6 Hostelites are not permitted to allow their non-hostelites friends to stay in the hostel.

- 4.7 If a student's hostel facilities are interrupted or terminated due to disciplinary action, the student will not be entitled to any refund or reduction of fees already paid or payable in the future.
- 4.8 The students who receive visitors outside regular visiting hours must report to the sub-warden and obtain permission unless the visitors are registered students or staff of the University.
- 4.9 All students residing in a hostel within the University premises should not leave after 22:00 hours.
- 4.10 Students wishing to enter the Faculty or University premises after 22:00 hours must present their University identity cards/record books and sign a late arrival logbook maintained by the security staff. They should provide their index number, name, the reason for late arrival, and their signature.

The student(s) must obtain prior approval from the Vice-Chancellor to engage in a specific activity within the University premises after 22:00 for a specified duration, with the recommendation of the Proctor of the University.

In case of an emergency, the Vice-Chancellor has the authority to change the check-in and check-out times of the hostels.

- 4.11 In case of an emergency, officials are permitted to check the hostels by order of the Vice Chancellor.
- 4.12 Any Student(s) who contacts a contagious disease shall immediately obtain advice from a qualified Medical Officer and report to the Warden as soon as possible.

5. Student Organisation

- 5.1 A University student organisation must adhere to the rules stated in the Buddhashravaka Bhiksu Universities Act No. 26 of 1996 amended by Act No. 15 of 2012, and the corresponding By-Laws. No union or student association can function within the University without being registered with the University as mandated by the Universities Act No. Act No. 26 of 1996 was amended by Act No. 15 of 2012.

University student organizations must adhere to the University's rules and regulations regarding the conduct of society/association/union affairs.

- 5.2 All student organizations are expected to act consistently with the values of the University community. Student organisations are collectively responsible for any

action committed by their members on behalf of the organisation that violates University policy.

- 5.3 The student organisation will represent the entire student community and will consist of the following office bearers: (a) President, (b) Vice President, (c) Secretary, (d) Editor, and (e) Junior Treasurer, elected with the consent of the student community. The Senior Treasurer for the student organization will be a senior academic nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
- 5.4 The student organisation shall promote skills, talents, attitudes, and harmony among students to enhance their corporate life within the student community.
- 5.5 The student organisation is permitted to solicit funds with the approval of the Vice Chancellor for the purpose of financing social, cultural, and welfare activities. The student organization is expected to adhere to the financial regulations established by the University regarding the allocation of funds and the methods for maintaining financial records.

6. Meetings

- 6.1 No gathering open to the public may take place on the University premises without the prior authorisation of the Vice-Chancellor, in accordance with the established procedure.
- 6.2 The Vice-Chancellor has the authority to determine the location and time of the meeting upon granting approval. The meeting must not take place at a different location or time recommended by the Vice Chancellor without the prior consent of the Vice-Chancellor.

Failure to comply with such a requirement shall be considered a punishable offence. In this connection, the student(s) under whose name(s) the application for permission was sought will be held responsible and made liable for punishment.

- 6.3 Students must not invite friends from other institutions or outsiders to the university for any meetings without prior permission from the Vice Chancellor.
- 6.4 Convening an unauthorised meeting will be regarded as an act of indiscipline and may result in disciplinary action.

7. Code of Conduct in Classrooms

- 7.1 Students are required to be punctual and regular in attending classes, tutorials, tests, and examinations. Failure to meet the attendance requirements, non-

submission of assignments, and unjustified absence from tests/examinations will be considered a breach of the code of conduct.

- 7.2 Students must be seated in their classrooms at the beginning of each lecture session, and they must not enter or leave the classroom without the permission of the lecturer.
- 7.3 The use of mobile phones during class hours is prohibited and may result in punishment.
- 7.4 Students should diligently follow the notices posted on the notice board, both online and offline, as no excuses will be considered if the notices are ignored.
- 7.5 In the event of a lecturer's absence or inability to conduct a class, students should maintain order to avoid disturbing adjoining classes.
- 7.6 Students are expected to treat the teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as their fellow students, with courtesy both within and outside the University. They should not engage in any act or conduct that could damage the institution's reputation.
- 7.7 Students are not allowed to loiter or stand in the corridors of the University during class hours.
- 7.8 students should not engage in behaviour that detracts from the learning experience. Talking in class, sleeping, reading a newspaper or other outside works, unnecessary movement in and out of the classroom.
- 7.9 Classroom should be a place for the free discussion of ideas, students should conduct and express themselves in a way that is respectful of all persons.
- 7.10 Students are expected to take all tests at the scheduled times and turn in all homework assignments in class at the time it is due. Unless an adequate excuse is provided.
- 7.11 Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, collusion, facilitating academic dishonesty, claiming authorship of others' work, or the submission of work for assessment which has been generated through an artificial intelligence translation programme without acknowledgement or authorisation is prohibited.
- 7.12 Fabrication or falsification of information or data, misrepresentation of data and/or interests or involvement, plagiarism, and failure to follow accepted procedures or to exercise due care in carrying out research is prohibited.

8. Collection of Funds

- 8.1 Unless the prior consent of the Vice-Chancellor has been obtained, any student organisation may not collect funds from students for purposes other than those in accordance with its rules.

- 8.2 Any student organisation authorised to collect funds must submit a Statement of Accounts to the Senior Treasurer within two weeks from the day of collection and immediately deposit the funds in an authorised account.
- 8.3 Failure to comply with such a requirement shall be considered a punishable offence. In this connection, the student(s) under whose name(s) the application for permission was sought will be held responsible and made liable for punishment.
- 8.4 Any student or University student organisation must obtain authorisation from the Vice-Chancellor to raise funds from external sources, as deemed appropriate by the Vice-Chancellor.

9. Posters, newspapers, and handbills

- 9.1 No student(s), Student Union, or any other organisation is permitted to display or exhibit any notice, poster, or publication inside the University without the expressed permission of the Vice-Chancellor. In instances where permission is granted, the display of such notices should be limited to designated areas on the University premises.

The date of the poster, notice, or publication must be clearly presented alongside the name of the responsible organisation.

- 9.2 Selling or distributing newspapers, periodicals, or handbills within the faculty premises is strictly prohibited without prior permission from the Vice Chancellor.

10. Communication

- 10.1 It is required that all communications, whether initiated or received by a student(s) or a student(s) organization, be conducted exclusively through the Vice-Chancellor to the Chancellor, any member of the Council of the University, or any official of the line ministry, or any external Agency regarding matters pertaining to the official activities of the University.
- 10.2 No communication should be disseminated to any external agency, press outlet, or electronic media that may disparage the University, by any student, student organisation, or other associations, on any issue.

11. Other Offences Subjected to the Disciplinary Actions

- 11.1 The possession, storage, carrying, or use of arms, weapons, drugs, and/or any other harmful substances, causing injury, or posing a threat to individuals or property within the University premises, or any attempted activities are strictly prohibited.

- 11.2 Kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, hostage-taking, or threats to take hostage or kidnap any student(s), officer, academic or administrative staff member, other employees, or any authorised person within or outside the University premises or at events organised by the University within or outside its premises, or any attempted activities as described herein are strictly prohibited.
- 11.3 Engaging in activities likely to disrupt the registration process, teaching, studying, research, or examinations within the University, or obstructing or disrupting any authorised event organised by the University or its faculties, whether on or off its premises.
- 11.4 Prohibiting or impeding any student/s from conducting their studies or research, or disrupting any lawful activities of a recognised University Student Organization or association or union.
- 11.5 Obstructing, impeding, or infringing upon the right of mobility of any student or employee within the University premises.
- 11.6 Operating, riding, or parking or support for that sort of activity a vehicle within the University premises in a manner that would impede or violate the right of mobility of any student or employee within the faculty premises.
- 11.7 Theft or attempted theft of property within the University premises, possession of stolen property belonging to the University, causing willful damage to faculty property or to property of an officer, member of the academic or administrative staff, any other employee, or a student(s) of the University, or any other person authorised to be in the premises of the University or at an event organised with the authority of the University within or outside its premises is strictly prohibited.
- 11.8 Defacing or damaging any property owned by a faculty member, staff, or student within the premises of the faculty or at an official event, whether on or off-campus, is strictly prohibited.
- 11.9 Unauthorised occupation, possession, retention, or use of any property belonging to the University is strictly forbidden, unless in accordance with the rules and provisions established by the University or with explicit permission from the Vice-Chancellor/Dean or relevant staff member.
- 11.10 Unauthorised or improper use of the University computer system/network by any student shall be considered a punishable offence.

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