

# REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

## 1. Preamble

- 1.1 These Regulations apply to all registered students of the University as defined in Ordinance. If students are not studying in the UK, the principles of these Regulations apply.
- 1.2 The purpose of these Regulations is to inform students of the standard of conduct that is expected from them as members of the University.
- 1.3 The Regulations for Student Conduct include:
  1. The Regulations for Student Conduct;
  2. The Rules for the Use of the University Library;
  3. The Rules for the Use of University Sports Facilities;
  4. The Regulations for the Use of the University of Reading's IT Facilities and Systems,
  5. Freedom of Speech: Code of Practice;
  6. University Health and Safety policy;
  7. University Policy on Equal Opportunities;
  8. Drugs and Alcohol Policy;
  9. Procedures for managing unacceptable behaviour when dealing with student complaints and appeals of results.
- 1.4 If a student is alleged to have breached these Regulations, the allegation will be considered under the Student Disciplinary procedure.
- 1.5 Whether or not a student has breached the Regulations for Student Conduct will be determined on the balance of probabilities.
- 1.6 If a student's conduct may amount to a crime, the University may refer the matter to the Police as appropriate. The University may also impose a penalty for the breach of the University's Regulations for Student Conduct in accordance with the Student Disciplinary Procedure.
- 1.5 The principal disciplinary officer of the University is the Vice-Chancellor.

## 2. General rules

- 2.1 All students are required to act within the law.
- 2.2 A student must not engage in any conduct, either in person, via social media, via email, or by any other means, which is contrary to the standard of conduct expected of students set out in these Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- a. A student must not engage in conduct which might bring the University or any of its staff, officers, students, subsidiaries or trusts into disrepute.
  - b. A student must not engage or attempt to engage in acts of terrorism.
  - c. A student must not commit fraud.
  - d. A student must not engage in conduct which is illegal including the use, supply or possession of illegal drugs.
  - e. A student must not engage in actual or threatened physical violence.
  - f. A student must not engage in bullying or intimidating behaviour.
  - g. A student must not engage in conduct which is harassment or discrimination on any grounds.  
**[www.reading.ac.uk/internal/student/OnlineStudentHandbook/osh-harassment.aspx](http://www.reading.ac.uk/internal/student/OnlineStudentHandbook/osh-harassment.aspx)**
  - h. A student must not engage in conduct which is disruptive, obstructive, aggressive, offensive or rude.
  - i. A student must not provide false or misleading information to the University.
  - j. A student must not deliberately, recklessly, or negligently disclose confidential information.
  - k. A student must not engage in conduct which disrupts or is likely to disrupt, any employee of the University in the performance of his or her duties or teaching or study or research or assessment or the administration of the University, or to the activities of its members.
  - l. A student must not disregard rules or instructions given by the University.
  - m. A student must not misuse the internet, intranet, social media and email facilities in breach of the Regulations for the Use of the University of Reading's IT Facilities and Systems, the Equality and Diversity Policy, the Social Media Policy or any other relevant policy.
  - n. A student must not remove without authorisation, misuse, abuse or damage University property or property belonging to a contractor, including intellectual property.
  - o. A student must not engage in conduct or attempt to engage in conduct which breaches the health and safety rules e.g. tampering with fire safety equipment, failing to secure University Accommodation against unauthorised entry, unhygienic practices in the preparation or storage of food or drink, and unauthorised alterations to electrical services.

- p. A student must not do anything or neglect to do something which creates a fire risk or in any way, puts the health and safety of others or property or the University's insurance policy at risk.
- q. A student must have proper regard for their neighbours in the local community. This includes conduct when living in University Halls, Halls operated by other providers and private accommodation. A student must ensure that they and their guests behave considerately in order to maintain the good reputation of the University. Where students share accommodation the responsibility is both an individual and a collective one.
- r. A student must avoid creating unreasonable noise at a level which interferes with the comfort, study or sleep of other students, or neighbouring properties. This is particularly important for students who live in Halls of Residences.
- s. A student must not at any time bring any firearm (including ball-bearing gun and air rifles) or other weapons on to University property or Halls of Residence. This restriction on firearms also applies whether or not the firearm or weapon is licensed, and it also applies to imitation or replica firearms and weapons. A student must not bring any other item onto University property or Halls of Residence which could be used as an offensive weapon unless he or she has a valid and lawful reason for having it in his/her possession.
- t. A student must not refuse to surrender their student ID card or another form of ID to University staff when reasonably requested to do so and a student must not allow another person to use their student ID card.
- u. A student must attend any compulsory disciplinary meetings they are called to.

**Note:** Some of the offences listed above hold standard fines.

- 2.3 A student shall not be exempt from a disciplinary penalty by acting as part of a group when breaching the Regulations for Student Conduct.
- 2.4 Residency Agreement (only applicable to students who sign a Residency Agreement)
  - 1. A breach of a student's obligations under the Residency Agreement is a breach of the Regulations for Student Conduct.
  - 2. Students in Halls of Residence are responsible for the behaviour of their guests, and the student will be found to have breached the Regulations for Student Conduct if their guest acts in a manner which breaches the University's Regulations for Student Conduct.

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