

Arden University Quality Assurance Document QA61

Student Code of Conduct

1. Misconduct is unacceptable behaviour that interferes with how we work or action which otherwise damages our reputation.
2. There are serious consequences for misconduct, so we must prove that the behaviour in question does fall within the general definition in paragraph 1 above before we can treat it as 'misconduct'. If we accuse you of misconduct, you can argue that your behaviour, whether or not it falls within one or more of the following paragraphs, should not be treated as misconduct because it does not interfere with our work or damage our reputation as stated above.
3. Allegations of misconduct will be dealt with in accordance with the University's Student Disciplinary Procedures.
4. We may treat the following as misconduct:
 - a. If you disrupt, or interfere with, our academic, administrative or other activities, whether within university online systems or premises or elsewhere.
 - b. If you obstruct, or interfere with, the work, duties or activities any student, member of staff or other employee or authorised contractor of the University.
 - c. If your behaviour is violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening or offensive, or if you use this kind of language within our online systems, on our premises or while involved in any activity linked to the University.
 - d. If you act fraudulently, deceptively or dishonestly towards us or our staff or students in connection with being our student including during the enrolment process
 - e. If you do anything which is likely to injure anyone or damage our premises.
 - f. Being under the influence of either alcohol or drugs on University premises.
 - g. If you harass any student, member of staff, employee or other representative of the University for any reason.
 - h. If you break our code of practice on the freedom of speech or any of our rules or regulations.
 - i. If you are dishonest in any way when it comes to English language testing, academic assessments and examinations.

- j. If you disrupt an examination and/or not follow examination regulations
- k. If you damage our property or the property of other members of the University community, whether deliberately or recklessly. This includes taking property.
- l. If you misuse our premises or items of property, including computers.
- m. If you take part in a criminal offence that:
 - m1. takes place on our premises, or at an event we control;
 - m2. affects or concerns other members of our community;
 - m3. damages our name;
 - m4. is treated as misconduct under the terms of this code, or
 - m5. is one of dishonesty, if you hold a responsible position in the University.
- n. If you do anything which affects our reputation.
- o. If you fail to give your name and other relevant details to us if it is reasonable for us to ask for that information.
- p. If you fail to keep to a previously-imposed penalty under this code.

The University must comply with a new condition of registration coming into force from August 1st 2025 regarding Sexual Misconduct and Harassment. As part of that, we have created a new single source of information where you can find:

- any updated policy
- the new mechanism to report an alleged incident of Sexual Misconduct and/or Harassment
- information on the support on offer to students, staff and visitors of the University
- new training to raise awareness of how we are responding and expected conduct on campus.

To find out more, visit [our website](#) which will be regularly updated and reviewed by the relevant University teams. Please note, the reporting form is specifically for Sexual Misconduct and Harassment. For details on how to report other types of concerns, please refer to the Safeguarding and Complaints Policies.

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