



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

NOTIFICATION

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Sub: Academic & Non Academic Disciplinary Rules

The Academic Council in its meeting (2010/1st) held on 18th June, 2010 has approved the proposed guidelines for academic and non academic disciplinary rules. The approved guidelines are given below:

General Guidelines

The students joining the institute are expected to have a strong sense of ethics and discipline. While it is not possible to list all possible violations of rules, the following gives a list of codes which the students are expected to follow and consequences of not adhering to the same.

Each student shall conduct himself, both within and outside the campus of the Institute, in a manner befitting a student of a National importance. No student is expected to indulge in any activity which tends to bring down the prestige of the Institute. Each student shall due respect and courtesy to the teachers, administrators, officers and employees of the Institute; and , good neighborly behavior to fellow students. They should also pay due attention and courtesy to the visitors and residents of the campus.

Lack of courtesy and decorum; becoming conduct (both within and outside the Institute); willful damage or removal of Institute property or belongings of a fellow student; disturbing fellow students in their studies; adoption of unfair means during examinations; breach of rules and regulations of the Institute; noisy and unseemly behavior and similar other undesirable activities shall constitute violation of the discipline rules for students.

The Disciplinary Action Committee for Students (DACS) will consider all complaints of allegations against students received from appropriate authorities such as the instructor of a course, the coordinator of a school, a warden or may suo moto take up issues which comes to its notice. The Director of the Institute and the Faculty in Charge (Academic Affairs) may also refer cases involving women students, where a complaint has been lodged with the Women's Cell of the Institute. The committee will be empowered to consider violation of Academic as well as Non-Academic Honour Code.

The committee (DACS) will work on the principles of natural justice and give an opportunity to the accused to tell his/her side story and examine any relevant witness. Based on its conclusion and depending on the gravity of misconduct, the DACS can recommend to the Director any (or a combination) of the following punishments:

1. Reprimand/ Warning
2. Disciplinary probation
3. Fine
4. Discontinuation of Scholarship for a fixed period.
5. Removal from the Hostel either for a fixed duration or permanently
6. Suspension from the Institute for periods ranging from one semester to one academic year.
7. Expulsion from the institute.
8. Any other punishment as deemed fit by the DACS.

The Director will be the authority for imposing the penalty based on the recommendation of the DACS. The Director may accept the recommendation of the DACS, reduce or enhance the proposed punishment as deemed fit.

Academic Discipline

All students of the institute are required to give an undertaking at the time of admission:

- A. That they will neither receive nor give any aid in examination,
- B. That they will not give or receive any aid in class work, that is to be used by the instructor as a basis for grading.
- C. That they will do their share and take an active part with others and uphold the spirit & letter of the honour code.

Violation of honour code will be a basis for disciplinary action. Few examples of such violation are,

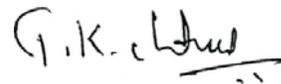
1. Copying or allowing another student to copy in an examination, cheating in an examination or test also fabrication of data and/or fabrication of result in a laboratory experiment;
2. Forbidden collaboration;
3. Engaging in plagiarism or assisting a fellow student in plagiarizing;
4. Revising and resubmitting a quiz or a test paper for reevaluation;
5. Giving or receiving aid in a home assignment;
6. Representing as one's own work, the work of another person;
7. Misrepresentation of facts to the institute authorities on academic matter for admission or for gaining financial assistance.

A student found copying in an examination hall may be expelled from the examination by the in-charge of invigilation. In such a case the recommendation of the instructor that the student may be given an FR grade in the course will generally be accepted. The instructor, if the situation so demand reports the incident for further disciplinary action. Plagiarism in writing reports or in publication is viewed seriously and may result in expulsion from the institute.

Non-Academic Discipline

The following actions are examples of non- academic indiscipline. The list is not exhaustive but will include other acts which may be reasonably assumed by any right thinking person to interpret as unacceptable behavior.

1. On joining the institute each student will give an undertaking that he/she will not have with him/her any motorized vehicle in the institute or the hostel.
2. Students are strictly forbidden to undertake any political activity or engage in activities which cause tension based on religion or caste. Participating in demonstrations and rallies except when explicitly permitted by the institute will constitute indiscipline.
3. Ragging of all forms is banned. Engaging in ragging may result in summary expulsion from the institute.
4. Harassment, coercion or intimidation of any student or employee of the institute is unacceptable. This includes behavior that is rude or abusive or harassment based on personal characteristics such as gender, caste, ethnicity, religion, disability, age etc.
5. Harassment or women students or women employees is prohibited under law. Violations may be reported to the Women's Cell of the institute which is empowered to act as a disciplinary committee.
6. Unauthorized or improper use of institutes services, equipment, library (such as theft or purposely hoarding or hiding library books or journals) or laboratory facilities including computers and internet (such as downloading pornography) are punishable offences.
7. Consumption of alcohol or drugs of any form (except prescribed medicinal drugs) are strictly prohibited within the institute or hostel premises.
8. Unruly behavior during sports, cultural events, whether within the institute or outside is unacceptable.
9. Hostels will formulate rules for inmates which have to be adhered to. Visits by members of opposite sex will be restricted to visitors rooms in the hostel except for parents who may be permitted by the warden to go to students rooms.



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