Student Code of Conduct

Intent
1. To provide students with University guidelines to identify and resolve issues of ethical conduct that may arise in the course of their studies while attending James Cook University Singapore.

Scope
2. All James Cook University Singapore Students.

Definitions
3. A “student” is defined as any person who is admitted, enrolled, or registered for study at James Cook University Singapore for any academic period.

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Preamble
5. As a widely respected tertiary institution, James Cook University Singapore is dedicated to cultivating academic and personal excellence in a way which is inclusive and supportive, where communal values, dignity and rights of each person are respected.
6. This Code of Conduct is intended to guide students’ conduct in all aspects of their University life. It provides an overview of the behavior generally expected of them as members of the University community. The code is intended as a broad framework and should not be treated as an exhaustive list.
7. Students who contravene this code of conduct may be subjected to sanction as determined by the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of Campus Singapore. Such sanction will range from a formal warning to suspension or dismissal from their course.
8. This Code of Student Conduct is based on the following principles:
   a. Respect for students and staff
   b. Compliance with the law and with University policies and procedures
   c. Maintaining the campus as a safe and secure place.
Respect for students and staff

9. The University encourages students to display consideration and responsibility in their dealings with other students and staff. Students should not engage in any kind of disorderly or offensive behavior including but not limited to threats, intimidation, harassment or drunkenness.

10. Students should refrain from participating in any activity which physically or mentally harms, humiliates other students or their dignity as an individual. Specifically bullying and any form of verbal or physical abuse against a staff member or a student will not be tolerated and may result in an immediate sanction.

General Harassment

11. Harassment is intentional harm characterized as any action, expression, or other behavior that seeks to oppress or to convey hatred, contempt or ridicule, based upon such characteristics as race, gender, ethnicity, physical disability, or sexual orientation of individuals; and the effect of which is to degrade, humiliate or deny a person or persons the full and free exercise of their rights or privileges, or creating an intimidating or hostile environment. These behaviors are not acceptable.

Sexual Harassment

12. Sexual harassment, in addition to general harassment, includes unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors in return for academic or other individual benefit, and other conduct of a sexual or gender related nature which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's performance or create an intimidating or hostile environment and are unacceptable.

Online Behavior

13. Students are expected to adhere to the same standards of behavior online as they would in face-to-face interactions. They should note irresponsible usage of digital and social media, even if done in a personal capacity on or off campus, may have a significant detrimental effect on the interest or welfare of others.

14. Students should be mindful that materials posted online can be copied freely and can continue to exist even if the original item is removed. They should therefore strive to be transparent and respectful; exercise good judgment and at all times engage with the University in a responsible manner.

Religious and Political Activities

15. As a secular institution, the University is committed to maintaining harmony among the multi-ethnic and multi-religious communities on campus. Students are expected to be respectful towards the religious beliefs, customs, and sensitivities of others. They should also not impinge on or disparage other faiths.

16. As an educational institution, the University is committed to providing a forum for the exploration and discussion of a diversity of ideas and opinions, including political and social-political issues. Therefore students are free to express their views and opinions on campus, but must to bear in mind the need to act in accordance with accepted scholarly and professional standards and the laws of the Singapore.
Compliance with the law and with University policies and procedures

The laws of Singapore and other Jurisdictions

17. Students are obliged to observe and uphold the laws of Singapore and of any other jurisdictions which they may visit from time to time as students of the university. It is a student responsibility to acquaint themselves with relevant legislation both in Singapore and in any country, they intend to visit either on university or personal business.

Campus Policies and Procedures.

18. The university has in place a set of policies and procedures which ensure the orderly and efficient operation of the campus. Students need to be familiar with these policies and procedures and ensure that all interactions with staff are in accord with them.

Smoking in Campus

19. Students are particularly reminded that the University believes in providing a healthy environment for everyone on campus and therefore discourages smoking both on and off the campus. A designated smoking area has been provided for students who must smoke. This area is strictly the only place where smoking is permitted.

University Records

20. Students should refrain from any misuse of University records and forms or any documents through forgery, unauthorized alteration, reproduction, or any other means.

Students Documents

21. They should not submit any false information includes Education Certificate, Transcript, Medical Certificate and other official documents to the University. All submitted document shall not possess any fake, altered, or any other identification that belongs to another person and attempt to perpetrate a fraud against the University.

Disciplinary Issues

22. Disciplinary issues for non-academic matters procedure will oversee matters which are non-academic in nature. For serious offences, the Campus Head will chair the committee while other minor offences will be chaired by the Chief Operating Officer. The Chief Operating Officer will, at his discretion, determine if an disciplinary issue warrants to be escalated to the Campus Head.

Maintaining the Campus as a safe and secure place

Safety and Security

23. The James Cook University Singapore campus is managed and maintained to ensure a safe and secure place conducive to student learning. For security reasons, students must be readily identifiable and have their Student ID on them at all times. Acts of vandalism or theft of any kind will not be tolerated and legal action will be taken against any student undertaking such actions. Students are required to comply with the lawful direction of any staff member or security personnel.

24. Motorized and non-motorized vehicles including bikes, e-scooters, skateboards, hoover boards etc., cannot be ridden within the University grounds. Equipment can be stored at the cycle racks located on the campus by students and staff at their own risk.
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