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Student Rights and Responsibilities Charter

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This Charter establishes the rights and responsibilities of all students enrolled at the American University of Iraq – Baghdad (AUIB). It reflects AUIB’s mission to foster academic excellence, ethical behavior, mutual respect, and cultural understanding. The Charter affirms AUIB’s commitment to fairness, integrity, and due process while promoting a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment.

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 This Charter applies to all AUIB students in all academic and co-curricular settings— whether on campus, off campus, online, or during any university-sponsored event.

3.0 Policy

The following guiding principles, student rights, and responsibilities underpin this Charter.

- 3.1 Guiding Principles
- 3.1.1 Academic Integrity - Upholding honesty, fairness, and responsibility in all academic work.
 - 3.1.2 Respect for Others- Treating peers, faculty, staff, and visitors with dignity, professionalism, and respect for diversity.
 - 3.1.3 Cultural Sensitivity- Respecting local cultural norms and legal expectations, alongside the University’s American liberal arts values.
 - 3.1.4 Personal Responsibility- Accepting accountability for one’s actions, decisions, and their consequences.
 - 3.1.5 Community Well-Being- Contributing positively to the university community and safeguarding the rights and well-being of others.
- 3.2 Student Rights
- The University affirms that students, as members of the academic community, are entitled to the following rights:
- 3.2.1 Academic Rights
 - 3.2.2 The right to pursue education free from discrimination or unfair treatment.
 - 3.2.3 The right to receive clear syllabi, grading criteria, and feedback on academic performance.
 - 3.2.4 The right to due process in cases of alleged academic misconduct.
- 3.3 Freedom of Expression and Association
- 3.3.1 The right to express opinions and ideas respectfully within the bounds of university policies and local law.
 - 3.3.2 The right to form and join student organizations consistent with the University’s and Iraqi regulations.
- 3.4 Right to Privacy
- 3.4.1 The right to privacy in personal and academic records, protected in accordance with applicable laws.
 - 3.4.2 The right to secure and confidential handling of student disciplinary matters.
- 3.5 Right to Fair Treatment
- 3.5.1 The right to be treated with dignity and respect by peers, faculty, staff, and administration.
 - 3.5.2 The right to impartial investigation and hearing in disciplinary matters.



- 3.5.3 The right to appeal disciplinary decisions through established procedures.
- 3.6 Right to Safety and Well-Being
 - 3.6.1 The right to a learning environment free from harassment, intimidation, or harm.
 - 3.6.2 The right to access student support services, including advising, counseling, and health services.
- 3.7 Student Responsibilities
 - 3.7.1 Academic Integrity
 - 3.7.2 Students must not engage in plagiarism, dishonest use of AI, cheating, unauthorized collaboration, falsification of data, or any form of academic dishonesty.
 - 3.7.3 Students are expected to uphold the University's policies on citations, examinations, and research ethics.
- 3.8 Respect for Persons
 - 3.8.1 Discrimination, harassment, bullying, or threatening behavior of any kind is prohibited.
 - 3.8.2 Respect must be given to diversity of thought, religion, and cultural practice.
 - 3.8.3 Sexual harassment or misconduct is strictly forbidden.
- 3.9 Respect for Property
 - 3.9.1 Theft, vandalism, misuse, or damage to university property or the property of others will not be tolerated.
 - 3.9.2 Students are expected to care for university facilities, classrooms, housing, and equipment.
- 3.10 Compliance with Laws and Regulations
 - 3.10.1 Students must comply with the laws of Iraq as well as university regulations.
 - 3.10.2 The use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs or substances is strictly prohibited.
 - 3.10.3 Alcohol use will follow both the laws of Iraq and the university policy.
- 3.11 Use of Technology and Communication
 - 3.11.1 Misuse of university IT systems, including hacking, unauthorized access, or spreading harmful content, is prohibited.
 - 3.11.2 Students must respect academic and personal privacy when using online platforms.
 - 3.11.3 Cyberbullying or dissemination of inappropriate content is strictly forbidden.
- 3.12 Classroom and Campus Behavior
 - 3.12.1 Students must conduct themselves in ways that support teaching, learning, and academic discussion.
 - 3.12.2 Disruptive, disrespectful, or disorderly conduct will result in disciplinary action.
 - 3.12.3 Dress and behavior should be appropriate to both University standards and cultural norms.
- 3.13 Student Organizations and Activities
 - 3.13.1 Student clubs and organizations must operate within university policies and respect cultural/legal contexts.
 - 3.13.2 Events must receive prior approval from the Student Affairs Office.

4.0 Procedures

- 4.1 Alleged violations of this Charter will be addressed through the relevant university policies and procedures. AUIB ensures fairness, impartiality, and transparency in all disciplinary and grievance processes. Specific procedures are detailed in the following documents:
 - 4.1.1 Non-Academic Student Code of Conduct – Defines behavioral standards and disciplinary procedures.
 - 4.1.2 Non-Academic Student Misconduct – Outlines procedures for non-academic violations, reporting, and appeals.
 - 4.1.3 Students' Academic Integrity and Misconduct – Governs academic honesty and associated sanctions.

Related Policies and Documents

Non-Academic Student Code of Conduct
Non-Academic Student Misconduct
Students' Academic Integrity and Misconduct

Approval Signatures

Signature of Policy Owner: _____
Date:

Signature of Project Chair: _____
Date:

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