

**Classification:** Student Affairs

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**Responsible Authority:** Vice President of Student Affairs

**Implementing Authority:** Enrollment Services and Student Affairs

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## ***Student Conduct and Community Standards Policy***

### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The American University of Iraq – Baghdad (AUIB) is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and inclusive academic environment that supports learning, personal development, and community engagement.
- 1.2 This policy establishes the standards of conduct expected from students and outlines the procedures for addressing violations of these standards.
- 1.3 The Student Conduct system is designed to be educational and developmental while ensuring fairness, accountability, and due process.

### **2.0 Scope**

- 2.1 This policy applies to all AUIB students.
- 2.2 The policy applies to conduct occurring:
  - On university premises
  - During university-sponsored activities or events
  - In online environments related to university activities
  - Off campus when the conduct affects the university community or reputation.

### **3.0 Definitions**

- 3.1 Student  
Any individual currently enrolled in courses or academic programs at AUIB.
- 3.2 Misconduct  
Behavior that violates university policies, regulations, or community standards.
- 3.3 Student Affairs  
The administrative office responsible for implementing student conduct procedures.
- 3.4 Sanctions  
Disciplinary actions imposed when a violation of this policy is confirmed.

### **4.0 Policy**

- 4.1 Behavioral Expectations  
Students are expected to:
  - Act with honesty, integrity, and respect toward others.
  - Follow university policies and applicable laws.
  - Maintain a respectful learning environment.
  - Contribute positively to the university community.
  - Students are responsible for their conduct both individually and collectively.
- 4.2 Prohibited Conduct  
Violations of this policy include, but are not limited to:
  - 4.2.1 Harassment or Bullying  
Engaging in behavior that intimidates, threatens, or harms another individual physically, verbally, or online.



- 4.2.2 Discrimination  
Treating others unfairly based on race, religion, gender, nationality, disability, or other protected characteristics.
- 4.2.3 Disruption of University Activities  
Behavior that interferes with teaching, research, administrative operations, or university events.
- 4.2.4 Dishonesty and Misrepresentation  
Including but not limited to:
  - Forging documents
  - Providing false information
  - Misrepresenting identity
  - Bribery or fraud.
- 4.2.5 Misuse of University Property  
Unauthorized use, damage, or theft of university property or resources.
- 4.2.6 Cyber Misconduct  
Harassment, threats, or inappropriate communication through digital platforms.
- 4.3 Drugs and Alcohol
  - 4.3.1 The possession, use, manufacture, distribution, or sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances on university property or at university events is strictly prohibited.
  - 4.3.2 The possession or consumption of alcohol on university premises is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the university.
  - 4.3.3 Misuse of prescription medication is considered a violation of this policy.
  - 4.3.4 Violations may result in disciplinary action and may also be referred to relevant legal authorities.
- 4.4 Dress Expectations  
Students are expected to maintain a respectful and culturally appropriate appearance while on campus.  
Guidelines include:
  - Clothing should be clean and modest.
  - Offensive or discriminatory images or messages on clothing are not permitted.
  - Clothing that exposes the midriff, excessive cleavage, or transparent clothing are not permitted.
  - Shorts, strapless clothing, or attire deemed inappropriate for the academic environment are not permitted except in designated sports areas.
  - Exceptions may be permitted for religious or cultural attire or approved university activities.
- 4.5 Reporting Misconduct  
Any member of the university community may report alleged misconduct to the Office of Student Affairs.  
Reports may include:
  - Written complaints
  - Incident reports
  - Witness statements
  - Supporting evidence.
- 4.6 Student Conduct Process
  - 4.6.1 Alleged violations of this policy will be handled in accordance with the AUIB Student Discipline Procedures established by the Office of Student Affairs and aligned with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR) Instructions for Student Discipline.
  - 4.6.2 Student misconduct cases are categorized as either:



- Academic Misconduct, handled by the relevant College and Academic Affairs; or
  - Non-Academic Misconduct, handled by the Office of Student Affairs.
- 4.6.3 Reports of misconduct may be submitted by any member of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, or campus security.
- 4.6.4 Upon receipt of a report, the office responsible will review the complaint and determine the appropriate course of action.
- 4.7 Informal Resolution (Non-Academic Cases Only)  
Where appropriate, Student Affairs may attempt an informal or educational resolution prior to initiating formal disciplinary proceedings.  
This may include:
- Conduct meetings
  - Mediation between students
  - Educational guidance or corrective measures.
  - If the matter cannot be resolved informally, it will proceed to the formal disciplinary process.
- 4.8 Formal Disciplinary Process  
Formal disciplinary matters shall be reviewed by a Disciplinary Committee established in accordance with university policies and MOHESR regulations.  
The committee will:
- Review evidence and documentation
  - Hear statements from involved parties
  - Ensure fairness and due process
  - Provide recommendations regarding disciplinary action.
- 4.9 Sanctions  
Where a violation is confirmed, disciplinary sanctions may include:
- Verbal or written warning
  - Educational interventions
  - Disciplinary probation
  - Suspension
  - Expulsion
- The severity of the violation and recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee will be determined based on the severity of the violation and recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.10 Appeals  
Students have the right to appeal disciplinary decisions in accordance with the AUIB Student Discipline Procedures.  
Appeals will be reviewed by the appropriate authority:
- Dean of the College for academic misconduct cases
  - Vice President of Enrollment Services & Student Affairs (VPESSA) for non-academic misconduct cases.

## **Related Policies**

Student Rights and Responsibilities Charter

Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Equal Opportunity Policy

Student Grievance and Complaint Resolution Policy