

# Code of Student Conduct

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This Code of Student Conduct describes the expectations for student behaviour and the procedures the University uses when students' behaviour is not acceptable. The Code describes what is considered to be unacceptable behaviour towards other people, towards property and towards the University.

This Code defines the types of unacceptable behaviour that will amount to a breach of the General Regulations. The University will treat any unacceptable behaviour seriously. The University will use this code when assessing the severity of acts, but each allegation will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the act, the circumstances in which it was committed, and whether the student has committed other breaches of the regulations. A range of unacceptable behaviours is listed only as examples, and the University can consider other unacceptable behaviour as breaches of the General Regulations.

The sanctions described in this Code have been included as examples, and the options available to Disciplinary Officers and the Board of Discipline are described in detail in the Ordinance for Student Discipline.

Examples of sanctions include:

- Expulsion,
- Suspension/Exclusion,
- Restrictions/Conditions (including a requirement to make good the damage caused, if relevant),
- Formal Warning,
- Withhold a student's degree, diploma or other qualification (in the case of unpaid academic fees).

## People

Disciplinary Offence	Examples Of Unacceptable Behaviour
Physical Misconduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Punching [5]</li><li>• Kicking [5]</li><li>• Slapping [5]</li><li>• Pulling hair [5]</li><li>• Biting [5]</li><li>• Spitting [5]</li></ul>
Sexual Misconduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sexual intercourse or engaging in a sexual act without consent [5]</li><li>• Attempting to engage in sexual intercourse or attempting to engage in a sexual act without consent [5]</li><li>• Sharing private sexual materials of another person without consent [5]</li><li>• Kissing without consent [5]</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touching inappropriately through clothes without consent [5]</li> <li>• Inappropriately showing sexual organs to another person [5]</li> <li>• Repeatedly following another person without good reason [5]</li> <li>• Making unwanted remarks of a sexual nature [5]</li> </ul>
Abusive Behaviour-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threats to hurt another person [5]</li> <li>• Abusive comments relating to an individual's sex, sexual orientation, religion or belief, race, pregnancy/maternity, marriage/civil partnership, gender reassignment, disability or age [5]</li> <li>• Acting in an intimidating and hostile manner [5]</li> </ul>
Abusive Behaviour-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of inappropriate language [5]</li> <li>• Repeatedly contacting another person (by phone, email, text or on social networking sites) against the wishes of the other person [5 and/or 50]</li> </ul>

## Property

<b>Disciplinary Offence</b>	<b>Examples Of Unacceptable Behaviour</b>
Damage To Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causing damage to University property or the property of students or employees of the University or visitors to the University [5]</li> </ul>
Unauthorised Taking Or Use Of Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unauthorised entry onto or unauthorised use of University premises [5]</li> <li>• Taking property belonging to another without permission [5]</li> </ul>
Causing A Health Or Safety Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act/omission that did cause or could have caused serious harm on University premises or during University activities (for example, disabling fire extinguishers or possessing/supplying controlled drugs) [38]</li> </ul>

## The University

<b>Disciplinary Offence</b>	<b>Examples Of Unacceptable Behaviour</b>
Operational Obstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acts/omissions/statements intended to deceive the University [5]</li> <li>• Disruption of the activities of the University (including academic, administrative, sporting and social) on University premises or elsewhere [10]</li> <li>• Disruption of the functions, duties or activities of any student or employee of the University or any authorised visitor to the University [10]</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not carrying ID, using another's ID or allowing someone to use ID [6]</li> <li>• Breaching the Halls Rules of Residence [1, 33, 35]</li> </ul>
Reputational Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour which has caused damage or could have caused damage to the reputation of the University [5]</li> <li>• Breaching confidentiality by releasing information from External Examiner reports [13]</li> </ul>
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to pay academic fees [36]</li> </ul>
Site rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to report relevant convictions [14]</li> <li>• Driving: Failure to abide by site speed limits [43]</li> <li>• Consumption of alcohol on unlicensed areas or outside the terms of an agreement [46]</li> <li>• Bringing animals onto University premises, except assistance dogs [47]</li> <li>• Failure to maintain confidentiality (other than whistleblowing)</li> <li>• Failure to inform the University of an invention or discovery [53]</li> <li>• Failure to follow Library rules [55]</li> <li>• Copyright infringements [64]</li> <li>• Smoking except in agreed designated smoking areas [12]</li> </ul>

#### Notes:

- A person consents if he/she agrees by choice and has the freedom and capacity to make that choice.
- The numbers in square brackets [] are cross-references to the General Regulations for all Students.
- Restrictions/Conditions can include a fine.

The Code must be read with other documents that describe expected student conduct:

- General Regulations for all Students
- The Unfair Practice Procedure
- Fitness to Study Procedure
- Section or School rules (for example, Halls of Residence Conditions)
- Suitability/Fitness to Practise for students leading to professional accreditation (available from academic schools)

If a student does not fulfil the expectations of this Code, the allegations will be considered as breaches of the General Regulations for all Students and will be investigated under the Ordinance for Student Discipline. If the student is on a programme where there is a suitability/fitness to study procedure, allegations may be considered under those procedures rather than the University's Ordinance. If a student's behaviour causes significant concern and/or presents a risk of harm to themselves or others, the concerns will be investigated under the Fitness to Study Procedure and/or the Ordinance.

Students who are under investigation, or who have raised concerns, are advised to seek support from their Personal Tutor, Senior Tutor, Student Support Services, or Students' Union.

If the student, or person acting on a student's behalf, believes that an incident constitutes a criminal offence, the student must carefully consider, whether or not a criminal offence has been committed, whether to report the incident to the Police and/or to the University. Students should be aware that

- If an incident is reported to the Police and the University, then consideration of the incident by the University may be deferred until the Police investigation has been completed.
- If an incident is reported to the University, the University will only consider whether a breach of the University's regulations has occurred and will only impose penalties as permitted by the Ordinance.

The Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education (OIA) runs an independent scheme to review student complaints. Bangor University is a member of this scheme. If you are unhappy with the outcome from Bangor University, you may be able to ask the OIA to review your case. You can find more information about making a complaint to the OIA, what it can and cannot look at and what it can do to put things right here:

<https://www.oiahe.org.uk/students>.

You normally need to have completed this procedure before you complain to the OIA. Bangor University will send you a letter called a 'Completion of Procedures Letter' when you have reached the end of these processes and there are no further steps you can take internally. If your complaint/appeal is not upheld, Bangor University will issue you with a Completion of Procedures Letter automatically. If your complaint/appeal is upheld or partly upheld you can still ask for a Completion of Procedures Letter from Bangor University if you want one. You can find more information about Completion of Procedures Letters and when you should expect to receive one here: <https://www.oiahe.org.uk/providers/completion-of-procedures-letters>.

To bring a complaint to the OIA, you need to submit a completed OIA Complaint Form within 12 months of the date of Bangor University's final decision (usually the date of the Completion of Procedures Letter), and you will normally need to send the OIA your Completion of Procedures Letter.