

## REGULATIONS OF THE AFRICAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABUJA

## 1.0 STUDENT HONOR CODE AND STUDENT CONDUCT CODE: PHILOSOPHY AND DEFINITIONS

## **PHILOSOPHY**

The African University of Science and Technology, Abuja is an institution which encourages the intellectual and personal growth of its students as scholars and citizens. As an educational institution, the University recognizes that the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, and the development of individuals requires the free exchange of ideas on any subject whether or not controversial, self-expression, and the challenging of beliefs and customs. The University also endeavors to teach students to communicate effectively in all aspects of their lives and on all manners of subjects. This often (although not always) requires respectful speech and conduct. In order to maintain an environment where these goals that are critical for the University's educational mission can be achieved safely and equitably, the University requires civility, respect, and integrity in the curricular program and encourages these behaviors in other activities among all members of the student community. Students are taught to exhibit high standards of behavior and concern for others and are encouraged to live up to these standards.

The University strives to protect and guide the educational community by establishing, and requires students to adhere to, a Student Honor Code, a Student Conduct Code and a student conduct system that promote individual and social responsibility and are enforced through University regulations. Choosing to join the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja community obligates each member to a code of responsible behavior. Individuals are expected to observe the policies, rules, regulations, laws and requirements of the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja, municipalities and local government, the Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria and, when in another state

or country, that state or country's law. University regulations have been designed to protect individuals

and the campus community and create an environment conducive to achieving the academic mission of

the institution.

STUDENT HONOR CODE: ADOPTION AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

**Preamble** 

In adopting this Honor Code, the students of the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja

recognize that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community.

Students who enroll at the University commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard

of honor required by the Honor Code. Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Honor

Code is bound by honor to take corrective action. Student and faculty support are crucial to the success

of the Honor Code. The quality of an African University of Science and Technology, Abuja education is

dependent upon the community acceptance and enforcement of the Honor Code.

The Honor Pledge

We, the members of the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja community, pledge to

hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor

Code.

On all work submitted for credit by students at the African University of Science and Technology,

Abuja, the following pledge is either required or implied:

"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the Student Conduct Code is to set forth the specific authority and responsibility of the

University in maintaining social discipline, to establish guidelines which facilitate an open, just, civil

and safe campus community where the academic curricular program can flourish for all students and

where freedom of speech, safety, and University work and operations are protected in those events and

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areas open to the public that constitute open public fora. The purpose is also to outline the educational process for determining student responsibility for alleged violations of University regulations. The conduct process will follow established procedures for insuring fundamental fairness and an educational experience that facilitates the development of the individual and of the organization.

The Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code define violations, outline conduct standards and procedures, and prescribe sanctions for violations. Provisions of the Codes are contained in the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja Regulations 1.0 through 14.0.

## **Definitions**

For the purposes of the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja Regulations 1.0 through 14.0, the following definitions shall apply:

- a) "Recording" shall be defined as any recording, visual (e.g. photographs, videos), audio or both, in any medium, using any technology.
- b) "University campus" or "campus" shall be defined as those lands located in Galadimawa, Abuja occupied or controlled by the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja, along with any other educational or residential facilities occupied or controlled by the University within Galadimawa, Abuja, and any facilities or programs owned, leased, or operated by the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja, in any location in the Federal Capital Territory.
- c) "University facilities" shall be defined as all buildings and other facilities, including athletic and recreational fields, on the University campus.
- d) "University groups and organizations" shall be defined as officially constituted schools, institutes, departments, agencies and other corporate or organizational units which are a part of or operate on behalf of the University, including but not limited to other affiliated organizations and alumni organizations officially recognized by the University
- e) "University activity" or "University program" shall be defined as an event, program or activity that is hosted, sponsored or organized by any University group or organization, including but not limited to student organizations. Such activities or programs include but are not limited to coursework and other academic activities, study abroad, field trips, retreats, social events, philanthropies, and community service events.
- f) "Faculty member" shall be defined for purposes of the Student Honor Code as any member of the University community who has responsibility for classroom or other teaching activities.

- This includes but is not limited to instructors, researchers, teaching assistants, research assistants, graduate assistants, lab assistants and course tutors.
- g) "University officials" shall be defined as employees of the University, including faculty members, and other personnel, including but not limited to the administrative support staff. Student employees may be considered University officials when acting in the performance of their duties. Examples include but are not limited to event staff, resident assistants and teaching assistants.
- h) "Student" shall be defined as any person admitted, enrolled or registered for study at the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja. Persons not officially registered or enrolled for a particular term but who are eligible to enroll or have a continuing relationship with the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja are considered students.
- i) "Business day" shall be defined as Monday through Friday excluding official African University of Science and Technology, Abuja holidays.
- j) "Members of the University community" shall be defined as University officials, faculty and other employees, students, and, in connection with their participation, other individuals and entities that participate in any University activity or program.
- k) "Conduct" shall be defined to mean conduct or conduct record, or conduct process for, the Student Honor Code and/or the Student Conduct Code, as applicable.