

SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

Statement of Objectives of the Code of Conducts

The statement take this venture to state academic positions of the university, by which the stakeholders are conveyed the way university wishes to carry forward/out its academics.

1. The university will provide maximum opportunities to teachers and researchers for learning, mentoring and training towards individual and academic excellence.
2. Ensure encouragement and promotion of the practice of inclusiveness, pluralism and diversity in all its phases such as teaching, learning and researching.
3. Education, specifically university education, is cultural, social and political action and engagement. Every student, researcher or faculty who come into contact with the university shall have to understand this distinctive, inclusive, diverse and peculiar dimension of teaching-learning process.
4. An atmosphere for knowledge production, the primary objective of the university, through teaching and research shall be created and maintained; the production of knowledge is for the benefit of society and for its own sake.
5. As an institution of high stature, university shall contribute to the transformation of society, at large, and uphold the democratic ideals that are enshrined through the adoption of constitution.
6. The university is committed actively taking part in the socio-historical developmental process of society and assert its transformative and emancipatory role.
7. Encourage teaching, learning and researching the indigenous cultural patterns and knowledge system.
8. University as a formal academic institution is sensitive towards equality, freedom, democracy, autonomy, collective empowerment and violations of human dignity.
9. University, through its teaching and research, will address the local, regional and global problems particularly, poverty, environment, inequality etc.
10. At the outset, the university is designed as a place where students and teachers, together, learn think critically, cultivate criticality in approaching knowledge and practices and to prepare for life and work.

A. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

The code of conduct for students aims at stating how the university facilitate each and every student to be aware that the way the university wishes the researchers and students enjoy their life in the campus. The university ensures that the students involved in learning, research and other curricular and co-curricular activities shall be privileged to appreciate

individual freedom, in respect of other and are conscious about the ethical code of conduct towards ideal life.

I. Students of the university are:

1. Integral part of the university system in the process of knowledge production and dissemination.
2. Recognised with all privileges and rights in getting academically accommodated, especially those who need special attention, with fair and egalitarian treatment.
3. Expected to be sensitive towards egalitarian principles and mutually respecting.
4. To abstain strictly from any form of discrimination whether on gender, caste, class, religion etc. and have respect for the freedom and privileges of others.
5. Encouraged to uphold academic and personal integrity that includes but not limited to compliance with laws, rules and regulations, and other obligations.
6. To respond positively towards university's efforts in supporting and maintaining a scholarly community in which all share the common initiatives of learning and promoting the intellectual inquiry and discourses.
7. Advised to recognise and respect the academic freedom as central to all the pursuits of scholarship in the university. Researchers' contribution towards making university as a place where ideas are exchanged freely and with responsibility are highly appreciated.
8. Needed to respect university resources such as physical property, intellectual and other valuables that are used for the purpose of teaching, learning, researching and providing services from the university.
9. Demanded of maintaining positive and good relationship and remain sensitive to the needs of the local community.
10. Required to practice academic integrity, honesty and respect for intellectual activity of others and abstain from engaging in any form of academic misconduct, including plagiarism.
11. Advised to be responsible of one's own physical and psychological health, by seeking medical treatment and counselling services whenever necessary.
12. Encouraged to speak or declare about any type of disabilities (Kerala State Policy for Persons with Disabilities, 2015); and assured of all forms of positive assistance throughout their time at SSUS.
13. Recommended to maintain standards of behaviour and are expected to conduct themselves responsible and respectful in off-campus interactions.

II. Students shall:

1. Establish and maintain healthy relationships with the faculty members that are conducive to teaching and learning process.
2. Consider teaching faculties as guides, mentors and well-wishers and treat them with respect.
3. Respect the evaluations made by the faculty members and appeal in an appropriate manner if any grievances felt.
4. Make use of the provisions for students evaluating teachers, fairly.

5. Consider academic honesty as essential to the functioning of the university, as an institution of higher learning and research.
6. Keep away from any form of disrespectful behaviour that is harmful to the respectful environment.
7. Treat the academic works of others and respect them as the expression of their ideas, skill and freedom.
8. Use, protect and preserve the learning resources of all forms to be utilised for future endeavours.
9. Pursue academic studies in a meticulous, ethical and responsible manner, taking the initiatives to develop the skills and gaining proficiency required to become a successful and independent learner.
10. Follow all statutory, legal and ethical considerations while using with social media and technology.

B. RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

The university (SSUS) is very positive towards ensuring an ideal and sustainable research ecosystem. A well-balanced and thriving university research ecosystem leads to consistency, efficiency and sufficiency in research output.

1. Library is the centre of learning and researching. All are required to maintain a reading atmosphere in the library. Interests and idea of the people in research shall be given due respect and priority in the working of library as a centre of resource.
2. University ensures access to a wide variety of learning and researching resources and facilities appropriate to the respective field of study.
3. The entire academic scholarships are aimed at producing knowledge and making every one as independent and genuine learners.
4. The university shall ensure timely provisions of accurate and up-to-date information about researching, learning and teaching through workshops, seminars, symposiums, etc.
5. The core purpose of the university is to encourage research and the production of knowledge in the thrust areas. To this end, the university highly value researching, teaching and learning environment allowing students to learn their fullest potential.
6. No person shall be subject to unreasonable persuasion to become involved in research that they find unethical in relation to their personal values, beliefs or convictions.
7. Before accepting funding offers or any other assistance in research or project activities, the academic and ethical position of the organisation shall be highly prioritised.
8. Openness and dissemination of research findings in transparent, subjected to peer review and open discussions, is considered and advised as an ideal ethical practice.
9. Promotes the research activities ensuring healthy working environment, funding, mentorship and other supports so that faculties and researchers can realise their full potential and contribute in the respective fields.
10. Promotion of multiple forums (formal and informal) for faculty to exchange research ideas and remain informed about their colleagues' projects shall be encouraged.

C. UNHEALTHY PRACTICES TO BE AVOIDED BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS:

Any form of conducts prohibited or not advised by this code, but not limited to, are included in the category of unhealthy practice that invite interventions from the part of the university. In addition to these, the following forms of behaviours are strictly prohibited.

1. Any form of assaults, harassment, and endangerment, intimidation, threatening another individual/groups or infliction of physical, mental or emotional harm.
2. Destroying, defacing or damaging university property or property belonging to someone else.
3. Making false accusation or baseless allegations against any member in the university.
4. Providing any false information to the university or forging, altering or misusing any documents or records belonging to the university.
5. Indulging in any form of research and publications in violation to ethical codes and acts such as intellectual dishonesty, plagiarism, deceitful behaviours like fraudulent documentations etc.
6. Discriminatory treatment of any person based on sex, religion, caste, class or in any other forms (will invite legal actions).
7. Ragging is strictly prohibited in the campus.
8. Failing to comply with the disciplinary measures imposed.