

Student Code of Conduct

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Introduction

Upon enrolment at the University, students undertake to comply with the University's regulations and policies. These regulations and policies can be located in the

- [University Regulations \(University Regulations website\)](#) for the most up-to-date regulations,
- [University of Canterbury Calendar \(University Publications website\)](#) for historical versions of regulations,
- [Policy Library \(University Policy Library website\)](#), and
- Enrolment Handbook.

Colleges, departments, schools, and halls of residence may also establish rules and codes of practice from time to time which are relevant to their particular discipline or circumstances.

It is the responsibility of the University, its constituent parts and its accommodation providers to publish these various compliance documents in an accessible manner. It is the responsibility of students to acquaint themselves with such compliance documents.

Purpose of the Code

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to

- Restate that the laws of New Zealand apply to all members of the University community and all who visit its facilities.

- Collect in one convenient place references to University compliance documents that govern student conduct.
- Reaffirm the commitment of the University to provide a safe environment for the benefit of all staff, students and visitors to the University.
- Emphasise the obligation of the University under the [Education Act 1989 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#) to guarantee members of the University community the freedom within the law to question and test received wisdom, to put forward new ideas and to state controversial or unpopular opinions.

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Law of New Zealand

All members of the University community are bound by the laws of New Zealand. Any actual or suspected breach of the law will be referred to the appropriate authorities for investigation and action.

University Regulations and Policies

The relevant University regulations and policies governing student conduct can be found at the following locations:

- [University Regulations \(University Regulations website\)](#). Regulations in this location include but are not necessarily limited to
 - [Discipline Regulations \(University Regulations website\)](#)
 - [General Course and Examination Regulations \(University Regulations website\)](#)
 - [Parking and Traffic Statute 2003 \(University Regulations website\)](#).
- [Policy Library \(University Policy Library website\)](#). Policies in this location include but are not necessarily limited to
 - [Assessment Policy, Principles and Guidelines \(PDF, 409KB\)](#)
 - [Building Access Policy \(PDF, 148KB\)](#)
 - [Campus Drug and Alcohol Policy \(PDF, 215KB\)](#)
 - [Harassment Policy \(PDF, 128KB\)](#)
 - [IT Policy Framework \(PDF, 138KB\)](#)
 - [Smoke-free Policy \(PDF, 133KB\)](#).

The University reserves the right to amend its statutes, regulations and policies from time to time. Ignorance of University statutes, regulations and policies is not an acceptable excuse for their breach.

Special Note – UC Security

UC Security Services have the task of maintaining a safe and secure environment on campus. As such, security officers have the delegated authority to request identification, to direct any person to leave the campus, to take action necessary to resolve any situation, and for serious incidents, to direct the actions of any person on campus.

Every student is issued with an individual Canterbury Card. This card remains the property of the University and students are required to provide this identification to any officer of the University upon request.

Related Documents and Information

Legislation

- [Education Act 1989 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#)

Regulations

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Appendices

- [Appendix 1: UC Student Rights and Responsibilities Statement](#)

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Appendix 1

UC Student Rights and Responsibilities Statement

Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha, the University of Canterbury (UC), promotes a world class learning environment.

The UC student engages in academic and personal pursuits, seeks ako (learning opportunities) both inside and outside of the classroom, and contributes to a sense of belonging for every member of our diverse community. UC offers its students an array of individualised pathways leading to academic, personal and social success.

Students are free to pursue their academic interests in a university environment that balances student individual rights and collective responsibilities. Within this learning environment, the rights and responsibilities of students include but are not limited to the following:

Each student can expect from the University an environment where they have the right to

1. Safe learning conditions free from harassment (including bullying) or discrimination.
2. Appropriate management of personal information they provide to the University.
3. Be treated by the University in a respectful and equitable manner.
4. Inquire and speak freely.
5. Receive timely and regular feedback on academic progress.

Each student has the responsibility to

1. Be fully acquainted and compliant with the published regulations and policies of the University.
2. Comply with all legislative requirements.
3. Respect the rights and property of others.
4. Ensure that all information provided by the student is accurate and not misleading.
5. Attend to their own health and safety and that of others.
6. Support an environment conducive to learning and academic enquiry.
7. Be self-motivated and actively contribute to personal learning.
8. Behave in a manner that does not bring the University into disrepute.

This UC Student Rights and Responsibilities Statement seeks to provide an accessible framework for the Student Code of Conduct, which sets out University regulations and policies in more detail.