

## Student Code of Conduct

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### Kupu Whakataki | Introduction

This Code describes the standard of conduct expected of all students by the University.

This Code is founded upon the University's core values of **Whanaungatanga**, **Tiakitanga** and **Manaakitanga** and is intended to enable all students to safely engage in learning and contribute to the University's diverse and flourishing community. The Code reaffirms the commitment of the University to provide a safe environment for the benefit of all staff, students and visitors to the University.

The Code operates in conjunction with all relevant University Policies and Regulations that apply to student conduct.

The University recognises and affirms the right of all students under section 267 Education and Training Act 2020 to exercise academic freedom by questioning and testing received wisdom, putting forward new ideas, and stating controversial or unpopular opinions, within the law. This Code is not intended to decrease or limit these rights.

Conduct that is in breach of this Code may amount to misconduct under the [Behavioural Misconduct Regulations](#) or the [Academic Misconduct Regulations](#).

Information on the processes that the University will follow with respect to breaches of the Code can be found in the [Behavioural Misconduct Regulations](#), the [Academic Misconduct Regulations](#) and the [Appeals Regulations](#). See also the [Misconduct Procedures: Guide for Students](#).

### Karoahi | Scope

The University has jurisdiction over student conduct that has a sufficient nexus/connection to the legitimate interests or concerns of the University ([Behavioural Misconduct](#)

[Regulations](#)). All such student conduct, whether on or off campus, online or via other electronic media, must be compliant with this Code and any other relevant University Policies and Regulations.

## Ngā Uara | Values

This Code gives effect to Ngā Uara | Our Values of **Whanaungatanga**, **Tiakitanga** and **Manaakitanga**, and the attributes that underpin them:

**Whanaungatanga** - He mana tō te tangata - We value people and their differences. This means that we acknowledge individual differences but aim to work collaboratively and build relationships with one another.

**Tiakitanga** - He kaitiaki tātou katoa - We will enhance and nurture our resources. This means that we cherish and protect our resources (both tangible and intangible) and strive to be good human beings who do the best we can.

**Manaakitanga** - Kia aroha ki te tangata - We extend care and empower others. This means that we act with care, compassion, respect, kindness and generosity and strive to uplift people's wellbeing, sense of connection and belonging.

Underpinning our values are the attributes of:

**Tika** - doing what is right, being professional and maintaining high standards

**Pono** - being honest, truthful and acting with integrity

**Aroha** - being respectful, responsive and empathetic

Students must act in a manner that is consistent with our values and the attributes that underpin them.

## Tikanga Whanonga | Student Code of Conduct

In order to give effect to our values and the attributes that underpin them:

- Students must not bully, harass (including sexually or racially) or discriminate against others.
- Students must not physically assault others or threaten to engage in such behaviour.
- Students must not engage in behaviour that is aggressive or violent and could reasonably be expected to make others feel unsafe.
- Students must not engage in harmful sexual behaviour against others.
- Students must not engage in threatening, intimidating, or abusive conduct towards University staff.
- Students must not induce others to participate in activities that are degrading, dangerous or unlawful as part of those others joining or participating in a group.

- Students must take reasonable care for their own health, safety and wellbeing and that of others who may be affected by their conduct.
- Students must not wrongfully interfere with, misuse, damage, take or convert to their own use any property or equipment of the University, other organisations or others.
- Students must not enter or remain in University buildings or facilities that they are not entitled to enter or remain in.
- Students must act honestly, conscientiously, reasonably and in good faith in their dealings with the University.
- Students must not wrongfully engage in conduct that unfairly advantages themselves or others or unfairly disadvantages others.
- Students must not provide information to the University that is inaccurate or misleading.
- Students must not impede or disrupt University teaching, learning, research or assessment.
- Students must not engage in conduct that is in breach of academic integrity.
- Students must actively contribute to their learning and make a reasonable effort to fulfil course requirements.
- Students must not infringe the intellectual property rights of the University or others.
- Students must not behave in a manner that brings the University into disrepute.
- Students must comply with the reasonable directions of University staff, including UC Security staff.
- Students must disclose their name and student number to University staff upon reasonable request.
- 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 a staff member of the University upon request.
- Students must comply with this Code, University Regulations, Policies and Procedures, and New Zealand law.
- Students must not assist, encourage or incite others to engage in conduct that would breach this Code, University Regulations, Policies and Procedures, and New Zealand law.

## He kōrero anō | Related Documents and Information

### Whakaturetanga | Legislation

- [Education and Training Act 2020 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#)
- [The Education \(Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners\) Code of Practice 2021](#)
- [Human Rights Act](#)
- [Privacy Act](#)

### Ngā Waeture | UC Regulations

The relevant University regulations governing student conduct can be found at [University Regulations \(University Regulations website\)](#). Regulations in this location include but are not necessarily limited to:

- [Academic Misconduct Regulations](#)
- [Behavioural Misconduct Regulations](#)

## Te Pātaka Kaupapa Here | UC Policy Library

[Policy Library \(University Policy Library website\)](#). Policies in this location include but are not necessarily limited to:

- [Assessment Policy and Principles](#)
- [Building Access Policy](#)
- [Campus Drug and Alcohol Policy](#)
- [Copyright Policy](#)
- [Critic and Conscience of Society and Academic Freedom Principles and Policy](#)
- [Disability and Impairment Policy](#)
- [Drones Policy](#)
- [Drug and Alcohol Testing for Construction Sites: Policy and Procedures](#)
- [Equity and Diversity Policy](#)
- [Event Management Policy](#)
- [Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Human Research Ethics Policy](#)
- [Intellectual Property Policy](#)
- [Internet Use Policy](#)
- [IT Policy Framework](#)
- [Library Access and Borrowing Policy](#)
- [Lecture Recording Policy](#)
- [Parking and Traffic Policy](#)
- [Prevention of Harassment and Bullying Policy](#)
- [Privacy Policy](#)
- [Research Conduct Policy](#)
- [Smoke-free Policy](#)
- [Social Media Policy](#)
- [Student Printing Services Policy](#)

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.

## Te Pae Tukutuku me te Ipurangiroto o UC | UC Website and Intranet

- [Academic Integrity \(University website\)](#)
- [Publications \(University Publications website\)](#)

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