

## **Faculty of Social Sciences General Code of Conduct**

### **Preamble**

This code has been generated in line with what is believed to be staff and students' general perceptions on what may or may not be considered appropriate conduct, and has been formulated through constant consultation with representatives of the relevant groups. This has been done in recognition of the fact that the faculty and its environs should be associated or seen as being synonymous with activities that uphold the university's, and by extensions its faculties', mandate towards the expansion and promotion of pursuits of an academic nature; and that as such persons therein should aspire to conduct themselves in a manner that is reflective of this, and that may be otherwise considered socially acceptable. The code therefore offers a formal indication of appropriate and/or acceptable behaviour and contains elements which may be considered prescriptive in nature. Therefore, wholesale and/or blatant disregard for the stipulations made herein may result in the application of disciplinary action.

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1. Areas surrounding lecture rooms and offices are designated quiet zones. Students shall therefore refrain from engaging in loud conversation or any other noise-generating activity that may cause disturbance. This includes, but is not restricted to singing, recitations, preaching, loud praying, the use of noise-emitting electronic equipment (i.e. radios, phones, etc.), and romping and playing of physical games (e.g. scrummage). Persons are also to refrain from the use of violent and offensive language.
2. The faculty's space shall be considered as meant for activities of an academic nature. The facilities provided therein should therefore be utilized appropriately and in their rightful fashion.
3. Persons shall refrain from engaging in behaviour not suited for the Faculty's space, this being inclusive of the restrooms. This includes, but is not limited to lying down or sleeping on the furniture, public grooming, and the playing of games such as cards, dominoes and other such board games. Persons shall also refrain from engaging in any activity which amounts to an inappropriate public display of affection.
4. Persons shall refrain from lingering or congregating along designated pathways in a manner that may obstruct free movement along them. This includes the sitting on of stairs and railings. Additionally, persons shall avoid walking in or through gardens and related lawns. There shall also be no riding on the pathways, except in the case of disabled persons who utilize mobility aids.
5. Persons are not to remove furniture from their prescribed locations. This includes removing chairs and/or tables from classrooms, benches from usual positions, etc. An exception may be made in the case where the movement of furniture is necessary to facilitate the instructional programme/process, so long as the furniture is replaced in its original position thereafter.
6. Persons, in adhering to this General Code of Conduct, shall also be careful to abide by the stipulations of other such Faculty guidelines/policies. These include, but are not limited to the Faculty's Code of Conduct for Instructional Sessions, as well as the Faculty's Notice Posting Policy.