



NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY

Code of Conduct for Students

A learner of NSOU has the following Duties and Responsibilities...

1. Academic Integrity

NSOU as a NAAC 'A' accredited SOU in Eastern India values its academic integrity and is committed to fostering an intellectual and ethical environment based on its underlying principles. Honesty, accountability, and awareness of ethical standards for learning, assessments, cultural exchange, social interactions, research, and scholarships are all components that encompass academic integrity. The university upholds the belief that in all aspects of academics, the ideas, as well as contributions of all stakeholders, must be duly acknowledged and appreciated. Failure to uphold these principles of academic integrity threatens both university's reputation and the value of the degrees awarded to its learner.

Every learner must ethically treat all other learners, respecting their integrity and right to pursue their educational goals without any intrusion. In case any learner fails to adhere to the standards as above, disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by the authority.

2. Enhance your Learning Curve

The learning curve is the rate of one's progress in gaining new skills or academic accolades. To enhance your learning curve:

- Collect correct information from university-approved sources and may share among fellow learners for academic interests.
- Prepare together as an opportune and help each other to achieve academic goals.
- Expand the knowledge base optimally using the LMS and other student support services.
- Request and accept feedback and appreciation from university faculties for actual assessment of your progress.

3. A learner's life during the course of Study

During the course of study and till the end of the programme, a learner is expected to attend the counselling sessions (PCP), participate in laboratory counselling (LCES), gather information in the library, attend field trips, student seminars and get involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Student life at the university is considered one of the most memorable years of one's life.

4. Improve your Work Habits

The university urges that the learners to cultivate and exhibit good work habits and improve upon them. Habits such as being prepared for PCP and being participative in them, meeting performance standards, having necessary Self Learning materials, completing assignments, projects/dissertations, renewal etc. on time.

5. Examination related: This part is referred to the Examination Regulations of the University. The learners should adhere to the code relating to the examination and assignment.

6. Have Freedom from Fear but not create fear

Learners are expected to contribute to a safe learning environment that is free from fear. Any Acts of violence, use of weapons, and contraband means on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or ability are never acceptable and are punishable with criminal proceedings

Anyone who attempts to use bullying, intimidation, ragging or stalking, to retaliate against someone who reports an incident, brings a complaint, or participates in an investigation will be in violation of retaliation as described within this code of conduct and will be subject to disciplinary action.

7. Theft, Vandalism, or Property Damage

Theft, negligent, intentional, or accidental damage to personal or University property is prohibited, as is the possession of the stolen property. For any damage that occurs during a student event in a space for which no individual learner(s) accept(s) responsibility, the sponsoring learners and/or organizations may be held accountable for the money for replacement or repair of the damaged property and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

8. Learners' behaviours

- i. Learners are expected to familiarize themselves with the Act, policies, rules, and regulations concerning the conduct of this university and shall always respect National and international diversity as reflected in the services of the University.
- ii. Learners shall communicate with the teachers, peers and the University staff in a respectful manner both in person and online.
- iii. While interacting in Social Media, learner shall act according to the requirements of the educational programme only.
- iv. Learner shall be open to ideas and opinions and shall never resort to verbal or physical abuse of those whose beliefs or behaviours differ from mine. Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, posts, or public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, the vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to any other learner.
- v. Learners must deter from such off campus activities that may be detrimental to the university's reputation and image.

9. Violation of Local, State, or Central Govt. Law

Any violation of local, state, federal, cyber laws or international law committed by a student will lead to legal and disciplinary actions.

10. Failure to Comply with the code of conduct

The University expects its students to comply with the code of ethics and conduct. Furthermore, the University expects students held responsible for their violations which will lead to disciplinary actions and punishments imposed by the competent Authority of the university. Any failure to comply with these codes will be subjected to disciplinary actions.

Being a learner at NSOU, I am entitled to the following Privileges....

1. I am treated with dignity and respect by all in the University.
2. I have access to correct information on the requirements, contents and outcomes of an educational programme and on other academic matters.
3. I can study in an environment that promotes openness, autonomy in learning, critical thinking and personal growth.
4. I have access to the support services of the University to meet my individual academic needs and overcome the barriers to study.
5. I shall not face any discrimination on the basis of gender, caste, religion, sexuality, ethnicity and ability.

6. I can express myself freely and wish that my views and opinions are valued by others.
7. I have the right to be recognized for my academic achievements.
8. I am entitled to a free and fair appeal against any act of the University which is discriminatory.
9. I shall get any academic/administrative problem solved/ redressed within 15 days from the date of application in a clear and transparent manner.
10. I shall have the right to know the reasons if the issue raised in my application/complaint is not resolved within the specified time.
11. I shall have the right to appeal to Vice-Chancellor if any of my privileges are breached at any stage.

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