

# Do you know the Code?

**The NUS Code of Conduct for students explains your rights and responsibilities as part of the NUS community. Every student has a responsibility to understand and apply the principles of the Code.**

**Presentation by the Student Conduct Unit (SCU)**

# OVERVIEW



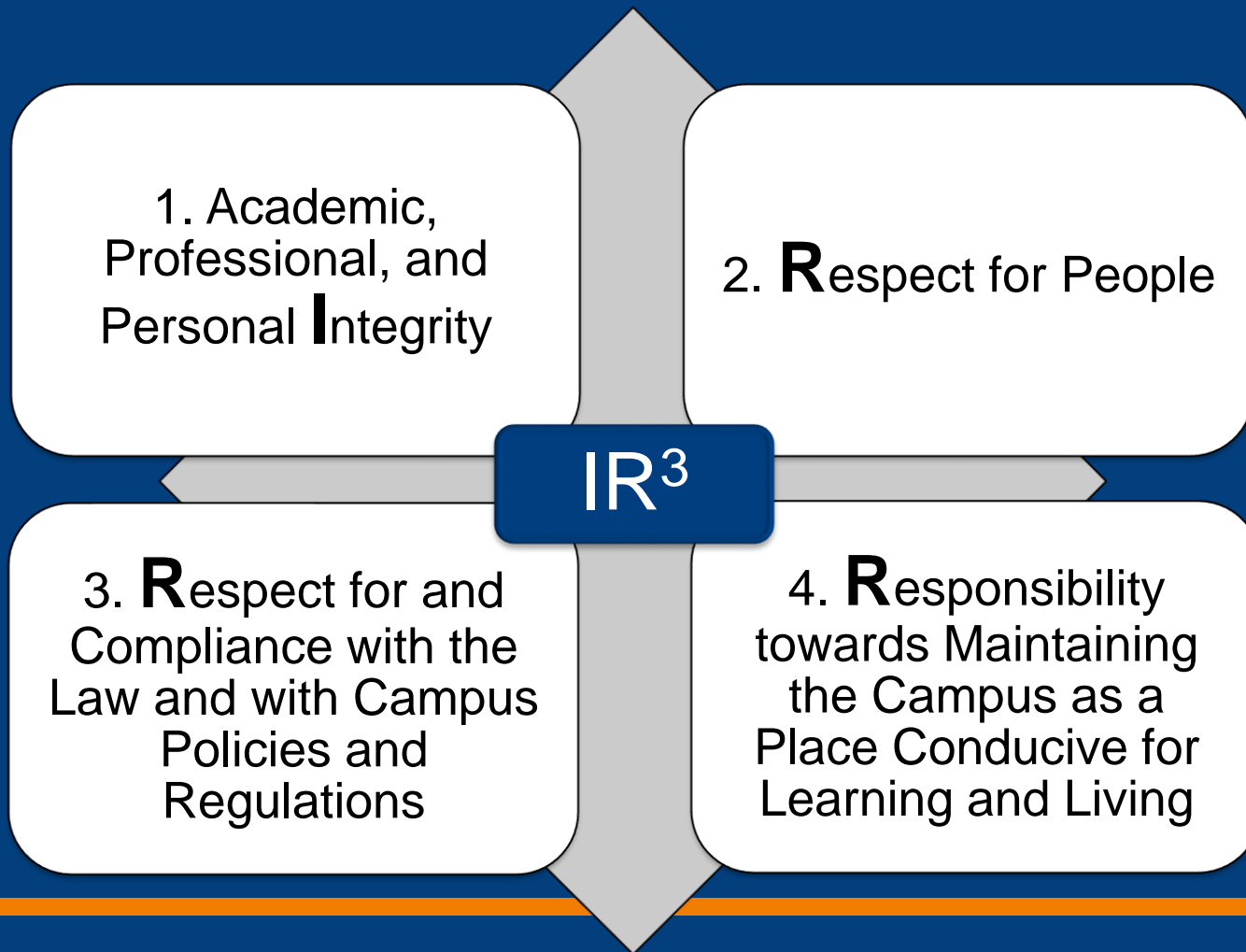
1. NUS Code of Student Conduct
2. Student Discipline
  - Academic & General Offences*
    - *Includes past cases and possible sanctions*
  - Disciplinary Proceedings*
3. Available Resources on Campus

# 1. NUS CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

- Code can be accessed online at:
    - <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/resources/resources-and-policies.html>
  - Code reflects our University's values and principles for students
    - IR<sup>3</sup> - *4 fundamental principles*
  - Code complement relevant standards, policies and rules in NUS and the Laws of Singapore
  - Code's expectation of students is Non-Exhaustive
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# NUS Code Of Student Conduct

## IR<sup>3</sup> – 4 *Fundamental principles*



## 2. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- ❑ Academic & General Offences
  - Includes common offences and possible sanctions
- ❑ Disciplinary Proceedings



# Academic Offences

## (1) Plagiarism

- ‘the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own’
- Self-plagiarism is also an offence
- NUS takes a very serious view on academic integrity

***Please familiarise yourselves with the NUS  
Plagiarism policy.***

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# ACADEMIC CULTURE

Welcome!

**Take note: <http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/launch.htm>**

This module is an introduction and initiation to the university's culture.

A university is an academic community, whose purpose and task is to advance collective knowledge. Fresh university students enter this community as novices. Your success in it depends in part on how well you adapt to the culture - how thoroughly you absorb academic values and norms, and how adept you become in academic practices. The goal of this module is to help you make your transition into that culture a smooth and enjoyable one.

- [Introduction](#)
- [Academic Conventions](#)
- [Academic Inquiry](#)
- Academic Ethics
  - » [Plagiarism](#)
  - » [Penalties](#)
  - » Research Ethics (*in progress*)

Here's where you can find out all about plagiarism, its meaning and relevant ethical, practical and consequential issues.



# Academic Offences

## *For Graduate (GD) Students:*

- *You will be subject to higher scrutiny*
- *Any form of plagiarism is a serious offence and it will be escalated to the Board of Discipline*
- *Rationale:*
  - *As Graduate students there are no excuses not being familiar with what constitutes plagiarism.*
  - *Studies have shown that for GD students who have committed plagiarism before, there is a higher likelihood of them committing dishonest acts in their future academic careers.*



# Academic Offences

## (2) Violations in Assessment Regulations

E.g.

- Unauthorised Materials (mobile phones, cheat sheets) in assessment venue
- Removing Examination Paper from Exam Venue

*Whether violations are dishonest OR technical in nature, all cases of violations in assessment regulations pertaining to Examinations are considered to be **Serious** offences.*

# Academic Offences



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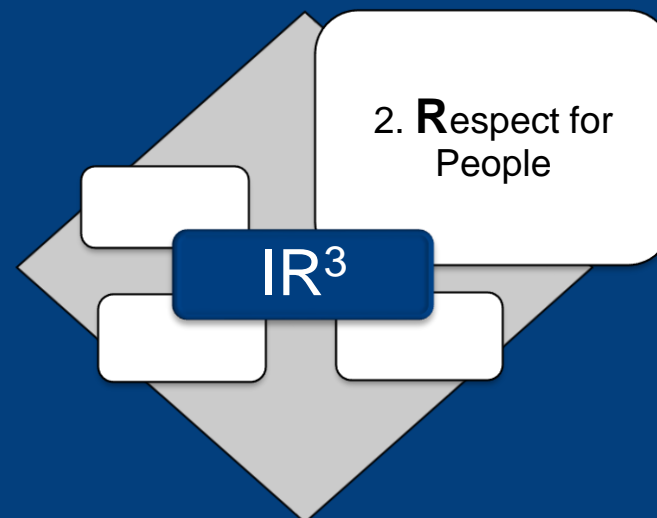
Past examples of sanctions issued to students include some of the following:

- Rehabilitation and Reconciliation Program
- Letter of Reflection on Academic Integrity
- Official Reprimand
- Failure of Entire module
- Suspension or termination of Scholarship
- Suspension from candidature
- Termination of Candidature

# General Offences

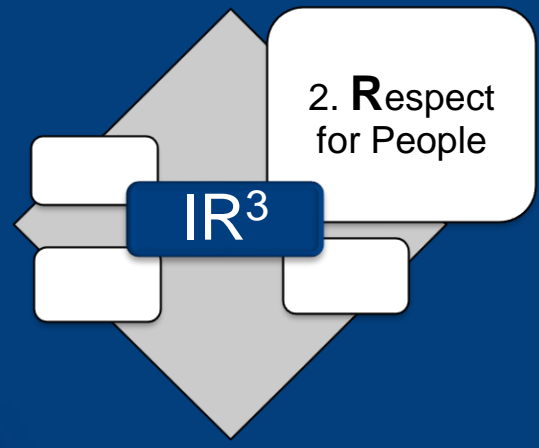
## (1) Irresponsible use of Social Media

- Online Defamation
- Online Harassment



# Social Media Misuse

**British expat leaves job after Singapore 'poor people' remark**



**Channel NewsAsia Singapore**  
1 hr · 🌐

**Like Page**

given 4 months' jail for making inflammatory remarks about Singaporeans on Facebook and lying to police about it.

## (2) General Offences: Inappropriate Orientation Activities

**ST The Straits Times**  
14 hrs · 🌐

The lewd orientation activities "were not submitted nor endorsed". Strong disciplinary action will be taken, says NUS.



**NUS to take "strong disciplinary action" against those responsible for lewd orientation activities**

SINGAPORE - The National University of Singapore (NUS) will be taking "strong disciplinary action" against those found responsible for "instances of offensive..."

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**Games at NUS camps increasingly sexualised, say students**

One was asked whose bodily fluids she would like to drink, while another watched her peers re-enact an incestuous rape scene. These were just two examples of...

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2. **Respect for People**

IR<sup>3</sup>

**Picture not us!**

According to Section 7 of the NUS Code of Student Conduct:

*Any “negative and improper orientation practices that make new students feel uncomfortable (also known as “ragging”) are not tolerated by the University”.*

# General Offences (Cont.)

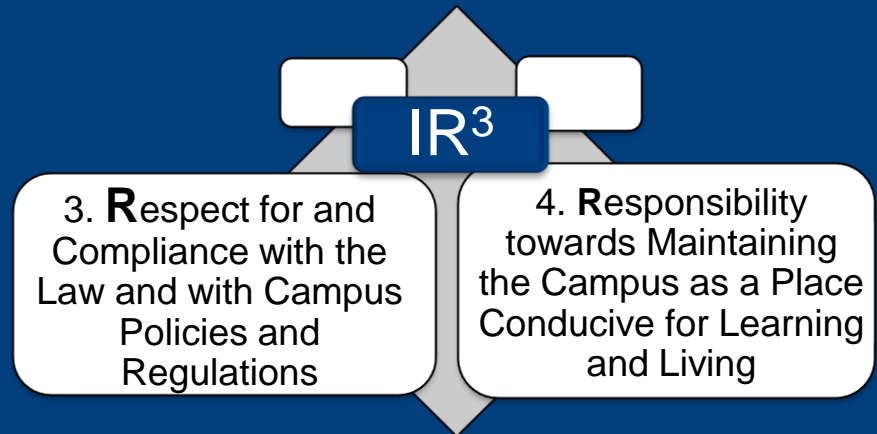
(3) Smoking

(4) Alcohol

(5) Drugs

(6) Theft

(7) Sexual Offence



## (3) General Offences: Smoking

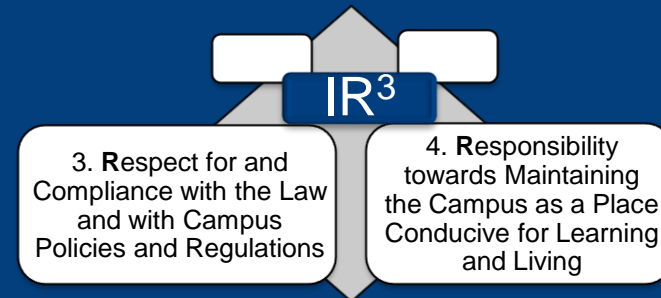
- Smoke-free campus since 1998
- **Revised Smoking Policy in 2016**

✓ *Examples of penalties:*

- Demerit Points / Termination (for Hostel Residents)
- Warning and Fines:

	Sanctions for Staff	Sanctions for Students
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offence</b>	Written warning from Dean / Director	Written reprimand from Head of Department / Vice Dean / Master/ Director of Non-Faculty Based Academic Unit
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offence</b>		\$200
<b>Subsequent offences</b>		\$300

- **Serious Offence:** If (1) found smoking in places where the risk of fire is high (2) recalcitrant offending (>3 smoking offences) can be sent for Board of Discipline hearing for heavier sanctions
- The University will refund the fine collected if the staff or student successfully completes a smoking cessation programme. The offender, however, has to pay for his participation in the programme.





# Smoking Cessation Workshop @UHC

- **1-Session Workshop**
  - 22 September 2017 & 23 February 2018
  - 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm
- **Conducted by University Health Centre (UHC) personnel**
- **Recommended for individuals caught smoking on Campus or individuals who are keen on quitting.**
  - Registration of Workshop will be done via Calendar of Events.
- **Any imposed fines will be waived upon successful completion of the Workshop (Once-off from UHC)**
- **External providers of the cessation program include SGH, CGH, NSC – can check online**



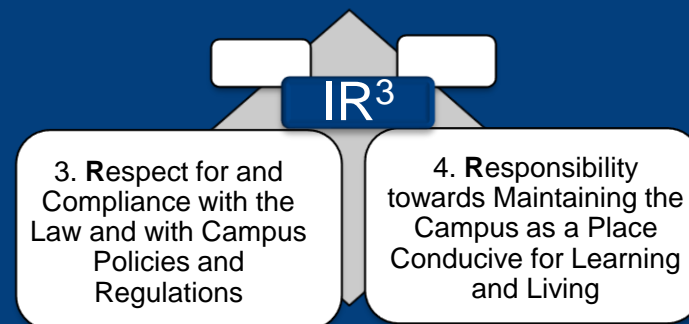


## (4) General Offences: Alcohol

- No alcohol should be sold or consumed on campus (except approved outlets)
- Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act
- Alcohol cannot be purchase in most stores after 10pm. No unlawful gathering for alcohol consumption should convene after 10pm



*Safe and conducive  
environment for living  
and learning*



# (5) General Offences: Drugs

- Unauthorised Consumption

10 year jail or fine up to \$20,000 or both

- Trafficking, Manufacturing, Importing, or Exporting

Death Penalty (When exceeding certain amounts)



Taking Drugs Overseas:  
 You can still be charged even though you didn't consume the drugs in Singapore!

<http://cnb.gov.sg/>

## (6) General Offences: Theft

The most common items stolen are:

a) Hand Phones/Laptops/Tablets

b) Bicycles



3. Respect for and Compliance with the Law and with Campus Policies and Regulations

4. Responsibility towards Maintaining the Campus as a Place Conducive for Learning and Living



# (7) General Offences: Sexual Offence

*All forms of sexual offences are **SERIOUS** offences.*

*Case-Study Examples:*

- Peeping Tom in the toilets or showers
- Up-skirt Videos
- Molestation
- Trespassing
- Stalking and Harassment
- Obscene Acts in Public
- Criminal Trespassing



**Singapore  
Police Force  
(SPF)**  
999

**Campus  
Security (OCS)**  
6874 1616

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Past examples of sanctions issued to students include some of the following:

- Rehabilitation and Reconciliation Program
  - Official Reprimand
  - Mandated Counselling
  - Mandated Psychological Assessment
  - Mandated Community Service
  - Suspension from candidature
  - Termination of Candidature
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1) Counselling and Psychological Services  
University Health Centre

Phone: 6516 2376

Email: [cps@nus.edu.sg](mailto:cps@nus.edu.sg)

Website: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/cps/>



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2) Lifeline NUS: 6516 7777

3) Faculty: Student Life Advisors

Get Help when you  
feel that you are  
losing Control. You  
are not alone

**Need someone to talk to?**

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# Disciplinary Proceedings

Offence Committed *Statute 6*



Classification of Offences *Regulation 10*

Minor/Moderate Serious



Adjudication Processes *Regulation 10*

Head of Acad / Non-Acad Unit Board of Discipline



Decisions *Statute 6*



Appeal (within 14 days) *Regulation 10*

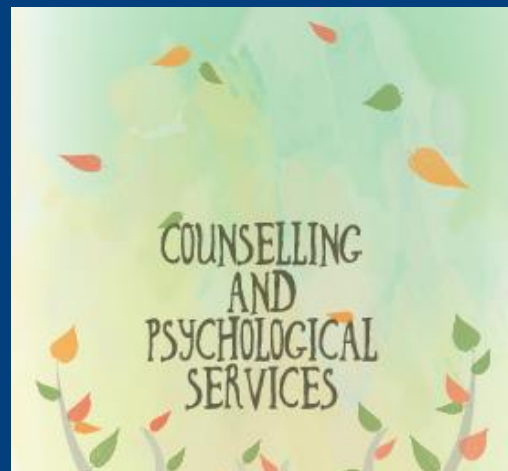
Dean of Faculty / Students Disciplinary Appeals Board



# 3. AVAILABLE RESOURCES ON CAMPUS



**Website for Code:**  
(NUS Student Conduct)  
<http://nus.edu.sg/osa/resources/resources-and-policies.html>



**University Health  
Centre**



**Office of Campus  
Security (OCS)**  
OCS Hotline:  
**6874 1616**  
OCS Reception Counter:  
**6874 2368/2363**

# So, do you know the Code?

**Yes, you do Now!**

*Thank you*



*Begin with the end in mind...*

Head in the right direction and complete the journey!

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