

Misconduct Made Clear

2026 - 2027



At the University of Bath, you are part of a community of over 20,000 students from over 140 countries and part of the local community. As a University, we are committed to providing a safe and friendly environment where you feel at home. We expect every member of our community to be treated – and treat others – with respect, so that everyone's time here is as positive as possible.

By registering with the University, you agreed to comply with Student Regulation 7 – Conduct Regulations for Students. This shorter Misconduct Made Clear document is an overview of the behaviours considered to be unacceptable at the University of Bath, it is not an exhaustive list.

These regulations apply to you on or off University of Bath premises (including online) where the injured party is:

- a student or employee of the University
- any other person on University premises
- any other person involved with a University activity
- the University itself (including cases which could bring the University into disrepute or where action is deemed necessary to safeguard our community)

Health and Safety Violations

- Smoking/Vaping in non-designated areas
- Parking in non-parking spaces
- Dangerous driving, cycling or skating - including cycling or skating on the parade
- Being found in possession of controlled drugs
- Interfering with University services and equipment (i.e. fire safety equipment)
- Entering restricted areas without permission (i.e. walking on any roof)
- Dropping/throwing an object from a high-rise building
- Entering the lake

Operational Obstruction

- Inappropriate interference with academic or other activities of the University
- Inappropriate interference with the functions, duties or activities of any student, staff, employee or authorised visitor
- Allowing others to use your Library card and/or University log-in details
- Failure to disclose name and other relevant details, or to provide your Library card when it is reasonable to require such information is given to University staff on request

Regulatory Breaches

- Breach of any other University Code, rule or regulation which provides breaches to constitute misconduct under these Regulations
- Failure to comply with a previously imposed penalty

Damage to Property

- Damage, misuse or taking of property, including technology misuse

Academic misconduct

- Use of, or participation in, any means that may result in a student obtaining an unfair academic advantage in any assessment, cheating, fabrication or plagiarism

Reputational Damage

- Behaviour that brings the University into disrepute

Criminal Offences

- Fraud: deceit, deception or dishonesty
- Supply of any drugs
- Offence of dishonesty where the student holds an office of responsibility in the University
- Unauthorised possession of firearms, fireworks, explosives or any highly combustible materials or any article which is made, adapted or intended to be used as an offensive weapon
- Possession of a bladed article, an offensive weapon or weapon of offense
- Any behaviour which could constitute a criminal offence

Offensive or Abusive Behaviour

- Violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, or offensive behaviour or language
- taking and/or sharing audio, video, or photographic recordings of others (including teaching activities) without consent
- Unless duly authorised, using, permitting, or causing to be used any means of sound reproduction or amplifying device so as to cause offence or inconvenience to others
- organising or leading coercive initiation-type behaviours

Breach of Dignity & Respect Policy

(which has not or cannot be resolved by informal means)

- Bullying
- Discrimination
- Harassment/Stalking
- Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control
- Sexual Misconduct
- Hate motivated misconduct
- Online misconduct
- Victimisation

Definition of sexual consent: 'A person consents to sexual activity if they agree by choice and have the freedom and capacity to make that choice at the time.'

If we believe your behaviour does not meet our regulations, then the University may instigate its conduct procedure as set out in the [Student Conduct Policy and Procedure](#).

If you are found to have breached Regulation 7, the University can apply sanctions to you. The table below provides examples of categories of misconduct and the types of sanctions which may apply. Further details can be found in the [University Sanctioning Guidance](#).

Sanctioning Guidance Table

Category A - Low Harm / Early Intervention

Examples (non-exhaustive)	Accidental damage to property Accidental or inadvertent Health and Safety violations Noise disturbance Smoking in unauthorised areas Parking violations Unauthorised guests First violation of Class B or C drug possession
Warning	Category A Written Warning (12 months)
Behavioural / Educational	Reflective writing or impact awareness exercise Written apology Attendance at awareness workshop Words of advice
Financial	Fixed Penalty Notice (£50-£100) Fine up to £100 Compensation for damage or loss
Other	Any combination of the above

Category B - Moderate Harm / Escalating Behaviour

Examples (non-exhaustive)	Second violation of Class B drugs possession First violation of Class A drugs possession Intentionally damaging University property Offensive posts on social media Theft (depending on circumstances) Interfering with fire safety equipment Urinating on University property Public noisiness/disruption
Warning	Category B Written Warning (24 months)
Behavioural / Educational	Training/workshops Impact awareness sessions Guided materials/tasks Reflective work Evidence of engagement
Restrictions	Proximity restrictions Temporary activity/role restrictions Temporary facility restrictions
Financial	Fine up to £250 Compensation/recovery of costs
Other	Any combination of the above

If you have been affected by misconduct, you can report a concern to the University and/or seek support using the [Support and Report tool](#).

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If you are concerned for your immediate safety off campus, call 999

Category C - Serious Harm / High Risk

Examples (non-exhaustive)	Supplying controlled drugs or repeated possession Substantial property damage Harassment, abuse or stalking Physical harm Threatening/aggressive behaviour Discrimination Misconduct involving a vulnerable person Domestic abuse Sexual misconduct Breach of Dignity & Respect Policy Repeated misconduct Criminal conduct
Warning	Final Written Warning (remainder of study)
Behavioural Measures	Programmes where appropriate Training/interventions Impact awareness sessions Reflective work Evidence of engagement
Risk Controls	No-contact orders Proximity restrictions Access restrictions including accommodation removal Restriction on participation in University-managed online communities Temporary withdrawal of access to specific University systems where proportionate
Enhanced Restrictions	Removal from SU roles (recommended) Long-term activity bans Conditions on return from exclusion/suspension
Financial	Fine up to £500
Maximum Outcomes	Suspension for a specific period of time Exclusion Recommendation of expulsion
Other	Any combination of the above

Repeated occurrences of misconduct may lead to an escalation in sanctions.

The [Dignity and Respect Policy](#) provides a clear framework that supports the University's aim to promote an inclusive environment for each member of our community. This Policy should guide our interactions with each other and is the best way to avoid allegations of unacceptable behaviour and misconduct.

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