

Misconduct Made Clear

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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 – Disciplinary 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
- 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 disciplinary procedure as set out in the [Student Discipline 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](#).

Misconduct	Sanction
<p>Category A Misconduct</p> <p><i>Where no or minimal harm or disruption caused, or there is a limited impact on the functioning of the University or member of the University community or an accidental breach.</i></p> <p>Damage to property Inadvertent noise disturbance Smoking/Vaping in unauthorised areas Interfering with fire safety equipment Parking violations First violation of Class B drugs possession (personal use)</p>	<p>Fixed Penalty Notice (£50 or £100) Category A Warning Written Apology to aggrieved parties through Student Discipline Fine of up to £100 Payment for replacement or compensation costs for loss or damage of property Attendance at appropriate training Recommendation to the SU of temporary exclusion from premises, activities and groups under the control of the SU</p>
<p>Category B Misconduct</p> <p><i>Where moderate harm or disruption caused, or there is a moderate impact on the functioning of the University or member of the University community.</i></p> <p>Second violation of Class B drugs possession (personal use) First violation of Class A drugs possession (personal use) Graffiti-ing University property Offensive posts on social media Theft of items from members of your accommodation (i.e. stealing food) Urinating on University property Public noisiness and/or disruption</p>	<p>Category B Warning Written Apology to the aggrieved parties through Student Discipline Fine of up to £250 Attachment of such conditions as are fit to the continued pursuit of the student's studies Payment of replacement or compensation costs for loss or damage of property Attendance at appropriate training Recommendation to the SU of temporary exclusion from premises, activities and groups under the control of the SU</p>
<p>Category C Misconduct</p> <p><i>Where significant harm or disruption caused, or there is a severe impact on the functioning of the University or member of the University community, or sustained or repeated misconduct.</i></p> <p>Repeated breaches of Regulation 7 Supplying illegal drugs or repeated possession of illegal drugs Causing substantial damage to University or SU property Spiking or attempting to spike another person Physically hurting another person Acting in a threatening and/or aggressive manner towards another member of the University Community Theft from a member of the University Community Breach of Dignity & Respect Policy such as bullying, discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, domestic abuse and coercive control, hate motivated misconduct, online misconduct, victimisation</p>	<p>Category C Warning Fine of up to £500 Payment of replacement or compensation costs for loss or damage of property Attendance at appropriate training Attachment of such conditions as are fit to the continued pursuit of the student's studies Exclusion from all University accommodation Recommendation to the SU of temporary exclusion from premises, activities and groups under the control of the SU Temporary or permanent exclusion from part of or all University premises Suspension from the University for a fixed period of time Recommendation of expulsion from the University</p> <p><i>*The University does not usually consider fines appropriate for misconduct against a person e.g. sexual misconduct.</i></p>

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.

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](#).

If you are concerned for your immediate safety on campus, call Security on **01225 383999**
If you are concerned for your immediate safety off campus, call 999