

Student Discipline Regulations in Institutions of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Article 1 – A student is obligated to the following:

First – Compliance with the laws, regulations, internal bylaws, instructions, and orders issued by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and its institutions (university, authority, college, or institute).

Second – Not to offend religious beliefs, national unity, or national sentiments maliciously or deliberately incite sectarian, ethnic, or religious strife, whether by action or speech.

Third – Not to harm the reputation of the Ministry or its institutions by word or deed, whether inside or outside them.

Fourth – To avoid anything incompatible with university conduct, including proper behavior and respect toward administration, teaching staff, employees, and maintaining collegial relations and cooperation among students.

Fifth – Upright and principled conduct that will positively reflect on the student when being appointed or nominated for scholarships and study grants.

Sixth – To refrain from any act that would disturb order, security, and tranquility within the university campus (college or institute), or participating in, inciting, or concealing those who commit such acts.

Seventh – To preserve study supplies and the property of the university, authority, college, or institute.

Eighth – Not to disrupt the proper conduct of study in the college or institute.

Ninth – To adhere to the unified dress code prescribed for students, taking into account the specifics of each university or authority separately.

Tenth – To avoid calling for the establishment of organizations that deepen division, or engaging in any form of political, religious, or social pressure.

Eleventh – To avoid propaganda for any party, political organization, ethnic group, nationalist group, or sectarian group, whether by posting pictures, banners, stickers, or holding seminars.

Twelfth – Not to invite partisan figures to deliver lectures or hold partisan or propagandistic religious seminars inside the university campus, in order to preserve national unity.

Article 2 – Warning

First – Failure to comply with the unified dress code prescribed at the university or authority.

Second – Harming collegial relations among students or verbally abusing another student.

Article 3 – Formal Caution

First – An act that warrants a Warning, having previously been punished with a Warning.

Second – Disturbing order, security, and tranquility within the university, authority, college, or institute.

Article 4 – Suspension for 30 Days

First – An act warranting a Formal Caution, having previously been punished with a Formal Caution.

Second – Verbally abusing a university staff member who is not a member of the teaching faculty.

Third – Publicly defaming a member of the teaching faculty in a manner harmful to them, inside or outside the college or institute.

Fourth – Posting stickers inside the university campus that violate public order and decency.

Article 5 – Temporary Expulsion (not exceeding one academic year)

First – Repeated commission of any of the acts specified in Article (4) of these regulations.

Second – Practicing or inciting sectarian, ethnic, political, or partisan groupings inside the university campus.

Third – Physically assaulting a university staff member who is not a member of the teaching faculty.

Fourth – Using violence against fellow students.

Fifth – Threatening to commit acts of armed violence.

Sixth – Carrying weapons of any kind, licensed or unlicensed, inside the university campus.

Seventh – Intentionally or negligently causing significant damage to property of the university, authority, college, or institute.

Eighth – Harming national unity or religious beliefs.

Ninth – Verbally abusing a member of the teaching faculty, inside or outside the college or institute.

Tenth – Harming the reputation of the university or authority by word or deed.

Eleventh – Deliberately disrupting the proper conduct of study.

Twelfth – Proven commission of fraud and deception against fellow students or staff of the college or institute.

Article 6 – Permanent Expulsion

First – Repeated commission of any of the violations specified in Article (5) of these regulations.

Second – Physically assaulting a member of the teaching faculty or lecturers at the university, authority, college, or institute.

Third – Committing a disgraceful act contrary to public morals and ethics.

Fourth – Submitting forged documents, books, or papers while knowing they are forged, or being among those who incited the forgery.

Fifth – Proven commission of an act that undermines security and tranquility inside the university campus, or participating in or assisting with such an act.

Sixth – Upon being convicted of a felony or a dishonorable misdemeanor with a sentence exceeding one year.

Article 7

First – The imposition of disciplinary penalties specified in Articles (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of these regulations on a violating student does not prevent the imposition of other penalties if the violation falls under criminal laws.

Second – If criminal proceedings are initiated against a student for an act attributed to them outside the university or institute, it shall be treated disciplinarily and deferred until the criminal case is adjudicated.

Article 8

The Dean of the college or institute shall form a Student Discipline Committee, chaired by the Associate Dean, with membership of two members of the teaching faculty — one of whom must be a legal expert — and a representative from the elected student union. An administrative employee shall be assigned to serve as secretary of the committee.

Article 9

No disciplinary penalty may be imposed unless recommended by the Student Discipline Committee.

Article 10

Disciplinary penalties specified in these regulations shall be imposed by a decision of the college or institute council, and the council may delegate its powers to the Dean of the college or institute.

Article 11

First – Warnings and Formal Cautions are final and non-appealable.

Second – A student suspended from the college or institute for a period not exceeding (30) thirty days may appeal the suspension decision before the college or institute council, whose decision shall be final.

Third – A student suspended from the college or institute for a period exceeding (30) thirty days may appeal the suspension decision before the university president, whose decision shall be final.

Fourth – A student permanently expelled from the college or institute may appeal the expulsion decision before the university council, whose decision shall be final.

Article 12

A student may appeal the expulsion decisions referred to in clauses (Second), (Third), and (Fourth) of Article (11) of these regulations within (7) seven days from the date of notification of the decision issued against them. If notification is not possible, the student has the right to appeal within (15) fifteen days from the date the expulsion decision is posted on the announcement board.

Article 13

The penalty decision shall be posted on the announcement board at the college or institute for a period of no less than (15) fifteen days, and the student's guardian shall be notified in writing.

Article 14

The Higher Education Student Discipline Regulations No. (19) of 1989 are hereby repealed.