

## SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY DUBAI



## Student Handbook

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The World is One Family



#### Symbiosis International University, Dubai

(SIU, Dubai)

#### **Student Handbook**

Welcome to Symbiosis International University (SIU), Dubai.

SIU, Dubai endeavors to ensure that all its students will receive the best of educational resources within a strong and vibrant learning ecosystem to help them become world class leaders in the future.

This Student Handbook is intended to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the rules and regulations of the SIU, Dubai, the teaching-learning processes adopted by the University, and to help and assist them to be familiar with the overall environment and ethos of the University.

SIU, Dubai strives to deliver its academic programs in an environment that is conducive to learning, critical inquiry, development of scientific temper, sensitivity towards community and respect for diversity. In the process, discipline becomes an imperative ingredient to not only foster an effective teaching-learning process but also to ensure the safety and security of all the stakeholders including students. In order to ensure this, the Handbook also offers information on the rights and responsibilities of students and details on the code of conduct to be adhered to by the students.

SIU, Dubai wishes its students successful years ahead as active learners and members of the SIU family.

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#### Vision of Symbiosis International University, Dubai,

Promoting International Understanding through Quality Education.

#### Mission of Symbiosis International University, Dubai

To nurture a vibrant learning community with a strong focus on integrating local and global practices of teaching-learning-evaluation, research-innovation, global citizenship, and aimed at building a sustainable future.

#### **Core Values**

The five core values which drive all activities of SIU, Dubai are:

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family): SIU, Dubai is committed to this allencompassing principle that aims to promote global citizenship and respect for diversity;

Diversity and Inclusion: SIU, Dubai is committed to promote diversity and inspires tolerance and embraces inclusiveness;

Integrity and Honesty: SIU, Dubai promotes the values of honesty, integrity and trustworthiness;

Transparency and Accountability: SIU, Dubai follows principles of ethics, openness, reliability, and responsibility towards all its stakeholders

Social Commitment and Gender Equity: SIU, Dubai is committed to community engagement and environment sustainability, and being alive and responsive to the needs and challenges of local, national and global communities

Innovation: SIU, Dubai promotes creativity, entrepreneurship and a spirit of inquiry as we work to find solutions to the many shared challenges we face as a global community.

#### A) Statement of student rights and responsibilities:

#### **Rights of Students**

The students of SIU, Dubai are entitled to have the following rights:

- The students will have the right to quality education
- The students will have the right to express their opinions without fear.

- The students will have the right to safety on the SIU, Dubai premises
- The students will have the right to receive fair and respectful treatment.
- The students will have the right to a fair and just grievance procedure if needed

#### **Responsibilities of Students**

- Students are members of the SIU, Dubai community and are also citizens of the nation. As citizens, students are responsible to the community of which they are a part, and are also responsible to the academic community of the institution.
- Admission to SIU, Dubai carries with it the presumption that students will conduct themselves as responsible members of the academic community.
- As a condition of enrolment, all students assume responsibility to observe standards of conduct that will contribute to the pursuit of academic goals and to the overall welfare of the academic community.
- The students are expected to practice high standards of academic and professional honesty and integrity, and also to respect the rights, privileges. and property of other members of the academic community in specific, and of the society at large.
- The students are expected to refrain from any conduct that would interfere with SIU, Dubai's functions or endanger the health, welfare, or safety of other persons within the campus, and also outside in the communities they live in.
- The students must at all times be respectful of the faith, religious beliefs and diverse opinions of other stakeholders.

#### **B) Student Council**

- SIU, Dubai will support students to collectively form a Student Council within the purview of the laws of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and encourages the Student Council's participation in clearly identified, student related decision-making processes of the University.
- The students of SIU, Dubai will select their council members each year as per the norms set down by SIU, Dubai which will be informed to them at the commencement of each academic year. The Student Council will organize student related events and programs.
- The Student Council will be guided and mentored by a Senior Faculty member of SIU, Dubai and will be given the required support by an administrative staff member of the University.
- The structure of the Student Council will include a President, Vice President, and student members represented from every program offered at SIU, Dubai.
- The major responsibilities of the Student Council are as below:
- a) To work with SIU, Dubai to guide and supervise the student led activities
   b) To plan and implement a variety of programs for the students in a structured and approved manner, and ensure that principles of sustainability are always adhered to
   c) To ensure that students behave with responsibility during all events

#### **C. Student Committees**

SIU, Dubai will encourage students to participate in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to promote team spirit, to enhance the feeling of oneness and belongingness amongst the students, to provide leadership and managerial learning opportunities, and offer a well-rounded, holistic education to all learners.

The activities of various student committees (managed by the Student Council) will be conducted with the support and mentoring of faculty, staff members and the Student Council of SIU, Dubai.

The following Student Committees shall be functional at the SIU, Dubai:

- 1. Corporate Relations Team
- 2. Admissions and PR Team
- 3. Alumni Relations Team
- 4. Media and Public Relations Committee
- 5. Guest Lecture Committee
- 6. Entrepreneurship and Consulting Cell
- 7. Cultural Committee
- 8. Sports Club
- 9. Placement Committee
- 10. Branding & Image Building Committee
- 11. Academic Research Committee
- 12. Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) Committee and any other committees with the written approval of the Director, SIU, Dubai.

#### D. Library Resource Usage, Policies and Procedures

SIU, Dubai will endeavor to offer the best of learning resources to the students of the university to enhance their conceptual knowledge and offer them opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. It will endeavor to offer a well-stocked Library with learning resources, which will include the following:

- Books and Periodicals (Both E- Books, Printed Books and Journals)
- Reference Books, Magazines, Journals, Case studies,
- News Papers, E-journals
- Audio Visual Teaching-Learning Aids

Once library cards are issued to the students by the SIU, Dubai Librarian, students will be permitted to issue books of their choice from the library. Magazines / journals will not be issued and are meant only for reference/library reading.

Students will require an Identity Card and a Library Card while accessing the library facilities.

In case books are overdue, penalties will be charged on a daily basis. Students must replace/reimburse the cost for books lost by them.

Students will be encouraged to recommend any books that they need through an email request to the Librarian. Requests will be fulfilled after necessary approvals.

Library and Reading Hall timings will be informed at the commencement of each semester.

No eatables will be allowed in the library.

No personal belongings like books/issued books, purses will be allowed in the library. Only laptops/notebooks will be allowed inside.

Students must maintain silence in the library. Usage of mobile phones by the students is prohibited inside the library. If a student is found with their mobile phone in the library, it will be confiscated and disciplinary action may be taken against the student.

Only those students who adhere to the SIU, Dubai Dress Code, and carry a valid I-Card and Library Card will be allowed entry inside the library.

Students may request for photocopies of required content with prior written permission of the Librarian.

Students will be monitored and instructed not to deface, mark, cut, mutilate or damage library resources in any way. (Any person doing so shall be liable for a heavy penalty/disciplinary action as per the Code of Conduct)

Students shall not be allowed to issue or share any library resources with anyone else outside the SIU, Dubai learning community.

#### E. Information on Student Services and Facilities:

#### • E-Learning Resources:

E-learning services with access to e-learning portals will be made available, and tutorial sessions on how to access these will be conducted during the orientation program for all batches

Students will be helped to learn with digital/online tools and provisions for video and audio recording of the sessions/meetings may be provided.

Adequate training and support for the effective usage of the e-learning gadgets and resources will be provided on a periodical basis.

#### • Personal Counseling Services:

Students will be linked to advisors to discuss any problems related to stress, anxiety, other problems which are related to their academics, examinations, careers or issues related to their individual academic or personal problems.

Counseling, meditation and yoga sessions may be conducted periodically (in person/online) and schedules of such events will be shared with the students.

#### • Academic Advising

For the holistic development of students, an Academic Advising program focuses on undergraduate students:

*Advisor:* An academic advisor is a faculty member who voluntarily offers knowledge, insights, perspectives, counsel, guidance, and wisdom, to facilitate and support the students, both professionally and individually, going beyond their official teaching duties or obligations.

**Advisee:** An advisee is a student who has identified, or is in the process of trying to identify, specific personal or professional goals and believes that advice from the Advisor, which includes guidance, accountability, and support, can contribute to their growth and development. Advisees are expected to actively participate, introspect, engage in critical thinking, seek continuous self-improvement, and aspire to holistic development.

#### Advising program

Academic advising, often called mentoring, has long been recognized as a powerful tool in academic and career development. Regardless of how the faculty and student are matched, etiquette and ethics demand that the relationship be conducted in a professional manner with consideration and respect for both individuals. The interaction with advisors is instrumental in shaping the attitudes and abilities of students. To build meaningful connections and work towards achieving students' goals, SIU, Dubai has established a policy to streamline the Academic Advising System across its programs.

#### • Career Advising / Student Placement Services

SIU, Dubai will provide a platform for the students to learn about the corporate world through interactions with successful corporate and other professionals from varied sectors.

SIU, Dubai will also create a conducive environment to help the students receive career guidance through academic advising sessions. Students will be assigned to Faculty and Corporate Advisors for academic and professional guidance, inspiration and assistance.

Students will receive professional advice and career counseling which will assist them to make career choices, and help them identify any pre-requisite competencies/skills required to be built for becoming successful at these careers.

The career counseling services will also concentrate on helping the students to build their resumes through one-to-one interactions and workshops. Mock/practice group discussions and personal interviews will also be organized.

#### Prayer Rooms

SIU, Dubai will make separate provisions for prayer halls for female students to perform their prayers and for attending any faith/ spiritual sessions/events.

#### • Computer Laboratories

A well-equipped Computer Lab will be available for students and faculty where Computer related courses will be taught. The Lab will also be available for students to do their research and complete their assignments and other projects.

#### • Recreational Facilities

Adequate facilities will be made available for the relaxation and recreation of students while they are on campus and in between classes.

#### Orientation

An Orientation Program will be conducted by the Director SIU, Dubai for incoming students to help them understand the ethos of the institution, the facilities and programs available for their holistic development, and to ensure that they are able to begin their learning journey seamlessly as soon as the semester commences.

#### F. Institutional Facilities and Electronic Resources:

Along with the provision of student resources/facilities, SIU, Dubai will also ensure that awareness is created among the students to maintain all university facilities well by way of conducting periodic orientation sessions. Boards and instructions, rules and regulations of the effective usage of all facilities will be displayed.

Monitoring of the usage and reporting on the violation of usage will be made to the respective authorities so as to ensure that all the students are able to use the campus facilities in a sustainable manner.

#### Information Technology, Electronic Resources and Internet Usage Policy

SIU, Dubai accepts the responsibility of installing all required IT facilities at the campus which will enhance the effectiveness of the teaching-learning process of the students. It will also ensure that the provisions for wi-fi, internet facilities, computer labs, licensed software, hardware needed, and backup servers are provided adequately.

Instructions/lessons will be given to the students for the effective usage of information technology services and they will be restricted from any misuse or disclosing of any official data or information to third parties without written permissions as per details in the Code of Conduct and any prevalent laws of the land.

The following rules and regulations will be followed to ensure effective usage of the IT facilities of SIU, Dubai:

- No student users shall load or host or access any indecent or unlawful material on SIU, Dubai IT resources. They shall not connect to any unlawful device or access prohibited sites or carry out any unlawful activities on the internet or any of the SIU, Dubai network. The Code of Conduct and all laws of the land shall prevail.
- All student users are bound to follow all security norms laid down by the IT Team at SIU, Dubai.
- Resources or systems owned and maintained by SIU, Dubai for the benefit of the academic community are primarily intended for the use of the isntitution, and not for any student's personal or business purposes.

- None of the users of the IT facilities shall indulge in activities that violate the prevalent Cyber Laws of the country.
- Any breach of IT rules and regulations by any student shall be deemed as indiscipline and will attract commensurate punitive actions.

#### G. Guidelines for Student run/managed/contributed Media

The Student Council will be assigned the responsibility to take care of all the communications, (print, digital and online) that must be shared or disseminated regarding events and programs of various clubs and committees of SIU, Dubai. They shall be mentored and supervised by a faculty member.

The Student run/managed Media teams should adhere to the following rules and regulations:

The posting of events on social media platforms, all content being disseminated, invitations of all events, publications, and copyright issues are to be taken care of by the Student Council carefully under the supervision and guidance of a faculty member appointed by the Director. They should ensure that there are no violations from the stipulated policies of SIU, Dubai in particular, and the UAE Government in general.

The communication should not have any intentional or unintentional outcome of bullying or making mockery of the system of SIU, Dubai or its members/stakeholders. All communication shall uphold the honor and reputation of SIU, Dubai and the parent SIU university at all times.

All communications and social media posts should respect the Governments of both lands (India and UAE), the law in both lands, the culture of both countries, and must not demean the cultural values of any nation.

The Student Council, or any committee/cell/team will not be allowed to use SIU, Dubai Logo, Brand or any Trademarks without the prior written approval of the concerned Authority of the University.

The content of all communications developed by the students will be scrutinized and approved by the faculty member/s concerned and all competent authorities concerned, prior to dissemination.

#### H. Student Code of Conduct

(Please see detailed Code of Conduct for exhaustive explanations)

- Students of SIU, Dubai shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, color, creed, age, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, marital status, sexual preference or physical disability, etc.
- Students should at all times conduct themselves in a manner which is not prejudicial to any law of the land.

- Students must fully subscribe to the ethos, vision and mission, and core values of the institution, and the processes laid down by SIU, Dubai. Students should abide by all the rules and regulations of the SIU, Dubai and all changes/revisions made as and when implemented and informed.
- SIU, Dubai is committed to create a safe and secure environment for its students. It has a zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment of its students. It is committed to creating a campus free from discrimination, harassment, retaliation or sexual assault at all levels. It will notify all legal provisions regarding the act(s) of prevention of sexual harassment from time to time, will publish and disseminate these rules to all its students and will also constitute an Internal Committee (IC) constituted for this purpose and shall strictly comply with the provisions of these rules.
- Students will require 75% and above attendance and only then will be eligible to appear for the SIU, Dubai semester end exams. Students must manage all the extra and co-curricular activities, and required leaves due to personal and medical reasons, within the exempted limit of 25%.
- 90% attendance is mandatory to be eligible for participating in the SIU, Dubai Placement process.
- SIU, Dubai expects its students to follow a formal dress code (please see Dress Code).
- Students must understand that, irrespective of any constraint(s), they must complete academic activities and assignments on time. No excuses for poor effort or late work will be accepted. SIU, Dubai. Students are expected to be self-motivated and no external incentives should be needed to get motivated for academic or co-curricular activities.
- Smoking, consumption of liquor and drugs are forbidden at the SIU, Dubai campus. Students found in possession of such materials will be met with severe disciplinary actions including eviction from the SIU, Dubai campus and all other punishments as per the Code of Conduct and laws of the land.
- Students must understand that the curriculum, procedures and processes will be modified from time to time as the SIU, Dubai evolves. These shall be informed to them as and when needed.
- Students will be guided to address their grievances, if any, to the concerned committees for further investigation.

#### **Dress code for students**

SIU, Dubai insists that all its students dress in accordance with the cultural and religious ethos and values of the UAE.

Attire for all students must be professional and should not depict pictures, signs or words which are obscene, vulgar, hurtful or unprofessional. Any violations will be considered as an act of indiscipline and strict actions will be taken.

**Male Students:** Traditional attire, formal shirts, trousers, collared T shirts, formal shoes/sandals

**Female Students**: Traditional and western attire, formal attire including salwar suit, formal shirts (buttoned up), kurtas, kurtis and trousers.

#### **I.Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain absolute integrity at all times, observing courtesy and consideration towards one another, and acting in the best interest of SIU, Dubai. However, in the event of any misconduct being reported by any person against any student of SIU, Dubai, strict action will be taken by the competent authority depending upon whether the academic misconduct is of major or minor nature.

Any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following misconduct is subject to appropriate disciplinary action under the Code of Conduct. The instances of misconduct are not to be interpreted as all-inclusive of situations in which disciplinary action will be invoked.

These instances are illustrative, and SIU, Dubai reserves the right to initiate disciplinary action in appropriate circumstances not set out in this Handbook or Code of Conduct.

The illustrative list of misconduct is as follows: (Not exhaustive; *Refer Code of Conduct*)

- Academic Misconduct: This includes unfair means used in examinations/ evaluations, and or plagiarism.
- Unfair means: Unfair means denote any unethical means and/or malpractices adopted by the student during examinations or in submission of any assignments or any activity leading to internal and/or external evaluation.
- Plagiarism: 'Plagiarism' means the practice of taking someone else's work or idea and passing them as one's own.
- Disruptive Conduct: Disruptive Conduct obstructs or disrupts teaching or freedom of
  movement or other lawful activities including workshops/ seminars/ conventions/
  student gatherings/ functions, etc. on SIU, Dubai premises or in connection with any
  university-sponsored event or activity, protesting against university decisions, rude/
  unruly behavior towards staff/ faculty, instigating other students against
  university/faculty decisions, etc.

#### **Examination Rules and Regulations**

Government ID with address proof and photograph of the student, along with the officially assigned SIU, Dubai Student Identity Card is mandatory for local students while the passport is also mandatory for international students during all examinations.

For writing the exams, students should be seated 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the examination in the classrooms allocated to them. This will enable the invigilators to start the examination on time. Late comers will not be allowed to enter the examination hall.

Students will not be allowed to carry any electronic devices such as smartphones, smart watches, audio/video players, etc. in the Examination Hall.

If any student is found talking, or otherwise causing any disruption or delay to the examination process, they will be asked to leave the examination hall immediately. Any delay due to the non-cooperation of the students in this regard will not be compensated in the allotted time for the examination.

No student will be allowed to leave the examination hall till the end of the examination.

Students found cheating or indulging in any misconduct or malpractice during the examination shall be barred from the examination and will have to face necessary disciplinary action.

Students are required to remain seated after the examination, to allow the invigilators to check their papers for their name, registration number/seat number, and tally the number of answer papers with the attendance sheet.

Any answer paper without the name or registration number/seat number will be nullified without any notice.

#### **Semester Not Granted (SNG) - Course Not Granted (CNG):**

75% aggregate attendance is compulsory for students to be eligible to appear for semester end examinations. Students with less than 75% aggregate attendance (across all courses) will be awarded SNG.

Course wise attendance will be checked for all SNG students.

SNG students will not be allowed to appear for semester end examinations for courses where they have less than 75% attendance. For these courses the student will be awarded SNG-CNG. The students however will be allowed to appear for the semester end examinations of the courses where their attendance is more than 75%.

#### Procedure to deal with cases of Unfair Means resorted to by students during examinations

- a) 'Unfair Means' means and includes one or more of the following acts or omissions on the part of the students during the examination period
- b) "Unfair means relating to examination" means and includes directly or indirectly committing or attempting to commit or threatening to commit any act or coercion, undue influence or fraud or malpractice with a view to obtaining wrongful gain to him / her or to any other person or causing wrongful loss to another person/s.
- c) "Unfair means material" means and includes any material whatsoever, related to the course of the examination-soft copy, printed, typed, hand written or otherwise on the person or on clothes, or body of the student (examinee) or other material in any manner or in the form of chart, diagram, map or drawing or electronic aid etc. which is not allowed in the examination hall.
- d) "Possession of unfair means material by a student" means having any unauthorized material on his/her person or desk or chair or table or at any place within their reach in the examination center and its environs or premises at any time from the commencement of the examination till its conclusion.

- e) "Student found in possession" means a student reported in writing as having been found in possession of unfair means material by Junior Supervisor, Sr. Supervisor, member of any Vigilance Squad or any other person authorized for this purpose on his/ her behalf. This definition shall apply even if the unfair means material is not produced as evidence because of it being reported as swallowed or destroyed or snatched away or otherwise taken away or spoiled by the student or by any other person acting on his behalf to such an extent that it has become ill-eligible. A report to that effect shall be submitted by the Sr. Supervisor or any other authorized person to the Director.
- f) "Material related to the subject of examinations" means and includes:
- i)The material produced as evidence, any material in written, etched, carved, printed or in electronic form which is certified as related to the course of the examination by a competent person such as the examiner or external examiner or any expert / teacher with at least two years' experience of teaching or consulting in that course.
- ii). If the material is not produced as evidence or has become unreadable for any reason including attempt to destroy the material, the presumption shall be that the material did relate to the course of the examination.
- g) Competent Authority: The Director shall appoint the competent authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against the students using, attempting to use, aiding, abetting, instigating or allowing to use unfair means at the examination conducted by SIU, Dubai.

#### Powers, Functions and Procedures of dealing with use of 'Unfair Means'

On receipt of a report regarding use of unfair means by any student at any examination, the Director shall have power at any time to constitute an inquiry and to punish such unfair means, or breach of rules:

- I. by exclusion of such student from any SIU, Dubai examination, or Program
- II. for the purpose of conferring degree either permanently or for a specified period, or by cancellation of the result of the student in SIU, Dubai examination for which the student appeared or by deprivation of any University scholarship held by them or by cancellation of the award of any University prize or medal to them or by imposition of fine.

## J. Student disciplinary policies, and grievance and/or appeal procedures with timelines

#### Student Misconduct (not exhaustive) and suggested disciplinary action

The details on classification of misconducts are mentioned in the Code of Conduct.

#### **Punishments/ Penalties:**

The punishments/penalties for any misconduct as per the SIU, Dubai Code of Conduct are provided below:

i) Warning: A written letter of reprimand resulting from a student's misconduct.

- ii) Suspension: Suspension is an action that suspends the student's enrolment at SIU, Dubai for a specified period of time. Suspension, depending upon the nature of misconduct, can be imposed either in respect of academic privileges including appearing in examinations, or attending classes or both.
- iii) Monetary Fine: Monetary Fine is a sanction in which a student is required to pay the SIU, Dubai an amount as a penalty or any amount deposited previously is forfeited or adjusted. It also includes restitution which means paying compensation for loss, injury, or damage caused to other students or SIU, Dubai.
- iv) Confiscation: Confiscation means temporary or permanent confiscation of goods used or possessed by a student involved in a misconduct.
- v) Restriction of Privileges: Restriction of privileges means the denial or restriction of specified privileges including, but not limited to, access to a student facility, placement programs, SIU, Dubai events for a defined period of time, etc.
- vi) Not allowed to appear for semester exams in full or in part: Not allowing the student to appear for semester exams in full or in part means not allowing the student to appear for the semester examination for all courses prescribed for that particular semester or for select few courses prescribed for that particular semester.
- vii) Withholding of Examination Results: Withholding examination results means not declaring the results of examinations (semester/ practical or otherwise) for a specified period of time.
- viii) Withholding of Academic Awards: Withholding of academic awards (certificate/diploma/degree) means the withholding of the certificate/diploma/degree earned by the student for a defined period of time.

It is clarified that withholding in this case would mean that results of examinations may be announced but because of awarded sanctions, the academic award cannot be conferred. In such cases, even the statement of marks/ grade sheet, passing certificate, transfer certificate, migration, etc. will not be given.

- ix) Withdrawal of Academic Awards: Withdrawal of Academic Awards (statement of grade/marks/ passing, certificate, diploma or degree) means cancellation of the academic award already conferred on a student on the grounds of submission of false information leading to admission, submission of forged documents for eligibility purposes, or submission of any other falsified/fake mandatory documents, as may have been required for eligibility and admission.
- x) Cancellation of Admission/ Termination of Studentship: Cancellation of Admission/ Termination of Studentship means separation of a student from SIU, Dubai with the opportunity to re-enroll by following the selection process again in the future after a gap of minimum one academic year with necessary undertakings as may be prescribed.
- xi) Other sanctions: Other appropriate sanctions may be imposed by the competent Authority of the SIU, Dubai, singularly or in combination with any of the above-listed sanctions.
- xii) Expulsion: Expulsion is an action forcing a student to separate from SIU, Dubai for a minimum of 3 years. After a gap of minimum three academic years, re application to SIU,

Dubai as a fresh admission to the program may be allowed with necessary undertakings as may be prescribed.

xiii) Rustication: Rustication is an action which permanently separates a student from the SIU, Dubai without opportunity to re-enroll in the future.

#### Appeal by students on disciplinary proceedings

Students aggrieved by the decision of the Director/competent authority may choose to make an appeal before the appropriate authority as per the Code of Conduct. For details of the appeal process, refer to the Code of Conduct.

#### K. Student Safety

SIU, Dubai will take utmost care to ensure the safety of its students and will comply with all local laws with respect to the safety standards and measures stipulated.

The faculty and staff will take proper care to ensure student safety when they are in the class, in computer laboratories or outdoors on official SIU, Dubai events.

#### L. Student Records

SIU, Dubai will maintain the following records of the students:

- The official mark sheets of students
- Degree certificates of the students
- The address of the students and contact details of the parents or the guardians
- Details of fee payment
- Other financial information of the students.
- Copy of the offer letter and admission confirmation letter.

Other critical information and student records will be maintained as per the prescribed rules.

#### M. Academic Policies in Brief

#### **Admission Policy:**

All applications for admissions of students at SIU, Dubai will be verified and routed through an Admission Committee. To assist students with their online application, a detailed stepwise procedure will be on the official SIU, Dubai website where students can avail guidance for completing the user-friendly online application.

The admission procedure is simplified in easy steps starting from the basic eligibility, uploading of important documents, final payment of fees, and confirming the admission. Through the system of online admissions, students are also able to make all their payments online and check the admission status online.

The procedure for applying for admissions is designed taking into consideration any possible constraints students from across the world may face. The online admission procedure has made it accessible to most students so that they are able to apply from different parts of the world and from the comfort of their homes.

Once the candidate fills the online application form, uploads the required documents and makes the payment of the application fees, the Admission Committee will verify the application and the uploaded documents. After the Admission Committee has verified the application, an Offer Letter will be sent which will include the program offered and fee payment details. The student will then confirm the admission by making the payment of the fees. Once the fees are paid and authenticated by the Officer – Finance Accounts, the candidate will receive an Admission Confirmation Letter.

The Admission Confirmation Letter will include the date of joining the program at SIU, Dubai and will assist (if needed) in being able to apply for a visa to study at SIU, Dubai.

SIU, Dubai has also made provisions for accepting transfer students to the 2nd year of their undergraduate programs. **Transfer (lateral) admissions** will provide an opportunity to attract qualified students to the SIU, Dubai who may have missed out on joining the institution at the commencement of the program or have more recently moved into the UAE.

SIU, Dubai also believes in valuing the holistic learning that students have experienced previously and which complement the program they are wishing to join at SIU, Dubai; hence it has a process to recognize credits from prior non-formal, informal and/or other experiential learning that students have gained from (Recognition of Prior Learning-RPL).

**Transfer within SIU, Dubai:** A transfer from one UG program to another within SIU, Dubai is also possible and will be carefully considered based on vacancies in the program being sought and possibility of successful credit transfer. Such transfers will be possible only if applications are received during Semester 1, preferably within the first month. Students who receive approval for lateral transfer (after verification of courses/learning outcomes and decision by the Credit Equivalence & Transfer Committee) within SIU, Dubai will join their new program prior to the commencement of Semester 2.

#### **Degree Audit**

Students must earn a prescribed number of credits to successfully complete the program they have enrolled for. At the successful completion of each semester, the student will be awarded a semester transcript/grade sheet. After successful completion of all semesters of the program, the student will receive a Degree Certificate.

Students are expected to follow all the norms to be eligible for semester end/ term end examinations and for promotion to the next semester.

Heads of Academic Departments and the Officer-Examinations will be responsible for ensuring the smooth progression of students through semesters towards completion of the program. They will identify critical cases where students need support to meet academic criteria and bring these to the notice of the Head-Academics and the Director.

#### **Semester Not Granted- Course Not Granted (SNG- CNG)**

A minimum of 75% aggregate attendance is mandatory for all students to be eligible to appear for the Semester-end examination. If a student's aggregate attendance is below 75%, then the student will be termed as 'Semester Not Granted' (SNG).

For all SNG students, course wise attendance shall be checked. If a SNG student has less than 75% in any course, then the CNG rule is applied and such courses are termed as 'Course Not Granted' (CNG).

SNG students are allowed to appear for all courses in which they have more than 75% attendance.

Students who are awarded SNG-CNG shall appear for the respective courses during the examinations in the subsequent season as backlog(s). The student will have to pay backlog examination fees for the immediate and any/all subsequent attempts.

#### **Placement Rules for Summer Internship and Final Placements**

• SIU, Dubai facilitates the process of supporting students for summer internships and final placement. This is a voluntary service provided for its students to help them gain practical experience during summer internships and hopefully secure jobs for after their graduation. SIU, Dubai will make focused efforts in this direction. Prospective recruiters will be invited and the abilities/competencies of the students showcased. The students must demonstrate competencies sought by the recruiters and the selection or rejection of a candidate is the sole discretion of the recruiter with no university interference.

#### Common rules for summer internship/placement and final placement processes:

- Academics are of prime importance at SIU, Dubai. If a student has one or more backlogs (Grade Fail) in any previous examination they will be considered ineligible or 'out of placements' and will have to sign an undertaking accordingly before the process begins. While the institute will try to offer them interview opportunities, they will not be on priority as compared to other meritorious students.
- In case aggregate attendance is below 90% (calculated a week before the process begins), then the student will be ineligible or 'out of placement' and will have to sign an undertaking accordingly before the process begins. While SIU, Dubai will try to offer these students interview opportunities, they will not be on priority as compared to other meritorious students.
- Students with serious misconduct charges against them will be barred from the placement processes.

#### **General Rules of Final Placement**

• Students will be required to specify their areas of interest as supported by their choice of electives. Students are advised to carefully consider the information they wish to highlight as it will impact the placement opportunities offered to them.

- No student shall directly approach any organization for placement, till the placement process is completed. If a student has the opportunity to be placed directly in a company they have worked at previously or the company where they completed their summer internship, that job offer must be routed through the Officer-Career Services &/or Faculty in Charge of Placements and they will sign an 'out of placement undertaking'.
- Students who have undergone pre-placement talks and interviews with an organization, have been selected by that organization, and have accepted the placement offer (informed in writing to the Officer-Career Services &/or Faculty in Charge of Placements), shall not be eligible to appear for any further placement interviews with any other organization. Students cannot reject this offer due to CTC or location terms, since these information points are shared during the pre-placement talks. This rule ensures that all eligible students, including those unplaced, get a fair share of opportunities.
- Students are permitted one offer only; however, till the Officer-Career Services &/or Faculty in Charge of Placements is informed in writing of the said offer by the organisation/company, students are free to appear for further interviews.
- Officer-Career Services will decide the maximum number of interview opportunities that the students would be given; in case they are unable to convert it into an offer, they shall be out of the priority list for placements.
- Students must appear for all placement activities in the formal attire.
- Students shall not inform others about the short-listed companies or any sensitive information regarding the placement process. Disclosing this information will be treated as a violation of confidentiality rules, and action will be taken accordingly.
- Once a student is selected and has been informed by the Officer-Career Services/Faculty in Charge of Placements of the same, they are free to keep in contact with that organization.
- If the Officer-Career Services &/or Faculty in Charge of Placements are informed of any misbehavior on the part of a student during the group discussion or personal interview with an organization, they have the authority to debar that candidate from further placement opportunities. This is to ensure that the other students do not suffer from the misbehavior of students.

#### **General Rules of Summer Internship/Placement**

- Summer Internships are offered and facilitated through the SIU, Dubai. Each student should be fairly clear about the area of interest they wish to follow.
- Students who attend the pre-placement talk of a recruiter and are selected by that recruiter, will not be permitted to refuse the resulting summer offer, under any circumstances.
- If students, of their own accord, change the organization they have been selected for and choose a different summer assignment, their project shall not be evaluated.
- Officer-Career Services will decide the maximum number of interview opportunities that the students would be given; in case they are unable to convert it into an offer, they shall be out of the priority list for placements.
- Placement rules often undergo revision. When this happens, the revisions will be conveyed to all students at the earliest.



### Symbiosis International University, Dubai (SIU, Dubai) [Code of Conduct, Procedure to deal with Misconduct/Indiscipline by Students], 2024

The university makes the following rules for [Code of Conduct, Procedure to deal with Misconduct/Indiscipline by students] Rules, 2024. These rules shall come in force from the date of issuance of this notification and applicable for all students taking admission to the SIU, Dubai Campus, UAE from the academic year 2024-25.

#### Chapter 1

#### 1.1 Preamble

Every University strives to deliver its academic programs in an environment that is conducive to learning, critical inquiry, development of scientific temper, sensitivity towards community and respect for diversity. These have been enshrined within the mission statement of the Symbiosis International University, Dubai (SIU, Dubai).

Students being the raison d'etre for any institution, a lot of effort goes into ensuring an enriching student experience. Discipline is an important ingredient to not only foster an effective teaching-learning process, but also to ensure the safety and security of all the stakeholders, including students.

Any disturbance on account of student indiscipline impacts the harmony on the premises of SIU, Dubai which is why institutes formulate a Code of Conduct and lay down just and fair policies to inquire and decide on any violations of the Code of Conduct by students on its premises. It is binding upon any student, who seeks admission and enrolls with SIU, Dubai, to comply with the requirements of the Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct has been framed to foster and protect the core mission of SIU, Dubai, the scholarly and civic development of the students in a safe and secure learning environment, and to protect people, properties and processes that support SIU, Dubai and its mission. The establishment and maintenance of a community where there is freedom to teach and to learn is dependent on maintaining an appropriate sense of order that allows for the pursuit of objectives of SIU, Dubai in an environment that is both safe and free of invidious disruption.

Towards this end, the purpose of the Code of Conduct is to define limits of acceptable student conduct and defining violations thereof, as misconducts. Further, it lays down the disciplinary proceedings within the applicable laws of the land ensuring that the actions taken are in pursuance of the same. However, the Code reserves the right of SIU, Dubai to take necessary disciplinary actions against the student concerned in the event of him/ her having been found guilty or convicted by an appropriate authority under the law to which s/he is subjected.

#### 1.2 Short title and Commencement

- **1.2.1** Short Title: These Rules shall be called (SIU, Dubai) [Code of Conduct, Procedure to inquire and decide with Misconducts/ Indiscipline by Students] Rules, 2024.
- **1.2.2 Applicability:** These Rules shall apply to all students who are pursuing a program of study through regular (conventional face to face) mode at SIU, Dubai.
- **1.2.3 Commencement:** The Code of Conduct shall come in force from the date of its notification.

#### 1.3 Definitions

In these Rules, unless the context requires-

- **1.3.1 'Aggrieved'** means any complainant (and is not limited to stakeholders) who has suffered damage or injury either physically or mentally due to an act of the student, e.g. employees, fellow students and any person or institution related directly or indirectly to SIU, Dubai.
- **1.3.2 'Campus'** means SIU, Dubai campus
- **1.3.3 'Campus Disciplinary Committee'** means a committee constituted for the campus to inquire and decide all issue(s) related to the disciplinary matters of students including matters of drug abuse/ substance abuse.
- **1.3.4 'Disciplinary Appeals Committee'** means the Committee to hear and decide on the appeals challenging the decision of Campus Disciplinary Committee
- **1.3.5** 'Misconduct' as defined in Chapter 2 of this Code of Conduct
- **1.3.6 'Student'** means a person duly admitted and on roll, pursuing a program of study through regular mode (conventional face to face), at SIU, Dubai.

Provided that a student who is in the process of taking admission at SIU, Dubai, although not yet admitted shall be treated, for the purposes of these rules, as a student of SIU, Dubai, where any incident of misconduct takes place by/ against such student, in the university;

Provided that a person, who is not a student of SIU, Dubai, but is participating in any of the activities of the university shall be treated as aggrieved student or aggrieved individual or the respondent, as the case may be, for the purposes of these rules, where any incident of misconduct takes place by/ against such student within the university or at any other venue where the university has organized the activities;

All words and expressions not defined in this Code of Conduct shall have the same meaning as defined in any other Rules/ Regulations of the SIU, Dubai.

#### 1.4 Applicability

**1.4.1** The Code of Conduct is applicable to all students admitted to the programs at the SIU, Dubai, pursuing degree programs through full-time mode and includes all on-campus and outside/off campus activities. The outside/off campus activities shall include internship(s), training(s), outbound activities, study visits, excursions, field visits, international exchange programs, representation or participation in sports and other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities or festivities or any other, as prescribed by the SIU, Dubai from time to time.

#### 1.4.2 The Code of Conduct applies to all the students in direct connection with:

- **a.** academic program/course requirements or any credit-bearing experiences, such as internships, field trips, study abroad / student exchange program;
- **b.** any activity supporting pursuit of a 'title' (degree/ credit), such as research at another institution or a professional practice assignment;
- c. any activity sponsored, conducted, or authorized by SIU, Dubai;
- **d.** any activity that causes any destruction of property belonging to the SIU, Dubai or members of the SIU, Dubai community or causes any harm to the health or safety of members of the SIU, Dubai community; or
- **e.** any activity in which a police report has been filed, a summon or indictment has been issued, or an arrest has occurred for any act or omission.
- **f.** any activity or event where students are representing or participating as students of SIU, Dubai which may lead to damage to goodwill or reputation of the University;
- **g.** any act via electronic means, such as email or social media or print media or any other medium wherein the reputation/ goodwill of SIU, Dubai or its officials is adversely affected; and
- **h.** refusal to cooperate in the process duly prescribed and the implementation of corrective measure, shall also be construed as 'Gross Misconduct' under the Code and shall subject the alleged student/ individual to a proportionate penalty over and above the punishment they are liable for.
- i. While at SIU, Dubai, students continue to be subject to the laws of the land and violations of those laws may also constitute violations of the Code of Conduct. In such instances, SIU, Dubai may proceed with disciplinary action under the Code of Conduct simultaneously with any judicial proceedings involving the same conduct and may impose sanctions for violation of the code even if such proceeding is not yet resolved.

#### 1.5 Responsibilities of Students

Students are members of the SIU, Dubai community and also of the UAE. As citizens or as international students, they are responsible to the community of which they are a part, and they are also responsible towards the academic community of SIU, Dubai.

- **1.5.1** Admission to the SIU, Dubai carries with it the presumption that students will conduct themselves as responsible members of the academic community. As a condition of enrolment, all students are required to abide by the rules and policies of the University and Code of Conduct of the SIU, Dubai; and required to assume responsibility to observe standards of conduct that will contribute to the pursuit of academic goals and to the welfare of the academic community. They are expected to practice high standards of academic and professional honesty and integrity and also to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other members of the academic community and the society at large. They should refrain from any conduct that would interfere with SIU, Dubai's functions or endanger the health, welfare, or safety of other persons.
- **1.5.2** Students should not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, colour, creed, age, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, marital status, sexual preference, physical disability, or any other legally protected status. They should at all times conduct themselves in a manner, which is not prejudicial to any law of the land.

#### 1.6 Grievance Redressal

Students who feel aggrieved with the action taken by the competent authorities of SIU, Dubai for any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct, may seek redressal, as per the grievance procedure of the university.

#### Chapter 2

#### 2.1 Disciplinary Misconduct (DMC)

The students are expected to maintain absolute integrity at all times, observing courtesy and consideration towards one another and acting in the best interest of SIU, Dubai. However, in the event of any misconduct being reported by any person against any student of SIU, Dubai, measures may be taken by the competent authority depending upon whether the misconduct is of major or minor nature.

Students found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following misconduct are subject to appropriate disciplinary action under this Code of Conduct. The instances of misconduct are not to be interpreted as all-inclusive of situations in which disciplinary action will be invoked. These instances are illustrative, and SIU, Dubai reserves the right to initiate disciplinary action in appropriate circumstances not set out in this Code of Conduct document.

#### 2.2 The illustrative list of disciplinary misconduct is as follows (Not exhaustive):

**DMC 1: Academic Misconducts**: Academic Misconducts means misconducts which include (a) unfair means used in examinations/ evaluations and or (b) plagiarism as defined in respective Rules/ Regulations.

**DMC 1** (a): **Unfair means**: 'Unfair means denote any unethical means and malpractices adopted by students during examination or in submission of any assignments leading to internal and/or external evaluation;

OR

Unfair means adopted by students under semester exchange program, twinning program, credit transfer arrangement like fabricating/ forging/ altering of grade sheets/ marksheets given by other UAE / foreign university/ institution under multiple entry/ exit options or any exchange related program, twinning program, credit transfer arrangement, etc.

**DMC 1 (b): Plagiarism**: 'Plagiarism' means the practice of taking someone else's work or idea and passing them as one's own.

#### **DMC 2: Disruptive Conduct:**

- 2.1 Disruptive Conduct means a conduct that intentionally or substantially obstructs or disrupts teaching or freedom of movement or other lawful activities including workshops/seminars/conventions/moot courts/student gatherings/functions, etc. on SIU, Dubai premises or in connection with any SIU, Dubai-sponsored event or activity,
- 2.2 Protesting against decisions, in a manner not prescribed/ expected and or instigating students to protest against the decisions of the SIU, Dubai officials/ staff, in a manner not prescribed/ expected.

- 2.3 Rude/ unruly behaviour and or use of foul language towards staff/ faculty/ campus administration staff, or fellow students.
- 2.4 Rash driving, over speeding, breaching traffic rules, wrong parking, honking of horns on campus, etc.

#### **DMC 3: Discrimination:**

- 3.1 'Discrimination' means engaging in verbal or physical behavior directed at an individual or group based on origin, race, creed, gender, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation, etc. that, according to a person of reasonable sensibilities, is likely to create an intimidating or demeaning environment that impedes the access of other students, faculty and staff to the educational benefits available to them.
- **3.2** It also includes wearing articles of clothing with derogatory, racist, discriminatory, patently offensive, profane, sexually explicit, or graphic messages either in words or pictures, which demonstrate bias or discrimination against any individual or group within SIU, Dubai.

#### **DMC 4: Falsification:**

- a. 'Falsification' means willfully providing false, misleading, or incomplete information, whether oral or in writing or in the form of document(s) with the intention of concealing the material facts; to SIU, Dubai offices or officials;
- b. Forging or altering official SIU, Dubai records or documents or conspiring with or inducing others to forge or alter University records or documents.
- c. Fabrication/ forging of degree certificates of the University (SIU, Dubai/ other foreign universities/institutions)
- **DMC 5: Refusal to Identify or Impersonation**: Refusal to show/ provide their Identity Card to SIU, Dubai staff when demanded or falsely identifying themself when requested by an authorized University Official or impersonating somebody else.

#### **DMC 6: Illegal or Unauthorized Possession or Use of Weapons:**

- 6.1 Illegal or unauthorized possession or use of weapons means possessing or using weapons or articles or substances usable as weapons, including, but not limited to, firearms, incendiary devices, explosives, and dangerous biological or chemical agents.
- 6.2 Not informing the concerned authorities in-spite of knowing of the presence of weapons, including, but not limited to, firearms, incendiary devices, explosives, and dangerous biological or chemical agents
- **DMC 7: Illegal or Unauthorized Possession, Distribution or Use of Drugs or electronic cigarettes:** SIU, Dubai strongly advocates a Drug Free Campus and has zero tolerance towards any such practice. It is the strict policy that no student shall possess on their person, personal

belongings (such as bags, vehicle, desks, etc.) or use, distribute or sell, illegal drugs, or controlled substance, or e- cigarettes on its premises. Possession of paraphernalia associated with the illegal distribution, sale, use, possession, or manufacture of a controlled substance or electronic cigarettes is also strictly prohibited.

Students having knowledge of this misconduct shall report the same to the Director/ Head-Student Services immediately. If students fail to report despite knowledge they shall be liable for breaching this rule and shall be subjected to disciplinary action under the Code of Conduct.

**DMC 8 (a): Possession, consumption, distribution, and or sale of tobacco:** Possession, consumption, distribution, sale of cigarettes and or tobacco, is strictly prohibited on the premises of SIU, Dubai. Any such behaviour shall amount to violation of the Code of Conduct.

**DMC 8 (b): Possession, consumption, distribution, sale of Alcohol/ Alcoholic Beverages:** Students shall not possess, consume, distribute or sell alcohol or alcoholic beverages on premises of the SIU, Dubai. Any such behaviour shall amount to violation of the Code of Conduct.

Students having knowledge of occurrence of this misconduct shall report the same to the Director/ Head-Student Services immediately. If students fail to report despite knowledge, they shall be liable for breaching this rule and shall be subjected to disciplinary action under the Code of Conduct.

**DMC 9:** Unauthorized Access and Use of Property & Facilities: Unauthorized access means accessing without authorization SIU, Dubai property, facilities, services, or information systems, or obtaining or providing to another person the means of such unauthorized access, including, but not limited to, using or providing without authorization keys, access cards, or access codes.

**DMC 10:** Act of Violence, Threatening, Harassing, or Assaultive Conduct: Acts of violence, threatening, abusing, harassing, or assaultive conduct means engaging in conduct that has caused injury to/ death of other person/ students of the campus, a conduct that endangers or threatens to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of another person, including, but not limited to, threatening, harassing, fighting or assaultive behaviour, disturbing academic and administrative environment on the campus. Being a part of the actual act or accompanying the main defaulter in the act will make a student subject to disciplinary action.

#### **DMC 11: Theft, Property Damage, and Vandalism:**

- 11.1 Theft, property damage, and vandalism include theft or embezzlement of, damage to, destruction of, unauthorized possession of, or wrongful sale or gift of property belonging to SIU, Dubai/employees/students/ or any other person on the campus.
- 11.2 Misuse of/damage to SIU, Dubai property and not abiding by the basic guidelines of using university facilities.

DMC 12: Recording of Images without Knowledge/ Altering of a Photograph of a Student(s)/ Person(s): Using electronic or other means to make a video or photographic

record of any person in a location where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy without the person's prior knowledge, or altering/ enhancing/ distorting/ photograph of a student/ person, which photograph may/ may not have been taken with consent, when such a recording/ altering/ enhancing/ distorting is likely to cause injury, distress, or damage to reputation of such student/ person. This includes, but is not limited to, taking video or photographic images in shower/ locker rooms, and restrooms. The storing, sharing, and/ or distributing of such unauthorized records by any means is also prohibited.

**DMC 13: Causing Disrepute to other students/ faculty:** Engaging or inciting other students to engage by any means whatsoever and performing or attempting to perform an act, which brings disrepute to other students/ faculty of SIU, Dubai. Students shall also not engage in filing a complaint on behalf of another student without the consent of such a student.

#### **DMC 14: Sexual Harassment:**

- 14.1 Any conduct or act which amounts to sexual harassment in any form in any form shall be punishable under the laws of the land and/or shall be seriously dealt with.
- 14.2 In case of misuse of the provision of the act; OR in case of a false or malicious complaint OR in case the complainant or respondent do not appear for the hearing despite at least three reminders; OR do not submit mandatory documents despite at least three reminders.
- **DMC 15: Unauthorized Agreements/ Contracts:** Students are prohibited from entering into verbal or written agreements or contracts with third parties that purport to bind, obligate, or create liability of any kind for SIU, Dubai. The University will hold all such students individually liable for any financial or legal consequences or damages that may result from such unauthorized actions.
- **DMC 16: Abuse of Electronic Communication**: Using SIU Dubai's or personal telecommunications, data communication networks for illegal or improper purposes or in violation of University regulations and policies, or related laws. Using social media platforms to malign the image, bring disrepute to SIU Dubai, its officials, staff and other students, or make them subject of ridicule by the members of the community or society.
- **DMC 17: Media Contact:** Speaking on behalf of or for SIU Dubai with any media organization or publication, or from inviting the same to any University-owned or operated property, facility, or event, without the express prior written permission of the Director is treated as a serious misconduct.
- **DMC 18: Organization and Event Registration:** A Student or group of students shall not form any organization, society or organize any event or collect any funds or subscription without the specific written permission of the Director.
- **DMC 19: Presenting False Testimony:** Knowingly making false statements regarding a disciplinary matter before, during or after the disciplinary adjudication process.

- **DMC 20: Denial/ Failure to comply with the directives of the SIU Dubai or any other authority:** Denial/ Failure to comply with legitimate directives of authorized SIU Dubai officials, law enforcement agencies in the performance of their duties or violation of the terms of a disciplinary code and rules of the University.
- **DMC 21: Misuse of Learning Resources:** Misuse of learning resources including theft, tearing pages, damage to e-resources, not returning books on time, any purposeful activity with respect to learning resources which is harmful to other students, staff and faculty.

### DMC 22: Causing Harm/ Disrepute while involved in External Activities (Sports/Internship/ Excursions/ Study Tours/ Cultural Events):

- (a) Any behavior causing damage/ harm/ disrepute to SIU, Dubai and its employees/ students and persons of the place being visited for an external activity shall amount to violation of the Code of Conduct
- (b) Students or persons from other universities/ institutions visiting SIU Dubai for an event and causing damage/ harm/ disrepute to the University and its employees/ students shall be liable for action under this Code.
- **DMC 23: Violation of Examination Rules:** Any conduct adversely affecting sanctity of the examination in any form as mentioned in the examination rule book as notified from time to time shall amount to violation of Code of Conduct. SIU, Dubai has notified a separate Examination Rules, viz. Examination Rules. Any conduct of students against the examination rules not defined herein will also amount to misconduct under these rules.
- **DMC 24: Violation of SIU Dubai Rules**: Violation of all other SIU Dubai policies, or rules, or any violations of laws of the land. These policies or rules include, but are not limited to, those rules, that regulate dress code (any violation of dress code specified by the SIU Dubai while students are in the academic area and or functions organized by the University), that regulate submission of assignments, which regulate examinations, that prohibit the misuse of library, misuse of computing resources, that regulate acts which amount to sexual harassment, rules for student regulations.
- **DMC 25: Public display of affection:** Any conduct involving objectionable physical display of affection of any form, adversely affecting the sanctity of SIU Dubai premises shall amount to violation of the Code of Conduct.
- **DMC 26: Non-Cooperation in inquiry process:** Exhibiting a conduct indicating non-compliance with the direction of any inquiry committee, shall also include not extending the required/ obvious assistance and cooperation in conducting any inquiry/ appeal

**Note:** The quantum of punishment to be given to the student who has violated the Code of Conduct is as far as possible in proportion to the gravity of the misconduct. However, the respective Disciplinary Authority after taking considered view, can take appropriate decisions as it deems fit.

It may be noted that this list, though elaborate, is not exhaustive. Any type of misconduct not covered herein, may still be construed as misconduct and may be inquired into and decided under the Code and any other penalty or punishment as deemed fit may be imposed by the competent authority on a case to case basis. Further, punishment and penalty may be in combination and concurrent on a case to case basis.

A separate Appendix I, which is not exhaustive, has been appended regarding the Competent Disciplinary Officer/Authority to inquire and decide on the misconducts and punishments that may be awarded.

#### Chapter 3

#### **Classification of Misconducts and Punishments**

#### 3.1 Misconducts:

- **a.** Major misconduct is a misconduct which is serious enough that it calls into question the student's registration, admission or association with the SIU Dubai.
- **b.** Minor Misconduct is a misconduct which is not serious in nature but not acceptable from the view point of maintenance of discipline in the SIU Dubai
- **c.** Instances of major misconduct may include, but are not limited to, repeated or persistent minor misconducts, multiple concurrent minor misconduct or refusal to comply with an interim measure or penalty imposed under this Code.
- **d.** The penalty imposed for an alleged misconduct shall be also decided keeping in view whether the alleged/concerned student/individual is guilty of an illustrative misconduct or is a repetitive alleged/concerned student/individual. For this purpose, the behavioral history of the student shall be taken into consideration.
- **e.** Where the misconduct could also constitute an offense under the criminal law or any other special statute, the victim / student is at liberty to institute appropriate proceedings before the appropriate legal authority, simultaneously to the concerned SIU Dubai authorities. In such cases depending on the facts and circumstances, the University may either proceed with the inquiry or adjourn the inquiry until such time as the police and/or courts have completed their investigation and proceedings.

#### 3.2 Classification of Misconducts (Not Exhaustive but indicative)

The guidelines on classification of misconducts mentioned below are only indicative and the Campus Disciplinary Committee shall take appropriate decisions on the class of misconduct that is major or minor.

Category	Major	Minor
Physical	Abusive/ racist /discriminatory	• Foul mouthing
DMC 3: Discrimination	comments	<ul> <li>Verbal abuse</li> </ul>
DMC 6: Illegal or	• Intimidating	Hostile
Unauthorized Possession	<ul> <li>Harming using weapons</li> </ul>	demeanour
or Use of Weapons	• Threatening	• Shoving
DMC 10: Act of Violence,	Harassing	• Affray
Threatening, Harassing,	• Stalking	Punching
or Assaultive Conduct	• Fighting	• Slapping
DMC 11: Theft, Property	• Any other form of battery/assault	• Biting
Damage, and Vandalism DMC 14: Sexual	• Damage to/ destruction of property and	Kicking
Harassment	facilities of SIU Dubai	
Tarassiiont	• Sexual Harassment*	
Academic:	Major:	Minor:
DMC1: Academic	• Fraud	• Continuous

Category	Major	Minor
Misconduct	• Forging or altering records/ documents/	absence without
DMC 4: Falsification	Grade sheets/ marksheets willfully	permission less
DMC 5: Refusal to	providing false, misleading, or	than 4 days
Identify or Impersonation	incomplete information	• Not returning of
DMC 19: Presenting	Misguiding an inquiry committee or	Books
False Testimony	not cooperating with the	• Refusal to show
DMC 20: Denial/ Failure	• committee and whiling away the	ID card to SIU,
to comply with SIU,	valuable time of committee members	Dubai staff
Dubai or any other	• Cheating	
authority	Unfair means under Exam rules	
DMC 21: Misuse of	Plagiarism	
Learning Resources	Refusal to attend classes	
DMC 23: Violation of	• Impersonation	
Examination Rules	Damaging e-resources	
	• Tearing of Books	
	Presenting False Testimony	
	• Denial/ Failure to comply with SIU,	
	Dubai or any other authority	
	Violation of Examination Rules	
	• Rude and unruly behaviour towards	
	SIU, Dubai staff	
	Non-Payment of Fees	
Behavioural:	• Abusive/ racist/ discriminatory	• Foul mouthing
DMC 2: Disruptive	comments	Verbal abuse
Conduct DMC 3:	Intimidating	Hostile
Discrimination	Threatening	demeanour
DMC 7: Illegal or	Harassing	• Consumption/
Unauthorized Possession,	Stalking	Possession/
Distribution or Use of	• Violating Bye-laws/ Rules/	Distribution of
Drugs, Vaping or using e-	Regulations/ Code of Conduct of the SIU,	Tobacco/ cigarettes
cigarettes DMC 8 (a): Smoking of	Dubai	• Causing disrepute
cigarettes, tobacco	• Causing Disrepute to another Student	to other students
DMC 8(b): Possession,	• Sexual Harassment*	• Filing a
consumption or Sale or	• Consumption/ Possession/ Distribution	complaint on behalf
distribution of Alcohol/	of Alcohol/Alcohol Beverages	of another student
Alcoholic Beverages	• Rash driving, over speeding, wrong	without the consent
DMC 24: Violation of	parking, breach of traffic rules	of such student
SIU, Dubai Rules	• Consumption/ Possession/	• Indulging in
DMC 25: Any form of	Distribution of Drugs, Banned	physical display of
physical display of	Substances	affection inside
affection		SIU, Dubai campus
Property of the Campus/	• Destruction or damage to SIU, Dubai	• Misuse of SIU,

Category	Major	Minor
SIU, Dubai	property or facility in academic block or	Dubai resources
DMC 9: Unauthorized	anywhere on University campus	<ul> <li>Damaging books</li> </ul>
Access and Use of	• Theft	in library
property & facilities	Vandalism	
DMC 11: Theft, Property	• Unauthorized Access and Use of	
Damage, and Vandalism	property & facilities	
Reputation of SIU,	• Defamation of the SIU, Dubai through	
Dubai	any form of media	
DMC 12: Recording of	• Abuse of Electronic Communication	
Images without	including spreading false and unverified	
Knowledge/ altering of	information causing harm to fellow	
photograph of a	students, their reputation and future	
student(s)/ person(s)	prospects, through personal email or	
DMC 15 Unauthorised Agreements/ Contracts	social media	
DMC 16: Abuse of	• Causing harm or disrepute by	
Electronic To. Aduse of	misbehaviour with dignitaries or	
Communication	authorities during events	
DMC 17: Media Contact	• Causing harm/ disrepute while	
DMC 18: Organization	involved in external activities (Sports/	
and Event Registration	Internship/ Excursions/ Study Tours/	
DMC 22: Causing Harm/	Cultural Events)	
Disrepute While Involved	• Recording of images without	
in External Activities	knowledge/ altering of photograph of a	
(Sports/ Internship/	student(s)/ person(s)	
Excursions/ Study Tours/	• Causing disrepute to other students or	
Cultural Events)	any of the SIU Employee	
	Unauthorised Agreements/ Contracts	
	• Unauthorised Organization and Event	
	Registration	

<sup>\*</sup>These misconducts are in more than one category.

#### 3.3 Punishments/ Penalties:

The punishments for the misconducts under the SIU, Dubai Code of Conduct are provided below:

- **a. Warning:** A written letter of reprimand resulting from a student's misconduct.
- **b.** Community Service: Contributing a defined number of physical hours to socially relevant activities such as cleaning of roads, picking up garbage, etc. (Community service) over a given period of time.
- **c. Monetary Fine:** Monetary Fine is a sanction resulting from misconduct in which a student is required to deposit an amount as penalty or any amount deposited by him/her is

forfeited or adjusted. It also includes restitution, which means compensation for loss, injury, or damage caused to other students or the SIU, Dubai.

- **d. Confiscation:** Confiscation means confiscation of goods possessed by a student involved in a misconduct.
- **e. Restriction of Privileges:** Restriction of privileges means the denial or restriction of specified privileges, including, but not limited to, access to a student facility, placement/internship programs, leadership positions in SIU, Dubai activities, or events for a defined period of time.
- f. Not allowing to appear for semester exams in full or in parts: Not allowing the student to take (appear) for semester exams in full or in parts means not allowing the student to appear for the semester examination for all courses prescribed for that particular semester or for some select courses prescribed for that particular semester.
- **g. Suspension:** Suspension is an action that suspends the privileges of the students for a specified period of time. Suspension depending upon the nature of misconduct can be imposed either in respect of academic privileges including attending classes, appearing in examinations, or both.
- **h.** Cancellation of Admission/ Termination of Studentship: Cancellation of Admission/ Termination of Studentship means separation of a student from the SIU, Dubai with the opportunity to re-enrol by following the selection process in the future after a gap of minimum one academic year with necessary undertakings as may be prescribed.
- **i.** Other sanctions: Other appropriate sanctions (including withholding of examination results) may be imposed by the competent authority of SIU, Dubai singularly or in combination with any of the above listed sanctions.
- **j. Expulsion:** Expulsion is an action forcing a student to separate from SIU, Dubai with no opportunity to re-enrol in the near future, allowed usually only after a gap of minimum three or more academic years with necessary undertakings as may be prescribed.
- **k. Rustication:** Rustication is an action which permanently separates a student from SIU, Dubai without any opportunity to re-enrol in the future.

The Guidelines on types of punishments mentioned below are only indicative. The Campus Disciplinary Committee shall take appropriate decision based on the quantum of punishment(s) prescribed in Appendix I:

Type of	Punishments
Misconduct	
Major	Suspension for more than 15 days
	<ul> <li>Not allowing to take semester exams in full or in parts</li> </ul>
	Withholding of examination results
	Termination of studentship / expulsion
	• Rustication
	Cancellation of admission
	<ul> <li>No summer internships/ placement assistance</li> </ul>
Minor	Suspension upto 15 days
	Warning/ reprimand
	<ul> <li>Monetary fine as specified</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Confiscation of electronic devices, etc. as a temporary measure</li> </ul>
	Restriction of privileges
	• Not allowed to participate in SIU, Dubai activities for one year-
	moots, fests or any other activities
	• Reformative action in the form of Community Service as defined
	above

**NOTE-** It may be noted that this list, though elaborate, is not exhaustive. Any type of conduct not covered herein, may still be construed as misconduct and may be inquired into and decided under the Code and any other penalty or punishment as deemed fit may be imposed by the competent authority on a case to case basis. Further, punishment and penalty may be in combination and concurrent on a case to case basis.

#### **Chapter 4**

#### **Disciplinary Committees**

#### **4.1** Disciplinary Officer(s)/ Committee(s)/ Cell(s) and their Jurisdiction:

The responsibility of managing disciplinary cases shall rest with the Head-Student Services who shall accept and forward such cases to the Campus Disciplinary Committee who then shall take cognizance of misconduct by any student/s and further inquire into such incidents of misconduct.

In many cases, the Director may personally receive information about such cases.

i) Director/ Head-Student Services shall be the first authority(ies) to take cognizance of any misconduct by students reported to them as per their jurisdiction. They will conduct a very preliminary inquiry and decide whether the case/ matter has to be forwarded to the Campus Disciplinary Committee or whether to take disciplinary action as provided in <a href="Appendix I">Appendix I</a> by awarding appropriate quantum of punishment themselves.

The Campus Disciplinary Committee shall inquire into the cases reported to it by the Director/Head-Student Services under the provisions of this Code and award punishments.

Cases related to drug use and abuse, and alcohol use and abuse shall be dealt with by the Campus Disciplinary Committee.

A Campus Disciplinary Committee shall be established for attending any matter related to the violation of the provision(s) of the Code of Conduct by the student(s):

Sr.	Disciplinary Officer/	Role and responsibilities
No.	Committee	
1.	Director/ Head-Student Services	To inquire and decide with the matters related to violation of the Code of Conduct by the students on the academic premises, and to decide on summary disposal.
		Clear cases of violation and simple interpretation and understanding of disciplinary action required may be dealt with by the Director/Head- Student Services themselves. Such cases will be documented and reported accordingly.
		More serious matters should be referred to the Campus Disciplinary Committee by the Director/ Head-Student Services

2.	Campus Disciplinary	To inquire and decide on matters related to violation of
	Committee (CDC)	the Code of Conduct by the students including those referred by the Director/ Head-Student Services  (i) Those major/ serious disciplinary matters which
		cannot be disposed of by the Director/ Head-Student Services alone and require a group/collective enquiry and decision.
		(ii) To conduct inquiry in the matters of drug abuse/substance abuse/ electronic cigarettes, consumption or use of alcohol/ tobacco/ and all such disciplinary misconduct which are detailed in the <a href="#">Appendix I.</a>
		(iii) To send a detailed report with recommended punishments to the Director, SIU, Dubai.
		(iv) Head-Student Services will remain present as a member in the Campus Disciplinary Committee meetings only related to substance abuse/ drug abuse/ e-cigarettes as a SIU, Dubai Representative. S/he shall observe that the provisions of the Code of Conduct are strictly adhered to and shall help in inquiry and decision making.
		(v) The Campus Disciplinary Committee shall also act as an Appellate Authority for the appeals in the matters decided by Director/ Head-Student Services
		Upon scrutiny thereof, approve/ modify the punishment recommended by the Campus Disciplinary committee or make any other suggestion(s) or amendments in the same, if needed.
3.	Internal Committee	To inquire and decide with the matters related to Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Students at SIU, Dubai. The Rules have been elucidated under Symbiosis International (Deemed University) [Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Employees and Students in the Symbiosis International University, Dubai] Rules, 2023
4.	Student Grievance Redressal Committee	To redress the grievances of the students as prescribed in SIU, Dubai [Redressal of Grievances of Students] Rules, 2024 and its amendments from time to time along.
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4.2 The procedure to report the misconducts/ indiscipline by students shall be as under:

**a.** Student(s) aggrieved or even otherwise, by an act of misconduct/ indiscipline by other student(s) on the campus shall submit their complaint in writing/email within a period of seven (7) working days to the Director or Head-Student Services.

#### OR

- **b.** Whenever any act of misconduct/ indiscipline by student(s) on the campus is noticed/ identified by any other person or any person gains knowledge in any other manner, s/he may report such misconduct to the concerned Director/ Head-Student Services
- **c.** Provided that where such complaint cannot be made in writing, by the aggrieved student(s) the Director/ Head-Student Services shall render all reasonable assistance to the student(s) for making the complaint in writing;

# 4.3 The Rules/ Procedures for attending any matter related to the violation of the Code of Conduct by the student(s):

#### 4.3.1 Summary Disposal by Disciplinary Officer (Director/ Head-Student Services)

- **a.** On receipt of the complaint, the Director, SIU, Dubai/ Head-Student Services shall be the first Authority to inquire and decide on action to be taken on any misconduct(s) by the student, as per their jurisdiction in a just and fair manner.
- **b.** Accordingly, the Disciplinary Officer (Director/ Head-Student Services) shall inquire into such matter and decide on the disciplinary action to be initiated and summarily dispose of such cases by awarding appropriate punishment as provided in the <u>Appendix I</u> for enlisted disciplinary misconducts therein.
- **c.** Punishment for all other disciplinary misconducts will be awarded by the Campus Disciplinary Committee (CDC) on a case to case basis, taking cognizance of the gravity of misconduct. All matters related to substance abuse and alcoholism should be referred to the CDC and not disposed of summarily by the Director/ Head-Student Services
- **d.** The CDC shall communicate the decision, under their signature, to the concerned student(s) involved in the matter and their parents within four (4) working days with a copy to the Director/ Head-Student Services
- **e.** The Director/ Head-Student Services shall also inform the concerned student/s about the provisions for appeal under SIU, Dubai Code of Conduct. The Director/Head-Student Services shall follow all the principles of natural justice while resolving any complaint.
- **f.** The Director/Head-Student Services shall communicate the decision to the concerned authorities which will include the Head-Administration and the Head-Academics
- **g.** Any aggrieved student can file an appeal against the decision of the Director/ Head-Student Services before the Campus Disciplinary Committee (CDC) within a period of seven (7) working days from the date of receipt of the communication (in situations where the case was not forwarded to the CDC).
- **h.** Director/Head-Student Services shall act on the decisions taken by themselves after completion of seven (7) working days, to allow the student the scope to appeal against the decisions. In case an appeal is filed, the Director/ Head-Student Services shall defer the

implementation of the decision.

A collated report of disciplinary cases disposed of summarily by the Director &/or Head-Student Services should be sent to the Director and the CDC on a monthly basis.

#### **4.3.2 Campus Disciplinary Committee:**

There shall be a Campus Disciplinary Committee for SIU, Dubai campus to inquire and decide all (major and minor) issue(s) related to the disciplinary matters of students including those which are referred to it and/ or have not been disposed of summarily by the Director/ Head-Student Services.

### (i) The composition of the 'Campus Disciplinary Committee' shall be as under:

a)	Head-Administration	Chairperson
b)	One Professor/ Associate Professor nominated by Director	Member
c)	One faculty member (of the program from where the student is	Member
	involved in the disciplinary matter)	
d)	Head-Student Services	Member
e)	Officer-Student Welfare	Member Secretary

The members of the committee shall be nominated by the Director, SIU, Dubai

(ii) The term of the office of the member shall be for a period of three (03) academic years.

In case a vacancy is created due to retirement/ resignation/ transfer / loss of studentship due to some reason / or any other reason of a member of the committee, the Head-Student Services shall inform the Director within five (5) working days. The Director shall process the nomination and reconstitute the committee within fifteen (15) working days. The member so nominated shall hold the office for the remaining period of the tenure of the committee.

#### Powers, Functions and Procedures of the Campus Disciplinary Committee:

- **a.** To inquire and decide on matters related to violation of the Code of Conduct by the students referred by the Director/ Head-Student Services
- **b.** Those major/ serious disciplinary matters which cannot be disposed of by the Director/ Head-Student Services
- **c.** To conduct inquiry in the matters of drug abuse/ substance abuse, consumption or use of alcohol/ tobacco/ electronic cigarettes and all such disciplinary misconduct which are detailed in the <u>Appendix I.</u>
- d. To act as an Appellate Authority for appeals against the decision of the Director/ Head-

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- **e.** The Campus Disciplinary Committee shall comply with the principles of natural justice while attending matters related to discipline in just and fair manner and shall inquire into the disciplinary matters of students classified under major and minor misconducts and also in Appendix I.
- f. The Campus Disciplinary Committee shall take the decision on all the major or minor misconducts, involving cases of physical assault, vandalism, threats, alcohol, cigarettes, etc., and award punishments as provided in the Appendix I. The Member Secretary shall send the report to the Director for approval of the punishment allotted. The Director shall ascertain that the provisions of the Code of Conduct are followed before approval.
- **g.** The Officer, Student Welfare will remain present as a member in the Campus Disciplinary Committee meetings and shall observe that the provisions of the Code of Conduct are strictly adhered to and shall help the Member Secretary in inquiry and decision making.

## (iii) The procedure to inquire and decide with the misconducts/ indiscipline by students shall be as under:

On receipt of the complaint in writing, the Member Secretary, (Head-Student Services), in consultation with the Chairperson of the Campus Disciplinary Committee shall convene a meeting of the Campus Disciplinary Committee within a period of seven (7) working days, provided that for the purpose of the administrative convenience, the communication may be circulated by way of email.

Such cases which warrant a decision by the Campus Disciplinary Committee, shall proceed as under:

- 1. After the complaint is received, the CDC conducts a thorough inquiry of the matter, gathers evidence, statements, CCTV footage, witnesses, etc.
- 2. The Member Secretary shall ensure that the notice is served to the Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) along with the copy of specific charges/ complaints;
- 3. The committee shall allow inspection of all the documents to the complainant(s) and the respondents for their knowledge;
- 4. The identity of the complainants, respondents and witnesses shall be protected in accordance with rules/ regulations/ acts, etc. and they shall sign non-disclosure agreements as deemed necessary;
- 5. The Respondents shall have no right to cross examine complainant/s and witnesses;

- 6. The meeting should be scheduled within seven (7) days of the receipt of the complaint.
- 7. The presence of the Officer- Student Welfare is mandatory in the meetings related to substance abuse cases.
- 8. Subject to point 7, the quorum for the meeting shall be at least four (4).
- 9. The Chairperson shall ascertain the quorum after 15 minutes of the scheduled time of the meeting. The meeting shall be adjourned for further 15 minutes for want of quorum. If the requirement of quorum is not fulfilled even after half an hour of the scheduled time of the meeting, the Chairperson shall conduct the meeting without the required quorum and the business before the meeting shall be transacted;
- 10. A student involved in the act of misconduct/ indiscipline shall be called before the Campus Disciplinary Committee by the Member Secretary and he/ she shall be given full opportunity of being heard. He/ She shall be asked to submit statement in writing under his/ her signature to the committee;
- 11. The Member Secretary shall ensure that the notice is served to the Complainant(s)/Respondent(s) along with the copy of specific charges/complaints;
- 12. The committee shall take into consideration all the aspects and shall decide the procedure for investigation in a suitable manner including inviting the witness/es, if needed;
- 13. For student(s) who are involved in an act of major/ severe/ gross misconduct/ indiscipline, like vandalism, severe physical assault, substance abuse, etc. their parent(s) shall also be informed and called before the committee, if required. Such parent(s) shall be given full opportunity of being heard and asked to put their statement(s) in writing under their signatures to the committee;
- 14. The Committee shall take into consideration the documents/ material/ depositions/ facts investigated, written statements given by the student(s) and or parent(s) and or witnesses etc. and then shall submit its findings and recommendation(s).
- 15. The committee shall ascertain that the quantum of punishment(s) is in proportion with the nature of violation of Code of Conduct/ University rules and regulations. The template of violation of Code of Conduct and quantum of punishment(s) is provided;
- 16. All reports of recommendations/decisions taken will be sent to the Director for information within five (5) working days. The decision will then be taken forward for further implementation.
- 17. The inventory of any substance abuse case to be submitted to the Director, SIU, Dubai shall include:

- Photographs of the seized suspected drug/ banned substances and other incriminating articles and person (s) involved in the matter and present at the time of search,
- Confidentially written search report by the Head-Student Services duly signed
- Written statements of the students involved in the matter duly signed by them
- Written statements of the witnesses duly signed by them
- Sealed and seized suspected drugs/ banned substances and other incriminating articles confiscated at the time of search with signatures of the (a) Head-Student Services (b) student/s from whom the substance has been seized and (c) the witnesses.
- CCTV footage, or any audio or video evidence, if any
- 18. The Director shall examine the substance abuse case report, evidence, statements, etc. in detail and approve the decision or requests for some amendments in the punishment, if need be. Accordingly, the Director shall communicate its recommendation to the CDC. On receipt thereof, the CDC shall make appropriate changes and pronounce the decision. Accordingly, the Member Secretary shall communicate to the Director. On receipt thereof, the Director/ Head-Student Services shall communicate the decision to the concerned student/s.
- 19. The Head-Student Services shall communicate the decision to the concerned authorities which will include the Head-Administration and the Head-Academics immediately after the '7-day' period given to the student to appeal.
- 20. The Head-Student Services shall also inform the concerned student/s about the provisions for appeal under the SIU, Dubai Rules. The student can appeal against the decision of the Campus Disciplinary Committee within seven (7) working days.
- 21. Subject to the filing of the appeal, the punishment shall be implemented after 4 days after the decision is taken.
- 22. Any inquiry of major/minor misconduct shall be completed as expeditiously as possible but not later than twenty (20) working days from the receipt of the complaint and concluding the entire process as expeditiously as possible but not later than thirty (30) working days.
- 23. A case of substance abuse shall be completed as expeditiously as possible but not later than twenty-one (21) working days from the receipt of the complaint and concluding the entire process as expeditiously as possible but not later than thirty (30) working days.
- 24. A report of all cases handled by the Campus Disciplinary Committee should be sent to the Director on a monthly basis.

#### Chapter 5

#### **Appeals**

Any student(s) aggrieved by the decisions taken summarily by the Director/ Head-Student Services (without forwarding the case to the CDC) may wish to file an appeal before the Campus Disciplinary Committee within a period of seven (7) working days.

Any person aggrieved by the decision of Campus Disciplinary Committee may wish to file an appeal before the **Director**, **SIU**, **Dubai** within a period of seven (7) working days.

#### 5. 2 Procedure for Appeal:

The student aggrieved by the decision of the Director / Head-Student Services may prefer an appeal in the prescribed format before the Campus Disciplinary Committee within a period of seven (7) working days.

The students aggrieved by the decision of the Campus Disciplinary Committee may prefer an appeal in the prescribed format before the Director, SIU, Dubai within a period of seven (7) working days. The Director may set up a committee or may seek the assistance of external experts as the case may be to investigate all relevant documents, findings and recommendation(s) related to the case. After hearing all the concerned parties and considering all the available materials on record, the Director shall take just and fair decisions. This decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

#### **Appeals before the Campus Disciplinary Committee:**

The following procedure shall be followed to inquire and decide with the appeals before the Campus Disciplinary Committee:

- a) Any aggrieved student can file an appeal with the Campus Disciplinary Committee within seven (7) working days.
- b) The Member Secretary of the Campus Disciplinary Committee shall send a notice of hearing to the appealing student(s) and/ or parents (wherever applicable) and the Director within five (5) working days from receipt of the appeal in the prescribed format.
- c) The appealing student(s) shall be given a just and fair opportunity of hearing. They may, if they so desire, file their written statements. Under exceptional circumstances, either party may produce additional document(s) or lead additional evidence(s).
- d) The Campus Disciplinary Committee, in appropriate cases may permit the appearance of a party through electronic/online means.

- e) Either party does not have the right to legal representation during the appeal.
- f) The University shall arrange for inspection of documents, material, statements etc., if so desired, on the respective campus. The Committee shall follow the principles of natural justice while inquiring and deciding with the appeal.
- g) After hearing all the concerned parties and considering all the available materials on record, the Campus Disciplinary Committee shall take just and fair decisions. The Member Secretary of the Campus Disciplinary Committee shall communicate the decision of the Campus Disciplinary Committee to the appealing students/ concerned parties, with a copy to the Director and Officer, Student Welfare, within three days after the hearing.
- h) The Member Secretary shall communicate the decision of the appeal(s) to the appealing student(s)/parent(s), and the Director SIU, Dubai with a copy to the Campus Disciplinary Committee members and the Officer-Student Welfare.
- i) Either party may prefer a **second appeal** against the decision of **Campus Disciplinary Committee** before the Director, SIU, Dubai within three (3) working days after receiving the decision.
- j) The Officer-Student Welfare shall make a monthly report of all cases and submit it to the Director, SIU, Dubai.

Jurisdiction of Disciplinary	MIC MISCONDUCT [DMC	2 -1		
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Details of Misconduct	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary Authority for second time or repeat offense	Punishments/ Actions to
Academic Misconduct				
1(a) 'Unfair means' denotes any	Unfair Means Committee to deal with Unfair means cases in continuous	As per the rules prescribed in the Examination Rule Book		As per the rules prescribed by the Examination Rule Book
unethical means and malpractices adopted by the student during examinations or in submission of any assignments leading to internal and/or external evaluation or 'unfair means' adopted by the student under semester exchange program, twinning program, credit	evaluation.			Book
transfer arrangement or forging/ altering of Grade sheet/ marksheets given by other UAE/ / foreign university/ institution under				

any exchange related program, twinning program, credit transfer arrangement, etc.				
1(b) Plagiarism -	(i) Head-Research	As per the rules prescribed	Academic Integrity	Recommendation of the
practice of taking		in the Examination Rule	Committee (AIC) chaired	Academic Integrity
someone else's work		Book	by the Head-Research and	Committee to be
or idea and passing			will have 2 senior members	implemented
them as one's own.			by rotation drawn from	
			(Program Heads/Senior	
			Faculty members/Library	
			In Charge)	

Dealing with Disruptive Conduct (DMC 2)							
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee							
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Details of Misconduct	Disciplinary	Punishments to be given by	Disciplinary	<b>Punishments/ Actions to be</b>
	Authority	<b>Director/</b> Head-Student Services	<b>Authority for second</b>	<b>given by</b> Campus
			time or repeated	Disciplinary Committee
			offense	
<b>Disruptive Conduct</b>				
2.1 Conduct that intentionally and	Director/Hea	Any one or more of the following	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more of the
substantially obstructs or disrupts	d-Student	i) Notifying parents (Indicating that	Committee	following
teaching or freedom of movement or	Services will	the action of the said delinquent		i) Notifying parents,
other lawful activities on SIU,	deal with	student was in violation of the Code		ii) Suspension from Classes
Dubai premises or in connection	cases and	and any further acts of misconduct		iii) Any other Punishment as
with any SIU, Dubai sponsored	forward only	shall result in disciplinary action),		deemed fit by the CDC
event or activity	certain cases	ii) Written warning (Indicating that		
2.2 protesting against decisions,	of	the action of the said delinquent		
and or instigating students against	serious/compl	student was in violation of the Code		
the decisions of the SIU, Dubai	ex/grave	and any further acts of misconduct		
officials/ staff	nature to the	shall result in severe disciplinary		
2.3 Rude/ unruly behavior and or	Campus	action)		
use of foul language towards staff/	Disciplinary	iii) Undertaking of good conduct		
faculty/ campus administration staff	Committee	from the student and endorsed by the		
2.4 Rash driving, over speeding,		parents		
breaching traffic rules, wrong		iv) Suspension from Classes		
parking, honking of horns on		v) Any other Punishment as deemed		
campus		fit		

Dealing with Discrimination [DMC 3]						
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee						
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Details of Misconduct	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments to be given by Director/ Head- Student Services	Disciplinary Authority for second time or repeated offense	Punishments/ Actions by Campus Disciplinary Committee
Discrimination				
3.1. Engaging in verbal or physical behaviour directed at an individual or group based on origin, race, creed, gender, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation that, according to a person of reasonable sensibilities, is likely to create an intimidating or demeaning environment, that impedes the access of other students, faculty and staff to the educational benefits available to them.  3.2 Wearing articles of clothing with derogatory, racist, discriminatory, patently offensive, profane, sexually explicit, or graphic messages either in words or pictures, which demonstrate bias or discrimination against any individual or	Services will conduct Inquiry and the	Any one or more of the following:  i) Notifying parents, ii) Written warning, iii) Undertaking of good conduct from the student and endorsed by the parents iv) Suspension from Classes up to 7 days v) Community Service	Campus Disciplinary Authority	Any one or more of the following:  i) Notifying parents ii) Suspension from Classes up to 15 days iii) Any other Punishment as deemed fit by the CDC

Dealing with Falsification [DMC 4]						
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee						
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	<b>Punishments</b> to be	Disciplinary	Punishments/ Actions by
		given by Director/	<b>Authority</b> for	Campus Disciplinary
		Head-Student Services		Committee
		S	repeated offense	
Falsification				
d. Falsification means	Director /Head-Student		Campus	Any one or more of the
wilfully providing false,	Services s to report case to		Disciplinary	following;
misleading, or incomplete	the Campus Disciplinary		Committee	i) Notifying parents,
information, whether oral or in	Committee			ii) Written warning,
writing or in the form of				iii) Withdrawal of facilities/
document(s) with the intention				benefits accruing to students
of concealing the material				based on the false information
facts; to SIU, Dubai;				provided. iv) Cancellation of Admission
e. forging or altering				v) Filing an FIR at the nearest
official SIU, Dubai records or				police station
documents or conspiring with				vi) Any other Punishment as
or inducing others to forge or				deemed fit by the CDC
alter records or documents.				•
f. Fabrication/forging of				
degree certificates of the				
University (SIU/ other UAE/				
Foreign)				

DEALING WITH CASES REGARDING REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY OR IMPERSONATION (DMC 5)					
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee					
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary Author	Punishments to be given by Head-Student Services	Disciplinary Authority for second time or repeated offense	Punishments/ Actions by Director and Head-Student Services
Refusal to show/ provide ID Card to SIU, Dubai staff	Head-Student Services	Any one or more of the following  i) Notifying parents ii) Written warning iii) Undertaking of good conduct from the student and endorsed by the parents	Head-Student Services	Any one or more of the following  i) Notifying parents ii) Written warning iii) Undertaking of good conduct from the student and endorsed by the parents iv) Certain facilities/services to be curtailed for a period of time such as library access, etc.
Falsely identifying one's self when requested by an authorized SIU, Dubai Official	Head-Student Services	Any one or more of the following  i) Notifying parents ii) Written warning iii) Undertaking of good conduct from the student and endorsed by the parents iv) Suspension from Classes up to 7 days		i) Notifying parents ii) Written warning iii) Undertaking of good conduct from the student and endorsed by the parents iv) Suspension from Classes up to 15 days v)Filing an FIR at the nearest Police Station
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary	<b>Punishments</b> to be	<b>Disciplinary Authority</b>	Punishments/ Actions by Director/
	Authority	given by Director/	for second time or	Head-Student Services
		Head-Student Services	repeated offense	
6.1 Possession or use of	Director / Head-	Police Case	Police Case	Any one or more of the following:
weapons means	Student Services to			i) Notify the parents;
possessing or using	inform the police			ii) Filing of FIR
weapons or articles or	Then to inform			iii) Suspension from Classes the
substances usable as	/report to the Campus			legal case is completed
weapons, including, but	Disciplinary			and then:
not limited to, firearms,	Committee and the			iv) Withdrawal/ Restriction of
incendiary devices,	parents			privileges/ recognitions/ awards
explosives, and				v) Cancellation of Admission
dangerous biological or				vi) Rustication
chemical agents.				Then to inform / report to the Campus
				Disciplinary Committee and the parents
6.2 Not informing the	Director/ Head-	i) Notifying parents,	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more of the following:
concerned authorities in-	Student Services to		Committee	i) Notifying parents,
spite of knowing the	report to the Campus	,		ii) Written warning,
presence of weapons,		good conduct from the		iii) Suspension from Classes up to 30
including, but not limited	_ *	student and endorsed		days
to, firearms, incendiary		by the parents		iv) Any other deemed ft
devices, explosives, and		iv) Suspension from		
dangerous biological or		Classes up to 15 days		
chemical agents.				

DEALING WITH DRUGS AND BANNED SUBSTANCE CASES & ELECTRONIC-CIGARETTES (DMC 7)					
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Of	ficer/ Committee				
<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary Authority	<b>Vetting Authority</b>	Punishments / Actions to be taken		
a) Consuming, Selling, Possessi	ing and Distributing				
a. Sale/ Attempt to sell /use/ distribution of drugs and its paraphernalia on the SIU, Dubai premises or at University-sponsored activities. b. Not taking ownership of banned substance found in possession/ in their vehicle	Committee (CDC) will conduct the inquiry and a detailed report with its decision will be sent to the Director, SIU, Dubai for final decision.	Director, SIU, Dubai will review the report submitted by the CDC thoroughly, and may agree with / amend the punishment.	Any one or more of the following:  i. Suspension from classes up to 6 months and shall not be permitted to appear for examinations during the suspension period  ii. Confiscation of goods used / possessed in violation of SIU, Dubai Regulations.  iii. Restriction of privileges for a period of suspension.  iv. No assistance in placements.  v. Community service of 2 months in an NGO working for addicts  vi. All relevant UAE laws to be followed.		
Sale/ Attempt to sale /use/ distribution of e-cigarettes	Same as above		Same as above.		
b) Not reporting violations					
Not informing the concerned authorities in-spite of knowing presence of drugs and its paraphernalia, in an area of a SIU, Dubai building, or University property where such substances are being used, or are present in a vehicle.	inquiry and award requisite punishment. The detailed report shall be sent to Director, SIU, Dubai	Director, SIU, Dubai will review the report submitted by the CDC thoroughly, and may agree with /amend the punishment.	<ul> <li>Any one or more of the following:</li> <li>i) Suspension from classes up to 1 month</li> <li>ii) Restriction of privileges for a period of suspension/expulsion.</li> <li>iii) Not allowed to appear for exams during the period of suspension</li> <li>iv) No privileges during the period of suspension.</li> </ul>		

DEALING WITH TOBACCO		ED CASES (DMC 8[a])		
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary O			ı	
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Details of Misconduct	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary	Punishments/ Actions by
		<b>by Director</b> / Head-Student	<b>Authority</b> for	Campus Disciplinary
		Services	second time or	Committee
			repeated offense	
a) Consuming, Possessing and	Distributing			
i) Attempted or actual sale/	Director/ Head-Student	i) Notifying parents	Campus	i) Notifying parents
use/ distribution or possession,	Services/Campus	ii) Written warning	Disciplinary	ii) Suspension from
acquisition of tobacco and its	Disciplinary Committee	iii) Undertaking of good	Authority	Classes up to 07 days.
paraphernalia on SIU, Dubai	(CDC) will conduct the	conduct from the student		iii) No exams/ privileges
premises or at University-	inquiry depending upon the	and endorsed by the parents		during the period of
sponsored activities.	gravity of the situation	iv) Suspension from		suspension.
	involved	Classes.		T. C.
		v) No exams/ privileges		
		during the period of		
		suspension.		

Jurisdiction of Disciplinary	Officer/ Committee			
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a) Consuming, Possessing a i) Attempted or actual sale /use/ distribution or possession of alcohol on SIU, Dubai premises including, sports facilities, gymnasiums, or academic buildings or at SIU Dubai or sponsored activities or in a vehicle on the University campus.	Disciplinary Authority  and Distributing  Director/ Head-Student Services (Depending upon the Location of violation) will conduct inquiry and the misconducts of grave nature shall be referred to the Campus Disciplinary Committee	Punishments to be given by Director/ Head-Student Services for first time violation  i) Notifying parents ii) Written warning iii) Suspension from Classes up to 15 days. iv) No exams/ privileges during the period of suspension. v) Undertaking of good conduct from the student and endorsed by the parents	Authority for second time or repeated offense  Campus Disciplinary Authority	Punishments/ Actions by Campus Disciplinary Committee  i) Suspension from Classes up to 30 days. ii) No exams/ privileges during the period of suspension. iii) Notifying parents iv) Any other Punishment as deemed fit
b) Not reporting violations				
Not informing the concerned authorities inspite of knowing presence of alcohol and its paraphernalia in an area of a SIU, Dubai building or University property where such substances are being	Director/ Head-Student Services (Depending upon the Location of violation) will conduct Inquiry and the misconducts of grave nature shall be referred to the Campus Disciplinary Committee	<ul> <li>i) Notifying parents</li> <li>ii) Written warning</li> <li>iii) Suspension from</li> <li>Classes up to 5 days</li> <li>iv) No exams/ privileges</li> <li>during the period of suspension.</li> </ul>	Campus Disciplinary Authority	<ol> <li>Notifying parents</li> <li>Written warning</li> <li>Suspension from Classes up to 10 days</li> <li>No exams/ privileges during the period of suspension.</li> </ol>

Jurisdiction of Disciplinary	y Officer/ Comr	nittee			
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary	Authority	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary	Punishments/ Actions by
			<b>by Director</b> / Head-Student	<b>Authority for second</b>	Campus Disciplinary
			Services for first time	time or repeated	Committee
			violation	offense	
used or are present or in a					5. Any other Punishment
vehicle on the University					as deemed fit
campus					

Jurisdiction of Disciplinar	y Officer/ Committee			
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	<b>Punishments/ Actions by</b>
		<b>by Director</b> / Head-	for second time or	Campus Disciplinary
		Student Services	repeated offense	Committee
Unauthorized access	Director / Head-Student	Any one or more of the	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more of the
means accessing without	Services will conduct	following:	Authority	following:
authorization the SIU,	Inquiry and the			
Dubai property, facilities,	misconducts of	i) Monetary Fine		i) Notifying parents,
services, or information	serious/grave nature shall	ii) Notifying parents		ii) Written warning,
systems, or obtaining or	be referred to the Campus	iii) Written warning		iii) Suspension from
providing to another	Disciplinary Authority	iv) Undertaking of good		Classes up to 15 days
person the means of such		conduct from the student		iv) No exams/ privileges
unauthorized access,		and endorsed by the		during the period of
including, but not limited		parents		suspension.
to, using or providing		v) Suspension from		v)Any other Punishment as
without authorization any		Classes up to 7 days		deemed fit
keys, access cards, or		vi) No exams/ privileges		
access codes or access.		during the period of		
		suspension.		

DEALING WITH CASES	DEALING WITH CASES OF VIOLENCE, THREATENING, HARASSING OR ASSAULTIVE CONDUCT (DMC 10)				
Jurisdiction of Disciplinar	y Officer/ Committee	,			
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary	Punishments/ Actions by	
		<b>by Director</b> / Head-	<b>Authority</b> for	Campus Disciplinary	
		Student Services	second time or	Committee	
			repeated offense		
	Director to report to the	i)Notifying parents	Campus	i)Notifying parents	
Violence would include	1 7	ii) Suspension from	1 2	ii) Suspension from Classes	
being part of the actual act		Classes	Committee /Police	iii) No examinations or any other	
or accompanying the main	police and legal authorities	iii) No examinations or	1 0	privileges during the period of	
defaulter in the Act or	depending upon the	any other privileges during	upon the offense	suspension.	
remotely supporting the	severity of the violence	the period of suspension.		iv) Filing FIR, if necessary	
following:		iv) Filing FIR, if necessary		v) Any other Punishment as	
i) violence,		v) Any other Punishment		deemed fit including	
threatening, harassing or		as deemed fit		expulsion/cancellation of	
assaultive conduct that has				admission	
caused injury/ death to					
other residents of the					
campus or staff					
ii) that endangers or					
threatens to endanger the					
health, safety, or welfare					
of another person.					
Person.					
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	DEALING WITH CASES OF THEFT, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND VANDALISM CONDUCT (DMC 11)					
Jurisdiction of Disciplinar	y Officer/ Committee					
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Details of Misconduct	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments/ Actions by		
		by Director / Head-	for second time or	Campus Disciplinary		
		Student Services	repeated offense	Committee		
11.1 Theft, property	Director / Head-Student	i) Notifying parents	Campus Disciplinary	i) Suspension from		
damage and vandalism	Services will conduct	ii) Written warning	Authority	Classes up to 1 month		
include theft or	Inquiry and the	iii) Undertaking of good		ii) Notifying parents		
embezzlement of, damage	misconducts of grave	conduct from the student		iii) Recovery of 1.5 times		
to, destruction of,	nature shall be referred to	and endorsed by the		the cost of damage/		
unauthorized possession	1 1	parents		replacement/ repairs		
of, or wrongful sale or gift	Committee	iv) Recovery of 1.5 times		Any other Punishment as		
of property.		the cost of replacement/		deemed fit		
11.2 Misuse of/ damage to		repairs, wherever				
property		applicable				

### DEALING WITH RECORDING OF IMAGES WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE/ ALTERING OF PHOTOGRAPH OF A STUDENT(S)/ PERSON(S) [DMC 12]

Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee/ Cell

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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary	Punishments/
	Authority	by Director/ Head-Student	<b>Authority</b> for	Actions by
		Services	second time or	Campus
			repeated offense	Disciplinary
				Committee
Using electronic or other means to make a	Director / Head-	Any one or more of the	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more
video or photographic record of any person in	Student Services	following:	Committee	of the following:
a location where there is a reasonable	(Depending upon			
expectation of privacy without the person's	the Location of	i) Notifying parents,		i) Notifying
prior knowledge, or altering/ enhancing/	violation) will	ii) Written warning,		parents,
distorting/ photograph of a student/ person,	conduct Inquiry and	iii) Undertaking of good		ii) Suspension
which photograph may/ may not have been	the misconducts of	conduct from the student		from Classes up to
taken with consent, when such a recording/	grave nature shall	and endorsed by the parents		1 month
altering/ enhancing/ distorting is likely to	be referred to the	iv) Suspension from		v) Restriction of
cause injury, distress, or damage to	Campus	Classes up to 15 days		privileges for the
reputation of such student/ person. This	Disciplinary	v) Restriction of privileges		period of
includes, but is not limited to, taking video or	Committee	for the period of		suspension
photographic images in shower/ locker		suspension.		vi) Any other
rooms, residence hall rooms, and restrooms.				Punishment as
The storing, sharing, and/ or distributing of				deemed fit
such unauthorized records by any means is				
also prohibited.				

Jurisdiction of Disciplinar	y Officer/ Committee/ Ce	11		
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary Authority</b>	<b>Punishments to be given by</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments/ Actions
		<b>Director</b> / Head-Student	for second time or	by Campus Disciplinary
		Services	repeated offense	Committee
Engaging or inciting other	Director /Head-Student	Any one or more of the	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more of the
students to engage by any	Services (Depending	following:	Authority	following:
means whatsoever and	upon the Location of	i) Notifying parents,		i) Notifying parents,
performing or attempting	violation) will conduct	ii) Written warning,		ii) Suspension from
to perform an act which	Inquiry and the	iii) Undertaking of good		Classes up to 15 days
bring disrepute to other	misconducts of grave	conduct from the student and		v) Any other Punishment
students/ faculty of the SIU	nature shall be referred	endorsed by the parents		as deemed fit.
Dubai. A student shall also	to the Campus	iv) Suspension from Classes		
not engage in filing a	Disciplinary Committee	up to 7 days		
complaint on behalf of				
another student without the				
consent of such student.				

DEALING WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT [DMC 14]							
Jurisdiction of Disciplina							
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary	Punishments to be given by	Disciplinary Authority for	<b>Punishments/ Actions by Campus</b>			
	Authority	Director	second time or repeated	Disciplinary Committee			
			offense				
15.1 Any conduct or act	Director /	As per the IC Rules prescribed	As per the IC Rules	As per the IC Rules prescribed in			
which amounts to sexual	Campus	in Symbiosis International	prescribed in Symbiosis	Symbiosis International (Deemed			
harassment in any form	Disciplinary	(Deemed University)	International (Deemed	University) [Prevention,			
	Committee	[Prevention, Prohibition and	University) [Prevention,	Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual			
		Redressal of Sexual	Prohibition and Redressal of	Harassment of Employees and			
		Harassment of Employees and	Sexual Harassment of	Students in the Symbiosis			
		Students in the Symbiosis	Employees and Students in	International University, Dubai]			
		International University,	the Symbiosis International	Rules, 2023			
		Dubai] Rules, 2023	University, Dubai] Rules,				
			2023				
15.2 In case of misuse of	Campus	i) Notifying parents,	As per the laws of the land	As per the laws of the land			
the provision of the act;	Disciplinary	ii) Written warning,					
OR in case of a false or	Committee	iii) Undertaking of good					
malicious complaint OR		conduct from the student and					
in case the complainant or		endorsed by the parents					
respondent do not appear		iv) Suspension from Classes up					
for the hearing despite at		to 7 days					
least three reminders; OR							
do not submit mandatory							
documents despite at least							
three reminders							
		REEMENTS/ CONTRACTS [DI	MC 15]				
Jurisdiction of Disciplina	ry Officer/ Comm	ittee					

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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments/ Actions by
				Campus Disciplinary
				Committee
Students are prohibited	Campus Disciplinary	As deemed fit	Director, SIU, Dubai	Any one or more of the
from entering into verbal or	Authority will conduct		will review the report	following:
written agreements or	inquiry and report to the		submitted by the CDC	i. Suspension from Classes
contracts with third parties	Director, SIU, Dubai		thoroughly, and may agree	up to 6 months and shall not
that purport to bind,			with /amend the	be permitted to appear for
obligate, or create liability			punishment.	examinations during the
of any kind for the SIU,				suspension period
Dubai. The University will				ii. Confiscation of goods
hold all such students				used / possessed in
individually liable for any				violation of SIU, Dubai
financial or legal				Regulations.
consequences or damages				iii. Restriction of privileges
that may result from such				for a period of suspension.
unauthorized actions.				iv. No assistance in
				placements.
				v. Community service of 2
				months in an NGO working
				for addicts
				vi. Filing FIR

DEALING WITH ABUSE	DEALING WITH ABUSE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION [DMC 16]							
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary	Officer/ Committee							
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments/ Actions by				
		<b>by Director</b> / Head-Student		Campus Disciplinary				
		Services	repeated offense	Committee				
Using SIU, Dubai's or		Any one or more of the		i) Any one or more of				
personal	<b>Authority will conduct</b>		will review the report	the following:				
telecommunications, data	1 0 1	i) Notifying parents	submitted by the CDC	Suspension from Classes				
communication networks	Director, SIU, Dubai	ii) Warning Letter,		up to 6 months and shall not				
for illegal or improper		ii) Undertaking of good	with /amend the	be permitted to appear for				
purposes or in violation of		conduct from the student	punishment.	examinations during the				
SIU Dubai regulations and		and endorsed by the parents		suspension period				
policies, or related laws. Using social media		iii) Suspension from		ii) Confiscation of goods				
platforms to malign the		Classes up to 15 days		used / possessed in				
image, bring disrepute to		iii) Restriction of		violation of SIU Dubai				
the University, its officials,		privileges during the		Regulations.				
staff and other students, or		suspension period.		iii) Restriction of				
make them subject of				privileges for a period of				
ridicule by the members of				suspension.				
the community or society.				iv) No assistance in				
				placements.				
				v) Community service				
				of 2 months in an NGO				
				working for addicts				
				vi) Filing FIR wherever				
				applicable				

DEALING WITH MEDIA	DEALING WITH MEDIA CONTACT [DMC 17]						
Jurisdiction of Disciplinar	y Officer/ Committee						
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments to be given	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments/ Actions by			
		by Director/ Head-Student		Campus Disciplinary			
		Services		Committee			
Speaking on behalf	Director / Head-Student	Any one or more of the	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more of the			
of or for SIU Dubai	Services (Depending upon	following:	Authority	following:			
with any media	the Location of violation)	i)Notifying parents,		i) Notifying parents,			
organization or	will conduct Inquiry and the	ii) Warning		ii) Suspension from Classes			
publication, or from	misconducts of grave	iii) Undertaking of good		up to 1 month			
inviting the same to	nature shall be referred to	conduct from the student		iii) Restriction of privileges			
any University-owned	the Campus Disciplinary	and endorsed by the parents		during the suspension			
or operated property,	Committee	iv) Suspension from		period.			
facility, or event,		Classes up to 15 days		iv) Withdrawing the			
without the express		v) Restriction of privileges		statement publicly and			
prior written		during the suspension		issuing an apology publicly.			
permission of the		period.		v) Any other			
University is treated as				punishment as deemed fit			
a serious misconduct.							

Jurisdiction of Disciplinar	y Officer/ Committee			
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	<b>Disciplinary Authority</b>	<b>Punishments/ Actions by</b>
		by Director/ Head-		<b>Campus Disciplinary</b>
		Student Services		Committee
A Student or group of	Director/ Head-Student	Any one or more of the	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more of the
Students shall not form	Services (Depending upon	following:	Authority	following:
any organization, society	the Location of violation)	i) Notifying parents,		i) Notifying parents,
or organize any event or	will conduct Inquiry and	ii) Warning letter		ii) Suspension from
collect any fund or	the misconducts of grave	iii) Undertaking of good		Classes up to 1 month
subscription without the	nature shall be referred to	conduct from the student		iii) Restriction of
specific written permission	the Campus Disciplinary	and endorsed by the		privileges during the
of the SIU Dubai.	Committee	parents		suspension period.
		iv) Suspension from		iv) Any other punishment
		Classes up to 15 days		as deemed fit
		v) Restriction of privileges		
		during the suspension		
		period.		

Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee							
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	<b>Disciplinary Authority</b>	<b>Punishments/ Actions by</b>			
		by Director/ Head-		<b>Campus Disciplinary</b>			
		Student Services		Committee			
Knowingly making false	Director/ Head-Student	Any one or more of the	Campus Disciplinary	Any one or more of the			
statements regarding a	Services (Depending upon	following:	Authority	following:			
disciplinary matter before,	the Location of violation)	i)Notifying parents,		i) Notifying parents,			
during or after the	will conduct Inquiry and	ii) Warning letter		ii) Suspension from			
disciplinary adjudication	the misconducts of grave	iii)Undertaking of good		Classes up to 1 month			
process.	nature shall be referred to	conduct from the student		iii) Restriction of			
	the Campus Disciplinary	and endorsed by the		privileges during the			
	Committee	parents		suspension period.			
		iii) Suspension from		iv) Any other punishment			
		Classes up to 15 days		as deemed fit			
		iv) Restriction of					
		privileges during the					
		suspension period.					

Juristiction of Disciplinar	y Officer/ Committee				<b>=</b>
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Details of Misconduct	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments to be given	Disciplinary	Authority	Punishments/ Actions by
		<b>by Director</b> / Head-			Campus Disciplinary
		Student Services			Committee
Denial/ Failure to comply	Director / Head-Student	Any one or more of the	Campus	Disciplinary	Any one or more of the
with legitimate directives	Services (Depending upon	following:	Authority		following:
of authorized SIU Dubai	the Location of violation)	i)Notifying parents,			i) Notifying parents,
officials, law enforcement		ii) Undertaking of good			ii) Undertaking of good
agency in the performance		conduct from the student			conduct from the student
of their duties or violation		and endorsed by the			and endorsed by the
of the terms of a		parents			parents
disciplinary code.		iii) Suspension from			iii) Suspension from
		Classes up to 15 days			Classes up to 1 month
		iv) Restriction of			iv) Restriction of
		privileges during the			privileges during the
		suspension period.			suspension period.
					v) Any other punishment
					as deemed fit

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Details of Misconduct	Disciplinary Authority	Punishments to be given by Director/ Head- Student Services	Disciplinary Authority for second time or repeated offense	Campus Disciplinary
Misuse of Learning Resources including theft, tearing pages, damage to eresources, not returning books in time, any purposeful activity with respect to learning resources which is harmful to other students, staff and faculty shall amount to violation of Code of Conduct.	Director/ Head-Student Services (Depending upon the Location of violation) in consultation with Librarian	, , , ,	Campus Disciplinary Authority in consultation with Librarian	i) Notifying parents, ii) Undertaking of good conduct from the student and endorsed by the parents iii) Suspension from Classes up to 1 month iv) Restriction of privileges during the suspension period. v) Any other punishment as deemed fit

# DEALING WITH CAUSING HARM/ DISREPUTE WHILE INVOLVED IN EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES (SPORTS/ INTERNSHIP/ EXCURSIONS/ STUDY TOURS/ CULTURAL EVENTS) [DMC 22]

**Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee** 

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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	<b>Punishments</b> to	Disciplinary	<b>Punishments/ Actions by</b>
		be given by	<b>Authority</b> for	Campus Disciplinary
		<b>Director</b> / Head-	second time or	Committee
		Student Services	repeated offense	
(a) In case of SIU students:	Director / Head-Student Services to		Campus	Any one or more of the
Any behaviour causing damage/	report to the Campus Disciplinary		Disciplinary	following:
harm/ disrepute to the SIU Dubai	Committee		committee	i) Notifying parents,
and its employees/ students and				ii) Undertaking of good
persons of the visiting place for				conduct from the student
external activity shall amount to				and endorsed by the
violation of Code of Conduct.				parents
				iii) Suspension from
(b) Students or persons from				Classes up to 1 month
other Universities/ Institutions	the case to the Campus Disciplinary			iv) Restriction of
visiting SIU Dubai/ for an event	Committee and the authorities of			privileges during the
and causing damage/ harm/	that parent HEI.			suspension period.
disrepute to the University and its				v) Any other punishment
employees/ students shall be	CDC and Authority of the parent			as deemed fit
liable for action under this Code.	HEI will deal with the matter and			
	punishment will be awarded as per			
	the Code of Conduct of both the			
	HEIs but not in duplication.			

### **DEALING WITH VIOLATION OF EXAMINATION RULES [DMC 23]**

**Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee** 

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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	Disciplinary Author	ority 1	Punishment	ts to be	given	Disciplinary	Authority	Puni	shment	ts/ Act	ions by
		]	by Director					Cam	pus	Disci	plinary
								Com	mittee		
Any conduct adversely	Institute level comm	ittee	As per	the	norms	Unfair Means	Committee	As	per	the	norms
affecting sanctity of the	to deal with miscon	duct 1	prescribed	by	the	for term end ex	kamination	presc	ribed	by	the
examination in any form as	cases in continu	uous l	Examination	Rule I	Book			Exan	ninatior	Rule 1	Book
mentioned in the	evaluation										
examination rule book and											
as notified from time to											
time shall amount to											
violation of Code of											
Conduct.											

**DMC 25: Violation of SIU Dubai Rules:** Violation of other published SIU Dubai policies, or rules, or violations of law, etc. These SIU Dubai policies or rules include, but are not limited to, those rules, which regulate dress code, which regulate submission of assignments, which regulate examinations, which prohibit the misuse of library, misuse of computing resources, misuse of laboratory, which regulate acts which amount to sexual harassment.

Public Display of Affection [DMC 25]						
Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee						
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments/ Actions by
		by Director/ Head-		Campus Disciplinary
		Student Services		Committee
Any kind of public	Director/ Head-Student	1. Warning letter	Campus Disciplinary	1. Notification to
display of affection: Any	Services	2. Notification to	Committee	parents
conduct involving		parents		2. Suspension from
objectionable physical		3. Suspension from		classes up to one month
display of affection of any		classes up to 7 days		3. Any other
form, adversely affecting		4. Undertaking of good		punishment deemed fit as
the sanctity of the SIU		conduct from the student		per the laws of the land
Dubai premises shall		and endorsed by the		1
amount to violation of the		parents		
Code of Conduct.		5. As per the laws of		
•		the land		

	Non-Cooperation in the Inquiry Process [DMC 26]  Jurisdiction of Disciplinary Officer/ Committee					
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<b>Details of Misconduct</b>	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments to be given	<b>Disciplinary</b> Authority	Punishments/ Actions by
		<b>by Director</b> / Head-		Campus Disciplinary
		Student Services		Committee
Exhibiting a conduct	Director/ Head-Student	i. Warning letter	Campus Disciplinary	i. Notification to parents
indicating non-	Services	ii. Notification to parents	Committee	ii. Suspension from classes
compliance with the		iii. Suspension classes up		up to one month
direction of any inquiry		to 7 days		iii. Any other punishment
committee, this shall also		iv. Undertaking of good		deemed fit
include not extending the		conduct from the student		
required/ obvious		and endorsed by the		
assistance and cooperation		parents		
in conducting any inquiry/				
appeal				

**Note:** The quantum of punishment to be given to the student who has violated the Code of Conduct is as far as possible in proportion to the gravity of the misconduct. However, the respective Disciplinary Authority after taking considered view, can take appropriate decisions as it deems fit.

It may be noted that this list, though elaborate, is not exhaustive. Any type of misconduct not covered herein, may still be construed as misconduct and may be inquired and decided under the Code and any other penalty or punishment as deemed fit may be imposed by the competent authority on a case to case basis. Further, punishment and penalty may be in combination and concurrent on a case to case basis.

### **Enclosure to Appendix I: B**

## Format for making a Complaint/ Appeal

Date:
Name of the Student:
Permanent Registration Number:
Name of the Program:
Batch:
Complaint/ Appeal:

Signature of the student

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