



MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

REGULATION 1 OF 2019

REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS' CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

(Under Section 44 (1) of the Maharashtra National Law University Act, 2014)

1. Short Title and Commencement:

- (1) These Regulations shall be called as the Students' Conduct and Discipline Regulations, 2019.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on the day they receive approval of Executive Council.

2. Definitions:

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (1) 'Competent Authority' for the purposes of these Regulations means the Vice-Chancellor of the University;
- (2) 'Student' means and includes a person who is enrolled/admitted to the University, for receiving instructions and/or qualifying for any degree or diploma or certificates of the University.

3. Obligations of the Students:

Every student, shall at all times-

- (1) conduct himself properly;

- (2) maintain proper behaviour;
- (3) observe strict discipline within the campus of the University, Hostel and also outside, in buses, railways, trains, or at public places, or at picnic on educational trips arranged by the University, or at playgrounds.
- (4) ensure that no act of his/her consciously or sub-consciously brings the University into disrepute.

4. Acts of Misconduct and/or Indiscipline:

- [1] Every act of a student which is contrary to the provisions of clause (3) above, shall constitute misconduct and/or indiscipline, which terms shall mean and include, among others, any one or more of the acts jointly or severally, mentioned hereinafter, namely:-
- a. any act that directly or indirectly causes or attempts to cause disturbance in the lawful functioning of the University, as the case may be;
 - b. habitual unpunctuality in attending lectures, practicals, tutorials and other courses as may be prescribed;
 - c. repeated absence from lectures, tutorials, practicals and other courses as prescribed;
 - d. canvassing for or accepting contribution or otherwise association himself/herself with raising of any fund or any collections in cash or in kind in pursuance of any object, whatsoever, without the previous sanction of the Competent Authority;
 - e. occupation of any space such as, hostel room, residential quarter or such other accommodation in the premises owned or hired by the University, without prior permission of the Competent Authority;

- f. permitting or conniving with any person not authorized to occupy any hostel-room, residential quarter, or any accommodation or any part thereof of the University to use or occupy the same.
- g. securing admission in University, to any undergraduate or post-graduate programme or any other course by fabrication of document or suppression of facts or information or on the basis of false information which he or she believed to be not true.
- h. obstruction to any student or group of students in his or their legitimate activities as such, whether in the classroom, laboratories, fields, playgrounds gymnasium or places of social and cultural activity within the campus of the University Department;
- i. suppressing material information or supply of false information to the University, for seeking any privilege;
- j. possessing or using any fire arms, lethal weapons explosive, or dangerous or corrosive substance on the premises of the University;
- k. possessing or consuming any poisonous or stupefying drugs or intoxicants or tobacco or smoking or alcoholic beverage in any form in the University;
- l. ragging, bullying or harassing any student in University or outside thereof;
- m. indulging in any act as would cause annoyance, embarrassment to any other student, or member of the authority of the University, to staff member or any member of the family of the staff;
- n. indulging in any act of violence, assault, intimidation or threatening in the University or hostels or outside thereof;
- o. destroying or attempting to destroy or tamper with any official record or document or property of the University;

- p. conduct, unbecoming of the student, at any meeting lecture, programs or special function or sports and cultural activities arranged by the University or at any other public place;
- q. stealing or damaging any farm produce or any property belonging to the University or any of its staff members or students;
- r. instigating violence or participating in any violent demonstrations or violent agitation or strike in the University;
- s. violation of any of the Regulations of the University or orders of the Competent Authority.
- t. gambling in any form in the University;
- u. disorderly behaviour in any form or any act specifically forbidden by the Competent Authority;
- v. refusal to appear to give evidence before Enquiry Officer appointed by the Competent Authority with respect to a charge against him/her;
- w. conviction in the Court of Law for any criminal offence;
- x. use of mobiles at classrooms;
- y. any act violating or which tends to results in breach of any provision of the Maharashtra National University Act, 2014, Regulations made thereunder or any orders or directions of the Competent Authority;
- z. any other act not specifically mentioned hereinbefore which, whether by commission or omission, as would in the circumstances of the case be considered by the Competent Authority as an act of misconduct and/or indiscipline.

[2] Acts specified in clause g,i,j,k,l,o & r of sub sec [1] shall be treated as serious misconduct/indiscipline.

5. Punishment:

- [1] The Competent Authority may impose any one or more of the following punishment/s on the students found guilty of misconduct and/or indiscipline, namely:-
- a. warning/censure/Reprimand (in presence of parents/guardian);
 - b. fine not exceeding Rs. 15000/-;
 - c. cancellation of the scholarship/ award/ prize/ medal, awarded to the student by the University, with prospective effect;
 - d. debarring from admission to a course or courses of study in the University;
 - e. debarring from appearing for examination/s, conducted by the University for a specific period, not exceeding 2 years;
 - f. cancellation of the result of the student concerned in the examination of the University in which he/she has appeared;
 - g. Rustication/Expulsion from the University.
- [2] The punishments specified in clause d, e & g of sub sec [1] shall be treated as major punishments, which can only be awarded in cases of serious misconduct / indiscipline.

6. Procedure for Imposing Punishment:

- (1) If the Competent Authority is satisfied that there is a prima-facie case for imposing punishments, mentioned in Clause 5 above, he may himself or through other person or a committee, appointed by him, for this purpose, make an inquiry, in following manner:
- (i) Due notice in writing shall be given to the student concerned about his/her alleged act of misconduct and/or indiscipline. Documents which are to be relied upon for purposes of proving

the charges against him/her shall be supplied to him/her along with the notice.

- (ii) Student charged shall be required within fifteen days of the notice to submit his/her written representation about such charge/s.
 - (iii) If the student fails to submit his/her written representation within specified time limit, an inquiry may be held ex-parte.
 - (iv) If oral evidence of the witness against student is recorded by the Inquiry Authority, the student charged shall be given an opportunity to cross examine the witness concerned.
 - (v) The student charged shall be required to produce documents, if any, in support of his/her defence. The Inquiry Authority may admit relevant evidence, documentary or otherwise, at any stage before the final orders are passed.
 - (vi) Legal practitioner shall not be allowed to appear on behalf of the student charged, in the proceedings before the Inquiry Authority.
 - (vii) Inquiry Authority shall record findings on each implication of misconduct or indiscipline, and the reasons for such findings and submit the report along with proceedings to the Competent Authority.
 - (viii) The Competent Authority on the basis of findings, shall pass such orders as it deems fit.
 - (ix) Inquiring authority shall have liberty to adopt own procedure as far as the same is not inconsistent with the spirit of the procedure prescribed above.
- (2) Procedure prescribed above need not be followed and all or any of its provisions may be waived in the following circumstances:
- (i) when the student charged admits the charges in writing;
 - (ii) when the order of punishment is to be based on facts which have led to the conviction of the student by court of law, for an offence;

- (iii) when the student charged has absconded or for any other reasons it is impracticable to communicate with him;
- (iv) if in the opinion of the Competent Authority, a punishment of reprimand/censure/warning is sufficient.

7. Appeal:

A student shall be entitled to prefer an appeal against the punishment imposed upon him/her, to the Executive Council of the University, within thirty days of receipt of an order of punishment.

8. General Provisions:

- (1) Record of the punishment imposed upon students shall be maintained by the Admission Section of the University.
- (2) The University shall, on each occasion of any major or minor punishment being imposed on any student, intimate by a letter, to be sent under Certificate of Posting, the fact of such imposition to the parent or guardian of such student on the address available in the record of the University.
- (3) A copy of these Regulations shall be supplied to each student at the time of his/her admission to the University and a receipt for the same shall be obtained from the student. This receipt shall form a part of the record of admission of the student.

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Registrar