The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Honour Code and Code of Conduct for Students

The motto of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is “博文約禮” or “Through learning and temperance to virtue”. This motto places equal emphasis on the intellectual and moral education of students. In addition to pursuing academic excellence, students of CUHK are expected to maintain and uphold the highest standard of integrity and honesty in their academic and personal lives, respect the rights of others and abide by the law.

The aim of the Honour Code and Code of Conduct for Students (hereinafter referred to as the “Code of Conduct”) is to raise students’ awareness of the importance of academic honesty and personal integrity and CUHK's expectations of its students in these respects. Upon admission to CUHK, all students must affirm their willingness to subscribe to and be governed by the Honour Code and the Code of Conduct.

Honour Code

The Honour Code reads:

“As a student of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, I pledge, on my honour, to uphold and maintain the highest standard of personal integrity and absolute academic honesty, to embrace the University's core values and culture, to respect the rights of others, and to abide by the Code of Conduct for Students.”

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct summarizes CUHK’s existing rules, policies and procedures governing student conduct. It sets forth the expectations the University places on all its students in both academic conduct and personal behaviour, and guides them through the documents that apply to the Code of Conduct. Students should familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct and comply with the rules, policies and procedures stated therein.

Applicability and Scope

The Code of Conduct applies to all students of CUHK, in both their academic and non-academic activities.

This Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the following regulations, where applicable:
- General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies
- Regulations Governing Associate Students
- General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies
- Regulations on Students of the University

Academic Conduct

Academic honesty is a core value of the University. All CUHK students are expected to comply with the requirements set out below:

1. to familiarise themselves with, and observe, CUHK's policy and requirements on academic honesty, thereby upholding the highest standard of academic integrity in all their academic and research work;
Personal Conduct

CUHK aims to promote holistic personal development of its students through its educational programmes and activities. The University expects the highest standard of personal integrity from all its students. Specifically, CUHK students are expected to:

1. be law-abiding citizens, and observe and abide by the rules, policies and procedures of CUHK;
2. respect and comply with all rules and regulations of colleges, hostels and their affiliated entities, and help create and promote a positive learning and living experience in CUHK;
3. treat others fairly and respectfully, regardless of their race, ethnicity, geographic provenance, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, language, ability/disability, socioeconomic status, and any other personal characteristics;
4. communicate and interact fairly and in good faith with others, with consideration and courtesy and with due respect for differing personal viewpoints, including cultural or religious perspectives;
5. support academic freedom and freedom of expression for themselves and for other members of the University, within the limits of law;
6. act honestly and ethically in all dealings with members of the University and maintain cooperative relationships with them;
7. protect the confidentiality and privacy of personal information and CUHK correspondence, and, as appropriate, any other data or systems held by the University to which they have access;
8. provide and maintain accurate personal and contact details, and read and respond where
necessary to CUHK correspondence in a timely manner;

9. support CUHK’s initiatives in promoting social responsibility and sustainability; familiarise themselves with the relevant policies, practices and facilities, and help build an environmentally friendly and sustainable campus;

10. use CUHK property, resources and facilities equitably, responsibly and sustainably, in accordance with relevant policies and guidelines, and recognise the needs, choices, safety, and wellbeing of others; and

   **Note:** See Policies related to Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development (hyperlink to be added later)

11. positively represent CUHK and its student body at all times including while undertaking exchange programmes, internships, research attachments or placements; respecting and abiding by the laws, customs and norms of the host country while abroad, as well as the rules, policies and procedures of the host organisation/institution.

**Other Related Documents**

In addition to the relevant documents referred to in the Code of Conduct, postgraduate students should also refer to the following documents for practical advice and good practice guidance on procedures handling academic and student matters:

- Code of Practice for Research Postgraduate Studies
- Code of Practice for Taught Postgraduate Studies

The requirements contained in the documents listed in the Code of Conduct are not exhaustive. Students should always be attentive to information provided from time to time by CUHK’s academic or administrative units on the University’s expectations and requirements relating to their academic and personal conduct.

**Breach of Code of Conduct**

1. Students are responsible for the consequences of their behaviour. Those who breach the Code of Conduct must expect to bear these consequences and, if required, to take any necessary rectifying actions.

2. Breaches of the Code of Conduct will be handled in accordance with the policies and procedures of CUHK, its Faculties, Colleges and Graduate School, and its committees tasked with dealing with such matters.

   **Note:** See Procedures for Handling Cases of Academic Dishonesty
   Procedures for Handling Student Disciplinary Cases
   Procedures for Handling Discrimination Complaints
   Policy Against Sexual Harassment