

PACHHUNGA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

Pachhunga University College is committed to maintaining equality, fairness, and healthy environment for higher education. It accommodates a diverse community and sexes, and aims to provide inclusiveness, harmony and personal development by upholding the Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties of India.

This code is ratified for the purposes of personal responsibility, peer accountability, safety and social consciousness among the students by the HOD Committee.

1. RAGGING

The University Grants Commission (UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions) 2009 defines ragging as, “Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background”. Ragging in the campus is punishable by law and possible penalties range from

- 1) Cancellation of enrollment,
- 2) Debarring from examinations,
- 3) Suspension for a period of 1 to 4 semesters,
- 4) Expulsion
- 5) Fine ranging from Rs. 25000 up to 1 lakh

2. SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015 defines “sexual harassment” as, “An unwanted conduct with sexual undertones if it occurs or which is persistent and which demeans, humiliates or creates a hostile and intimidating environment or is calculated to induce submission by actual or threatened

adverse consequences and includes any one or more or all of the following unwelcome acts or behaviour (whether directly or by implication), namely:

- a) Any unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature;
- b) Demand or request for sexual favours;
- c) Making sexually coloured remarks;
- d) Physical contact and advances; or
- e) Showing pornography”

Sexual harassment in the college is a legal crime and the penalty for a perpetrator student is expulsion.

3. ATTENDANCE

UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the First Degree through Formal Education) Regulations, 2003 imposes a minimum of 75% attendance out of the total number of classes students should attend in all subjects for eligibility to appear in the university examinations.

Students deficit in attendance, i.e., <75% are barred from appearing in the end semester examinations.

CCA attendance is recorded separately; absence in CCA will be fined with Rs. 100 every time.

4. CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT (CA)

There are three exams in a continuous assessment in a semester (First and Second Written tests and Seminar/Assignment) to which all students must compulsorily appear.

If a student fails to appear in any of the tests, he/she will have to meet the Principal and furnish an explanation.

Under special conditions, the Principal in consultation with the department concerned can grant special permission for retest, if necessary.

5. SMOKING, MISUSE OF ALCOHOL AND NARCOTICS/INTOXICANTS

The college strictly prohibits smoking, drinking liquor and indulgence in any intoxicants within the college campus.

Violation shall bear penalties such as:

- a) A fine of Rs. 200 (for every offence) for smoking;
- b) A fine of Rs. 200 for drinking liquor or use of intoxicants as the first offence; second offence leads to expulsion.

6. MALPRACTISE IN EXAMS

Malpractice in exams includes any sort of cheating, copying from notes of other students, use of illegal materials or gadgets, disrupting others and practice of any unfair mean.

Students indulging in such malpractices shall be punished as per the *Mizoram University Examinations Rules and Regulations*. Punishment can result up to direct expulsion.

7. CLEANLINESS

The college strives to sustain hygienic and sanitary campus. There should not be littering in the college campus. Students should discard wastes in the proper dustbins provided. Toilets should be cleaned after use. Spitting in the classrooms, pavements, corridors and toilet is strictly prohibited.

Offenders are liable to a fine of Rs. 100. Teacher, administrative officers and security staff can impose the fine.

8. MOBILE PHONES

Use of mobile phones and related electronic gadgets is restricted in the classroom during class hours and examinations.

If a student is found violating this restriction, his/her mobile phone/device will be confiscated.

Confiscated phones can be claimed from the Principal only after seven days upon payment of Rs. 200 as a fine.

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Students are not entitled for personal leave of absence from the classes.

However, in case of emergencies and unavoidable circumstances, an application supported by relevant documents (sickness-doctor's letter; death related-funeral service program) should be submitted to the Head of the Department or teacher concerned, immediately on the first day of resuming classes.

No leave applications will be entertained or considered if it is submitted after a lapse of even just one day.

10. SOCIAL MEDIA AND CYBER CRIME

Social media such as Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, blogs, internet forum, etc. can be useful means of communication and sharing information. But students are advised to abstain from posting derogatory remarks about the college and its fraternity that could incite adverse consequences.

If a student is found guilty of such activity, the Disciplinary Committee of the college will take appropriate actions.

11. INTER-CLASS COMPETITION

The college does not allow any class to organize an inter-class competition of any kind not organized by the college or without the approval of the Heads of the Departments or the Principal.

Violation of this rule shall result in the following disciplinary actions:

- a) Students of both parties will be subjected to college campus service.
- b) Students of both parties will lose one-day attendance.

12. FUND RAISER

Fund raising/donations for the service of the college and approved by the college authority is encouraged. However, students, individually or in groups, should not conduct fund-raising activities on their own.

Selling of any item, foodstuff, book and stationery material for educational purposes should be done only with a written authorization of the Principal.

13. VEHICLE PARKING AND TRAFFIC

Students should park their vehicles in the parking lot specified for them in an orderly fashion.

Students should obey general traffic rules. Two wheelers can have only one pillion rider; and the driver should wear a helmet. The speed limit inside the campus is 20 km/hr.

14. COLLEGE T-SHIRT

The college has an official T-shirt. It is compulsory for students to wear the T-shirts on Mondays, and on special occasions notified by the college authority. An offence carries a fine of Rs. 100.

15. DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR

Disruptive behaviour is any conduct of a student that disturbs teachers or other students to the point of disrupting teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary, or functions of the college on or off campus.

The penalty is expulsion.

16. PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL TOURNAMENT

Students are not allowed to participate in local tournaments in any form and manner during class hours. The college will not entertain any leave application furnished for such participation.

17. CLASS PICNIC

The college does not endorse class picnics. Any consequences will be the sole responsibility of the students, and not the college.