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DISCIPLINARY RULES, 2023


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DNLU DISCIPLINARY RULES 2023

PART- I PRELIMINARY

1. These Rules shall be called DNLU Disciplinary Rules 2023.
2. These Rules shall come into force from the date of the assent of the Vice Chancellor of the University.
3. These Rules shall apply to all the students admitted to DNLU, Jabalpur.
4. These rules shall be in addition to the Disciplinary Rules and Orders passed by the University from time to time.

PART-II DEFINITIONS

5. "Campus" means the hostels, Academic Block, the Administrative Block of the University playground, and other spaces on the campus, and it includes the areas adjacent to the University campus.
6. "Dean of Student's Welfare" means, the Dean of Student's Welfare of the University and it includes the person in-charge in case of vacancy or absence of Dean of Student's Welfare.
7. "Hostel" means the accommodation provided to the students of the University for residential purposes, and it includes "Raman Bhawan", "Bhatnagar Bhawan", "Jagdish Bhawan", "Type IV and III quarters" hired from BSNL and any other building which the University may occupy for such purpose.
8. "Hostel Office" includes the wardens and the staff appointed for the upkeep of hostels and enforcement of these rules.
9. "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University, and it includes the Registrar-in-Charge of the University.
10. "Student" means a student duly enrolled and either attending classes and/or pursuing studies in any program or course of the University, including part-time programs, doctoral programs, online or hybrid programs.
11. "Student Disciplinary Group" means the committee of the students constituted by the Dean of Students Welfare for inspection and reporting violation of these rules.



12. "University" means the Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur.
13. "Vice-Chancellor" meant the Vice-Chancellor of the University, and includes a person acting in that capacity.
14. "Warden" means the Warden of any hostel appointed by the University, and it includes any other person who has been entrusted with the powers to ensure law and order in the campus and hostels.
15. Other words and expressions used in these Rules shall have the same meaning as defined under the Dharmashastra National Law University Act 2018 (No. 24 of 2018)

**PART - III
GENERAL**

16. These rules are intended to provide a safe and conducive environment for students of the University. The University has the right to modify these rules from time to time to ensure quality conditions in the campus and hostels. The students are governed by the rules and regulations which are currently in force.
17. The University is a residential campus, and it is compulsory for all the students to reside in the hostel allotted to them at the time of admission.

Provided, that the University reserves the right to grant exemptions and allow day scholars, subject to circular passed by the Registrar in this regard.
18. Ragging is strictly prohibited in any form. Any matter relating to the incidence of ragging shall be dealt with by the 'Anti-ragging Committee' constituted by the University in accordance with the UGC notification and guidelines.
19. Any matter relating to sexual harassment of students, faculty members or staff. inside the campus shall be dealt with utmost seriousness and the "Internal Complaints Committee" (ICC) shall deal with matters relating to the same. Immediate redressal of grievance and adequate punishment to those who indulge in any act of sexual harassment.
20. Any student having or showing emotional needs, symptoms of stress or depression, can seek expert and confidential counseling from the 'Counselling Cell' of the University.
21. Allotment of the hostel rooms shall be made at the time of admission, and no change in this respect shall be made except with the prior written permission of the Warden in the mid semester.



22. All the students shall vacate their allotted rooms during the summer vacation and they will be allotted the rooms again before the starting of the next semester (Odd Semester), During the summer vacation the University will carry out the necessary repairing/maintenance work of the hostel.
23. Hostel rooms shall be allotted on a twin-sharing basis, and no request for single occupancy rooms shall be entertained.

Provided that, if a student suffers from a chronic or communicable disease and is certified by the doctor to do so, a written application with necessary recommendations of the doctor may be submitted to the Warden, and the warden shall forward the same to the Dean of Student's Welfare for necessary action.
24. The Dean of Students Welfare and Warden are vested with the power to interpret and enforce these rules and regulations for better administration and management of the hostel admissions/readmissions.
25. The Dean of Students Welfare, Warden, any staff member of the Hostel Office, University Security Service's Guards, or Student Disciplinary Group Member reserves the right to enter any hostel room in case of any violation of hostel rules, suspected unlawful activities or based on perceived security risk.
26. If a student is expelled from the University for any reason, he/she should immediately vacate the hostel after clearing all the dues on the day of expulsion from the University. His / her continuance in the hostel will be treated as an unauthorized occupation, which will be a major misconduct.
27. Hostlers with chronic medical problems requiring personal attention and care may be required to leave the hostel room and the parents shall cooperate in making the required arrangements for the student to attend University as a day scholar.

**PART - IV
ACCOMMODATION**

28. The students must occupy the rooms allotted to them and should not change or exchange the rooms without prior written permission of the Warden.
29. The University authorities reserve the right to shift the students from one room to another for administrative reasons.



30. Hostel furniture should not be taken out of the rooms. The hostel inmates will be responsible for the upkeep of the furniture and fixtures in their rooms.
31. The outsourcing agency for housekeeping will clean the rooms daily at a fixed time, as notified by the Hostel Office from time to time and the students are expected to co-operate in this regard.
32. If any hostler chooses to go on leave from the hostel, he/she has to give a written application along with the consent letter of the parents for the days of the leave with the reasons for the same. The Warden shall have the right to allow/disallow the application after verifying it from the parents. No reduction in the hostel fees will be permitted for such absence.
33. All hostel inmates are required to use water judiciously and preserve it. Leakage etc. in the bathrooms should be immediately reported to the authorities.
34. Cooking in hostel rooms is strictly prohibited. Using electric kettle, griller, toaster, induction plate or any other cooking appliance is strictly not allowed in the hostel or the University premises.
35. All hostlers should only eat their food in the Dining Hall. The meal timings are displayed on the Hostel Notice board. These timings are to be strictly adhered to. It is not obligatory on the part of the kitchen/dining hall staff to serve the meals beyond the prescribed time. In case any student falls sick, and is undergoing treatment, the Warden may permit "patient diet" inside the room.
36. The hostlers should ensure to switch off fans and lights and other electrical gadgets whenever they leave their rooms, to save electricity.
37. The hostlers are not allowed to keep record players, TV, electric irons, amplifiers, speakers, or any electrical equipment in their rooms. Unauthorized possession will lead to confiscation of the goods and cannot be claimed back. The inmates may watch TV only in the common room of the hostels.
38. Playing the music at high volume and disturbing the quite atmosphere by any other means is not permitted. The hostlers may use earphones while listening to music. Playing any outdoor games inside the hostel/corridors in not permitted.
39. The hostlers are advised not to keep a large amount of cash or valuables in the rooms. The inmates are responsible for the safety of their respective belongings inside the room and campus.



40. Parents/Guardians/Guests visiting the student are NOT permitted to enter the hostel rooms of the students without the permission of the Warden.
41. Acts of damage to the hostel property like doors/ window glasses/ bathroom accessories/ door mesh/ chairs/ cots/TV in the common room/ Wi-Fi equipment, etc., is strictly forbidden and double the cost of the damages will be recovered from respective inmate/inmates responsible for the damage and/or will be expelled from the hostel.
42. The in-timings for the hostels are at 12:00 midnight. However, all the students shall be inside the University campus on or before 10:00 PM.

Provided that, Vice-Chancellor can notify prior in-timings if there are circumstances warranting the need of safety and security of the students and protecting the University property.

PART - V CAMPUS

43. Students are expected to attend 100% of their classes regularly with their books, class notes and other stationery. They shall strictly adhere to the prescribed time table.
44. Students shall strive for academic excellence and practice ethics in academic and extra academics activities. They are expected to treat their fellow students, faculty and staff with respect and kindness. They are expected to respect the opinion, view and culture of others.
45. Students are discouraged to interfere with the University administration and involvement in agitation and harassment of fellow students or others.
46. Indulging in activities prejudicial and detrimental to the reputation of the University including uploading any material/posts in social and electronic media is strictly prohibited.
47. Students shall not form any society/association/organization without permission of the University.
48. Students shall not invite any outside person to conduct a meeting without a prior written permission.
49. Students shall observe their prescribed dress code inside the academic block.
50. Students are not permitted to use mobile phone during the classes.



51. Students shall maintain decorum and peace inside the University premises
52. Walking out in the middle of the class is prohibited.
53. Using mobile/laptops and other electronic gadgets while the teacher taking the class is strictly prohibited.
54. Sleeping in the class is showing disrespect to the teacher and also talking while the class, they are also prohibited.

**PART - VI
DISCIPLINE**

55. The hostel inmates should not enter into any unnecessary conversation, quarrel or altercation with the hostel/mess/ security staff. If anyone has any complaint against any employee of the hostel, a written complaint against the person is to be lodged with the Warden. Use of abusive, vulgar and un- parliamentary language against the hostel/mess/ security staff is strictly forbidden. Any complaint received in this regard against the inmates will be dealt with seriousness.
56. The hostlers should not give tips to the employees of the hostel.
57. The forceful collection of donations for any purpose (Religious/otherwise) is strictly prohibited.
58. The hostlers are not allowed to put up notices or convene meetings within the hostel premises without the written permission of the Warden. Violation of this rule will be severely dealt with as an act of misconduct.
59. Smoking or consumption/possession of tobacco or any intoxicant is strictly prohibited in the hostels and campus premises. A fine up to Rs. 5000/- shall be imposed for the first time in a hostel inmate is found smoking or possessing cigarettes within the Campus. If repeated, his/her parents shall be informed, and the student is liable for expulsion.

Explanation: The presence of cigarettes buds/packets in the room will amount to possession of tobacco or any intoxicant.

60. Gambling in any form, such as playing cards (even without money at stake), consumption of alcohol, use of drugs and narcotics and even possession of such things, is strictly prohibited. A fine of upto Rs. 10,000/- shall be imposed if the students are consuming alcohol or possessing alcohol for the first time, if it is found to be repeated, the parents will be informed.

Provided further, in addition to the fine the inmate will also be liable for expulsion from the hostel. Anyone indulging in such things will not only be asked to vacate the hostel but also be rusticated from the University.



61. All the students entering the Campus shall check their bags individually to ensure that they are not carrying cigarettes, narcotics and alcohol bottles. If they are found carrying such things by security at the main gate, the students will be penalised with the fine for the first time as mentioned above.
62. The Dean of Students Welfare, Warden, any staff member of the Hostel Office, or University Security Service's Guards, reserves the right to check the students' bags or any belonging at any entrance of the campus or any building in the campus in case of any violation of these rules, suspected unlawful activities or based on perceived security risk.
63. The hostel rooms are subject to inspection by the Dean of Students Welfare, Warden, any staff member of the Hostel Office, University Security Service's Guards or the Student Disciplinary Group Member to ensure that they are kept neat and tidy and no unauthorized items like liquor, drugs, weapons etc., are kept in the room.
64. Possessing any weapon or instrument/contrivance, likely to cause physical harm to others, is strictly prohibited. Mere possession of weapons or firearms constitutes a serious misconduct that can result in expulsion from the University and the hostel.
65. The University is not responsible for any mishap or incident involving a hostel inmate occurring outside the campus.
66. The hostlers may be allowed to get a out pass from the warden whenever needed. Hostlers are not permitted to stay away from the hostel beyond laid down hostel timings, without prior written permission from the Warden. Hostel inmates leaving the campus should inform the warden in writing and register at the gate. The inmates, who are not found in their respective rooms after 12.00 AM at the time of night roll call, will be liable for appropriate disciplinary action for misconduct as per the rules.
67. The entry of boys/men is strictly forbidden inside girls' hostel except University Officials on duty with valid passes. Likewise, girls'/ladies are not permitted to enter the boys' hostel.
68. Perfect silence is to be maintained in the hostel premises including rooms, bathrooms, dining halls, corridors, common areas etc. Every inmate of the hostel should have the civic responsibility that he or she should not be a cause of inconvenience, annoyance or disturbance to others.
69. All instructions/ notices displayed on notice boards of hostels/University campus and the University website will be deemed to have been read by all residents and excuses for non-compliance of such instructions and notices will not be accepted. Hostel inmates are advised to look at the notice board




and University Website every day to acquaint themselves with latest information/circulars/orders.

70. Ragging in any form (making unpleasant noise, disorderly conduct, doing any act which cause or likely to cause physical and psychological harm or raise apprehension or fear of shame or an embarrassment to the new student, which include teasing, abusing, playing practical jokes on or causing harm to such students or asking the new student to do any act or to perform such things which such students will not in the ordinary course willingly do is strictly forbidden. If anyone is found guilty of ragging, he/she will be expelled and also liable for prosecution.
71. All hostels' inmates must report any disciplinary matter or problems, concerning them or their room-mates/neighbor(s), coming to their notice to the Warden or Hostel Office directly. In case of any inmate's room-mates is absent from the room of is sick/admitted in the hospital or is in any kind of physical/ mental trouble or is indulging in any bad practices, the same must be immediately brought to the notice of the Warden or Hostel Office.
72. Any hostel inmate found guilty of misconduct or continued breach of the above rules or gross indiscipline or who is found to be a bad influence on the other resident students, is liable to be expelled forthwith. The decision of the authorities in this regard shall be final and binding on the student, and her/his parent/local guardian will not be permitted to question the authorities on any ground whatsoever.
73. Students are not allowed to keep any four-wheeler/two-wheeler in the hostel or inside the University premises.
74. Any damage caused to the hostel premises has be to intimated by the copartner of the room or the students residing in that corridor (with regard to bathroom) failing which all the students using that portion of the hostel shall be deemed to have done the act and all shall be liable for such damages.
75. These rules and regulations are not exhaustive. The University has the right to modify or bring any additional rules to these rules from time to time for ensuring quality living conditions in the hostels.
76. The discretion in regard to any matter relating to amendment of the disciplinary rules or any other decision thereof shall rest with the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

PART VII

PROCEDURE FOR IMPOSING THE PENALTY FOR MISCONDUCT

77. The Disciplinary Committee constituted for the purpose of inquiry and recommending penalty for the major misconduct (as given the Schedule I) shall be guided by the principles of natural justice, including show cause as to the punishment.
78. The Disciplinary Committee will work independently.
79. The Disciplinary Committee shall submit the report of the inquiry and its recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor after conducting the due inquiry.
80. Punishment for major misconduct may include:
 - a. Rustication from the Hostel for up to 5 years.
 - b. Rustication for a year from the University.
 - c. Rustication or remand from the University and cancelling the admission.
 - d. Any other penalty as recommended by the Disciplinary Committee.
81. For major misconduct the appropriate punishment can be imposed by the Executive Council of the University, based on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor.
82. Penalty for the minor misconducts can be imposed through summary inquiry by the Wardens in consultation with the Dean of Students Welfare.
83. The Vice-Chancellor reserves the right to adjudicate any other act as Major Misconduct or Minor Misconduct which are considered as breach of discipline.


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SCHEDULE I

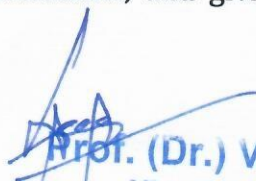
MAJOR MISCONDUCT: -

1. Ragging in any form, including conspiracy or abetment as defined under UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 and its Amendments, Circular, Notices etc.
2. Sexual harassment as defined in the UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of women employees and students in Higher Education Institutions) Regulation, 2015.
3. Violent behavior toward faculty, students, staff and other visitors, including conspiracy.
4. Damaging University property, including conspiracy.
5. Possession or consumption of Prohibited Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.
6. Repeated acts of smoking or possession of tobacco products on Campus.
7. Repeated acts of consumption or possession of alcohol on Campus.
8. Staying outside the Hostel and University beyond the permitted time without any proper permission.
9. Practicing discrimination as mentioned in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and its relevant amendments as applicable in State of Madhya Pradesh.
10. Repeated Minor Misconducts.
11. Mischief, intimidation, influences in the freedom of movement and conspiracy towards any University employee or affecting the working of University.
12. Any other activity similar to the above or related to the above.

MINOR MISCONDUCT: -

Acts or omission other than as mentioned in the "Major Misconduct" or First Misconduct where the repeated act or omission is major conduct shall be construed as "Minor Misconduct."

NOTE: The Vice-Chancellor reserves the right to classify a Minor Misconduct as Major Misconduct, depending upon the gravity of the misconduct, and giving notice in this regard to the student involved in misconduct.


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