

Values and Rights of Intellectual Property For Students

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Charter of Rights and Professional Ethics

The Charter of Rights and Ethics aims to provide all professors, staff and students at Qassim University with clear standards of conduct. Everyone acknowledges their knowledge and understanding of the Charter and its procedures as well as the consequences of violating any of these standards. Violations may be of an academic or non-academic nature. All those who attend activities outside the University as their representatives to attend academic or non-academic activities are subject to the same disciplinary action in case of violation of the Charter. Based on the vision, mission and values of Qassim University and the pursuit of the best image, the University expects Qassim University students to follow the highest standards of behavior, and adhere to them in their dealings with their professors, colleagues, faculty and staff of the university and the university community in general and vice versa. The University also expects its students and staff to act maturely and responsibly in their relationship with each other.

Each faculty member, administrative body, students (male/female) are expected to sign a copy of the charter, which will be placed in their individual files. Violators of this charter will be held accountable for their actions and will face disciplinary actions that could go to the level to the termination or dismissal from Qassim University. A copy of the charter is available via the University's website.

General Undertaking

As an employee / faculty member / student at Qassim University, I undertake to understand clearly and accept explicitly the Charter of Rights and Professional Ethics at Qassim University and to abide by the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and non-academic or administrative activities, and will not in any way insult Or expressly or implicitly violate this Charter or any policy at the University. In this context, I agree to:

- Support and comply with all Qassim University policies, and assist my colleagues to comply with them.
- Carry out tasks and activities with the utmost good faith, objectivity, transparency, efficiency, and to perform all the duties with care, and professionalism.
- Adhere to the highest standards of literature and good behavior.

- Refrain from any act or doing that may directly or indirectly violate the ethics of the profession.
- Dealing with my colleagues in a spirit of professional friendship.
- Be accountable and responsible for all my actions and mistakes, and contribute to fostering a culture of trust in society.
- Doing my best to support and strengthen the University in supporting excellence and progress as a leading academic institution.
- Adherence to the principles of equality, non-discrimination, honesty, integrity and respect in all actions.
- Follow the highest ethical standards and principles above even in cases of disputes or complaints.

University Student (male/female) Rights

A- In the academic field

- 1- Receiving a student guide that provides information about the University, and its systems and facilities;
- 2- A Party reception for newcomers;
- 3- The education received by students will be evaluated and their observations will be used to improve the quality of teaching at the University. The students will evaluate the courses that they have studied and the faculty members who have taught them (the evaluation questionnaire is showed in the appendices) provided that the student deals with this credibly and is free from personal, partisan and tribal influences.
- 4- Providing the appropriate study environment so students can study and learn easily by providing all the educational capabilities available to serve this goal.
- 5- Obtaining the scientific material and knowledge associated with the university courses taught in accordance with the university rules and regulations governing academic work.
- 6- Obtaining the study plans in the faculty or department and the specializations, as well as reviewing the study schedules before the start of the study, conducting his/her registration in the courses offered to the student by the system, providing the rules of registration, taking into account the prioritization of registration in accordance with fair controls when it is not possible to achieve the wishes of all students.
- 7- Dropping or adding any course, dropping the entire semester as pro-

vided by the system of study and registering to the university within the specified period and announced to students.

- 8- Faculty members of the university will be committed to the dates, times of lectures to meeting the scientific and practical hours and they should not cancel the lectures or change their times unless necessary. In case of a cancellation of any lecture for whatever reason, an alternative lecture on those canceled or absent by the faculty member to complete the course would be given, after coordination with the students and the department.
- 9- Appropriate scientific inquiry and discussion with faculty members without censorship or punishment, whether during the lecture or during the announced office hours to meet the students.
- 10- The test questions should be within the course and its contents and the issues raised or referred to during the lectures. The distribution of grades would be balanced and logical in order to achieve a fair assessment of the student's abilities.
- 11- Conducting all the tests that are held for the course unless there is a legal obstacle that prevents them from being conducted in accordance with the relevant regulations and instructions.
- 12- The student will be provided the key answer to the questions of the quarterly tests and the distribution of scores on the parts of the answer, which is based on the assessment of student performance before the final test of the course.
- 13- The student has the right to review his answer sheet in the tests according to the regulations and decisions issued by the university in regulating the mechanism of that review and its controls.
- 14- obtaining all his rights within the university by the administrative or academic bodies in accordance with the regulations and rules of the university.
- 15- The student will be provided the results obtained in the monthly, quarterly and final tests performed after emptiness corrected and adopted.
- 16- The commitment of faculty members, staff and employees of the university employees to respect the student and give him all his academic and literary rights.
- 17- Adopting the electronic system in monitoring grades and limiting absence to be monitored regularly and not be delayed more than a week.
- 18- Notifying the student of the total grades of his work quarterly and practical before entering the final exam.

B- In the non-academic field

- 1- Enjoy the benefits and social welfare provided by the University and participate in the activities established there in accordance with the regulations and university rules governing it.
- 2- Access to adequate health care through treatment within hospitals and health centers affiliated to the university.
- 3- Utilize the services and facilities of the university (e-book libraries, gym hall, the cafeteria,...,etc.) according to the rules and regulations of the university.
- 4- Obtaining the financial incentives and rewards prescribed by law, especially for the superior student.
- 5- Nomination for training courses and programs and internal and external trips and increase his participation in cultural activities as well as participation in community service activities and volunteer work.
- 6- The complaint or grievance of any matter that affects the student in relation to faculty member, department, college or any of the University units, and the submission of the complaint or grievance in accordance with the rules governing the unit for the protection of Student Rights, and enable the student to know the status of his complaint.
- 7- Enable him to defend himself before any party in the university in any disciplinary case filed against him. The student will not be sentenced until after hearing his statements, unless it proves that his absence was an unacceptable excuse after being summoned for the second time.
- 8- Grievance against the disciplinary decision issued against him in accordance with the rules established in this regard under the provisions of disciplining students.
- 9- Maintain the contents of his file inside the university, dealing with it with care, not handing it over to anyone except to the student or his guardian or whoever delegates that file by the investigating authorities or the judiciary or another government agency. The contents of his file may not be disclosed or published unless such publication is the result of a disciplinary punishment against the student.
- 10- The right of the student with special needs to receive appropriate and appropriate service according to the rules and regulations in force.

University Student Obligations

A. In the academic field

1. The student's commitment to attend the study and fulfill all the study requirements.
2. The student's commitment to respect the faculty, staff and workers of the university employees.
3. The student's commitment to respect the rules and arrangements related to the conduct of lectures.
4. Commitment of the student in the preparation of research and other study requirements of the courses of scientific integrity and not cheating in any way.
5. The student should abide by the rules and arrangements related to the tests and the system therein and not cheating.
6. The student shall abide by the instructions and directions directed by the official in the test room.

B. In the non-academic field

1. The student's commitment to the University's regulations, rules, instructions and decisions.
2. The student's obligation to carry the university card while the student is at the university.
3. The student's obligation not to be exposed to the property of the university, or damage or tamper with or disrupt the universities work.
4. The student shall abide by the instructions concerning the arrangement, organization and use of the university facilities and equipment.
5. Commitment of the student to the appropriate uniforms, behavior of university and Islamic norms.
6. Student commitment to calm and tranquility within the facilities of the university and refrain from smoking in it.

Review an example of student rights:

The request for re-correction of test answer sheets is one of the most things requested by students by the end of each semester. Therefore the details for this right and the rest of the rights can be understood from the student manual.

Request to re-correct the examination answer sheets

Item (39) of the Regulations for the Study and Examination of the Regulations of the Higher Education Council states:

The Council of the College which is teaching the course, in cases of necessity to agree to re-correct the answer sheets within a period not exceeding the beginning of the next semester tests. Qassim University has established an executive rule for this rule according to the following controls:

1. The student shall submit to the Dean of the College which submitted the course a request to re-correct the answer sheet within two weeks from the calculation of the cumulative averages according to the academic calendar or the announcement of the results, including the justification for the request for the correction.
2. The college prepares a form - which includes the following data: student name, university number, course number, symbol and name, division number, semester work grade, semester, grade point average, number of academic warnings if any, name of course instructor, and test date.
3. The Council of the College which is in charge of teaching reviews the case and takes the decision in the case of the application submitted by the student.
4. Re-correction must take place within two weeks of the beginning of the next semester.
5. In case of approval of the re-correction, the College Board shall form a committee to re-correct the answer papers.

College Procedures

Through this executive rule, colleges can perform the following procedures when students apply for re-correction:

1. A student who has an objection to the final test score shall submit a request to re-correct his / her answer papers within two weeks from the date of the announcement of the final test result. The application shall be submitted to the department teaching the course, the application shall be entered into the academic system and shall be given notice thereof (the attached form of the request for re-correction shall be used).
2. The head of the department informs the student of his answer sheet and compares it with the key answers to the test.
3. In case the student is not convinced of the accuracy of the test correction, the head of the department forms a committee consisting of two faculty members in the department, not including the course instructor. The committee shall submit a report to the head of the department to decide whether to amend the student's grade or to reject the application.
4. In case the student is not convinced, the student may appeal to the College Board against this decision for two weeks from the date of notification. The grievance shall be formally presented to the Dean of the College, including the reasons and justifications for submitting it, and an undertaking from the student to the validity of the information provided. A statement from the Deanship of Admission and Registration of applications for re-correction previously submitted by the student, if any, and the decisions taken therein.
5. In case the College Council is not convinced of the seriousness and adequacy of the reasons for the grievance, it shall issue a reasoned decision to preserve it.
6. In the event that the College Council approves the correction, it shall form a committee of at least three faculty members, one of whom shall be from outside the department. The committee submit its report to the Council within fifteen days from the date of its decision. It shall be submitted to the Board for decision at the next first sitting.
7. The councils of colleges may add what they see without exceeding rule 39 of the list of study and tests of the regulation of the Higher Education Council and its executive base from Qassim University.

Violations of the Charter of Rights and Professional Ethics

First: Academic Violations

Include the following examples:

Cheating:

- o Copying the answers of another student during the exam.
- o Copying answers that was written on some body parts, clothing, etc.
- o Obtaining in advance a copy of the exam or any information related to it.
- o The use of references or notes during an exam in which it is prohibited.

Literary / Intellectual Theft:

- o Using references (books, newspapers, encyclopedias, the Internet ...) without disclosing it.
- o Providing the same work in different classes/courses.
- o Buying an academic work or handing out work prepared by someone else.
- o Handing over work without making appropriate citation when using other people's work.
- o Providing incorrect information and facts.
- o Intentionally falsifying the results of a field research or a particular experiment.
- o Fabricating the data of a study or a project.
- o Fabricating the title of a particular study.

Fake Certificates:

- Falsely claiming receiving IELTS / TOEFL certifications.
- Handing in Fake copies of school files.
- Providing false work certificates.
- Providing false medical reports or certifications.
- Using someone else's ID card.

Submitting Group Work as if it is Individual Work:

- Work with someone or other people to solve a homework assignment while the work is supposed to be individual.
- Seek help or get help to resolve an assignment that is supposed to be individual.

Not Participating in Collaborative Work:

- False claim of active participation in collective action.
- False claim that part of the work of others is the work of the plaintiff.

Inappropriate Pretending to Be Someone Else:

In the case of a student attending any test or activity of academic duty in place of another student.

Participation in Academic Disinformation:

By this we mean assisting another student or trying to help him commit an act of academic disinformation, such as doing the work of others, designing or producing a project for another student, or voluntarily providing them with answers during the test. Contacting a student during the probationary period and providing information, giving a student a copy of a test in advance, leaving relevant material at the test site, or changing the result.

Interference with the work of others:

This includes intentionally interfering with the work of other students, sabotaging their lab results, research and electronic files, providing misleading information, or disrupting student work.

Second: Non-Academic Violations

Non-academic violations of Qassim University standards of conduct include (but are not limited to):

1. Violating any of Qassim University properties, buildings, facilities or labs, or entering them without a permit.
2. Abuse (by word or act) and / or intimidation of colleagues, visitors to the university or college, and their staff.
3. Disruptive or abusive behavior within campus boundaries.
4. Behavior that threatens the lives or safety of others, whether physical or moral, within the campus premises and facilities.
5. Theft, which includes theft of services or personal/property belongs to the University within the university premises or in any university activity.
6. Disrespecting the University's rules in terms of appropriate clothing. The University respects cultural diversity and respects the requirements of a productive learning environment. Therefore, students should respect local culture and traditions in their clothing.
7. Vandalizing, destroying or damaging the property of the university or the property of others inside the campus.
8. Owning, copying or using keys to University buildings, facilities or property without permission.
9. Unauthorized access or use of the University's facilities or property, including computer tools or software.
10. Unauthorized placement of signs, notifications, banners, signs or notices. Such materials are placed in authorized bulletin boards or other designated locations. It is not allowed to put such materials on cars, trees, walls, doors or glass surfaces. Student event announcements that are distributed or displayed in most buildings on campus must be approved and stamped by the Department of Student Activities.

Procedures and Guidelines

The following procedures are followed in case of student academic violations:

1. It is the responsibility of the faculty member to deal promptly with cases of misinformation, plagiarism, or sabotage - in the classroom or other academic infractions. In the case of any academic violation committed by a student, the faculty member shall fill out the necessary form (registration form of violations), which is documented in the student profile in the college archive and in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. This procedure allows the University to follow up and record repeated cases of student irregularities at the university level.
2. If the faculty member is convinced that the alleged offense has arisen from a student's miscalculation rather than deliberate misinformation, he or she must advise the student for acceptable academic work and record it in the student's file. In such cases, the faculty member requests, for example, that the student rewrites the original work or assignment, or re-submit a new work or assignment.
3. The faculty member responsible for making reports of misleading allegations should prepare the report on these acts within three working days from the date of their occurrence. He should send this report to the college dean and department chair where such act took place.
4. The head of the department will write a report giving his opinion on the violation depending on the severity of the violation and after consulting with the faculty member, and after meeting with the faculty member and the student.
5. The form is sent to the Dean for processing or to the Dean of Student Affairs for submission to the Standing Committee on Student Rights.
6. In all cases, violations must be recorded and saved in the student's file.
7. In all cases, the student must attend all meetings required by the university or college where the violation occurred to be heard.

8. In case of failure to respond, the decision may be made based on the facts.

9. In cases where the faculty member does not approve the decision of the College Committee, it is possible to appeal to the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Student Rights. For non-academic offenses, any member of the university community can file a misconduct case against any student. The competent party shall complete a “non-academic violation form” within three days of its occurrence. The violation is registered with the Dean of Student Affairs, who in turn notifies the student concerned, to conduct an interview and determine whether the Code of Ethics has been violated and decides on the appropriate response.



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