

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

On 17 July 2026 the Director, Governance Support Unit approved under COU/26-3/76 changes to the UTS Student Rules for the purposes of supporting phase 1 implementation of the new Student Conduct Rules.

THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTS RULES ARE PROVIDED BELOW

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UTS STUDENT RULES

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Section 2 — Student requirements

2.1 General ~~e~~Conduct

[Note: The Student Conduct Rules contain general conduct requirements.]

2.1.1 Each student has individual responsibility to comply with the Act, the By-law, these Rules, and the codes of conduct, policies, procedures, directives, guidelines and any other form of regulation of the University and relevant external authorities. Each student is required to acknowledge, by means of a signed statement or electronic confirmation, his or her agreement to comply with them.

2.1.2 Each student is required to maintain a standard of conduct acceptable to the University at all times whilst on University premises or undertaking any work in relation to his or her University course, or engaged in any activity related to his or her study at or through the University, and in relation to both academic and non-academic matters.

2.1.3 ~~For the purposes of Rule 2.1.2, a standard of conduct acceptable to the University includes, without limitation, a standard of conduct that does not prejudice the good name or academic standing of the University.~~ **[This Rule has been repealed, and no longer has effect.]**

2.1.4 While on the premises of the University, or undertaking any work in relation to his or her University course, or engaged in any activity related to study at or through the University, a student shall comply with any reasonable directive from an officer of the University.

2.1.5 A student undertaking an offshore course, or participating in a period of offshore study as part of an international studies program or overseas exchange program, or participating in other offshore activities related to their studies, must comply with the conditions of participation as determined by the University and with all requirements including, without limitation, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, guidelines and codes of conduct of the host institution or place of business.

2.1.6 A student participating in clinical practice, fieldwork, internships, industry or other practical experience must comply with all requirements including, without limitation, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, guidelines and codes of conduct relating to such participation as determined by the University.

2.1.7 A student participating in learning experiences that are part of a course and that involve laboratories or similar University facilities or situations must comply with any code of conduct relating to such facilities or situations as determined by the University.

2.1.8 A student, potential student or person who is acting on behalf of or in relation to a student or potential student must not knowingly submit to the University a document or any item that:

- (1) is falsely signed; or
- (2) contains any forged signature; or
- (3) contains any false, untrue or misleading statement or information.

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~~2.1.9 If the Vice-Chancellor (or the Vice-Chancellor's nominee) considers that there is a risk that a student's conduct will:-~~

~~(a) interfere with the freedom or ability of other people to:-~~

- ~~—— (i) pursue their studies;-~~
- ~~—— (ii) carry out their functions; or-~~
- ~~—— (iii) otherwise participate in University life;-~~

~~(b) threaten the safety of other student/s, staff or visitors to University campus; or~~

~~(c) otherwise negatively impact the University in a significant fashion;-~~

~~then, irrespective of or in addition to any other University processes (including any misconduct proceedings), the Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor's nominee may:-~~

~~(d) ban the student from:-~~

- ~~—— (i) attending all or any part of University premises; and/or-~~
- ~~—— (ii) participating in any or all University activities for a specific period; or-~~

~~(e) impose specific conditions on the student's participation in any or all University activities for a specific period.-~~

~~The Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor's nominee must:-~~

~~(f) notify the student in writing of the ban or conditions, when they start, and their duration;-~~

~~(g) give the student an opportunity to respond to the specific nature of the ban or conditions within a specified timeframe, including providing any relevant information that the student would like the decision-maker to consider, or any practical considerations that the student thinks should be taken into account. The decision-maker is not required to consider any submission by the student about whether any allegations about the student's previous conduct are true, or whether their conduct or alleged conduct in fact poses the risk that the decision-maker has identified;-~~

~~(h) consider any submission put by the student; and-~~

~~(i) in light of that consideration, notify the student in writing whether the ban or conditions will continue to be imposed, or whether there will be any amendment to them.~~

~~The student must comply with the ban or conditions imposed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor's nominee under (f) and/or (i) above.~~

~~In this clause, notwithstanding any definition elsewhere in these Rules, 'student' means a person who is enrolled in an award course or non-award study. [This Rule has been repealed, and no longer has effect. Refer to Rule 3 of the Student Conduct Rules]~~

2.1.10 Failure to:

- (1) comply with the Act, the By-law, these Rules, and the codes of conduct, policies, procedures, directives, guidelines and any other form of regulation of the University or relevant external authorities; or
- (2) maintain a standard of conduct acceptable to the University; or
- (3) comply with conditions set by the Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor's nominee under Rule 2.1.9; or
- (4) comply with any reasonable directives from an officer of the University; or
- (5) comply with any other provision of Rules 2.1.1 to 2.1.8;

may be an act of misconduct and may be dealt with under the provisions of [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) **or the Student Conduct Rules.**

2.2 Identification

2.2.1 Student Identity Card

- (1) Students shall each be issued with a Student Identity Card showing their University Student Identification Numbers and photographs.
- (2) A student will retain the same UTS Student Identification Number during all periods of study at the University.
- (3) Student Identity Cards remain the property of the University and are not transferable.
- (4) Students are under an obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure that the Student Identity Card issued to them is held in a secure way and is not made available whether deliberately or inadvertently for any other person to use.
- (5) A student who takes leave of absence, ceases to attend or withdraws from all study must return his or her Student Identity Card to the University.
- (6) A student must carry his or her Student Identity Card at all times while on University premises and at such other locations as may be prescribed in the requirements of his or her course.
- (7) A student must produce his or her Student Identity Card on demand of an officer of the University, including but not limited to when:
 - (a) gaining entry to an examination room;
 - (b) gaining entry to and borrowing books from the University Library;

- (c) borrowing University equipment;
- (d) proving his or her identity as a student of the University with current entitlement to, access to, and use of, the University's facilities, equipment and amenities.

(8) A student who has lost or otherwise misplaced his or her Student Identity Card must arrange for a replacement card at the earliest practicable opportunity. A fee will apply for replacement of a lost Student Identity Card.

(9) Misuse of a Student Identity Card may constitute misconduct under Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) **or general misconduct under the Student Conduct Rules.**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

2.2.2 Student access to controlled areas and facilities

(1) A student may be issued with Student Security Identification (SSI) which means a student Personal Identification Number (PIN), password, swipe card and/or any other form of access control device. A SSI is used to control access to specific areas of the University and facilities directly related to the student's current subject enrolment.

(2) Each SSI is for the personal use of that student only and is not transferable.

(3) Each student is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of his or her own SSI, and must take reasonable steps to ensure that it is not made known to any other person whether deliberately or inadvertently.

(4) If a student becomes aware that his or her SSI has been compromised he or she must take steps immediately to have the compromised SSI deactivated and a replacement issued.

(5) The SSI is to be used in accordance with its current terms and conditions.

(6) Misuse of a SSI or the University access control system may constitute misconduct under Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) **or general misconduct under the Student Conduct Rules.**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

2.2.3 Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number (CHESSN)

(1) Under the provisions of relevant legislation, specified students will be allocated a Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number (CHESSN) (or such other equivalent number ~~of~~ **or** identifier allocated by the Commonwealth from time to time).

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2.4 Relevant documentary evidence

2.4.1 In particular circumstances students are required to provide relevant documentary evidence in support of requests, including but not limited to requests for special consideration.

2.4.2 Medical or other professional certificates alone do not constitute adequate supporting evidence for such requests. Medical or other professional evidence must be provided by the

relevant authority on the professional authority form (or other form) as prescribed by the Director, Student Administration from time to time.

2.4.3 The submission of falsified medical or other certificates or of false statements on relevant official University request forms will be treated as a matter of student misconduct and handled in accordance with [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) **and the Student Conduct Rules.**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

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3.4 Internship requirements

3.4.1 A number of courses offered by the University require students to undertake internships or internship-like experiences (hereafter internships) in line with the requirements and definitions outlined in these rules and the [Internships Management Policy](#).

3.4.2 The University and the provider of the internship must follow the provisions outlined in the [Internships Management Policy](#).

3.4.3 While undertaking an internship, a student may be summarily excluded from facilities and/or from participation in activities in accordance with ~~Rule 16.9~~**Rule 3 of the Student Conduct Rules.**

~~3.4.4 If, while undertaking an internship, a student is summarily excluded from facilities and/or from participation in activities, then under Rule 16.9 the relevant circumstance or incident may be referred to the Director, Governance Support Unit as an allegation of student misconduct; or referred to the Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor's nominee to be handled under Rule 2.1.9; or dealt with under Rule 3.4.5.~~
[This Rule has been repealed, and no longer has effect.]

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3.9 Retention of students' work

3.9.1 The University reserves the right to retain the original or one copy of any work executed and/or submitted by a student as part of the course including, but not limited to, drawings, models, designs, plans and specifications, essays, programs, reports and theses, for any of the purposes designated in Rule 3.9.2. Such retention is not to affect any copyright or other intellectual property right that may exist in the student's work.

3.9.2 An item of a student's work may be retained by the University for any internal or external purpose including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) evaluation, assessment and/or marking;
- (2) teaching case study material;
- (3) review of final assessment results (pursuant to [Rule 8.6](#));
- (4) checking for plagiarism or other forms of academic misconduct, either by the student submitting the work or by any other student;
- (5) ~~student~~**academic** misconduct proceedings (pursuant to [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals));

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

- (6) where otherwise necessary to satisfy the University's quality assurance requirements;
- (7) accreditation, quality assurance and external examination;
- (8) exhibition, publication, promotions (subject to the University's Intellectual Property Policy);
- (9) where otherwise necessary to protect the legal interests and obligations of the University.
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Section 4 — Fees, charges and other financial obligations

4.1 Liability for payment

4.1.1 A student is liable for and required to pay all due fees, charges, debts and any other specified amounts properly incurred, including but not limited to:

- (1) for Commonwealth supported students and within the provisions of relevant legislation, any part of the student contribution amount that the student has elected to pay directly to the University;
- (2) course tuition fees;
- (3) non-award study single subject tuition fees;
- (4) student service fees and charges, including any components for membership of student organisations;
- (5) any charge for administrative services;
- (6) any loan made by the University;
- (7) any amounts payable under Section 18 (Use of the University Library);
- (8) any amounts payable under Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) **or the Student Conduct Rules;**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

- (9) any amounts payable under Section 15 (Equipment loans);
- (10) penalty or other fines under Rule 4.4.1;
- (11) University Housing or other accommodation fees and charges.

Under section 30 of the Act, these amounts are debts due to the University and may be recovered by legal process.

4.1.2 An applicant for admission, user of the Library, former student or other person is liable for and required to pay all due fees, charges, debts and any other specified amounts properly incurred, including but not limited to:

- (1) any charge for administrative services;

- (2) any specified amount determined under [Section 18](#) (Use of the University Library);
- (3) any specified amount determined under [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) **or the Student Conduct Rules.**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

Under [section 30](#) of the Act, these amounts are debts due to the University and may be recovered by legal process.

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Section 5 — Admission

5.2 Application for admission

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5.2.4 An applicant who has been previously excluded for misconduct at this University (refer [Rule 16.3.1\(4\)](#) **and Rule 4.7.4 of the Student Conduct Rules**) or at another tertiary institution, must provide adequate details of the reason for exclusion and a statement and supporting documentation to demonstrate why they should be considered for admission to a course at the University (refer Rules 5.7 and 5.9).

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

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Section 8 — Assessment of coursework subjects

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8.7 Student misconduct

8.7.1 Student misconduct is set out in [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals).

8.7.2 Student misconduct that occurs in relation to assessment of a student's performance in a coursework subject will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals).

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

Section 9 — Examination of coursework subjects

9.6 Student misconduct during examinations

9.6.1 General

(1) Student misconduct is dealt with in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) **and in the Student Conduct Rules.**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

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9.6.3 Misconduct during faculty-based examinations

- (1) The person responsible for supervising a faculty-based examination shall be referred to as the monitoring staff member.
- (2) If the monitoring staff member suspects a student of misconduct involving cheating during an examination, the monitoring staff member shall take prompt action to prevent the continuance of the suspected misconduct.
- (3) The student shall be allowed to complete the examination.
- (4) All action taken by the monitoring staff member will be in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness outlined in [Schedule 3](#) (Guidelines Relating to Student Misconduct and Appeals).
- (5) The monitoring staff member shall, as soon as possible, provide a written report to the Responsible Academic Officer.
- (6) The Responsible Academic Officer shall refer the matter to the Director, Governance Support Unit who shall deal with any allegation of misconduct in accordance with [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) **or the Student Conduct Rules.**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

9.6.4 Disorderly conduct during centrally conducted examinations

- (1) Any student who behaves in an unacceptable or disorderly manner or otherwise disrupts an examination:
 - (a) is liable for immediate expulsion from the examination for the remainder of the examination;
 - (b) must leave the examination immediately if directed to do so (refer **Rule 16.9 to Rule 3 of the Student Conduct Rules**);
 - (c) is subject to such other actions and penalties as provided for in [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) **or the Student Conduct Rules.**

In online invigilated examinations, students will receive a warning for behaviour suspected of being misconduct. Where the behaviour continues, the examination may be terminated.

- (2) The examination supervisor shall, as soon as possible, provide a written report on the alleged misconduct to the Director, Student Administration. The Director, Student Administration shall in consultation with others make a decision concerning any further action to be taken.
- (3) The written report on the alleged misconduct shall be submitted without delay to the Director, Governance Support Unit (or nominee).
- (4) The Director, Governance Support Unit shall deal with the allegation in accordance with [Rule 16.12](#).

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

9.6.5 Disorderly conduct during faculty-based examinations

(1) Any student who behaves in an unacceptable or disorderly manner or otherwise disrupts an examination:

- (a) is liable for immediate expulsion from the examination for the remainder of the examination;
- (b) must leave the examination immediately if directed to do so (refer **Rule 16.9 to Rule 3 of the Student Conduct Rules**);
- (c) is subject to such other actions and penalties as provided for in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) **and in the Student Conduct Rules**.

(2) The monitoring staff member shall, as soon as possible, provide a written report on the alleged misconduct to the Subject Coordinator. The Subject Coordinator shall, in consultation with the monitoring staff member and the Responsible Academic Officer, make a decision concerning any further action to be taken.

(3) The written report on the alleged misconduct shall be submitted without delay to the Director, Governance Support Unit (or nominee).

(4) The Director, Governance Support Unit shall deal with the allegation in accordance with [Rule 16.12](#).

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

Section 11 – Graduate research

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11.21 Student misconduct

11.21.1 Student misconduct is dealt with in Rule 16.2.

11.21.2 Student misconduct that occurs in relation to a graduate research course will **generally** be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals). **In some circumstances, the student misconduct may be dealt with under the Student Conduct Rules.**

[Note: Some of the Rules in Section 16 (Student misconduct and appeals) have been repealed and no longer have effect. See the note in Section 16 for further guidance on the rules that currently apply in relation to student misconduct and appeals.]

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Section 13 — Awards and graduation

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13.5 Rescission of award

13.5.1 In exceptional circumstances, Academic Board may rescind the conferral of an award, including but not limited to situations where:

(1) the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee) has determined that rescission of an award is an appropriate penalty as set out in [Rule 16.3.1\(1\)](#) and **Rule 4.7.4 of the Student Conduct Rules**; or

(2) significant fraudulent or deceitful activities have been identified and proven subsequent to the conferral of the award and which, had they been known at the time of conferral of the award, would have led to a decision not to confer the award; or

(3) administrative error has resulted in incorrect conferral of an award; or

(4) the student has not discharged all of his or her financial obligations to the University incurred during his or her period of enrolment.

13.5.2 Where Rule 13.5.1(1) applies:

(1) no action will be taken to implement the Vice-Chancellor's (or nominee) decision until such time as any appeal against that decision has been considered as provided for in accordance with [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) or until the time limit for lodgement of such an appeal has expired;

(2) the Director, Governance Support Unit will notify Academic Board and Council of the decision to rescind the award if no appeal is lodged or the original decision of the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee) to rescind the award is upheld;

(3) the Director, Governance Support Unit will provide written notice of the decision and reasons for the decision to the award recipient.

13.5.3 Where Rule 13.5.1(2) applies:

(1) the Vice-Chancellor will establish a panel with an appropriate membership:

(a) to investigate the alleged or suspected fraudulent or deceitful activities;

(b) to provide a report to the Vice-Chancellor which includes recommendations as to any further action including but not limited to whether:

the matter relates to individual misconduct as provided for in [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) **and the Student Conduct Rules** and, if so, any further action should proceed under the terms of those Rules;

(ii) the matter relates to other circumstances in which case any further action will be determined as relevant to the circumstances.

(2) the Vice-Chancellor will provide written notice to the award recipient of any decision to take further action and will provide appropriate opportunities for the award recipient to address the issues involved and to make a submission to the Vice-Chancellor on the matter prior to any final decision being taken on the status of the award;

(3) the Director, Governance Support Unit will inform the award recipient of the outcome of the Vice-Chancellor's decision.

13.5.4 Where Rule 13.5.1(3) applies:

(1) the award recipient will be advised of the proposed corrective action and any relevant consequences and will be given the opportunity to comment on these prior to rescission of an award under Rule 13.5.4(2);

(2) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) may rescind an award where an administrative error has occurred and must provide a report to Council via Academic Board every half year on awards rescinded.

13.5.5 The Director, Governance Support Unit may provide information on a decision to rescind an award and reasons for the decision to any other person who has a legitimate reason for having access to such information and in accordance with the provisions of the [Privacy Policy](#).

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Section 15 — Equipment loans

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15.4 Non-compliance

15.4.1 Where a Dean (or nominee) or Director (or nominee) believes on reasonable grounds that an equipment borrower has not complied with the conditions of loan pursuant to Rule 15.2.1(1) or has not complied with the requirements of Rule 15.3, the Dean (or nominee) or Director (or nominee) may do any or all of the following:

- (1) place restrictions on future use of the equipment;
- (2) deny future loans to the borrower;
- (3) request the Director, Student Administration not to permit the student to re-enrol or graduate, or to withhold assessment results, until the equipment is returned;
- (4) require payment by the borrower of a specified amount not exceeding the amount of the value of the cost of replacement or repair of the equipment item;
- (5) require the borrower to lodge a conditional deposit as part of the loan conditions of any subsequent loan(s);
- (6) refer the matter to the Director, Governance Support Unit who will deal with it in accordance with [Section 16](#) (Student misconduct and appeals) **or the Student Conduct Rules**;
- (7) lock the borrower's student system account until the equipment is returned.

Section 16 – Student misconduct and appeals

Part A — General provisions

[Note: The Student Conduct Rules are now in effect. The Student Conduct Rules currently deal with general misconduct and conditional participation. As a result, certain Rules in this section relating to general misconduct and the temporary exclusion of students have been amended or repealed. Other Rules in this section (including Rules relating to academic misconduct) remain in effect.]

16.1 Application

16.1.1 The Rules in this section apply to and in respect of all students of the University and in respect of misconduct by a person who was a student at the time of the misconduct, whether or not the person is currently enrolled (refer [Rule 1.2.2](#)). **Rule 16.6, Rule 16.7, Rule 16.8 and parts C, D and E of this section, together with the schedules, explain how the University will manage student misconduct as defined in Rule 16.2 and general misconduct as defined in Rule 2.2 of the Student Conduct Rules.**

16.1.2 Nothing in these Rules precludes the University from initiating civil or criminal proceedings against a student or former student in respect of misconduct.

16.2 Definition of misconduct

16.2.1 Student misconduct includes but is not limited to:

(1) (a) cheating or acting dishonestly in any way; or

(b) assisting any other student to cheat or act dishonestly in any way; or

(c) seeking assistance from others in order to cheat or act dishonestly; or

(d) attempting (a) or (b) or (c) in an examination, test, assignment, essay, thesis or any other assessment task that a student undertakes as part of the educational requirements of the course in which the student is enrolled.

Examples of the different types of cheating include but are not limited to:

- Copying and or reworking any parts of work produced by another student and submitting as your own work.
- Requesting or paying someone to complete your assessment or parts of your assessment.
- Accessing unauthorised material for a quiz, examination or any other form of assessment.
- Breaching an examination condition including but not limited to interfering with the examination invigilation and not presenting identification as required.
- Recycling your own previously submitted assessment or parts of the assessment.
- Assisting any other student to cheat by sharing your assessment or parts of your assessment to another UTS student.
- Sharing your assessment or parts of your assessment on any external platforms including online.
- Providing a student or students with answers for a quiz, examination or any other form of assessment.
- Manipulate an assessment to avoid the UTS detection software.
- Use of a third-party service to bypass the UTS detection software.
- Copying or reworking any material (e.g. text, images, music, video) from generative AI tools, and claiming this work as your own without declaring use of the relevant tool.
- Using generative AI tools for assessment tasks where it has been specified that they are not to be used.

(2) accessing or using another person's work by theft or other unauthorised means;

(3) using, or attempting to use, any material or equipment that is not specified on an examination paper for use in the examination;

(4) plagiarising, i.e. taking and using someone else's ideas or manner of expressing them and passing them off as their own by failing to give appropriate acknowledgement of the source to seek to gain an advantage by unfair means;

(5) acting in contravention of any official statement that defines acceptable academic practice as approved by Council, Academic Board or a Faculty Board from time to time;

- (6) contravening any provision of the [Act](#), the [By-law](#), these Rules, and the codes of conduct, [policies](#), procedures, directives, guidelines and any other form of regulation of the University;
- (7) acting in contravention of any official statement that defines acceptable standards of conduct and behaviour as approved by Council, Academic Board or a Faculty Board;
- (8) ~~prejudicing the good name or academic standing of the University~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (9) ~~prejudicing the good order and government of the University~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (10) ~~a breach of confidentiality or privacy requirements or obligations in respect of the University or its staff, students or other relevant parties~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (11) ~~unreasonably interfering with the freedom of other persons to pursue their studies, carry out their functions or participate in the life of the University~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (12) ~~harassing or engaging in any other form of improper or discriminatory behaviour towards another student, an officer of the University, a visitor to the University, or any other person while that person is engaged in any activity related to their University purposes; such misconduct may relate, but is not limited, to race, ethnic or national origin, gender, marital status, sexual preference, disability, age, political conviction or religious belief~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (13) ~~intimidating or assaulting another student, officer of the University, a visitor to the University or any other person on University premises or while that person is engaged in any activity related to their University purposes~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (14) ~~failing to comply with any order or direction lawfully made or given under the [Act](#), the [By-law](#), these Rules, and the codes of conduct, [policies](#), procedures, directives, guidelines and any other form of regulation of the University~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (15) ~~refusing to identify himself or herself when asked lawfully to do so by an officer of the University~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (16) ~~failing to comply with any conditions set by the Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor's nominee under [Rules 2.1.9](#) or 16.3.3~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (17) breaching the terms or conditions of a penalty imposed for student misconduct;
- (18) ~~obstructing any officer of the University in the performance of the officer's duties including preventing or attempting to prevent an officer of the University from occupying or using their assigned work area and/or refusing to leave such an area when instructed to do so~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];
- (19) ~~behaving disgracefully, improperly or inappropriately:~~
- ~~(a) in a class, meeting or other activity in or under the control or supervision of the University; or~~
 - ~~(b) on University premises, facilities or virtual spaces; or~~

~~— (c) on any other premises, facilities or virtual spaces to which the student has access for their University purposes; or~~

~~— (d) while pursuing any activity related to their University enrolment~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

~~(20) publishing material which is abusive, offensive, vilifying, harassing, discriminatory or inappropriate about the University, another student, or an officer of the University, in any forum or media, including but not limited to print, internet, social media, email, digital or electronic communications and broadcasting forums~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

~~(21) failing to comply with the prescribed provisions relating to the student's internship or other placement at another institution, place of learning or place of business~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

~~(22) acting dishonestly in relation to an application for admission to the University~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

~~(23) knowingly making any false or misleading representation about things that concern the student as a student of the University including but not limited to a breach of [Rule 2.1.8](#)~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

~~(24) knowingly making any false or misleading representation in relation to funding, prizes, grants and/or scholarships~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

(25) fabrication, falsification or misleading representation of data or results;

(26) wilful concealment or a facilitation of research misconduct by others;

~~(27) altering or attempting to alter any document or record of the University, or causing or attempting to cause any unauthorised alteration of such a document or record~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

(28) altering or falsifying any document that the University requires of the student (e.g. medical certificate, professional authority form or other supporting documentation);

(29) impersonating another student, or arranging for anyone to impersonate a student, in an examination, assessment task, an assessment requirement or in any other University related activity;

~~(30) misusing any University facility in a manner which is illegal or which is or will be detrimental to the rights or property of others~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

~~(31) without limiting, in any way, 16.2.1(30), or the definition of 'facility', misusing any computing or communications equipment or capacity to which the student has access at or away from University premises for their University purposes in a manner which is illegal or which is or will be detrimental to the rights or property of others~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

~~(32) stealing, destroying, damaging or causing loss or cost in respect of a facility or property of the University or for which the University is responsible, or any other property of any other person within the University premises~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];

(33) making an unauthorised disclosure of and/or misusing Student Security Identification (SSI);

16.3 Penalties

16.3.1 The penalty or penalties for student misconduct may be one or more of the following:

(1) rescission of an academic award conferred by the University where the award is as a result or partly as a result of fraud or serious misconduct committed by the student before the award was conferred;

(2) revocation of a recommendation to Academic Board that a student has satisfied the requirements for an award, effective for a period of up to 12 months;

(3) permanent exclusion from the University, in which case:

(a) the student's enrolment will be terminated;

(b) the student will be recorded as excluded from the University;

(c) the student will not be entitled to any benefits, advantages or privileges of the University;

(d) the student will not be permitted to enrol in any course whether for award or otherwise at the University;

(e) any further applications from the student for admission to any course at the University will not be considered;

(4) exclusion from the University for a period of up to five years in which case:

(a) the student's enrolment will be terminated;

(b) the student will be recorded as excluded from the University for the specified period of exclusion;

(c) the student will not be entitled to any benefits, advantages or privileges of the University for the specified period of exclusion;

(d) the student will not be permitted to enrol in any course at the University whether for award or otherwise during the period of any exclusion;

(e) the student may reapply for readmission to the course at the University at the end of the period of exclusion. Readmission is not automatic (refer [Rule 5.9.3](#)). If a student is readmitted, conditions relating to the student's future conduct at the University may be set by the Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor's nominee (refer [Rule 2.1.9](#) **Rule 3 (Conditional participation) of the Student Conduct Rules**);

(5) suspension from the University for a specified period not exceeding 12 months in which case:

(a) the student will not be entitled to any benefits, advantages or privileges of the University during the period of suspension;

(b) the student will be recorded as suspended from the University for the specified period of suspension;

(c) the student will not be permitted to enrol in any course whether for award or otherwise at the University during the period of suspension;

(d) the student will be entitled to re-enrol in the course from which the student has been suspended at the end of the period of suspension;

(6) suspension from a course of the University for a period not exceeding 12 months in which case:

(a) the student will not be entitled to any course-related benefits, advantages or privileges of the University during the period of suspension;

(b) the student will be recorded as suspended from the course for the specified period of suspension;

(c) the student will not be permitted to enrol in the course from which the student has been suspended during the period of suspension;

(d) the student will be entitled to re-enrol in the course from which the student has been suspended at the end of the period of suspension;

(7) withholding of academic results for the relevant teaching period, and/or of official academic records, including deferral or withdrawal of permission to graduate;

(8) imposing conditions on enrolment and participation in specified subjects for a specified period not exceeding 12 months, in which case if there is a breach of the imposed conditions during the specified period the Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor's nominee or Manager, Student Misconduct and Appeals (SMA) may impose a more severe penalty;

(9) if the misconduct relates to a subject in which the student is enrolled:

(a) a reduction in marks for any part or parts of an assessment; or

(b) a zero mark and 'Fail' result for any part or parts of an assessment; or

(c) a requirement that the student re-do and submit a specific assessment task, with a reduction in marks to no more than a specified percentage, normally 50 per cent, of the maximum possible mark in the assessment task; or

(d) a requirement that the student must undertake another alternative assessment task, for which the maximum possible mark can be no greater than a specified percentage, normally 50 per cent, of the maximum possible mark in the assessment task; or

(e) a zero mark and 'Fail' result for the subject, in which case the zero mark and 'Fail' result will be denoted on the official record of the student in the same way as a 'Fail' result awarded in the usual way;

(10) exclusion from attendance at specified classes or subjects for a specified period not exceeding 12 months, provided that these do not include the entirety of classes or subjects for which the student is enrolled or is eligible to be enrolled;

(11) exclusion from and prohibition from use of specified facilities of the University for a specified period not exceeding 12 months;

~~(12) payment to the University or a third party by a specified date of a specified amount not exceeding the amount of any loss or damage where an act of misconduct involves loss of or damage to property or facilities of the University or a third party, in which case failure to pay the specified amount to the University by the specified date will be treated as a debt to the University and incur any or all such sanctions for non-payment of charges as are provided for in [Section 4](#) (Fees, charges and other financial obligations)~~
~~[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect.];~~

(13) payment to the University by a specified date of a specified amount for its costs, not exceeding the amount of any costs incurred where an act of misconduct involves lengthy inquiries and proceedings, in which case failure to pay the specified amount to the University by the specified date will be treated as a debt to the University and incur any or all such sanctions for non payment of charges as are provided for in [Section 4](#) (Fees, charges and other financial obligations);

(14) payment to the University by a specified date of a fine up to \$5000, with maximum fines for particular types of offences determined in accordance with the Guidelines on Determining an Appropriate Penalty for Instances of Student Misconduct (refer [Schedule 4](#)), in which case failure to pay the specified amount to the University by the specified date will be treated

as a debt to the University and incur any or all such sanctions for non-payment of charges as are provided for in [Section 4](#) (Fees, charges and other financial obligations);

(15) imposition of specified conditions on attendance at specified classes or use of specified facilities or services of the University;

(16) a reprimand.

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Part B — Temporary exclusion

16.9 Exclusion from facilities and/or participation in activities

~~16.9.1 An officer of the University may temporarily exclude a student from facilities and/or participation in activities under this Rule in circumstances that include, but are not limited to, where the officer reasonably believes:~~

~~(1) the student has committed an act of misconduct in relation to the use of facilities and/or participation in an activity; or~~

~~(2) the student's behaviour is disrupting, likely to disrupt, or encouraging others to disrupt the use of the facilities or participation in activities by others; or~~

~~(3) there is or may be a threat to the safety of persons or property.~~

~~16.9.2 For the purpose of Rule 16.9, facilities and participation in activities includes but is not limited to classes, laboratories, computer laboratories, University Library, practicums, clinical practice or fieldwork excursions, practical experience or internship placements.~~

~~16.9.3 An exclusion under Rule 16.9 will have a duration of 14 days or greater, subject to circumstances. This is in addition to the provision outlined in Rule 2.1.9.~~

~~16.9.4 The Temporary Exclusion Policy consistent with this Rule must be approved by Academic Board for the purpose of providing guidance to students and officers of the University on the application of Rule 16.9.~~

[This Rule has been repealed, and is no longer in effect. Refer to Rule 3 (Conditional participation) of the Student Conduct Rules.]

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Part D — Allegations of misconduct handled centrally

16.12 Allegations referred to the Director, Governance Support Unit

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16.12.6B If no Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor's nominee approved precedent penalty exists, or the matter has been referred from a Responsible Academic Officer under Rule 16.11.3, the Director, Governance Support Unit must refer the matter to the Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor's nominee who must:

(1) impose one or more of the penalties set out in Rules 16.3.1(1) to 16.3.1(16) in accordance with the Guidelines on Determining an Appropriate Penalty for Instances of Student Misconduct (refer [Schedule 4](#)), **or, if the student has engaged in general misconduct as defined in Rule 2.2 of the Student Conduct Rules, impose one or more of the penalties set out in Rule 4.7.4 of the Student Conduct Rules, in accordance with Rule 4.7 of the Student Conduct Rules;** or

(2) impose no penalty because the Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor's nominee believes no penalty is warranted; **and**

(3) advise the student in writing of the decision.

16.12.6C Where a matter is referred to the Manager, Student Misconduct and Appeals they must:

(1) impose one or more of the penalties set out in Rules 16.3.1(1) to 16.3.1(16), in accordance with the Guidelines on Determining an Appropriate Penalty for Instances of Student Misconduct (refer [Schedule 4](#)), **or, if the student has engaged in general misconduct as defined in Rule 2.2 of the Student Conduct Rules, impose one or more of the penalties set out in Rule 4.7.4 of the Student Conduct Rules, in accordance with Rule 4.7 of the Student Conduct Rules;** or

(2) impose no penalty because they believe no penalty is warranted; and

(3) advise the student in writing of the decision.

16.12.7 The Director, Governance Support Unit may, on behalf of the University, withdraw an allegation of misconduct at any stage.

Part E — Student misconduct appeals

16.13 Basis for appeals

16.13.1 A student has a right of appeal to a Student Misconduct Appeals Committee in respect of a decision:

(1) of the Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor's nominee, the Manager, Student Misconduct and Appeals or the Director, Governance Support Unit under Rules 16.12.6B(2);

(2) of the Responsible Academic Officer under Rule 16.11.2; **and/or**

(3) made under Rule 4.7 of the Student Conduct Rules.

16.13.2 An appeal must be in writing, must specify and substantiate the grounds of the appeal and be lodged with the Director, Governance Support Unit within 20 working days after notice of the decision is provided to the student.

16.13.3 The grounds on which a student may appeal against a decision of the Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor's nominee, the Manager, Student Misconduct and Appeals, the Director, Governance Support Unit or a Responsible Academic Officer, in response to the findings or to the penalty or penalties imposed, are:

(1) that the decision was based on a material misunderstanding of these Rules **or the Student Conduct Rules;**

(2) that the decision was based on a material mistake as to the facts;

(3) that a failure of procedural fairness occurred including failure to follow specified procedural requirements which would be likely to have had an impact on the decisions or outcomes of the proceedings;

(4) that fresh relevant evidence has become available to the student, being evidence that was not available or known to the student at the time of the decision and which would be likely to have affected the outcome of the proceedings;

(5) that the penalty or penalties imposed on the student were manifestly excessive or inappropriate.

16.13.4 The Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor's nominee may, on the application of the student concerned or otherwise, direct that any action to be taken as a consequence of a decision to impose any penalty be stayed:

(1) until the time for making an appeal against a decision has expired; or

(2) if an appeal against a decision is made within that time, until the appeal has been finally determined.

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Section 18 — Use of the University Library

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18.7 Offences and breaches of the Rules

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18.7.2 Where a student of the University breaches these Rules, is discovered committing an offence or is believed by the University Librarian on reasonable grounds to have committed an offence, the University Librarian may :

~~(1) exclude the student from the Library or facilities in accordance with Rule 16.9; and/or~~

(2) refer the matter to the Director, Governance Support Unit to be handled in accordance with Rule 16.12, Rule 3 of the Student Conduct Rules and/or Rule 4.7 of the Student Conduct Rules.

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Schedule 1: Definitions

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general misconduct has the meaning set out in Rule 2.2 of the Student Conduct Rules.

Generative artificial intelligence (also **GenAI**) means an artificial intelligence system, tool (existing and emerging) or IT resources (existing or emerging) that can generate new content, such as text, images, code, video and audio.

grading of awards means the recognition of different levels of academic achievement within specific course awards through the classification of the award.

graduate means a person who has satisfied the requirements for an academic award and upon whom the award has been conferred.

Graduate Certificate means a course of study at Level 8 of the Australian Qualifications Framework. The Graduate Certificate qualifies individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional or highly skilled work and as a pathway for further learning.

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misconduct can be ~~academic misconduct and/or non-academic misconduct. Refer Rule 16.2 for specific definitions.~~

- general misconduct as defined in Rule 2.2 of the Student Conduct Rules, and/or
- misconduct as defined in [Rule 16.2](#) of the Student Rules.

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