

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Government College of Education, Panvel

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEACHERS

Introduction:-

The contribution which the teaching profession makes to society is significant. Whoever accepts teaching as a profession assumes the obligation to conduct himself / herself in accordance with the ideals of the profession. A teacher is constantly under the scrutiny of his students and society at large. Therefore, every teacher should see that there is no incompatibility between his percept and practice. The national ideals of education which already been setforth and which he/she seek to Inculcate among students must be his, her own ideals. Teacher should be caring, fair and committed to the best interest of the students. He shall acknowledge and respect the uniqueness, individuality and specific needs of students and promote their holistic development. He should be committed to equality and inclusion and to respecting and accommodating diversity including those differences arising from gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race, ethnicity etc.

A teacher should take pride in having joined the teaching profession and under no circumstances should express his/her disregard for the profession by repenting his/her decision.

University Grants Commission prescribed measures including Code of Professional Ethics for teachers. However, in spite of the expectation of the voluntary Observance of the code, some cases of violation or partial adherence to it are likely to occur. Therefore, in order to ensure that all members of the profession follow the ethical principles enshrined in the code of professional ethics, University of Mumbai prepared this Code of Conduct for University and College teachers under its jurisdiction.

This code of conduct for teachers will enhance and deepen the confidence and trust that society places in teachers.

The following shall be the rules governing the code of conduct for Teachers:

1. A teacher shall comply with the provisions of the Act, Government Resolutions, Statues, Ordinance, Regulations, Rules, Circulars and other directions issued there under from time to time by the University and the Central and the State Government
2. A teacher shall not in the course of his/her duties disobey, disregard or wilfully default in carrying out any lawful instructions, reasonable orders or directives given by any person or body having authority to give such lawful instructions, reasonable orders or directives. A teacher shall not refuse to carry out the academic and administrative decisions taken by the Head/Management/University. A teacher shall, however, have the right to express his/her difference with the policies and decisions of the institutions/management/authorities and officers Of the University.
3. A teacher shall not commit acts of insubordination and defines lawful orders.
4. Every teacher shall at all times maintain absolute integrity and devotion to duty.
5. Every teacher shall devote himself diligently to his work and utilize his time to the service of the University or the college, as the case may be, and to be cause of education and give full cooperation in all academic programmes and other activities conducive to the welfare of the student community.
6. It shall be incumbent on every teacher to perform the academic duties such a preparation of lecturers, class lecturing, tutorials, assignments, demonstrations, group discussions, Library assignments,

guidance etc. A teacher shall engage classes regularly and punctuality and impart lessons and instructions, do such internal assessment/examinations evaluation as the Head of the Institution shall allot to him from time to time and shall not ordinarily remain absent from work without prior permission or grant of leave.

7. A teacher shall report to the duty regularly and punctually.
8. A teacher shall sign the attendance register on arrival and also before leaving the campus after the working hours. A Head of the institution shall determine the time for reporting for duty and closing. A teacher may be required to work beyond the required time in certain circumstances to be determined by the head.
9. A Head of the institution shall keep record of attendance of the teachers working in his institution. Every teacher shall observe the scheduled hours of working during which he must be present at the place of his duty.
10. A teacher shall devote the requisite number of teaching hours as assign by the Head of the Institution according to the teaching workload.
11. A teacher shall not neglect in correcting practical records, class work or home-work done by the students.
12. A teacher while being present in the institution shall not, absent himself (Except with the previous permission of the principal of the school) from classes which he is required to attend.
13. A teacher can organize or attend any meeting during the working hours where he is required or permitted by the head of institution to do so.
14. A teacher shall not leave the institution during working hours without the permission of the head of the institution. A teacher leaving the institution for duty elsewhere shall inform his head of his whereabouts to facilitate his recall in an emergency.
15. A teacher shall not remain absent from the institution without leave or without the previous permission of the Head of the Institution//Management/University.

Provided that where such absent without leave or without the previous permission, is due reasons beyond the control of the teacher concerned, it shall not be deemed to be a breach of the code of conduct if, on return to duty, the teacher has applied for and obtained ex-post facto, the necessary sanction for the leave.

16. A teacher shall report for any additional duty assign by the Head of Institution/Management/University, whether before or after the working hours.
17. A teacher shall do all work connected with extra curricular and co curricular activities assigned to him from time to time by the Head of his Institution/Management/University,
18. A teacher shall perform his academic duties and work related to examinations as assigned. No remuneration shall be payable to the teachers for internal assessment /home examinations conducted by the institution. It shall also be obligatory for a teacher to do all work connected with examination such as paper setting, assessment and reassessment of answer books including moderation, preparing result, invigilation superintendent of examination centre, working as a member of team of squad/observer, coding decoding of answer books, coordinating work of Central-assessment etc. assigned to him by the University or by the Head of his Institution. It shall also be obligatory for a teacher to train himself in operation and use of all technological advancement and gadgets necessary to perform his duties.
19. A teacher shall not partial in assessment of a student or deliberately over mark, under mark or victimize a student/s on any grounds.
20. A teacher shall not indulge, in or resort to, directly or indirectly, any Malpractice or Unfair Means in Teaching/examinations/administrations. Indulging or encouraging any form of malpractice connected with examinations or any other activity is a serious offence.
21. A teacher shall not discriminate against any student on political grounds or for reasons of caste, creed, sect, religion, sex, nationality or languages or for reasons of personal nature.

22. A teacher shall not practice or incite any student to practice casteism, Communalism or untouchability.
23. A teacher shall not use his position to spread their political, religious or other ideologies among Student/s.
24. A teacher shall not propagate through his teaching lessons or otherwise, communal or sectarian outlook, or inciting or allowing any Student to indulge in communal or sectarian activities.
25. A teacher shall not behave or encourage or incite student/s, teacher/s or employee/s to behave in a rowdy or disorderly manner in the Institution premises.
26. A teacher shall not cause or incite any other person to cause any damage to the institution property.
27. A teacher shall not incite students or teachers against other students or teachers, colleagues or administration/governing body of the college and the university, this does not interfere with the right of a teacher to express his opinion on principles in seminars etc.
28. A teacher shall help the Head of the institution to enforce and maintain-discipline amongst the students.
29. A teacher shall work in the best of interest of students and of university/institution.
30. A teacher shall not subject a student to or encourage other students to subject a student to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment including any cultural practice that dehumanizes or is injurious to the physical and mental well-being of the student.
31. A teacher shall not do anything that shall suggest or create the Impression that a student is more favoured than any other student.
32. A teacher shall serve as a role model to learners showing high degree of decency in speech, mannerism, discipline, dressing and general.
33. A teacher shall inculcate among students scientific outlook and respect for physical labour and ideals of democracy, patriotism and peace.
34. A teacher shall attend the flag hoisting ceremony on independence and republic day and functions organized by the university/institutions/ on other days of national importance
35. A teacher shall not misbehave with students or their parents/Guardians, teachers or other employees of the institution.
36. A teacher shall not use abusive language, quarrel or display riotous behaviour.
37. A teacher shall not make false accusations against the head of the Institution/management/authorities Of the University/colleagues/employees/students whether after being Provoked or otherwise.
38. A teacher shall refrain from lodging unsubstantiated allegations against colleagues and higher authorities,
39. A teacher shall not directly or indirectly do anything that may constitute sexual harassment of student/s and/or colleague/s and/or employee/s or any person at his/her work place.
40. A teacher shall not engage in any other gainful economic activity at workplace. A teacher shall not engage himself in any private tuition for which a Fee/remuneration is charged either within or outside the premises of the Institution in which he is working.
41. A teacher shall not prepare or publish any book commonly known as 'keys'.
42. A teacher shall not engage himself as a selling agent or canvasser for any published firm or trader.
43. A teacher shall not furnished incorrect information regarding his qualifications, experience, age etc. in respect of his appointment/promotion.
44. A teacher shall not raise questions of caste, creed, religion, race or sex in his relationship with his colleagues, and trying to use the above considerations for improvement of his prospects.
45. No teacher shall drink alcohol while on duty or be found drunk during working hours. He shall not be under the influence of any intoxicating drink, or drug during the course of his duty,
46. A teacher shall not smoke in the classroom during working hours or in any place within the campus of the institution/university,
47. A teacher shall not except in accordance with any general or special order of the University or the Institution, as the case may be, or in the performance in good faith or duties assigned to him/her

divulge or communicate directly any official document or other information whatsoever to any teacher or to any other person to whom he /she is not authorized to divulge or communicate such documents of information. A teacher shall not divulge privileged or classified information or document to any person or body that is not entitled to have access to such information or document.

48. A teacher shall not misappropriate institution's property, or commit acts of theft, fraud or embezzlement of funds.
49. A teacher shall submit report of the project/activity under taken by him along with statement of accounts (with all vouchers) to the sponsoring agency within a stipulated time.
50. A teacher shall not obstruct staff of the institution from performing their lawful duties and indulging in any sort of agitation to coerce or embarrass institution authorities /university.
51. A teacher shall not take active part in politics so as to cause interference in the discharge of his duties not shall be in any manner associate himself with any movement or organization which is or tends directly or indirectly, to be subversive of law and order or the interest of the institution/ University education. But a teacher can become, or continue to be, a member of any literary, scientific or professional organizations.
52. A teacher shall not without previous intimation to the Vice-Chancellor or the Management of the Institution as the case may be, stand for election or accept nomination to any local body, legislature of the State or Parliament. Nor shall he /she in any manner force his/her subordinates of his /her students against their will for the canvassing of his/her election. A teacher shall before seeking election or accepting nomination as aforesaid give an undertaking to the University or the Institution, as the case may be, that in the event of his/her being elected or nominated he /she shall if so, required by the University or the Institution, remain on leave with or without pay as may be admissible to him/her under the rules for the period he/she remains a member of such local body, Legislature or Parliament. The University or the Institution, as the case may be directs a teacher who has been elected or nominated to any local body. Legislature or Parliament to apply for leave for the whole or part of the period and the teacher shall comply accordingly; provided that the granting of any leave to a teacher nominated to any local body, legislature or Parliament shall not prejudice his /her right to promotion, increments or other benefits, if any, to which he /she would have been entitled had he /she not proceeded on leave.
53. A teacher shall not contest any election of Banks/Societies/Sports or Socio-Cultural Associations without previous intimation to the Head of the institution/Management/University.
54. A teacher shall not approach court of law regarding any matter related with his service/employment without exhausting available remedies and without giving proper intimation to the Head/ Management/ University.
55. A teacher shall not misuse or carelessly use amenities provided to him/her by the University or the Institution to facilitate the discharge of his/her duties. A teacher shall not make use of the resources and/or facilities of the institution/university/management for personal, commercial, political or villainous purposes.
56. A teacher has academic freedom which entitles him to criticise ideas and methods but he shall not defame others.
57. A teacher shall not rudely and aggressively behave persistently with other staff members and students.
58. A teacher who supervises other staff have special responsibility to treat their staff fairly and honestly, He shall make available development and training opportunities without patronage, favouritism, or unfair discrimination.
59. A teacher shall not participate in decisions to the appointment of a relative or a family member.
60. A teacher shall not accept or permit any members of his family or any other person acting on his behalf to accept any gift or pecuniary advantage from any student or his parent/guardian or any person with whom he has come into contact by virtue of his position in the institution, in order to do any kind of favour to the student/any person.

61. A teacher shall take paid outside consultative work only in accordance with institution/university's policy and guidelines and it should not interfere with the performance of the teacher's teaching, research and administrative duties.
62. A teacher shall not join or continue to be a member of an association the objects and activities of which are prejudicial to the interest of the Institution/University as the case may be, or the sovereignty and integrity of India or public order or morality. Provided that a teacher may become a member of the Association of teachers as may be approved by the University according to rules.
63. A teacher shall not give unauthorized interviews or releases to electronic and print media. He shall not use the electronic/print media with malafide intention of defaming the Institution/university.
64. A teacher shall not in any radio broadcast or in any document published anonymously or in his own name person or in any communication to the press or in the name of any other any public utterance make any statement or express an opinion.
 - (i) Which is in the nature of character assassination, reflection on the personal life of his superiors/colleagues,
 - (ii) Which is in the nature of criticism of individual as destined from policy decision,Provided that nothing in this rule shall apply to any statement made or views expressed by a teacher in his official capacity or in the due performance of the duties assigned to him on academic matters
65. A teacher shall not except with the previous sanction of the Vice Chancellor or the authorities of the institution, as the case may be engaged directly or indirectly in any trade or business or under any other employment.
66. A teacher shall not bring or attempt any influence to bear upon any question in respect of matters pertaining to his service.
67. A teacher shall not involve himself/herself in any act that is likely to bring the teaching profession into disrepute. ii. It shall therefore be the responsibility of every teacher to preserve the dignity and honour of his profession and also maintain his/her own dignity, honour and integrity.
68. Notwithstanding anything herein before contained, bona fide criticism or expression of opinion by any teacher shall not constitute misconduct.

Misconduct - Failure to conform to the above mentioned Rule/s shall be construed as misconduct,

The enforcement of the Code is the responsibility of the appointing/disciplinary authority. The violation of the code of conduct invites disciplinary action for which detailed procedure and penalties need to be prescribed. The magnitude or seriousness may not be the same in all the cases. Hence the cases of violation or non-observance shall have to be dealt with at different levels and in different ways in accordance with the nature of violation.

Creating Awareness-to begin with, code should be translated into Marathi and Hindi and circulated widely amongst the teachers. It should be uploaded on the websites of university and affiliated colleges. The Academic Staff College should include the code in the curriculum of orientation and refresher programs. At the time of initial appointment a teacher should be provided a copy of the code of professional ethics and a copy of a code of conduct for perusal and a under taking should be taken from him/her that he/she would always strive to observe the Code in letter and spirit.