# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

### Foreword

The Modern College Code of Conduct for students represents the values and principles that guide the conduct of every student. The Code lays down the ethical standards that need to be observed as a student on-campus and off-campus. Code of conduct lays down guiding principle for common, expected behaviour of students of the institution. All students shall adhere to the following standards, in interactions both within the institution as well as with external stakeholders.

All students must know that it is required to abide by this Code of Conduct (and the rights, responsibilities including the restrictions flowing from it. The endeavour of the Institute by means of enforcing this Code is to pioneer and administer a student discipline process and providing a system which promotes student growth through individual and collective responsibility.

All Students are to be well conversant with this Code of Conduct and each student must sign the declaration at the time of admission.

### **Code of Conduct**

Conduct expectations are outlined under the following sections. It is a summary and explanation of the rights, responsibilities, and rules governing students at Modern College. Students violating the Code of Conduct may be held accountable through the disciplinary process of the college.

### 1. Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct is defined as a violation of the College's standards of academic integrity whether these violations are intentional or unintentional. Academic misconduct consists of cheating on an exam, plagiarism on an academic assignment, or unauthorized collaborative work.

Sources must be properly acknowledged for any specific portions of the student's assignment. Students should feel free to consult with faculty members whenever there is doubt as to proper documentation.

Students should also maintain discipline while being in college uniform. They should not misrepresent the college in any form – while being on college assignments, internship or any other event representing college.

### 2. Assault, Endangerment, or Infliction of Physical Harm

Physical restraint, assault, or any other act of violence or use of physical force against any member of the community, or any act that threatens the use of physical force is forbidden. Conduct — whether reckless or intentional — that harms another person or places oneself at bodily harm is subject to disciplinary action.

## 3. Ragging

Ragging constitutes one or more of the following acts:

- a) any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any student.
- b) indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any other student.
- c) asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such a student.
- d) any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any student.
- e) exploiting the services of a student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- f) any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a student by other students.

- g) any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- h) any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to any other student.
- i) any act that affects the mental health and self-confidence of any other student with or without an intent to derive a sadistic pleasure or showing off power, authority or superiority by a student over any other student.

### 4. Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct is a violation that prevents the orderly operation of the College, which includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Excessive noise, which interferes with classes, C\college offices, library, hostels and community activities.
- b) Conduct that restricts or prevents faculty, staff, or other students from performing their duties, including interruption of meetings, classes, or events.
- c) Any other action(s) that result in unreasonable interference with the learning/working environment or the rights of others.

#### 5. College Events/ Functions

The College defines an event as an academic, intellectual, cultural, and/or social gathering, held by students or a student organization, in campus space. Events can be open to the entire campus community, open to all enrolled students, or specific events held for a smaller group of students and/or members of an club. Events are not open to the general public without written permission from designated authority.

#### 6. Possession/ Consumption of Intoxicants

Students should not possess or consume intoxicants in the college campus and hostel premises. Violation(s) may result in a referral to student conduct, a fine, and/or other potential penalties, including exclusion from the institution/ hostel.

#### 7. Theft, Vandalism, or Property Damage

Theft, negligent, intentional, or accidental damage to personal or college property is prohibited, as is possession of stolen property. In the event that damage occurs in college premises for which no one assumes responsibility, compensation may be divided equally among all students. Administrative fees may be added if students do not comply by the end of the semester.

#### 8. Unauthorized Use of College Facilities or Services

The unauthorized use of college property, including but not limited to college buildings, classrooms, spaces (library, cafeteria, washrooms); college documents and records; or college furnishings, equipment and materials, is a violation and is subject to disciplinary action.