

## **The Students' Code of Ethics and Honour**

This document outlines the Code of Ethics and Honour (hereafter referred to as the Code) for all students enrolling for the various courses offered at the the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad (hereafter referred to as the Institute). All students must know that they are required to abide by this Code and familiarise themselves with it.

### **Academics and Research:**

1. Strive to excel in academic pursuits while ensuring holistic development.
2. Be regular and complete all the requirements of the academic programme for which you are enrolled in the Institute.
3. Maintain the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty.
4. Acknowledge all contributors to any given piece of work.
5. Avoid and strongly oppose plagiarism in any form in all academic work undertaken.
6. Generate/obtain data or results or any academic output purely by ethical means and report them accurately without suppressing any results inconsistent with interpretation or conclusions.

### **General Conduct:**

1. Be professional and sincere in all respects.
2. Ensure that the honour and reputation of the Institute is maintained at all times and everywhere.
3. Exhibit proper decorum and behaviour both on and off campus.

***The code of conduct and any violation thereof shall be governed as stated below:***

#### **A. Jurisdiction of the code of conduct**

1. The Institute shall have the jurisdiction over the conduct of the students associated with/enrolled in the Institute, and to take cognisance of all acts of misconduct including incidents of ragging, social misconduct, or other similar acts which take place in the Institute campus (including academic areas, hostels, messes, common areas as demarcated under the IIT Palakkad campus) or in connection with the Institute related activities and functions. This Code shall apply to all kinds of conduct of students that occurs on the Institute premises including in Institute sponsored activities and /or functions hosted by any student organization.
2. In addition to on-campus conduct, the Institute may also exercise jurisdiction over the conduct which occurs off-campus (including any event where the student represents the Institute) or through social media violating the ideal student conduct and discipline as laid down in this Code and other regulations, as if the conduct has occurred on campus, which shall include the following:

**B. Violations under the code of conduct:** The following will be considered as violations of the code of conduct by students, and action shall be mandated.

**I. Academic Dishonesty:**

1. Making documents such as theses, reports, drawings, etc., which involves the deceitful or fraudulent use of unauthorized aid or which are prepared by proxy.
2. Obtaining examination questions or knowledge thereof before an examination, giving or receiving assistance, or any communication among students during an examination.
3. Unauthorized copying, distribution, or possession of examination material via any means including but not limited to cell phones, cameras, computers or other modes of technology; as well as receiving unauthorized aid whether physical, electronic or otherwise during an examination.
4. Appearing or attempting to appear for examinations in place of another person, in which case, both parties are liable to be charged.

**II. Unprofessional Conduct:**

In general, any conduct by a student which brings dishonour upon the institute, or adversely affects the ethical standards of its student body shall be brought to the attention of the Institute. This includes material posted on social network media that associates the student with the Institute. Specific violations considered shall be as follows:

1. Falsifying any applications, forms, or records to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee for formal admission to the Institute.
2. Knowingly providing false evidence against any other person or giving false statements or charges in bad faith against any other person.
3. Contributing to, or engaging in, any activity which obstructs or disrupts teaching, research, administration, or any other Institute activity on the campuses. This shall include any disruptive activity in a classroom or in an event sponsored by the Institute.
4. Failing to show respect for good order, and the rights and privileges of others.
5. Threatening or committing physical violence against any member of the Institute faculty, staff, students or community.
6. Misusing student status or the right to use Institute property and facilities.
7. Knowingly publishing or circulating false information concerning any fellow student or faculty member.
8. Knowingly passing worthless cheques or making financial obligations for which satisfactory arrangements have not been made.
9. Stealing, damaging, defacing, or, without authority, making personal use of any property of the Institute, or any public or private property.
10. Participating in illegal drug trade, use or possession of narcotics, or abusing controlled substances with or without prescription.

11. Falsifying clinical records.
12. Failing to report known violations of professional conduct.
13. Ragging in any form, whether verbal or physical (This will be treated as criminal offence).
14. Any violations of the sexual harassment policy of the Institute.
15. Possession or use of weapons, explosives, or destructive devices inside or outside of the Institute campus.
16. False or negative propaganda, incitation of schism or strife, etc., which adversely affect social harmony.
17. Conduct unbecoming of students in matters of attire, verbal/written statements that may be deemed to be inappropriate within or outside the campus.
18. Failure to follow acceptable levels of personal cleanliness in classrooms and laboratories.
19. Any act of serious discrimination (physical or verbal conduct) based on an individual's sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, caste, race, religion or religious beliefs, colour, region, language, marital or family status, physical or mental disability.
20. Conduct which has a negative impact or constitutes a nuisance to members of the Institute and the surrounding community.
21. Organizing meetings and processions without permission from the Institute.
22. Accepting membership of religious or terrorist groups banned by the Institute/Government of India.
23. Smoking, chewing betel leaves, pan, etc. on the campuses of the Institute.
24. Possessing, consuming, distributing, or selling of alcohol in the Institute and/or throwing empty bottles, cans, plastic items, etc. on the campuses of the Institute.
25. Parking any vehicle in a no-parking zone or in an area earmarked for parking other types of vehicles.
26. Rash driving on the campus that may cause any inconvenience to others.
27. Theft or unauthorized access to others' resources.
28. Engaging in disorderly, lewd, or indecent conduct, including but not limited to creating unreasonable noise; pushing and shoving; inciting or participating in riot or group disruption at the Institute.
29. Usage of mobile phones during the class hours or in meetings or discussions without prior permission leading to disruption of the class or group.
30. Theft or abuse of the Institute computers and other electronic resources such as computer & electronic communication facilities, systems, and services, which includes unauthorized entry, use, tampering, etc. of the Institute property or facilities, private residences of staff/faculty etc., offices, classrooms, computer networks, and other restricted facilities, and interference with the work of others.
31. Doing video/audio recording, taking photographs, or streaming audio/video of any person in a location where the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, without that person's knowledge and expression of consent.

32. Interacting on behalf of the Institute with media representatives or inviting media persons to the campus without permission of the Institute authorities.
33. Audio- or video-recording lectures, demonstrations or actions of faculty or staff or other students in class rooms, laboratories or workshops without prior permission.
34. Providing audio- or video-clippings of any activity on the campus to media without prior permission.
35. Violating the Institute electronic policy in any manner whatsoever.

The above stated list is not exhaustive, and violations not mentioned herein may be acted upon by the Institute with careful consideration of the nature of the offence/malpractice.