



AUB Student code of conduct

The Arts University Bournemouth is proud to welcome students from a wide range of backgrounds. Whilst a member of the Arts University Bournemouth community, we expect you to behave as an ambassador for the University at all times. This includes whether you are in a taught session, talking with other students on campus or elsewhere, or out in the wider community.

We expect you to:

Be respectful in your dealings with others, whether they are students, staff or members of the public. You should be polite and courteous at all times. You should ensure that all interpersonal interactions demonstrate dignity and respect, and personal relationships are grounded upon mutual respect, open communication, and clear consent.

Respect and support the academic and professional activities of the University. You should commit yourself to your studies, and be supportive of others' academic endeavours, particularly when working on group projects or as part of a team. This includes being punctual for scheduled classes, rehearsals or other activities, and letting someone know if you are going to be late or unable to attend for an activity where you are expected. If you're working as part of a team, make sure you are responsible and reliable, respectful of your peers, and making a full and committed contribution to delivering the team outcomes.

Act responsibly, whether on campus, in Halls of Residence or other student accommodation, or in the local community. This includes treating property and equipment properly, and taking care of the environment by recycling and disposing of litter responsibly, and saving energy where possible.

If you contract COVID-19 and need to self-isolate, you should do so in order to protect yourself and others. You should co-operate fully with measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and should report your testing and result to the university via email at covid@aub.ac.uk in order to ensure the safety of our community.

Be considerate, and aware of the impact your actions may have on others. This includes keeping noise to a reasonable level, especially in the evenings and overnight, and not engaging in drunken or anti-social behaviour which disturbs others, or makes them feel they are at risk.

You must follow any guidance issued by AUB relating to COVID-19 protocols, if these are re-introduced by the national Government or competent local authority. Failure to do so could impact your own health, as well as that of fellow students and members of the community. Putting others at risk could affect your university studies at AUB, and in cases of mass gathering, can result in criminal charges.

Avoid discrimination at all times. The University opposes discrimination in all its forms, whether on the grounds of a legally protected characteristic or for any other reason. We do not tolerate behaviour which makes an individual or group feel vulnerable or demeaned on the basis of their gender, race, disability, sexuality, religion or belief, or any other personal characteristic.

You should respect the right of your peers to confidentiality. You should be supportive, friendly and mindful of their rights, and should not share information that may discriminate them or jeopardise their privacy at any time.

Be professional in your use of the internet and social media. Whether communicating with other students, staff or those outside the University community, make sure that your activity online, whether using social media sites (including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), blogs or any other resources, does not cause offence and cannot be regarded as bullying or harassment.

Social media can be a positive tool that brings people together to create, develop and support communities and enrich learning and knowledge. You should not use social media to undermine university messaging, or to encourage behaviour which would breach the law, or the University's policies.

Be aware of, and follow, the University's rules when using its resources. We expect you to make sure you understand and follow our rules for the use of our IT network, the Library, or other resources. You must follow health and safety policies at all times.

In summary, you should:

Be self-aware. We strongly support freedom of speech within the law, and we don't wish to restrict your freedom of thought and expression, but it's essential that you think about how your behaviour may impact on other people. It is never acceptable for students, staff or members of the public to feel threatened or intimidated by your behaviour, whether this is because you are rude, give personal abuse, make threats of physical or psychological violence, or use inflammatory language or behaviour

Take responsibility for yourself. Be aware of the sources of support available to you, through your course team and through Student Services; and if you have a problem, seek advice and support promptly

Look out for others. If you think one of your friends or peers is struggling or needs help, direct them to the sources of support available, or if necessary tell a member of staff. Being part of a community means that we take responsibility for one another, as well as ourselves.

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