Student Code of Ethics

Preamble

Students enrolled at the Lebanese American University are expected to maintain the highest standards of integrity and ethical principles. The University expects students to adhere to the Student Code of Ethics and to abide by the Student Code of Conduct and all the other rules and regulations set forth by the University.

Statement of Purpose

This Code reflects the values of the University as set forth in its Mission, and by the President and the Board of Trustees. This Code provides a frame of reference for the behavior of LAU students in the classrooms, on campus, or while participating in any activity involving the name of the University.

Required Conduct

Students are required to be conscientious in all their actions, in exercising their rights, in respecting the rights of others, and in protecting the best interest of the University.

Academic Integrity

The University fosters an atmosphere of high integrity by maintaining an ongoing dedication to honesty and responsibility. Any act of lying, cheating, plagiarism, deliberate misrepresentation, theft, scientific fraud, dishonesty or ill use of other human beings is a blatant violation of this Code and will be treated as such.

Use of University Resources

Student use of University Resources shall be solely for the advancement of their educational pursuit. Any other use of University Resources needs an advance, and written, approval from the appropriate University officers.

Responsible citizen of the University

Students are expected to behave themselves in a caring and civil manner at all times. Any physical, verbal or psychological attempt to abuse or actual abuse of, others is considered a violation of this Code and will be
treated accordingly.

As responsible citizens, students are expected to respect University property, and the property of all the University community. Any attempt to intentionally cause damage or destruction to University property, or any property within the University Campuses, will be treated as a violation of this Code.

Students are expected to contact the Dean of Students or the Director of the Guidance Office if they have any information pertaining to plots to cause harm, or damage, to the University community or property.

**Collegiality**

LAU students, as all members of the University community are expected to act collegially. Collegiality does not presume homogeneity of views or the absence of strong criticism. It does entail an active demonstration of respect for the rights of others, tolerance of expressed differences in views, openness to accept and engage others, and a conviction to celebrate and encourage diversity.

**Complaints**

University members are expected and required to report any violation of this Code to the Dean of Students or the Director of the Guidance Office. For any counsel or advice regarding this Code, the same officers mentioned above may be contacted. Complaints mandating sanctions will be treated according to the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct and/or any other relevant and applicable University Policies.

**Amendments**

All amendments of this Code will follow the same process of approval.