

TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

REGULATION NO. 3 (A)

REGULATIONS ON DISCIPLINE AND PROPER CONDUCT OF STUDENTS OF TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

(Approved by the Board of Management vide Resolution No.B.92/2019/1/2.2 Dated 20.02.2019 and ratified by the Academic Council vide resolution No. AC.35/2019 /1 /3.5 dated 14.05.2019)

1.1 Whereas by virtue of the Tezpur University Act, 1993, the Vice-Chancellor has been vested with all the powers relating to discipline and disciplinary action in relation to students and empower the University to frame detailed Regulations of discipline and proper conduct; and now in pursuance of the same the Vice-Chancellor has approved the following Regulations of discipline and proper conduct among the students of the University.

1.2 SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT	
(i)	These Regulations shall be called “The Tezpur University Students’ Discipline and Conduct Regulations”, hereafter referred to as the “Regulations”.
(ii)	These Regulations shall come into force with effect from the date of notification.

2.0 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS	
(i)	These Regulations shall apply to all students of the University (including part-time students) whether admitted prior to the commencement of these Regulations or after the commencement of these Regulations.
(ii)	DISCIPLINE ON OR OFF THE CAMPUS
(a)	Students shall maintain discipline to create a conducive atmosphere for study on the Campus. Disciplinary action shall be taken against a student if he/she is found violating the Regulations and regulations of the University. The offending student shall receive warning with punitive action depending upon the nature and frequency of offences committed. Hostel discipline etc. shall be kept under the purview of the Dean, Students’ Welfare and Wardens of the hostels.
(b)	Every student must acquaint himself/herself with the Regulations of Tezpur University. He/She must obey these Regulations strictly. Ignorance of Regulations will not be accepted as an excuse.
(c)	Any breach of discipline and conduct committed by a student inside or outside the Tezpur University Campus shall fall under the purview of these Regulations.
(d)	For any complaint and/or problem, student shall directly approach the Proctor or Chief Proctor. Higher authority may be approached only with endorsement of the Proctor.
(iii)	Without prejudice to generality of the power to enforce discipline under Statute 31 of the University, the acts mentioned in Regulations 3 shall amount to acts of misconduct or indiscipline or both.

3. CATEGORIES OF MISCONDUCT AND INDISCIPLINE	
3.1 CATEGORY-I	
(i)	Any form of gambling inside or outside the campus.
(ii)	Unauthorized collection of money inside the campus.
(iii)	Fraudulent use of Student Identity Card, email ID and the University webmail.
(iv)	Improper and irrational use of mass media, social media.

(v)	All acts of violence and all forms of coercion such as gheraos, sit-ins or any variation of the same which disrupt the normal academic and administrative functioning of the University and/or any act which incites or leads to violence.
(vi)	Gheraos, laying siege or staging demonstrations around the residence of any member of the University community or any form of coercion, intimidation or disturbance of right to privacy of the residents of the campus.
(vii)	Sexual harassment of any kind which shall also include: Unwelcome sexual proposition/advancement, sexually graphic comments of a body, unwelcome touching, patting, pinching or leering of parts of the body or persistent offensive or unwelcome sexual jokes and/or comments. These cases shall be referred to ICC of Tezpur University.
(viii)	Threat to use a weapon or physical force against any member of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the university, against any student, member of the university community or any service provider or any visitor within the university.
(ix)	Carrying or use of any objectionable material. Objectionable is defined as under: “a publication that describes, depicts or expresses or otherwise deals with matters such as sex, horror, crime, cruelty or violence in such a manner that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good.”
(x)	Any attempt at bribing or indulging in corruption in any manner.

3.2 CATEGORY-II

(i)	Committing forgery, tampering with the identity card or university record, impersonation, misusing university property (movable or immovable), documents and records, tearing of pages, defacing, burning or in any way destroying the books, journals, magazines and any material of library or unauthorized photocopying or possession of library books, journals, magazines or any other material.
(ii)	All kinds of unnecessary shouting, hooting or any other such act of or behaviour that is likely to cause disturbance or annoyance to others.
(iii)	Any form of indecent Public Display of Affection (PDA) inside or outside the University campus.
(iv)	Indulging in any unruly or indecent behaviour, smoking, riding motor bike, motorized vehicle inside the university campus.
(v)	Putting rubbish in places other than waste bins.
(vi)	Defacing including spitting in/on building walls and other premises on campus.
(vii)	Displacing articles like furniture and other items of the University from their designated places without prior written permission of the University authority.
(viii)	Maltreating or physical assault, abusing and/or using foul language to any individual inside or outside University campus
(ix)	Any meeting not related to academic affairs held in Campus premises without permission.
(x)	Participating in or promoting any disruptive activity in the campus
(xi)	Possessing or keeping firecrackers, fire arms, weapons, bombs, explosives & other materials meant for bomb etc.
(xii)	Possessing and/or consuming alcohol, poison, drugs and intoxicants of any kind inside as well as outside the University campus
(xiii)	Damaging, misusing and stealing of University property (including library, computer centre, LAN, electrical fittings) or property of other individual. This also includes writing on the walls, glass doors or on any other structure of the campus
(xiv)	Ragging in any form inside and outside the University campus. Ragging inside the hostel and its premises will be dealt as per Hostel Regulations of Tezpur University.
(xv)	Mismanagement of University funds or an attempt at misappropriation thereof.
(xvi)	Making false and irresponsible public statement about any University official, faculty, staff or outsiders and altering University records or attempting to do so.
(xvii)	Hunger strike, dharnas, group bargaining and any other form of protests by blocking entrance and exit of any of the academic and /or administrative complexes including the main gate of the university or disrupting the movements of any member of the university community or its guests. Unauthorized assemble/rallies/procession are prohibited.

(xviii)	Furnishing false certificates or false information in any manner to the university.
(xix)	Any act of moral turpitude (like use of abusive, defamatory, derogatory or intimidatory language against any member of the university community).
(xx)	Eve teasing or disrespectful behavior or any misbehavior with a girl student, woman staff member/visitor. This shall be referred to ICC of Tezpur University.
(xxi)	Arousing communal, caste or regional feeling or creating disharmony among students.
(xxii)	Causing or colluding in the unauthorized entry of any person into the campus or in the unauthorized occupation of any portion of the university premises, including halls of residences, by any person.
(xxiii)	Unauthorized occupation of the hostel room or unauthorized acquisition and use of university furniture in one's hostel room or elsewhere. This shall be dealt as per Hostel Rules of Tezpur University.
(xxiv)	Damaging or defacing, in any form, any property of the university or the property of any member of the university community.
(xxv)	Not disclosing one's identity when asked to do so by a faculty member or employee of the university who is authorized to ask for such identity.
(xxvi)	Improper behavior while on tour or excursion.
(xxvii)	Coercing the medical staff to render medical assistance to persons not entitled for the same or any other disorderly behavior in the health center.
(xxviii)	Blockade or forceful prevention of any normal movement of traffic, violation of security, safety rules notified by the university.
(xxix)	Any other offence under the law of land.
(xxx)	Accommodating unauthorized guests or other persons in the halls of residence.
(xxxi)	Engaging in any attempt at wrongful confinement of any member of the competent authority faculty, officials, staff, student or any one camping inside the campus.
(xxxii)	Arranging any press conference meet without prior permission of competent authority or an act of negative publicity which tarnishes the image of Tezpur University in print or electronic media or in public life.
(xxxiii)	Any other act which may be considered by the Vice-Chancellor or any other competent authority to be an act of violation of discipline and conduct.

4.	Punishment
	The competent authority may impose any of the following punishments on any student found guilty of any of the acts of indiscipline or misconduct mentioned in Category-I or Category-II, as the case may be, in para 3.
4.1	Category-I
(i)	Cancellation of admission or withdrawal of Degree/Diploma/Certificate or denial of registration for a specified period.
(ii)	Rustication up to four semesters and or declaring the entire or any part of the university campus out of bounds.
(iii)	Expulsion from the university and debarring from admission to any academic programme of the university in future.
4.2	Category-II
(i)	Admonition/Reprimand. In the first instance, for the offenses listed above in Category II (Regulations 3) the offender(s) shall receive stern warning letter with copy marked to guardian from the Chief-Proctor/Head of the Department/Dean of Students Welfare. If any of such offences are committed second time by an individual student, it shall be considered as major offence. Punitive action will be notified and record would be kept in the concerned offices. Based on

	his/her behavioral improvement, appeal for revoking of punitive action may be accepted for consideration after six months from the issue of the Office Order for such action.
(ii)	Fine up to Rs 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand)
(iii)	Recovery of any kind, such as scholarship/fellowship, any dues , cost of damages etc.
(iv)	Withdrawal of any or all facilities available to a student as per, Tezpur University Rules (such as scholarship/fellowship, hostel etc.)
(v)	Stoppage of any or all academic processes.
(vi)	Declaring any halls of residences, premises, building or the entire TU Campus out of bounds to any student.
(vii)	Rustication up to two semesters.
(viii)	Non-issuance of certificate of conduct.

5.	General
i.	No punishment shall ordinarily be imposed on a student unless he/she is found guilty of the offence for which he/she has been charged by a Proctorial Committee or any other inquiry instituted by the Vice Chancellor after following the normal procedure and providing due opportunity to the student charged for the offence to defend himself/herself.
ii.	In case the Vice-Chancellor or any other competent authority is of the opinion that on the basis of the available material and evidence on record, a prima facie case exists against a student, he may order suspension of the student including withdrawal of any or all facilities available to a bonafide student pending proceedings of Proctorial Committee or any other inquiry instituted for the matter.
iii.	Notwithstanding any punishment mentioned in Rule 4, the Vice-Chancellor may keeping in view the gravity/nature of misconduct/act of indiscipline, the manner and the circumstances in which the misconduct/indiscipline has been committed, award a punishment in excess of or less than or other than what has been mentioned thereon for reasons to be recorded to a student found guilty for misconduct / indiscipline.
6.	Interpretation
	In case of any dispute arises with regard to the interpretation of any of these Regulations the matter shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final.
7.	Delegation of Power
	The Vice Chancellor delegates power as per Statute 3(5) of Tezpur University Act to Proctor(s) for maintenance of discipline amongst the students.

