

EMEA COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE, KONDOTTY

CODE OF CONDUCT

A. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GOVERNING BODY (MANAGEMENT)

The governing body of the college is responsible for ensuring the effective management of the institution and for planning its future development.

1. The governing body should act to approve the mission and strategic vision of the institution, long-term academic plans and ensure that these meet the interests of stakeholders, including students, local communities, Government and others representing public interests.
2. The body is formed to monitor institutional performance and quality assurance arrangements which should be, where possible and appropriate, benchmarked against other institutions.
3. Governing bodies ensure compliance with the statutes, ordinances and provisions regulating their institution, including regulations by Statutory bodies, such as UGC, as well as regulations laid out by the State government and affiliating university.
4. The governing body should ensure that non-discriminatory systems are in place to provide equality of opportunity for staff members and students.
5. The governing body should actively monitor that the Institution implements the requirements of State and National Governments for reservations of seats and staff positions and provide required administrative to minority groups.
6. The general principle of transparency of the governing body applies that students and staff of the institution should have appropriate access to information about the proceedings of the Governing body. All sorts of agendas of meetings, draft minutes (if cleared by the chair) and the signed minutes of governing body meetings together with the papers considered at meetings should generally be available for inspection by staff and students. There may, however, be matters covered in standing orders where it is necessary to observe confidentiality. Such matters are likely to concern individuals or have commercial sensitivity.

B. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE PRINCIPAL

The chair of the Principal of a college has got multifaceted roles to play and to shoulder multilateral responsibilities having characteristics of a patron, custodian, supervisor, administrator, adjudicator, protector, inspirer and so on. As the Academic and Administrative Head of the Institution, the Principal remains liable to follow certain codes of ethics in his conduct as proclaimed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in tandem with the guidelines framed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the set of prescripts enforced by the Government of Kerala and specified in the Kerala Service Rule and Kerala Education Rule (KSR & KER) and also in the University of Calicut Regulations. These codes of conduct are applicable, in general, for the College Teachers as well as for the Administrator of any organization. Specifics of the salient and significant codes applicable in the conduct of Principal, as perceived and enforced by EMEA College, are jotted underneath:

1. To uphold and upkeep the ethos of inclusiveness in terms of imparting education in the institution.
2. To protect the collective interest of different sections of the institution so that each and all can perform freely and give their highest for the institution building.
3. To institute, nourish and enforce meeting equal treatment to all the stakeholders in the College so that there remains no scope of any discriminatory and disparate practice at any level within the stretch of the College.
4. To uphold and maintain the essence of social justice for all the stakeholders irrespective of their caste, creed, race, sex, or religious identity as within the framework of Indian Constitution.
5. To create and maintain an unbiased gender-free atmosphere within the periphery of the College so that all the stakeholders enjoy equal opportunities.
6. To generate and maintain required alertness among all the stakeholder of the College so that the chances of incidents of sexual harassment get ever minimized and ultimately eradicated. (The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace: Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013 will provide the redressal measures of issues related to sexual harassment within the boundary of college campus.)

6. To initiate and propagate the spirit of welfare within all the sections of human resources attached directly or indirectly with the College and hence to build mutual confidence amongst them.
7. To maintain and promote academic activities in the College in all possible avenues already explored and thus encourage exploration of newer avenues for further academic pursuit.
8. To create an environment conducive for research oriented academic parleys and thus promote research activities in the institution to add further to the knowledge pool.
9. To uphold upkeep and enforce discipline in the behavioural manifestation of all the stakeholders of the institution and thus maintain campus-serenity required for academics.
10. To promote and maintain the practice of extra-curricular activities amongst the students and other human resources of the institution and thus adds to the societal dynamism simile to essence-of-life.
11. To endeavour for the upkeep of tranquility of the region surrounding the College so that academic practices comes to gradual prevalence and only prevail, eventually.
12. To promote and maintain harmonious relationships of the College with the adjoining society in order to ensure spontaneous flourish and prosperity of all the students of the institution.
13. To endeavour and strive for maintaining vibrancy of attitudes of all the stakeholders of the institution and thus to nourish & enhance their capabilities. As the academic head of the institution, the Principal should ensure the existence of an academic environment within the College and should endeavour for its enrichment by encouraging research activities. Thus, the Principal should put best efforts to bring in adequate infrastructural and financial support for the College. The Principal should encourage the faculty members of the Institution to take up research projects, publish research papers, arrange for regular seminars and participate in conference/symposium/workshop/seminars.

C. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TEACHING STAFF

Being the cadres of Kerala Education Rules & Service, the teachers of this College should follow the code of conduct laid down in Kerala Service Rules & Kerala Education Rules (KSR & KER) (www.keralaservice.org>sevice-rules). But they are also subject to the guidelines provided by UGC for college teachers. As per UGC guidelines whoever adopts teaching as a profession assumes the obligation to conduct himself / herself in accordance with the ideals of the profession. A teacher is constantly under the scrutiny of his students and the society at large. Therefore, every teacher should see that there is no incompatibility between his precepts and practice. The national ideals of education must be his/her own ideals. The basic ethical values underlying the code are care, trust, integrity and respect; embodying those aspects relevant to the teacher, who is entrusted with social responsibility. A definitive code for this Institution encompasses the following

1. Every Teacher shall discharge his/her duties efficiently and diligently to match with the academic standards and performance norms laid down by the College Management from time to time.
2. Every Teacher shall update his/her knowledge and skills to equip himself / herself professionally for the proper discharge of duties assigned to him/her.
3. Every Teacher shall conduct himself/herself with absolute dignity and decorum in his/her dealing with the superiors, colleagues and students every time.
4. No teacher shall absent himself/herself from duties at any time without prior permission from higher-ups.
5. No teacher shall accept any honorary or other assignment given to him/her by any external agency without the prior permission of the College Management.
6. No teacher shall associate with any political party or take part in any other organizational actively, which is not in line with the duties and ethics of the teaching profession.
7. No teacher shall attempt to bring any political or outside pressure on his/her superior authorities in respect of service matters.

8. No teacher shall participate in any strike or demonstration and /or indulge in any criticism of College Management policy or of the Government for any reason whatsoever.
9. No teacher shall act in any manner that violates the norms of decency or morality in his/her conduct or behaviour inside and outside the College Campus.
10. No teacher shall incite, provoke or instigate any students or any other member of the staff into any form of action against the College Management, or that seeks to disrupt the academic activities of the College.
11. No teacher shall by act or deed degrades, harass or insult any other person for any reason whatsoever or act in a manner unbecoming of the teaching profession.
12. Every teacher in the service of the College shall at all the time strive for academic excellence in the discharge of his/her duties and conduct himself / herself in the manner of a perfect role model for others to emulate.
13. The College Management may, however, at its sole discretion provide an opportunity to the teaching staff for presenting his/her case through a personal hearing before taking a final decision. The decision of the College Management will be final and binding and will not be subject to any appeal to any individual or forum.

D. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Being the employees of the Government of Kerala, all the administrative staff of this College should follow the code of conduct stipulated by the State Government. The College has put forward its code of ethics for the administrative staff along the following lines.

Professional Conduct

1. The administrative staff should acquaint themselves with the College policies and adhere to them to their best ability.
2. Each of them should perform the duties he has been assigned sincerely and diligently as well as with accountability.
3. They should avail of leave with prior intimation to the extent possible. In case of sudden contingencies, information on their absence should be promptly forwarded to the College Authority.

4. The administrative staff should not, on any account, undertake any other job within the stipulated office hours. Neither shall he engage himself in any trade or business within college premises.
5. They should not hamper the functioning of the college by engaging themselves in political or anti-secular activities.
6. They should not engage in remarks or behaviour that might be considered disrespectful to their non-teaching colleagues, teaching staff or students.

Workplace Conduct

1. They should be punctual as their prior presence is required daily for the commencement and smooth functioning of college activities.
2. They should also be responsible for the proper use and maintenance of college equipments and furniture.
3. No administrative staff should be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during office hours.
4. The administrative staff often has access to confidential information regarding examination matters and other matters relating to other staff, through official records. It is expected that they respect the confidentiality of such matters.
5. They should perform their duties with honesty and integrity. There should be no falsification of official documents entrusted to them.
6. The administrative staff should show no discrimination on basis of gender, caste or religion.

Professional Relationship

1. Interactions between administrative staff and students are frequent as for example during counseling, admissions, disbursement of financial aid, examinations and so on. On a regular basis the students come into contact with administrative staff in libraries, science laboratories and computer laboratories. It is expected that they behave in a helpful, friendly and patient manner towards the students.
2. The administrative staff should give due respect to the decisions made by the college authorities. Any matter of contention should be settled amicably and not through antagonistic behaviour, as the progress of an institution depends upon mutual goodwill and trust.

3. The non-teaching staff should consider the teaching staff as their colleagues and not as separate entities. It is the shared functioning that will generate a harmonious environment.
4. The administrative Staff is the first to come into contact with the guardians of students as during examinations. They must keep in mind the fact that their behaviour will be considered to reflect that of the institution. They should thus interact patiently and politely

E. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

I. Conduct

The codes depicted underneath shall apply to all sorts of conduct of students within the College premises and their off-campus mannerisms which may have serious consequences or adverse impact on the Institution's interests or reputation. At the time of admission, each student would have to sign a statement consenting to abide by the framed codes and should also affirm undertakings that,

- (i) The student shall be regular in the classes and must complete his/her studies in the Institute.
- (ii) In the event, the student is forced to discontinue studies for any legitimate reason; he/she may be relieved from the Institution subject to the written consent of the College Authority.
- (iii) (iii) In case of relieving the student, he/she shall have to clear all pending dues and if the student had joined the Institute on a scholarship, the said grant shall be revoked.

The College believes in promoting a safe and efficient climate by enforcing behavioural standards. All students must uphold academic integrity, be respectful to all persons, to their rights, to the college property and to the safety of others.

All students must deter from indulging in any and all forms of misconduct including partaking in any activity off-campus which may affect the Institute's interests and reputation substantially.

1. ***The various forms of misconduct, the students should refrain from, include:***
 1. Any act of discrimination (physical or verbal) based on an individual's gender

- identity, caste, race, religion or religious beliefs, colour, region, language, disability, marital or family status, physical or mental disability etc.
2. Intentionally damaging or destroying Institute's property or property of other students and/or Faculty members & Administrative staffs.
 3. Any disruptive activity in a class room or in an event sponsored by the College.
 4. Inability to produce the identity card, issued by the Institution, or refusing to produce it on demand by campus security personnel.
 5. Participating in activities including:
 - a. Organizing meetings and processions without permission from the Institution.
 - b. Accepting membership of religious or terrorist groups banned by the Institution and/or by the Government of India
 - b. iii) Unauthorized possession, carrying or use of any weapon, ammunition, explosives or potential weapons, fireworks contrary to law or policy.
 - a. Unauthorized possession or use of harmful chemicals and banned drugs.
 - b. Smoking within the College campus.
 - c. Possessing, consuming, distributing, selling of alcohol in the Institute and/or throwing empty bottles on the campus of the Institute.
 - d. Parking a vehicle in a no parking zone or in the area earmarked for parking of other type of motor vehicles, cycles etc.
 - e. Rash driving on the campus that may cause any inconvenience to others.
 - f. Not disclosing a pre-existing health condition, either physical or psychological which may cause hindrance to the academic progress of the student.
 - g. Pilfering or unauthorized access to the resources of others.
 - h. Misdemeanour and/or exhibiting disruptive attitude at the time of Students' body elections or during any activity of the Institute.
 - i. Engaging in disorderly, lewd or indecent conduct including, but not limited to, creating unreasonable noise, pushing and shoving, inciting or participating in a riotous or group disruption at the Institute.
 6. Students are expected not to interact, on behalf of the Institution, with media representatives or invite media persons on to the campus without the permission of the Institute authorities.

7. Students are not permitted to do recording of either audio or video of the lectures delivered in class rooms, actions of other students, faculty or staff without prior permission.
8. Students are not permitted to provide audio and video clippings of any activity on the campus to print and/or electronic media without prior permission.
9. Students are expected to be careful and responsible and exercise restraints while using the Social Media. They should desist from posting derogatory comments about other individuals of the Institute and refrain from indulging in such other related activities having grave ramifications on the reputation of the Institute.
10. Thievery or abuse of Institution's computers and/or other ICT instruments and Institution's services are not allowed. Unauthorized entry, tampering of property or facilities of private residences of Teaching/Administrative staff, offices, classrooms, LAN connectivity and other restricted facilities and interference with the work of others is punishable.
11. Causing damage to, or destruction of any property of the College, or any property of others on the Institution premises would invite punishment
12. Making video/audio recording, taking photographs, or streaming audio/video of any person in a location causing thoroughfare into the person's privacy without his/her knowledge or consent, is punishable. .

If there is a case against a student for any possible breach of the mentioned codes of conduct, then a committee will be formed, which shall inquire into the alleged violation and accordingly recommend suitable disciplinary action against the said student. The committee may give a hearing to the student to ascertain the misconduct and suggest one or more disciplinary actions based on the nature of misconduct.

II. Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential for the success of an Institution and its research missions as well, and hence its violation constitutes a serious offence. The Policy on academic integrity forms an integral part of the Code which applies to all students of the Institution to which they should adhere. Failure to uphold these principles threatens both the reputation of the Institution and the value of the degrees awarded to its students.

Every pupil of the Institution should feel responsible to ensure the highest standards of academic integrity.

The principles of academic integrity require that a student should

- i. Properly acknowledges and cites use of the ideas, results, material or words of others.
- ii. Properly acknowledge all contributors to a given piece of work.
- iii. Make sure that all assignments in a course are submitted by his/her own.
- iv. Perform academic activities without the aid of impermissible materials or collaboration by obtaining all data or results by ethical means and reports them accurately without suppressing any results inconsistent with his/her interpretation or conclusions.
- v. Have right to pursue their educational goals without interference.
- vi. Violations of this policy include, but are not limited to:

(a) Plagiarism: Plagiarism means the use of materials, ideas, figures, codes or data as one's own, without appropriately acknowledging the original source. This may involve submission of material, verbatim or paraphrased, that is authored by another person or published earlier by oneself. Examples of plagiarism include: (1) Reproducing, in whole or part, text/sentences from a report, book, thesis, publication or the internet. (2) Reproducing one's own previously published data, illustrations, figures, images, or someone else's data, etc. (3) Taking material from class-notes or incorporating material from the internet graphs, drawings, photographs, diagrams, tables, spreadsheets, computer programs, or other non-textual material from other sources into one's class reports, presentations, manuscripts, research papers or thesis without proper attribution. (4) Self plagiarism which constitutes copying verbatim from one's own earlier published work in a journal or conference proceedings without appropriate citations. (5) Submitting a purchased or downloaded term paper or other materials to satisfy a course requirement. (6) Paraphrasing or changing an author's words or style without citation.

(b) Cheating: Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying during examinations, and copying of homework assignments, term papers, theses or manuscripts. (2) Allowing or facilitating copying, or writing a report or taking

examination for someone else. (3) Using unauthorized material, copying, collaborating when not authorized, and purchasing or borrowing papers or material from various sources. (4) Fabricating (making up) or falsifying (manipulating) data and reporting them in thesis and publications. (5) Creating sources, or citations that do not exist (6) Altering previously evaluated and re-submitting the work for re-evaluation (7) Signing another student's name on an assignment, report, research paper, thesis or attendance sheet.

(c) Conflict of Interest: A clash of personal or private interests with professional activities can lead to a potential conflict of interest, in diverse activities such as teaching, research, publication, working on committees, research funding and consultancy. It is necessary to protect actual professional independence, objectivity and commitment, and also to avoid an appearance of any impropriety arising from conflicts of interest. Conflict of interest is not restricted to personal financial gain; it extends to a large gamut of professional academic activities including peer reviewing, serving on various committees, which may, for example, oversee funding or give recognition, as well as influencing public policy. To promote transparency and enhance credibility, potential conflicts of interests must be disclosed in writing to appropriate authorities, so that a considered decision can be made on a case-by-case basis. Some additional information is available also in the section below dealing with resources.

III. Anti-Ragging

The Institution has a coherent and an effective anti-ragging policy in place which is based on the 'UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the 'UGC Regulations'). The UGC Regulations have been framed in view of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to prevent and prohibit ragging in all Indian Educational Institutions and Colleges. The said UGC Regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Institution.

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.

Anti-Ragging Committee: The Anti-Ragging Committee shall examine all complaints of anti-ragging and come out with recommendation based on the nature of the incident.

Anti-Ragging Squad: To render assistance to students, an Anti-Ragging Squad, which is a smaller body, has also been constituted consisting of various members of the campus community. The said Squad shall keep a vigil on ragging incidents taking place in the community and undertake patrolling functions. Students may note that the Squad is active and alert at all times and are empowered to inspect places of potential ragging, and also make surprise raids in hostels and other hotspots in the College. The Squad can also investigate incidents of ragging and make recommendations to the Anti-Ragging Committee and shall work under the guidance of the Anti-Ragging Committee. A student found guilty by the committee will attract one or more of the following punishments, as imposed by the Anti-Ragging Committee:

- a) Suspension from attending classes and academic privileges.
- b) Withholding/ withdrawing scholarship/ fellowship and other benefits.
- c) Debarring from appearing in any test/ examination or other evaluation process.
- d) Withholding results.

- e) Debarring from undertaking any collaborative work or attending national or international conferences/symposia/meeting to present his/her research work.
- f) Suspension/ expulsion from the hostels and mess.
- g) Cancellation of admission.
- h) Expulsion from the institution and consequent debarring from admission to any other institution for a specified period. a) In cases where the persons committing or abetting the act of ragging are not identified, the institute shall resort to collective punishment.
- i) If need be, in view of the intensity of the act of ragging committed, a First Information Report (FIR) shall be filed by the Institute with the local police authorities. The Anti-Ragging Committee of the Institute shall take appropriate decision, including imposition of punishment, depending on the facts and circumstances of each incident of ragging and nature and gravity of the incident of ragging.

IV. Gender Discrimination and Allied Harassment:

The Institution's stand on prevention and prohibition of sexual harassment at workplace shall apply mutatis mutandis to the students of the Institute which can be accessed and reviewed by the students as per the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. Students should note that sexual misconduct or harassment encompasses a range of conduct, including but not limited to sexual assault, unwanted touching or persistent unwelcome comments, e-mails, or pictures of an insulting or degrading sexual nature, which may constitute harassment, which shall depend of the circumstances of each case