



# RULES FOR THE STUDENT COMMUNITY

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## Rules for the Student Community

One of the key aims of Li Po Chun United World College is to encourage honesty, integrity and high personal standards among the student body. Formal rules are kept to a minimum, but a certain number are necessary to ensure the smooth-running of the institution and to conform with the framework of Hong Kong Law. College rules are organised as follows: These rules apply to all College activities, on or off campus

### 1. Expellable

For actions such as the following, students should expect to be immediately expelled from the College:

- Theft.
- Possession or use of illegal drugs (see Substance Abuse Policy).
- Physical/sexual harassment, including assault.
- repetition or accumulation of offenses from the other, serious or very serious categories

### 2. Very Serious

For actions such as the following, students should expect to receive a strongly worded letter home and to National Committee, and 9 days gating including two weekend stating their suspension\*, with any repetition resulting in expulsion.

- sexual or inappropriate intimacy on campus
- intentional-speech likely to result in potential harm to self, others or the College
- intentional action likely to result in potential harm to self, others or the College
- hazing\*\*
- repetition or accumulation of offenses from the serious category

### 3. Serious

For actions such as the following, students should expect to receive a strongly worded letter home and to National Committee, and two normally consecutive weekends gating, with any repetition within this category resulting in suspension\*. A third offence within this category would result in expulsion.

- Drunkenness or possession of alcohol on campus.
- Leaving campus at unauthorized times.
- Creating a fire hazard, (eg: through tampering with fire safety equipment.)
- Smoking on campus.
- Using the swimming pool when no lifeguards are on duty (will be considered very serious if under the influence of alcohol).
- Major anti-social behavior (including, but not limited to, harassment (non-sexual) and discriminatory behavior).
- Academic malpractice (see Policy on Academic Malpractice).
- Intentional/negligent destruction of College property or the property of members of the community.
- Repeatedly missing scheduled College activities (including, but not limited to, classes and QC).
- Non-compliance with a reasonable instruction from an employee of the College.
- Intentional deceptive speech or action.
- repetition or accumulation of offenses from the 'other' category

#### 4. Other

In the case of other infringements, such as the following, students should expect to receive two weekends gating:

- Visiting the dormitories of another student at unauthorized times
- Anti-social behavior (eg: noise, disturbances, unauthorized removal of canteen ware out of the canteen)

# Also see Policy on Consideration in the Residences.

In Addition, at the end of term 2 any student breaking any of the College rules will not be allowed to participate to the Graduation ceremony. Depending on the severity of the breach, the principal might decide to apply the UWC Code of Conduct to the letter.

\* Depending on the circumstances, suspension can range from a symbolic one (e.g. a disciplinary letter stating suspension with no further action) to being sent home for up to a month.

\*\* Hazing is usually defined as the practice of rituals and other activities often involving harassment, abuse or humiliation> It includes but is not limited to:

- ♦ “any acts or behaviour which would generally not be socially acceptable in a society”
- ♦ “any acts or behaviour which carries intent (malicious or not) to cause harm/intimidate/humiliate/harass/abuse/torment physical or emotional torment”
- ♦ “any act or behaviour which allows one party to be demeaned for the amusement of another”

In extreme cases, such acts/behaviors might be considered as expellable.

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## UWC Code of Conduct

Pursuing the UWC mission – to make education a force to unite people, nations, and cultures for peace and a sustainable future – requires a commitment to the following values: international and intercultural understanding, celebration of difference, personal responsibility and integrity, mutual responsibility and respect, compassion and service, respect for the environment, a sense of idealism, personal challenge, action and personal example.

At the heart of the UWC ethos is respect for others in all our actions and words. This means that we must think about the common good and be able to rise above our individual desires and needs. In short, our ideals require good heartedness from all members of the UWC community and a recognition that cultural norms are diverse. The common code of conduct is required to make expectations clear.

Students who accept a position at a UWC school or college commit to the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle, one that avoids harm to self and to others. The following are not tolerated:

- Illicit drugs
- Tobacco
- Alcohol on school property and school sponsored activities
- Sexual activity in any public area, including student rooms
- Hazing, bullying or harassment
- Assault
- Stealing or ‘borrowing without permission’

Additionally, each college will have clear expectations regarding:

- Attendance (at all classes and activities)
- Academic integrity
- Respect for curfew and/or quiet time
- Alcohol ‘off-campus’

Individual UWC schools and colleges may have additional standards on these issues that reflect the laws and cultural norms of the country in which they are located. The expectation is that the UWC common code of conduct will be followed both in action and in spirit.