Student Disciplinary Regulations for Institutions of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

According to verse (1) of Article 45 of the Kurdistan Regional Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research Law No. (10) Of 2008, Decision No. (2) Of 2009 regarding higher education student disciplinary regulations has been issued:

Article 1: Every student must fulfill the following duties:

- Abide by all laws, regulations, and decisions issued by the university and faculty.
- Refrain from disrespecting the dignity of the university and college—whether through action or word, inside or outside the campus.
- Avoid any behavior contrary to university ethics, show complete respect to the administration, teaching staff, and employees, maintain friendly relations and full cooperation with fellow students, and preserve peace and tranquility within the college and university.
- Safeguard educational materials, equipment, and all university and college property.
- Refrain from disrupting the educational process and avoid any disrespectness toward religious beliefs and national sentiments.

Article 2: A student shall be issued a warning penalty if they commit any of the following offenses:

- Failure to abide by the laws, regulations, and decisions issued by the university and college.
- Disrespecting the friendly relations between students.

Article 3: A student shall be issued an admonition penalty if they commit any of the following offenses:

- If they had previously received a Warning penalty that was not canceled/withdrawn, and committed an act deserving a second warning.
- Disruption of the peace and security within the college or university.
- Verbal misconduct or verbal aggression toward another student.

Article 4: A student shall receive a reprimand penalty if they commit any of the following offenses:

- If they had previously received an admonition penalty that was not canceled, and committed an act deserving another admonition.
- Verbal misconduct toward university or college staff (excluding teaching staff and fellow students).

Article 5: A student shall be subjected to temporary dismissal from the university or college for a period not exceeding one academic year if they commit any of the following offenses:

- Having two non-rescinded reprimand penalties and committing another act deserving a reprimand.
- Physically attacking university staff (excluding professors and teaching staff).
- Committing acts of violence against another student.
- Carrying any licensed or unlicensed weapon within university or college grounds.

- Intentionally or negligently damaging university/college property.
- Showing disrespect toward religious beliefs or national feelings.
- Verbal misconduct or verbal aggression toward a professor or teaching staff member.
- Using narcotics/intoxicants within the university campus, or being seen intoxicated inside the university or college premises.
- Verbally or physically insulting the university, whether inside or outside campus grounds.
- Disrupting the peaceful order of the educational environment.

Article 6: A student shall be subjected to permanent expulsion from the university if they commit any of the following offenses:

- Repeating any of the acts specified in Article 5.
- Physically attacking or assaulting a professor or member of the teaching staff.
- Committing an indecent act that violates moral principles.
- Being convicted by a court of law for a crime involving moral turpitude.
- Using narcotics/substance abuse inside the university.

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Article 7:

- Punishing a student under Articles (2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) of these regulations does not prevent the application of any other legal penalties under penal code laws if the committed act carries penal consequences.
- If criminal proceedings are initiated against a student for an act committed outside the university, any university disciplinary decision shall be delayed until the completion of the investigation and the final judgement of the penal court.

Article 8:
The Dean of the college or institute shall form a Student Disciplinary Committee chaired by the Vice Dean or a faculty member, with three other faculty members as members, plus a student representative nominated by the first-year class for a one-year term.

Article 9:
Upon the occurrence of any act mentioned under the Articles 5 or 6, the Student Disciplinary Committee shall conduct a thorough investigation and submit their recommendations for an appropriate penalty to the Dean.

Article 10:

- Any student issued a temporary dismissal decision (ranging from 1 month to 1 year) has the right to appeal before the President of the University within 15 days of being notified of the decision, or from the date it is posted on the college notice board if notification is impossible. If the dismissal decision is permanent, the student may appeal before the University Council. The University President and the Council, according to their granted authorities, must issue a final decision within 15 days from the date the appeal is submitted, and their decision shall be final.

Article 11:
The disciplinary penalty decision shall be posted on the college announcement board for no less than one week. The student's guardians shall be notified in writing, and the student will be summoned to clarify the reason for the penalty.

Article 12: Special Exam Regulations

- Any student who cheats or attempts to cheat during daily quizzes, monthly midterm exams, or final exams shall be considered failed in that entire academic semester. Their coursework and final exam scores for all subjects in that semester will be marked as zero, and the student must retake all subjects of that semester.
- In the occasion of a repeated cheating offense, the student's name shall be struck off the rolls, resulting in permanent expulsion from the university.
- If a student does not complete their own assignments (seminars, daily homework, reports, projects, etc.) and instead has someone else do them or purchases them, or have content written on their hand or anywhere else at any exams, it will be classified as cheating.
- Forbidden Materials / Unauthorized Aid: Writing on desks, writing on body parts, using mobile phones, headphones, smartwatches, or any other items for the purpose of cheating, or attempting to give or receive information during an exam, shall be classified and penalized as cheating.