

Code of Conduct

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the foundation for the Rawal College of Dentistry's Student Code of Conduct. It outlines the guiding principles, ethical expectations, procedures and potential penalties to ensure a respectful and academically focused environment.

Scope

This policy applies to all students of RCoD in relation to all actions and activities that impact RCoD, its students, employees, reputation or academic environment.

Policy Statement

1. RCoD is committed to providing an educational environment that ensures:
 - Academic integrity
 - Ethical freedom of expression
 - Protection of the rights and responsibilities of students, faculty and staff.
 - Transparent inquiry guided by the principles of natural justice.
2. This Code of Conduct defines the behavioral expectations of students, aiming to foster a respectful, productive and safe learning environment.
3. All students are expected to read, understand, and comply with this Code of Conduct, as well as all additional policies and behavioral standards of RCoD.
4. Violations of this Code may result in disciplinary actions, categorized as either minor or major penalties, in accordance with RCoD policies and procedures.

Principles and Student Obligations

1. **Personal Responsibility**
 - Read and comply with RCoD policies and the Student Code of Conduct.
 - Fulfill academic requirements of their program and courses.
 - Monitor their own academic progress consistently.
2. **Honesty and Integrity**
 - Represent RCoD in a responsible and respectful manner within and outside the institution.
 - Uphold all ethical standards set by RCoD.
 - Support RCoD in maintaining compliance with relevant rules and regulations.
 - Report any observed violations of this Code to the appropriate authority promptly.
3. **Respect and Fairness**
 - Treat all members of the RCoD community with dignity, respect and fairness.
 - Avoid all forms of discrimination based on gender, race, disability, cultural background, religion or other protected characteristics.
 - Respect the privacy and confidentiality of others, especially when accessing or handling personal information.



- Not disclose confidential RCoD information that could harm the institution's reputation or public image.
- Avoid disrupting academic activities such as teaching and learning sessions.
- Be aware of the moral and social consequences of their actions.
- Refrain from encouraging others to engage in misconduct or inappropriate behavior.

4. Safety and Respect for Property

- Not compromise the health and safety of others.
- Not cause physical or emotional harm to peers, faculty or staff.
- Avoid any unlawful conduct or behavior that violates RCoD policies.
- Refrain from the possession, use or distribution of prohibited weapons or substances within RCoD premises.
- Respect the property of fellow students, staff and the institution.
- Cooperate with RCoD staff regarding safety instructions and institutional compliance.

5. Upholding Institutional Reputation

- Act in ways that uphold and protect the reputation of RCoD.
- Not use the name, reputation or resources of RCoD for personal or commercial purposes without prior approval.
- Avoid fraudulent or dishonest behavior, including submitting forged or false academic documents for admission or academic gain.

6. Prohibition on Political Activities

- Students are strictly prohibited from engaging in any form of political activity—on or off-campus.
- Engagement in political activities may result in disciplinary action in accordance with RCoD policies.

Student Code of Conduct Committee Members

A committee comprised on following Faculty & Administrative Staff is constituted to ascertain the award of punishment against those who breach RCoD Student Code of Conduct students:

i.	Principal (College of Dentistry)	President
ii.	Vice-Principal (College of Dentistry)	Vice-President
iii.	Concerned Class Teacher/HOD	Member
iv.	Head of Disciplinary Committee (RCoD)	Member
v.	Manager Student Affairs (RCoD)	Member

