

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

(Established Under the Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006)

REGULATIONS

DISCIPLINE AMONG STUDENTS



**RGNUL REGULATION FRAMED UNDER SECTION 33 OF
THE RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW
(PUNJAB ACT NO. 12 OF 2006)**

*(As approved by the Executive Council at its meeting held
on 30.01.2015 and 07.03.2015)*

DISCIPLINE AMONG STUDENTS

WHEREAS Section 33 of the RGNUL Act provides for discipline among students. Also RGNUL Statutes 21 provides for procedure and related matter regarding discipline. The Statutes were further amended by the General Council at its meeting held on 19.03.2014 to elaborate the procedure to handle the disciplinary matters. At the same meeting of the General Council it was decided that Regulations may identify different acts of indiscipline and specify competent authorities who may impose the prescribed punishment (Copy of relevant para of the proceedings is enclosed herewith as Annexure).

Therefore, the Draft Regulations in this respect are put before the Executive Council for consideration:

REGULATION ON STUDENT'S DISCIPLINE

1. Scope and Application

- (1) These Regulations shall be applicable to all the students of RGNUL on Roll in all the courses.
- (2) All RGNUL students are required to maintain good conduct, discipline and decency within and outside the University.
- (3) Any student who commits breach of Code of Conduct or indulges in any act of any kind of indiscipline shall be liable to be punished under the RGNUL Regulations.

2. Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct are the general norms of good behaviour prescribed under these Regulations. These include the following:

(1) *General Code of Conduct*

RGNUL students shall-

- not do anything which is unbecoming of RGNUL students
- maintain cordial relation with their fellow students
- respect culture and tradition of fellow students
- wear uniform on the specified day
- wear identity card as per directions issued by the authorities
- follow the dress code
- not carry mobile phones to the class rooms/official functions
- maintain cleanliness and hygiene at the campus
- be honest and truthful
- upkeep moral and ethical values
- follow the University timings and schedule
- be regular in their class attendance. In case of unavoidable circumstance shall seek prior leave as per University norms
- maintain such other conduct as may be notified by the University from time to time.

(2) *Hostel Code of Conduct*

RGNUL students shall-

- not stay back in hostels while classes are going on
- not allow any outsider in the hostel
- maintain due tidiness and hygiene in their hostel room
- not to take their meals to the hostel rooms

- not use the music systems in a manner that may disturb other students
- save and conserve electricity and water
- maintain such other conduct as may be notified by the University from time to time.

3. Disciplinary action for violation of Code of Conduct

- (1) The student who shall violate the Code of Conduct shall be issued a warning by the Authorised Teacher/Hostel Warden/Officer on the first violation.
- (2) On subsequent violation the Authorised Teacher/Hostel Warden/ Officer may impose a fine of ₹ 100 for every act of violation.
- (3) On repeated violation the matter shall be reported by the Authorised Teacher/Warden/Officer to the Chief Warden. The Chief Warden after giving an opportunity of hearing to the student may impose a fine of ₹ 200 for each violation.
- (4) For any grievance regarding disciplinary action under these provisions the student may make an application for review to the Dean Students Welfare. The decision of the Dean Students Welfare shall be final for all matters of violation of Code of Conduct.
- (5) When a fine is imposed upon a student for three times in a semester or five times in an academic session for violation of Code of Conduct, it shall be considered as deemed to be "**indiscipline**".

4. Indiscipline

Indiscipline is categorized according to the gravity of the act as under:

- (1) Indiscipline
- (2) Serious Indiscipline
- (3) Grave Indiscipline

5. The following acts are identified as acts of indiscipline in different categories:

(1) Indiscipline: Incidents of Indiscipline shall include the following:

- (i) causing disturbance in the classroom/hostels
- (ii) misbehaviour with staff/employees of the University or contractors
- (iii) abusing/insulting the fellow students
- (iv) leaving campus without permission
- (v) reporting late at Hostel
- (vi) allowing any guest to stay in hostel room
- (vii) cooking meals in the hostel room
- (viii) changing room without permission of the Warden
- (ix) using unauthorized electric gadgets in hostel rooms
- (x) organizing parties in the hostel rooms
- (xi) bringing vehicle at the University Campus without permission
- (xii) any other act notified by the University from time to time

(2) Serious Indiscipline: Incidents of Serious Indiscipline shall include the following:

- (i) misbehavior with Teacher/University authorities
- (ii) smoking, drinking or use of narcotics at the Campus
- (iii) bringing/supplying liquor, narcotics etc. at campus/hostels
- (iv) third incident of indiscipline in one academic session or fifth incident of indiscipline in the course
- (v) threatening/intimidating fellow students/ employees
- (vi) display vulgarity in any form

- (vii) damaging or defacing University property
- (viii) theft in hostel or at the Campus
- (ix) any other act notified by the University from time to time

(3) Grave Indiscipline: Incidents of grave indiscipline shall include the following:

- (i) ragging in any form
- (ii) physical assault on any person on the campus
- (iii) indecent behaviour of sexual nature at the campus (both consensual and non-consensual)
- (iv) any act of violence or moral turpitude that is an offence under any law in force in the country committed at or outside the campus
- (v) three repeated incidents of serious indiscipline shall be considered as grave indiscipline

6. Punishments for Indiscipline

Any student found guilty of indiscipline shall be liable for fine upto ₹ 5000 with or without community Service in the form of duty in the library/computer lab/ hostel/any office/working place of the University for a period upto one week.

7. Punishment for Serious Indiscipline

Any student found guilty of serious indiscipline shall be liable for fine upto ₹ 10000 with or without community service at the Library/Computer Lab/ Hostel/any office or other working place of the University upto two weeks.

8. Punishment for Grave Indiscipline

A student found guilty of grave indiscipline shall be-

liable to a fine as determined by the Vice-Chancellor

Or

debarred from examination with or without fine

Or

rusticated from the University/Hostel.

Explanation:

- (i) Debarring of a student from examination may be for one or more papers in a semester/semesters or more than one semester.
- (ii) Rustication shall be construed as expulsion of the student from the University for all times.

9. Procedure to deal with act of Indiscipline

- (1) On commission of an act of indiscipline the matter shall be reported by the Warden/Teacher/ Officer/Security men/other concerned person to the Dean Students Welfare.
- (2) The Dean Students Welfare shall hold an inquiry into the matter himself or through a Committee of the following:
 - (1) Chief Warden
 - (2) Warden/Teacher concerned
 - (3) Nominee of the Vice-Chancellor
- (3) The Dean Students Welfare/the above said fact finding Committee, as the case may be, shall give the opportunity of hearing to the concerned students and collect the relevant evidence. In case the enquiry is done by the Committee it shall on completion of the inquiry, submit the report to the Dean Students Welfare.
- (4) The Dean Students Welfare, if satisfied on enquiry by himself or with the findings of the Committee on guilt the Committee give an opportunity of hearing to the student on proposed

punishment and may impose the appropriate punishment as per these Regulations.

- (5) For any grievance regarding disciplinary action under these provisions a student may make an application for review to the Registrar. The decision of the Registrar shall be final, for all matters of indiscipline.

10. Procedure to deal with "Serious Indiscipline"

- (1) On commission of an act of serious indiscipline the Administrative Officer/ Warden/Teacher/Officer of the University shall report the matter to the Dean Students Welfare.
- (2) The Dean Students Welfare shall conduct a preliminary inquiry and if satisfied that act of the student amounts to an act of serious indiscipline submit a report to the Vice-Chancellor through Registrar.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor may constitute a Committee that may comprise the following to inquire into any act of serious indiscipline:
 1. Dean Students Welfare
 2. Administrative Officer
 3. Chief Warden/Senior Teacher to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
- (4)
 - (i) The fact finding Committee shall give an opportunity to the concerned student to explain his/her position and shall also collect/record relevant evidence.
 - (ii) If the student is found guilty the Committee shall give an opportunity of hearing to the guilty student on nature and quantum of proposed punishment.
 - (iii) After the hearing, the Committee shall make its recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor regarding

guilt and also nature and quantum of the proposed punishment.

- (5) The Vice-Chancellor on perusal of the recommendations of the above said Committee and record may pass an appropriate order/ award punishment as prescribed by these regulations for indiscipline/ serious indiscipline. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.

11. Procedure to deal with acts of "Grave Indiscipline"

- (1) On commission of an act of grave indiscipline the matter shall be immediately reported to the Vice-Chancellor by anyone having the information about the "grave indiscipline".
- (2) On the basis of the information/preliminary report, the Vice-Chancellor may pass an order of suspension of the student from classes or/and order vacation of hostel by the student involved in greivous indiscipline.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor may constitute a Committee which may comprising the following to inquire into the matter:
 - (i) Registrar
 - (ii) Dean Students
 - (iii) Adm. Officer
 - (iv) A Senior Teacher
 - (v) Hostel Warden
- (4) The Committee shall hold inquiry and collect relevant information/ evidence about the incident. The concerned student shall be given opportunity to explain his/her position.
- (5) The Committee shall submit its report on the facts and circumstances of the case, as also its finding on the guilt of the student, to the Vice-Chancellor along with proposed nature and quantum of punishment.
- (6) (i) The Vice-Chancellor may pass an appropriate order/ punishment as per these regulations and in case the punishment to be awarded is debarring the student

from the Examination or rustication from the University or the Hostel, give an opportunity of hearing to the student/his or her parents. If Vice-Chancellor is of the view that punishment should be of debarring the student from examination or rustication of the student from the University or Hostel, report shall be submitted to the Executive Council along with substance of reply of the student.

(ii) The Executive Council may take an appropriate decision on the guilt and punishment after considering the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and, if required, perusal of the record of the case.

7. In case of grave indiscipline attracting punishment of debarring the student from examination/rustication from the University, the result of the student shall be withheld and shall be subject to the decision of the Executive Council in such cases of indiscipline.

(Inserted clause 7 by the decision of the Executive Council meeting dated 07.03.2015 Para 3 and with modification suggested by the General Council meeting dated 18.03.2015 Para 4)

...

INDEX

Section	Title	Page No.
1	Regulation on Student's Discipline Scope and Application	1
2	Code of Conduct	1
3	Disciplinary action for violation of Code of Conduct	3
4	Indiscipline	3
5	The following acts are identified as acts of indiscipline in different categories:	4
	(1) Indiscipline	4
	(2) Serious Indiscipline	4
	(3) Grave Indiscipline	5
6	Punishments for Indiscipline	5
7	Punishment for Serious Indiscipline	5
8	Punishment for Grave Indiscipline	5
9	Procedure to deal with Act of Indiscipline	6
10	Procedure to deal with "Serious Indiscipline"	7
11	Procedure to deal with Acts of "Grave Indiscipline"	8