

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT (PET LEARNERS)

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CODE OF CONDUCT

- NYP is committed to ensuring that the campus remains a safe environment, where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.
- We encourage and expect high standards of conduct from all in our community. These expectations of responsible and appropriate behaviour are communicated in our Code of Conduct, available on the [Student Portal](#)





- Let us be considerate, and respect all cultures, races and religions.
- We should all refrain from conduct that demeans, intimidates, threatens, harasses or injures any individual. This can include bullying, fighting, making derogatory remarks, and sexual misconduct (i.e. sexual assault, outrage of modesty or committing a voyeuristic act).

Smoking/Vaping

- NYP is a smoke-free campus, no smoking/vaping is allowed.
- The minimum legal age for smoking is now 21. Anyone caught smoking on campus or underaged smokers caught by NEA in any part of Singapore could face prosecution and disciplinary action by the Polytechnic.
- Vaping is illegal in Singapore. Simply purchasing, using or owning an electronic vapouriser or vape results in fines of up to \$2,000 per offence and further disciplinary action by the Polytechnic. Existing evidence also shows that the harmful chemical composition within vapes pose many health risks.

Drugs

- Singapore adopts a zero-tolerance stance against drugs
- It is an offence under Singapore Law to possess controlled drugs.
- Any involvement in selling, transporting, delivering, distributing and offering drugs is an offence.



DOXING

- Doxing is the act of publicly revealing previously private personal information about an individual or organization, usually through the Internet, with the intention to harass, threaten or facilitate violence against them.
- Protection from Harassment Act (POHA) seeks to protect people from being targets of harassment or stalking, whether online or in real life.
- It is an offence to:
 - **Publish personal information with the intention to cause harassment, alarm or distress**
 - **Publish personal information to cause the fear of violence**
 - **Publish personal information to facilitate the use of violence**



Be very careful when you use social media, or when you post anything on internet. Do ensure that you have not inadvertently committed an offence with your posting.

RADICALISATION

- Terrorism is a serious threat to the international community, including Singapore. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the domestic terrorism threat to Singapore stems primarily from self-radicalised individuals influenced by extremist materials online, and Singapore is vulnerable to attacks against soft targets by lone actors using easily available objects.
- The Institutes of Higher Learning (such as the Polys, Universities) have an important role to play by being vigilant to signs that someone in their community may have radicalised inclinations. Signs of radicalisation include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. frequently surfing radical websites;
 - b. posting/sharing extremist views on social media platforms, such as expressing support/admiration for terrorists/terrorist groups as well as the use of violence;
 - c. sharing their extremist views with friends and relatives;
 - d. making remarks that promote ill-will or hatred towards people of other races or religions;
 - e. expressing intent to participate in acts of violence overseas or in Singapore; and/or
 - f. inciting others to participate in acts of violence.



For more information, please refer to the
[Singapore Terrorism Threat Assessment Report 2021 \(mha.gov.sg\)](http://mha.gov.sg)

Sexual and Hurt Offences

- The government has ramped up their efforts to clamp down on sexual and hurt offences, to provide more protection to victims of these cases.
- Offenders now face more severe penalties, regardless of their educational qualifications or academic potential.
- Please refer to [A Guide on Sentencing in Singapore](#) (by MinLaw and MHA, with support from AGC)



BULLYING

What is Bullying?

An aggressive act with the intention to hurt a person on purpose. Bullying can take on the following forms:

Verbal Bullying

- A direct form of bullying where an individual is hurt or shamed through the use of words
- Examples: malicious teasing, insulting, ridiculing, intimidating or threatening

Relational Bullying

- An indirect form of bullying that causes harm to a person by damaging friendships and feelings of group acceptance
- Examples: spreading of rumours or gossip to damage the bullied's reputation, manipulation of friendships to blackmail the bullied, or purposefully excluding the bullied from group activities

Physical Bullying

- A direct form of bullying where deliberate physical aggression is used against an individual, or on his or her belongings
- Examples: hitting, punching, kicking, hair pulling, or taking away/destroying the belongings of the bullied

Cyberbullying

- A form of bullying carried out through electronic means
- Examples: sending of malicious text messages and emails to the one being bullied, spreading rumours or gossips via text messages or social media platforms, or posting embarrassing images or videos of the bullied on social media platforms

NYP does not tolerate bullying in any form. Students engaging in any form of bullying are subject to disciplinary and punitive actions that can include expulsion.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- As an educational institution, NYP upholds high standards of academic integrity. Dishonesty in any assessment is taken very seriously, and such offences will be dealt with in accordance to our [NYP Academic Integrity Policy](#).
- Do also note that **facilitating cheating** is an offence. Students must ensure that they do not encourage or allow other students to copy. This includes sharing of assignments.



WHAT IS CONSIDERED AS CONTRAVENTION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY?

Cheating	Fabrication	Deception	Plagiarism
<p>Attempting to get or provide unauthorised assistance in an assessment including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copying another candidate's answers • Providing or assisting another candidate with answers • Referring to documents that are not allowed in the assessment • Referring to information kept in electronic or mobile devices that are not allowed in the assessment • Using any devices (such as mobile phones, programmable calculators, smart devices, etc.) when they are not allowed in the assessment 	<p>Falsifying data, information, or citations.</p>	<p>Asking another person to complete the work that the candidate is supposed to do.</p>	<p>The act of taking and using the whole or any part of ideas, words or works of other people and passing it off as one's own work, without acknowledgement of the original source.</p>

Categories of Offences

Examples of Offences

Category I

- Minor misconduct
- I • Smoking/Vaping
- Littering
- Gambling
- Trespassing
- Acts of disturbance leading to disruption of activities
- Forgery of MC for non-Assessment related reasons

Category III

- III • Infringement of NYP Academic Integrity Policy
- Attempting to get or provide unauthorised assistance in an assessment
- Falsifying data, information or citations
- Asking another person to complete the work that the candidate is supposed to do
- Plagiarism

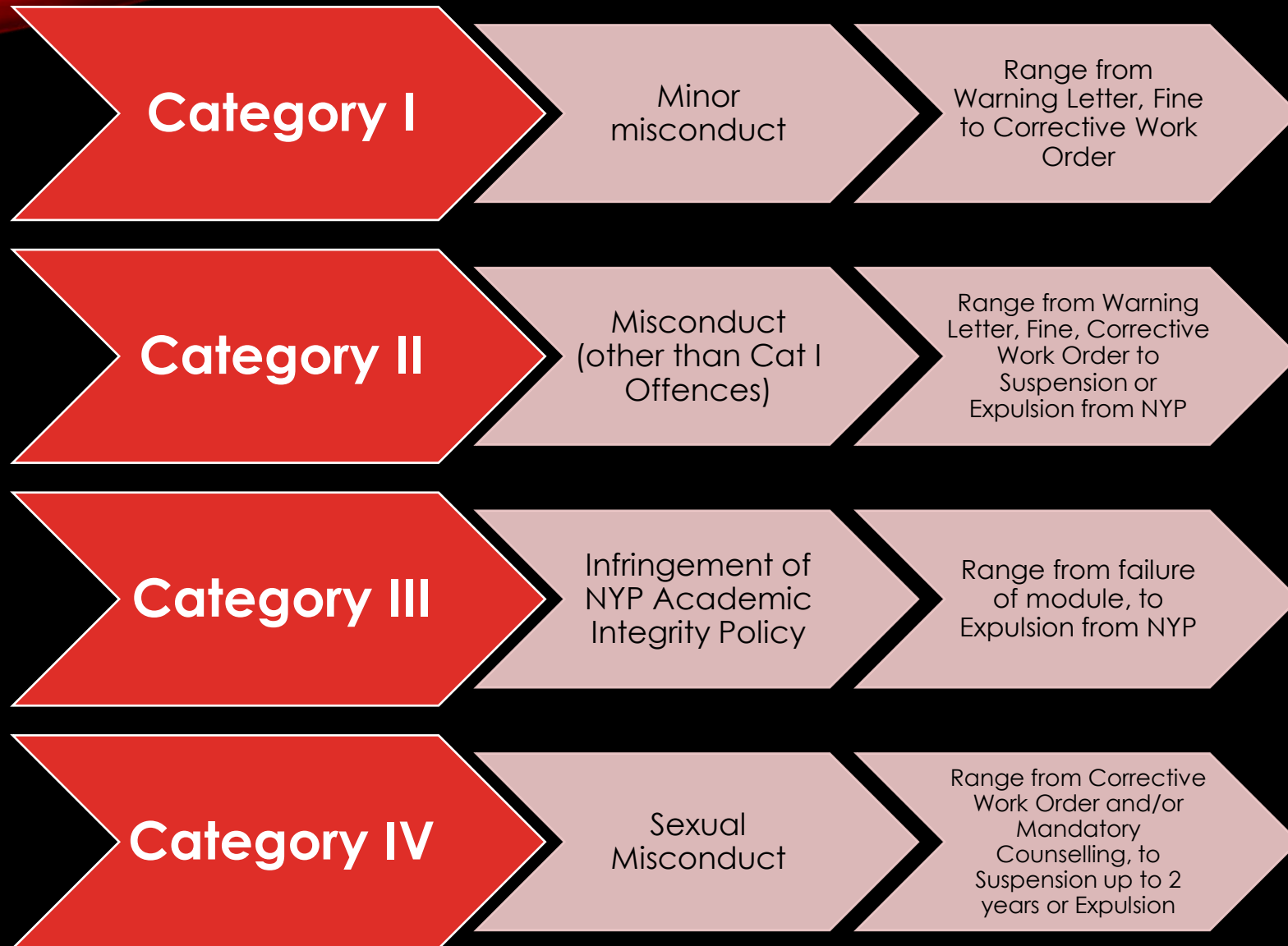
Category II

- II • Misconduct (other than Cat I Offences)
- Bringing disrepute to NYP
- Bullying (including cyber bullying)
- Actions which threaten to disrupt racial and religious harmony
- Unauthorised soliciting of funds/selling of products using the name of NYP

Category IV

- IV • Sexual Misconduct
- Acts in the following categories:
- Category A: Severe or Aggravated Sexual Misconduct
- Category B: Sexual Exploitation
- Category C: Sexual Harassment
- Category D: Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct

4 CATEGORIES OF OFFENCES AND PENALTIES



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS, PLEASE REFER TO THE STUDENT PORTAL

The screenshot displays the Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) Student Portal. At the top left is the NYP logo with the tagline 'THE INNOVATIVE POLYTECHNIC'. The top right contains a search icon, notification icons, a user profile for 'TAY LI LENG 21A193J (Enrolled)', and a text size adjustment control. A blue sidebar on the left lists navigation options: Home, Popular e-Services, Academic Matters, Financial Matters, Student Life, Care & Guidance, Facilities Reservation, and Resources (with sub-items: Student Conduct and Discipline Regulations, Library, and Staff Directory). The main content area features a large header 'STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS' with an illustration of students. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail 'Dashboard / Student Code of Conduct'. Two white boxes with blue 'View' buttons are present: 'Student Conduct and Discipline Regulations' and 'Briefing to Students on Code of Conduct'.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF..... I AM A VICTIM OR A WITNESS TO AN OFFENCE

If you experience any misconduct, or have seen instances of it, we encourage you to reach out to us to get appropriate help to deal with the situation.

You may contact a lecturer whom you would feel most comfortable with - this could be your personal mentor, a tutor or your CCA mentor, among others.

There are also other channels you can use to reach us.

During office hours

- In person at your School's Admin Office
- In person or via hotline at i@Central (Level 1, Block A or Tel: 6451-5115)
- Via hotline at Campus Security (Tel: 6550-0999)

After office hours

- Via hotline to Campus Security (Tel: 6550-0999)

Email

- ContactNYP@nyp.edu.sg



All incidents reported will be investigated fairly and objectively. The privacy and interests of the parties involved will be sensitively treated. Counsellors are also on standby to offer support.

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESPONSE TO A TRAUMATIC EVENT

- Fight, Flight or Freeze
- It is normal to experience some confusion or feeling at a loss of what to do.
- In the case of outrage of modesty or sexual offences, one might also be overwhelmed by feelings of shame.
- Talk to someone you trust and ask for help. The lecturers and PEMs are here to support you.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF..... I AM INVOLVED IN ANY POLICE INVESTIGATION

- Inform your Course Manager/Personal Mentor immediately (who will in turn, keep Registrar's Office informed) if you are implicated in any police investigation cases.
- Keep your Course Manager/Personal Mentor informed of any updates to your case
- If you are not sure, please check with your Course Manager/Personal Mentor



NYP does not tolerate misconduct in any form. Students engaging in physical or psychological harm, be it harassment, violence, or illegal acts on-campus and off-campus, are subject to disciplinary and punitive actions that can include expulsion.

The Singapore Police Force can also investigate incidents that have broken the law.

At NYP, we aim to nurture a culture of safety, support and respect.



THANK YOU