

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Student Code of Conduct (the “Code”) applies both to Master and PhD students (collectively the “Student(s)”) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (the “Institute”).

1. Basic Values and Principles

As outlined in its Charter, the Institute is committed to values of excellence, independence, responsibility, solidarity and diversity and recognizes as a fundamental principle the respect for others.

2. Misconduct

In addition to Students’ behaviours which constitute violations of other applicable laws or regulations (e.g. defamation or damaging the property pursuant to the Swiss Criminal Code, etc.), Students’ behaviours violating the basic values and principles of the Institute are prohibited. Said behaviours include – but are not limited to – sexual harassment (as defined by Swiss law) and/or stalking.

In addition, the Institute reserves the right for any other action in the case of violations of the Code and/or other applicable laws.

3. Sanctions and Procedure

1. In addition to other sanctions provided for in other applicable laws or regulations, the sanctions are as follows:
 - a) Written warning ;
 - b) Student’s suspension for a specified period of time not exceeding six months ;
The suspension has the main following consequences:
 1. All ECTS credits the Student has obtained during the semester in which the suspension is pronounced are lost and cancelled.
 2. During the suspension period the Student cannot take part in an evaluation or examination nor obtain any ECTS credits.
 - c) Institute’s decision to definitively exclude the Student.

Sanctions are pronounced by the Institute’s Director. Any decision to exclude a Student will be made by the Institute’s Director who will take into consideration any exceptional circumstances.

2. Any opposition to a decision resulting from the application of the Code must be lodged in the format and within the deadlines stipulated in the applicable regulations (currently the Règlement relatif à la procédure d'opposition au sein de l'Université de Genève – Regulations governing the appeals procedure within the University of Geneva – dated March 16, 2009).

Oppositions are heard by a Commission established for this purpose. The Commission issues a notice to the intention of the authority that made the decision in question.

3. In the event of an appeal against a decision issued after opposition, the matter may be referred to the Opposition Board and dealt with in the form and according to the deadlines stipulated in the abovementioned Regulations.

4. Entry into force

The Code shall apply to all Students as of 1st September 2013.

The Code has been approved by the Foundation's Board on 1st July 2013.

The French-language version of this document is the authentic text.