



**Student
Codes**

II. STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

The American University of Kuwait student conduct standards are founded on the premise that the exercise of individual rights must be accompanied by an equal amount of responsibility. This assures that the same rights are not denied to others. A student has responsibility to recognize that his/her actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire University community. By accepting membership in the University community, a student acquires rights as well as responsibilities to the whole University community. The American University of Kuwait acknowledges the existence of both student rights and student responsibilities within an institution of higher learning and amidst the AUK community. The following sections outline these student rights and responsibilities.

STUDENT RIGHTS

American University of Kuwait students should expect quality instruction and support services delivered by a dedicated team of engaged faculty and staff. AUK students have the following general rights as outlined:

These rights include, but are not limited to:

- The right to be treated equally in academic and social settings.
- The right to attend classes in a physically safe environment.
- The right to be free from discrimination and harassment.
- The right to express diverse opinions.
- The right to learn without disruption.
- The right to due process.
- The right to access academic and support services that enhance student learning.
- The right to explore personal growth and development.
- The right to participate in the creation of knowledge.
- The right to know academic requirements and to be evaluated fairly.
- The right to be informed of, and share opinions on, matters affecting the University community.
- The right to have access to leadership development opportunities.
- The right to participate in free and responsible journalism.
- The right to engage in educational opportunities that enhance learning outcomes, both within and outside of the campus community.
- The right to form student organizations and peacefully assemble on campus property per the guidelines set forth in University policy.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the above rights all AUK students have responsibilities inherent to members of the University community. Admission to the American University of Kuwait is a privilege; and the mission, values, policies, and procedures of the University are accepted by each student upon his/her admission and subsequent voluntary registration. A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire University community. All AUK students are responsible for upholding University policies and promoting the highest standards of moral and ethical responsibility.

General responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Personal responsibility and accountability for one's own actions.
- Responsibility to maintain the property and facilities of the University.
- Responsibility for showing respect to faculty, staff, and fellow students.
- Responsibility for cultivating personal growth and development.
- Responsibility to communicate and work towards problem resolution utilizing appropriate methods.
- Responsibility to pursue educational opportunities to the best of one's ability.
- Responsibility for academic progression and career planning.
- Responsibility to participate in campus life.
- Responsibility for approaching differing and diverse viewpoints with an open mind.
- Responsibility to recognize the value of diversity and an exchange of ideas within a University community.
- Responsibility to the community.
- Responsibility for being acquainted with and complying with rules and regulations (both academic & social).
- Responsibility to maintain a positive image of the University.

Please Note: *Specific standards of behavior are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct section.*

Confidentiality of Records:

The University and its offices respect the rights of students and their parents or guardians with respect to the confidentiality of student records. Limited student records may be released to family members or third parties only with the written consent from the student.

Students may sign and submit a disclosure waiver form providing specified individuals access to information as indicated on the waiver. Counseling services, information, and

records are confidential. The information shared is privileged, is kept private, and is only released to third party individuals as their requests comply with laws, court orders and subpoena; and/or circumstances involving the safety of persons or property including the intent to harm him/herself or someone else, or there is reasonable suspicion of abuse/neglect against a minor child, elderly person, or dependent adult.