# **Learning Journal Unit 2**

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## Reflection Topic: UoPeople Policies

For this learning journal I was required to read through the UoPeople undergraduate catalog and to find two policies in there that I want to explain in my own words. The following are the policies I have chosen:

## Policy 1: Academic Policies > General Code of Conduct

I selected this first policy because I think it’s very important to remember that even in the modern age and even though we are currently learning in an online environment where we might never meet our fellow peers face to face in the physical realm. It is still important to remember that we are all required and expected to treat each other with respect and humility. We should also remember that here at UoPeople we are a melting pot of cultures, religions, and different backgrounds. But we are all here with the common goal of bettering ourselves and in that bettering our communities.

## Policy 2: Grade Notations and Policies

I selected this policy since we are after all here to learn, and an important part of learning is the grading processes of our work. Since that is the best measure for us to know how well we are doing, what we need to improve on and what we need to focus on to come. The grading system looks to be designed in a way so that the emphasis is on the individual’s performance rather than the groups. This approach encourages students to focus on their personal growth and understanding of the subject matter, rather than competing with other students over who is better and allowing for more personal growth and team collaboration. The very detailed grading scale and the emphasis on various assessment criteria, such as participation in discussion forums, quality of assignments, and group work, ensure that students are evaluated in a fair and precises manner.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the code of conduct policy and the grading policies are in my opinion the most important policies that help show case the academic and ethical standards of UoPeople. The former promotes a culture of respect and inclusivity, while the latter ensures transparency and fairness in academic evaluations. As a student, I am glad to see a place that holds itself up to such high standards and I can only hope that I manage to hold myself up to these standards too.

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