

## Course Code of Conduct

*Adapted from ACM's policy against harassment<sup>1</sup>*

The open exchange of ideas is central to the goals of this course's mission. This requires an environment that embraces diversity and provides a safe, welcoming environment for all.

This policy applies to all course activities, including: classes, debates and discussions.

### Expected behavior

We expect all participants of our activities to abide by this policy in all classes:

- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions;
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech;
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants;
- Alert the teaching staff (teacher and teaching assistant) if you notice a dangerous situation, someone in distress, or violations of this policy, even if they seem inconsequential.

### Unacceptable Behavior

Unacceptable at any activity is:

- Abuse: Any action directed at an individual that (a) interferes substantially with that person's participation; or (b) causes that person to fear for his/her personal safety. This includes threats, intimidation, bullying, stalking, or other types of abuse.
- Discriminatory Harassment: Any conduct that discriminates or denigrates an individual on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, citizenship, nationality, age, sexual or gender identity, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law in the location where the activity takes place.
- Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal/physical conduct of a sexual nature.

### Consequences of Unacceptable Behavior

If any course participant engages in prohibited behavior, the teaching staff reserves the right to take any action they deem appropriate. This can include contacting the Graduate School coordination to:

- Remove an individual from any activity;
- Prohibit an individual from participating in future activities;
- Suspend or withdraw the individual from this course;

### False allegations

Appropriate sanctions also will be taken toward any individual who knowingly makes a false allegation of harassment.

### How to Report Unacceptable Behavior

Any individual who experiences harassment (as described above) at any activity should follow the Procedures for Reporting Unacceptable Behavior through this form <link>.

### Final considerations

It is expected that this code of conduct will be followed. Suggestions and recommendations can be sent directly to <teacher email> or <teacher assistant email>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.acm.org/about-acm/policy-against-harassment>