



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Principles of Conduct

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS) is a higher education, research and teaching institution dedicated to high-quality scholarship and education on Islam and Muslim societies, with a particular focus on Ismaili and broader Shi'i studies, encompassing their historical and geographical contexts. Our [guiding values](#) are intended to sustain a vibrant intellectual community with an inclusive and supportive environment. IIS promotes a culture of respect and understanding that values individual differences and fosters mutual respect.
- 1.2 To support the promotion of a culture of respect and understanding, the following foundational principles set out what constitutes appropriate behaviour at IIS. These four principles apply to all staff, students, governors, volunteers and other stakeholders - whether at the Aga Khan Centre (AKC), Victoria Hall, participating in online learning and meetings, engaging on social media, or any other activities that reflect on IIS. More detailed information about what to do, or what IIS will do, in particular situations, can be found in our [policies and processes](#).

2. Foundational Principles

- 2.1 The following four principles form the basis for appropriate conduct:

Professionalism. You should behave professionally while studying or at work, and you are accountable for your actions.

Respect. You should be thoughtful and considerate towards others. Treat people and their belongings with the same respect and care you would wish for yourself and your own property. Arrive punctually to classes and meetings and be aware of how your use of electronic devices and social media - especially in learning environments - might affect those around you.

Courtesy. You should adhere to established rules, regulations and procedures, use language appropriate to the setting and circumstances, and, when attempting to resolve disputes, be confident and respectful while avoiding aggressive behaviour.

Commitment. You are expected to demonstrate commitment to the mission and values of IIS by following its rules, actively participating in both academic and social aspects of IIS life and upholding its good name. This responsibility extends beyond the AKC and Victoria Hall to include your conduct while online, in the wider community, and to include compliance with any additional guidelines or restrictions set by IIS.



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3. Breaches of the Code of Conduct

3.1 Unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour can result in disciplinary action. Please refer to the [Student Disciplinary Policy](#) or [Staff Disciplinary Policy](#) for full details.

4. Guidance

4.1 Examples of behaviours that breach the Code of Conduct are provided below. Where appropriate, links to regulations and policies are included that provide more specific and detailed information for students. Staff should refer to [Policies and Guidance](#) on IIS Connect. Please note that this list of behaviours is not intended to be exhaustive.

- a. Academic misconduct (including research misconduct). Students should refer to the [Academic Misconduct Policy](#).
- b. Breach of the academic regulations, policies, and procedures which students accept as a condition of their enrolment. Students should refer to the [Taught Degree Regulations](#) and [Student Policies](#).
- c. Professional misconduct.
- d. Behaviour which, in the reasonable opinion of IIS, brings IIS into disrepute.
- e. Misuse of alcohol, drugs, and legal highs. Students should refer to the [Fitness to Study Policy](#).
- f. Sexual misconduct, sexual harassment or sexual violence. Further information for students and staff about how IIS will address any and all incidents of Sexual Misconduct can be found at [this link](#).
- g. Discrimination, harassment, or bullying, including via the internet and/or email, and/or social media sites. Further information for students and staff can be found at [this link](#).
- h. Misuse or unauthorised use of IIS and/or Aga Khan Centre property.

Note. For this or any of the following examples, students should refer to the [Rules of Behaviour and Student Disciplinary Procedure](#).

- i. Intentional damage to property, and theft or misappropriation of property.
- j. Reckless action likely to cause injury, impair safety, or damage property.
- k. Vexatious or malicious allegations against other students or staff, or reckless allegations or actions likely to raise a false alarm at the AKC or Victoria Hall.



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- l. Failure to comply with any previously imposed instruction or penalty under any regulation, policy or procedure of IIS.
- m. Conduct which may be regarded as a breach of UK criminal law, or the law of the country in which the breach takes place, should staff or students be overseas.
- n. Unacceptable actions or behaviour, as set out in any policy, procedure and/or regulation of IIS.