

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Christian community, our Code of Conduct is not arbitrary or legalistic code, but a standard of Christian living based on our understanding of the Holy Bible, which forms our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Therefore, as a community of Christian believers, committed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and filled with the Holy Spirit, all members of the AIU community strive to live lives of personal integrity and obedience to the Word of God. Furthermore, as servants of God striving to be useful leaders of God's people, we recognize that we are called to the highest standards of Christian conduct in our personal and corporate lives. Therefore we agree to live together by the following Code of Conduct.

**Biblical Principles:** The following are fundamental biblical principles that should guide our attitudes and behaviour at all times.

1. **Glorifying God.** Glorifying God, not self-Satisfaction, is to be the chief goal of the Christian in all that is said and done (I Chr. 16:24, 28-29a; Isa. 48:11; I Cor. 10:31). Therefore, a God-centred life style should characterize all Christian behavior.
2. **Loving God and Neighbour.** Loving God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and our neighbour as ourselves are the greatest commands in Scripture (Mark 12:30-31). Therefore the Christian's relationship with God should be one of total commitment in all that we do and should be reflected in loving, caring relationships with all those around us.
3. **Obeying Christ.** Acknowledging Jesus as Saviour and Lord is central to being a Christian (Rom.10:9; I John 2:3). Therefore, Christians seek to follow the example of Christ given in Scripture and conform their lives to the Bible teaching as illuminated by the Holy Spirit.
4. **Living in the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit indwells all believers, consecrating, cleansing and empowering them to effective service (Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:9b; Gal. 5:16-25). Therefore, Christians should partake in the transforming work of the Holy Spirit by cultivating the spiritual disciplines, putting to death sinful attitudes, habits and desires, developing godly lives and qualities and trusting the Spirit's power in their daily lives and service.
5. **Pursuing Justice and Mercy.** To pursue justice and mercy in all of our human relationships is the essence of all true worship of God (Micah 6:8; Rom. 12:1; James 1:27). Therefore, Christians should conduct their relations with others in justice, fairness, mercy, and compassion; ever living in humble submission to God and to one another.
6. **Exercising Freedom.** Christians have been set free from sin and the law, and are free to love and serve God and humanity (John 8:34-36; Rom. 8:2; 14:13; Gal. 5:1, 13-15). Therefore, Christians should not insist that all others accept their particular Christian or cultural custom, or judge those who do not accept them; nor should they use their freedom as an excuse to sin. Rather they should exercise their freedom in Christ with sensitivity and love towards others with deep regard for the sensitivities of their brothers and sisters in Christ who differ from themselves.

**Christian Lifestyle.** Based upon the preceding fundamental principles, the Bible teaches godly living and qualities, which should characterize the Christian, and avoid attitudes and actions that are sinful.

At AIU we believe that the following are taught either directly by the Scriptures or by reasonable application of the same. All students, staff, and faculty are required to conform to this lifestyle so we may bring glory to God and live in peace and harmony with one another.

1. The following godly qualities will characterize our lives: humility, honesty, a forgiving spirit, compassion, faith, hope, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (I Cor. 13:13; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:12-13).
2. Our lives will be filled with thanksgiving and praise: we engage in regular habits of public and private worship and a complete rejection of all idolatry, witchcraft, and anything to do with the occult (Josh. 1:7-8; Gal. 5:20; Eph. 6:18; Col. 3:16; I Tim. 4:13; Heb. 10:25).
3. Because our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and are to be used to glorify God, we will seek to care for them in self-control and self-discipline and avoid drunkenness, immorality, the non-medicinal use of drugs, and tobacco (Rom. 6:12-13; 12:1; I Cor. 6:19-20)
4. We will live together with one another in peace and unity, being considerate of the needs and interests of others, not being busybodies but minding our own business, not repaying evil with evil, but going to our fellow believer in love to seek reconciliation (Mt. 5:23-24; Rom. 12:16-21; Phil. 2:2-4; Col. 3:14-15; II Thess. 3:11-12).
5. To maintain this unity in the bond of peace, we will not practice bitterness, hatred, rage, violence, cruelty, pride, prejudice, discrimination, covetousness, greed, jealousy, selfish ambition, rebellion, factions, or discord (Gal. 3:28; 5:19-20; Eph. 4:3, 26-27, 31; 5:3).
6. Our lives will be lives of integrity and uprightness that reject all falsehood, dishonesty, bribery, corruption, gambling, stealing, misrepresentation, cheating, and plagiarism. With our mouths we will seek to speak only what is edifying, with no lying, gossip, slander, coarse joking, or other filthy language or foolish and unwholesome talk (Eph. 4:26, 28-29; Col.3:8-9)
7. We will seek transparency in our relations with those of the opposite sex and avoid anything that could lead to lust, temptation or bring reproach to the community. We will not practice any immoral behavior - immodesty, use of pornography, sexual harassment, premarital sex, adultery, abortion, homosexual behaviour – and we will exercise godly discretion in the use of movies, television, music, magazines and books (Mt. 5:27-30; Col. 3:5; I Tim. 4:12; 5:2).
8. We will seek to manage our families well, providing for their needs, in mutual submission loving our spouses as ourselves, lovingly keeping our children under control as we raise them in the admonition of the Lord.(Eph. 5:21-6:9; Col. 3:18-4:1)
9. Because God is the owner of all that is and we are stewards who will give an account to Him, we will exercise diligence in all areas of work, academic and non-academic, and with an attitude of dependence on God, not on human beings, we will carefully manage our personal finances and property and, respectfully care for the property of others, including AIU (Gen. 1:27-30; 2:15; Exod. 21:33-22:15; Rom. 14:7-12; Col. 3:17,23; II Thess. 3:6-12)
10. In our community we will respect, obey, and pray for the authorities placed over us by God, will not make their work burdensome, and will accept godly discipline. Therefore, we will not participate in or tolerate boycotts, strikes, riots, sit-ins, mass indiscipline, protests, or unruly behavior (I Samuel 15:23; Romans 13:1-5; I Timothy 2:1-2; Hebrews 12:4-13; 13:17).

## CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT: DECLARATION BY STUDENT

*(Two copies of this declaration must be signed by ALL students and ONE copy handed in at the end of Registration. A student will retain the 2<sup>nd</sup> copy for their own Reference.)*

I have read and understood the code of conduct, rules and regulations found in the student handbook. I accept to abide by them and any other Africa International university policies, rules and regulations. I understand that should I break or violate the Code of Conduct, the principles of the Handbook or any AIU policies I will be subjected to disciplinary action and I will abide by the decision of the University Disciplinary Committee.

Student Name (Official): Print in Full.....

Adm. No.....Nationality.....PP/I.D NO.....

Programme of Study.....Department .....Campus.....

Residential Estate or AIU house No.....

Permanent Address.....

Personal Email.....

And/or.....

Telephone.....or/ and .....

Signature..... Date.....

In the presence of: Witness (Parent/Guardian/Spouse/Sponsor /Employer)

Full Name (Witness).....

Relationship.....

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Signature..... Date.....

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