STUDENT CHARTER

Rights and Responsibilities

This Charter of student responsibilities and rights attempts to set these mutual expectations in order to promote the well-being of the community.

(The purpose of the document is to promote a sense of responsible student community among students.)

Students have the right to:

- A university experience and environment that is safe and secure and conducive to learning and free from discrimination, assault, harassment, intimidation, threats, bullying, coercion, initiation or any other inappropriate behaviour.
- Enjoy within the University the freedom of opinion, expression, belief, and political association to the extent that these freedoms do not interfere with the rights of others or violate other University policies and procedures.
- Belong to any lawful association of his or her choice and shall not be subject to any prejudicial action by any member of the University community for so belonging.
- Assemble and participate in orderly and peaceful demonstrations within the University regulations.
- Appropriate access to facilities, resources and materials that will support student engagement and learning.
- Quality education.
- Student representation.
- Guidance, instruction and support from well-informed staff.
- Be recognised as an individual member of the University community, with all associated rights of access to the University services and facilities.
- Be treated fairly and ethically with respect and dignity.
- Study in an environment committed to the principles of equity and equality of opportunity and the recognition of diversity.
- Have access to education, services and representation regardless of gender or gender history, sexual orientation, race, political conviction, religious conviction, disability, age, language, ethnicity, socio-economic status.
- Equal treatment by the University.
- Be free from a sexual solicitation or advance made by a person in a position to offer or deny the student an academic advantage or any opportunity pertaining to the status of student, where this person knows or ought reasonably to know that this solicitation is unwelcome.
- Safe and suitable conditions learning and study.
- Evaluation of their performance in a programme that is fair and reasonable, and shall reflect the content of the programme.

Students have the responsibility to:

- Contributing to a University Community that is supportive of its members’ academic pursuits in learning and research.
- Have a professional and responsible attitude; attend classes regularly, arrive on time and study diligently.
- Work hard on their academic work and ask advice and help if they are having difficulties with their academic work or any other problems that may affect that work.
- Hand in their academic work, assignments and projects on time.
- Tell the university about any disabilities they have that need study support.
- Make the most of their university facilities.
- Behave appropriately and not be rude to lecturers and disrupt other students.
- Treat staff with respect and courtesy.
- Take responsibility for their personal health.
- Take responsibility for seeking help if problems arise.
- Respect all other users of recreational and sports facilities.
- Act at all times in a way that respects the rights and privileges of others.
- Respect university property and the property of others.
- Complete administrative obligations in a timely manner and pay any fees, charges or fines as they fall due.
- Refrain from making any false allegations against any member of UJ.

- Approach their studies with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.
- Develop and uphold the values of academic integrity.
- Respect the diversity of the University.
- Act environmentally responsible and contribute to a clean and litter-free environment.
- Display responsible attitudes toward all staff, fellow students and visitors to UJ.
- Take advantage of the extra-curricular opportunities and support services the university provides.
- Consume alcohol responsibly.
QUALITIES OF A UJ GRADUATE 2011-2020

UJ’s Strategic Thrusts 2011-2020 states that “UJ in the next decade will position itself as a modern African city university which is cosmopolitan in character, and asserts academic freedom in the liberal, progressive and transformative values it espouses”. UJ commits itself to provide “education that is affordable, accessible, that is challenging, imaginative and innovative, and contributes to a just, responsible and sustainable society”.

UJ is committed to cultivate students with integrity, who are knowledgeable, well-balanced, and active, and global citizens”.

The Charter of Qualities of a UJ Graduate:

• **Knowledgeable**: knowing a lot. Knowing a lot about many different subjects or about one particular subject.

• **Healthy**: in good physical or mental condition;

• **Well-balanced**: psychologically or emotionally stable.

• **Responsive to the demands of the workplace**: reacting quickly, strongly, or favourably to the difficulties of the workplace.

• **Broadminded**: willing to accept many different types of behaviour and not easily shocked.

• **Smart/alert/agile**: showing intelligence and mental alertness.

• **Confident**: certain of having the ability, judgment, and resources needed to succeed.

• **Empathetic/civic-minded**: the ability to identify with and understand somebody else’s feelings or difficulties/taking an active interest in the community needs and affairs of a town or city.

• **Ethical**: consistent with agreed principles of correct moral conduct.

• **Skilled communicator**: to give or exchange information, e.g. by speech or writing well.

• **Global citizen**: somebody who has the right to live in a country because he or she was born there or has been legally accepted as a permanent resident

• **Leader able to exert positive influence**: somebody who guides or directs others confidently.

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