

UTS STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FIELDWORK

UTS is obliged to offer all staff members and students a safe working and study environment. This includes ensuring that all fieldwork is conducted in a responsible manner, having regard to the inherent risks of fieldwork activities and contexts. **There is a complementary obligation on the part of every individual who participates in such activities, to take reasonable care to ensure their own health, safety and welfare and that of other participants.**

Part of this obligation requires that every student participating in a fieldwork must maintain an acceptable standard of conduct as outlined in the attached Code of Conduct for Fieldwork Activities and as required by the Rules of the University. This extends to an obligation to comply with all lawful directives of the Fieldwork Leader. Any failure to do so, or any willful breach of the UTS Fieldwork Guidelines or this Code of Conduct will be deemed non-academic misconduct and students may be required to return home before the completion of the fieldwork activities at their own cost. Penalties, including summary exclusion may also apply.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DECLARATION

I, _____ (full name), _____
(student number), have read and understand my obligations under the attached Code of Conduct. I agree to be bound by and acknowledge my obligations under the Code of Conduct. I further understand that penalties may be imposed upon me should I wilfully breach this Code of Conduct and that I may appeal against these penalties using the University's appeal mechanisms. I further acknowledge and agree that if I am required by the Fieldwork Leader to return home before the completion of the fieldwork, I will do so promptly and be responsible for the costs of so doing.

Signed

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Witnessed

Date

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GENERAL CONDUCT

UTS expects every student to:

- respect the rights of other students, staff members or the public, and not engage in any conduct which may be perceived as harassment or interference with those rights
- not physically or verbally abuse other students, staff members or the public
- not behave in an unruly or disreputable manner, or to the discomfort of any other students, staff members or the public
- be courteous when dealing with the public while on fieldwork
- not tamper with, vandalise nor destroy private and public property
- behave in a way which protects the reputation and good name of the University
- comply with all relevant laws.

FIELDWORK LEADER

Each fieldwork trip is conducted under the supervision of a staff member who will be designated Fieldwork Leader. All students are subject to the jurisdiction of the Fieldwork Leader for the entire duration of the fieldwork trip and must observe all lawful directives and instructions given by the Fieldwork Leader. Failure to do so will be deemed non-academic misconduct in accordance with the University Rules.

GENERAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

You must take all necessary precautions to ensure your own health, safety and welfare, as well as the health, safety and welfare of other participants in the fieldwork.

You must notify the Fieldwork Leader of any medical condition that may affect your wellbeing in the field, using the Medical Information form.

You must wear appropriate clothing for the conditions and circumstances.

You must take precautions appropriate for protection from the sun and cold weather.

CARE AND RESPECT FOR THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

You must minimise any adverse impact of your physical presence on the natural environment by avoiding disturbance to native fauna and flora.

VEHICLES

You are not permitted to drive any University or hired vehicle without the express permission of the Fieldwork Leader, except in the case of any emergency, when it is not possible/reasonable to obtain that permission.

You are not permitted to smoke in University or hired vehicles.

You are not permitted to consume alcohol in University or hired vehicles.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

During the fieldwork, alcohol consumption and smoking may only be conducted in accordance with the law and with the permission of the Fieldwork Leader. Disruptive behaviour due to the excessive consumption of alcohol will be deemed non-academic misconduct and will be subject to the normal penalties as outlined in the University Rules

(<http://www.gsu.uts.edu.au/rules/>).

You must not bring, use or distribute substances prohibited by law on the fieldwork trip. Failure to observe this requirement will be deemed non-academic misconduct and will be subject to the normal penalties as outlined in the University Rules

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ACCESS

You must always gain permission before entering private land.

You must use gates wherever possible to cross fences.

You must leave gates as you find them.

Any trespassing or entering of enclosed lands without the express permission of the owner will be treated as a criminal act and the matter may be referred to the Police.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

You must not disturb or remove any Aboriginal artefacts that you may find, nor interfere with any sites that may be of significance to Aboriginal peoples' culture and heritage.

NATIONAL PARKS

You must observe all National Park conditions and regulations, in particular any fire bans which may be in force.

CAMP RULES

You are expected to contribute to the efficient running of the camp, including cleaning and preparation of, and cleaning up after, meals.

A high standard of personal hygiene must be observed when preparing meals.

Living areas must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition at all times.

Bins and garbage bags must be used for the disposal of all rubbish.

Each camp will have designated 'quiet areas and hours' for sleeping and resting. You must not create undue noise or rowdiness in these areas and during these hours.

You must take all rubbish with you and deposit it in an appropriate receptacle.

PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct will be deemed non-academic misconduct in accordance with University Rules and may lead to a student being required to return home at his/her own cost prior to completion of the fieldwork activity. Other penalties may also apply. Students may appeal against the penalties imposed using UTS normal mechanisms as described in the University Rules.