

Student Social Media Policy

Introduction

1. The University of Law recognises that social media can offer many social, academic, and professional benefits and it is an important method of communication. However, there is an inherent risk attached to its use, in that, it is an instantaneous and far-reaching form of communication and inappropriate use can impact upon staff, students and the reputation of the University. The purpose of this policy is to help students understand the implications of the misuse of social media.
2. This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:
 - ◁ The Student Charter and Student Code of Behaviour which set out the standards of behaviour expected of students
 - ◁ Dignity at Work and Study Policy which outlines the University's position on harassment and bullying including harassment and bullying conducted online through social media
 - ◁ Student IT Acceptable Use Policy which sets out the rules for the use of the University's computing facilities
 - ◁ Academic Freedom Policy which sets out the framework of the University's approach to academic freedom
 - ◁ Student Discipline Regulations which set out the action that may be taken for breach of University policies, procedures, and protocols

Scope of this policy

3. This policy applies to all students who engage in online conversations or share content in the context of a social networks. The policy extends to students' use of social media in a personal capacity, where this impacts the University, its students, staff, or the wider community. It also applies where students use social media associated with a University club or society or the Students' Union.
4. This policy applies to social media communications made prior to 12.n-US30088sl

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content if it is deemed to be a risk to the reputation or safety of the University of anyone connected with the University.

19. Where a criminal offence may have been committed the University may report the matter to the police.
20. Any individual who is subject to bullying or harassment on social media will have the full support of the University to bring a complaint under the Dignity at Work and Study Policy which outlines the procedures to be followed. Reports of bullying and harassment can be made online using the University's Report and Support platform or by contacting the DignityComplaints@law.ac.uk.

Monitoring and review

21. Responsibility for monitoring and review of this policy lies with the Academic Board.

Version history:

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