



Thammasat University Regulations on Student Discipline, B.E. 2568 (2025)

Whereas it is considered appropriate to revise the Thammasat University Regulations on Student Discipline so that students shall maintain academic and professional integrity, proper conduct, and respect for and compliance with the law as well as the University's Regulations, in order to preserve the dignity of the University and to maintain the University as a suitable place for study and learning;

By virtue of Section 23 (2) of the Thammasat University Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), the University Council, at its Meeting No. 5/2568 on 27 May B.E. 2568 (2025), hereby issues the following Regulations:

Clause 1 This Regulations shall be called the “Thammasat University Regulations on Student Discipline, B.E. 2568 (2025)”.

Clause 2 This Regulations shall take effect from the day following its date of publication.

Clause 3 The Thammasat University Regulations on Student Discipline, B.E. 2564 (2021), shall be repealed.

Clause 4 In these Regulations:

“University” means Thammasat University;

“Rector” means the Rector of Thammasat University;

“Faculty” includes a College, Institute, or any other unit responsible for organising teaching and learning under the University's curriculum;

“Dean” includes the Director of an Institute or the head of any other unit responsible for organising teaching and learning under the University's curriculum;

“Student” means a student at any level who is registered with the University;

“Academic Assessment” means all forms of academic performance evaluation, including mid-term assessment, final examination, assessment by a method determined by the instructor, comprehensive examination, qualifying examination, proposal examination for thesis, independent study or dissertation, thesis, independent study or dissertation defence, knowledge-equivalency testing in lieu of assessment, or any other form of assessment.

Clause 5 The Rector shall be responsible for the execution of these Regulations. In the event of any issue concerning compliance with these Regulations, the Rector shall have the authority to issue such orders as are considered appropriate, and such orders shall be final.

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Chapter 1 Student Discipline

Clause 6 Students shall strictly observe the discipline and ethics prescribed in the regulations and announcements of the University and its units at all times.

Misconduct concerning ethics that constitutes a disciplinary offence shall be dealt with under these Regulations.

Clause 7 Students shall observe the following discipline:

(1) Students shall not cause unrest, engage in physical altercations, consume alcohol or other intoxicants, or gamble on University premises, and shall not destroy the property of the University or of any other person on University premises;

(2) Students shall maintain unity among students, and between students and personnel, and shall not cause physical or mental harm, threaten, bully, harass, intimidate, or cause embarrassment or nuisance to any other person, including: smoking or using electronic cigarettes in a non-smoking area on University premises; sexual harassment; or sending harassing messages to students or personnel via computer systems;

(3) Students shall preserve the reputation and honour of the University by refraining from any behaviour that may bring disgrace or damage to the University, such as consuming alcohol or intoxicants to the extent of losing self-control or displaying inappropriate behaviour while wearing the student uniform, or dressing contrary to the regulations and announcements of the University or its units;

(4) Students shall obey and comply with all lawful orders or warnings issued by University personnel in the performance of their duties.

Clause 8 The following acts committed by a student shall constitute a severe disciplinary offence:

(1) committing any act that fulfils the elements of an offence punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment exceeding five years;

(2) possessing or carrying a weapon, firearm, explosive, or any other similar hazardous object on University premises, unless such possession or carriage is for the purpose of work, training, sports competition, a part of the curriculum, or any other operation authorised by the Rector;

(3) being sentenced to imprisonment by a final criminal judgment, except for offences committed by negligence or petty offences;

(4) committing academic dishonesty in an academic assessment, including communicating with others or using tools or equipment without authorisation; hiring another person to provide answers or complete work on one's behalf without authorisation; plagiarism; infringement of intellectual property; creating false data; unauthorised use of artificial-intelligence tools contrary to University announcements; as well as assisting any other student in committing academic dishonesty;

(5) committing a prohibited act under Clause 7 (2) that constitutes unfair discrimination on the grounds of place of origin, race, language, sex, gender identity or gender expression, age, disability, physical condition, health, status, economic or social standing, religious belief, or education;

(6) committing a prohibited act under Clause 7 that seriously affects the normal operation of the University, or seriously affects the relationship between the University and other persons or organisations;

(7) repeatedly committing a prohibited act under the same sub-clause of Clause 7 while retaining student status.

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Clause 9 Any student who acts as a principal, instigator, promoter, or supporter of another student in committing a disciplinary offence under this Regulations shall be deemed to have committed the same disciplinary offence.

Chapter 2

Penalties and Disciplinary Consideration

Clause 10 Disciplinary penalties are seven in number:

- (1) Probation;
- (2) Suspension for one semester;
- (3) Suspension for not more than one academic year;
- (4) Withholding approval to confer the degree for one semester;
- (5) Withholding approval to confer the degree for not more than one academic year;
- (6) Disqualification from all or some examinations (only for cases of academic dishonesty);
- (7) Dismissal from student status.

Clause 11 A student who commits a disciplinary offence under Clause 7 shall be subject to a penalty under Clause 10 (1), (2), or (4).

In imposing a penalty, the Rector and the Dean shall consider the severity of the offence and the student's opportunity for registration and graduation.

Where there is reasonable cause to waive the penalty under Clause 10 (1), the Rector or the Dean may do so, provided a verbal or written warning is issued and the reasons are recorded.

Clause 12 A student who commits a severe disciplinary offence under Clause 8 shall be subject to a penalty under Clause 10 (3), (5), (6), or (7).

In addition to such penalty, a student who commits a severe disciplinary offence under Clause 8 (4) may also be subject to the penalty under Clause 10 (6).

In imposing a penalty, the Rector shall consider the severity of the offence and the student's opportunity for registration and graduation.

Chapter 3

Disciplinary Procedure

Clause 13 Where any student is accused, with reasonable evidence, of having committed a disciplinary offence, or where it comes to the Dean's attention that a student has committed a disciplinary offence, the Dean shall proceed with disciplinary action under these Regulations without delay, except that where the case involves students from multiple Faculties or there are other reasonable grounds, the Rector may proceed with the action.

If the accused student makes a written confession to the Rector or the Dean, or if the student has been finally sentenced to imprisonment, the Rector or the Dean may order a disciplinary penalty without appointing an Inquiry Committee, or may order the Inquiry Committee to cease its investigation.

Clause 14 The Rector or the Dean shall appoint an Inquiry Committee consisting of a Chairperson who is a standing faculty member and at least two other members. One member shall serve as the Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary may be appointed. The composition of the Committee shall include members of more than one gender.

In cases of disciplinary offences related to sexual misconduct, the Committee shall include an expert or standing faculty member in psychology or social work (or a psychiatrist), and a standing Faculty of Law member. If the aggrieved person so requests, up to two persons requested by the aggrieved person shall be allowed to observe the questioning of that person.

Where the Inquiry Committee considers it appropriate or upon request, the Committee shall notify the Division of Student Affairs to coordinate with a psychologist or social worker of that Division to provide care or consultation to the concerned students or University personnel.

During questioning, the Committee may allow the said psychologist or social worker to observe the questioning. If any question is likely to have a severe impact on the person's mental health, the Committee shall ask the question exclusively through the psychologist or social worker.

Clause 15 A member of the Inquiry Committee under Clause 14 must not have any of the following disqualifications:

- (1) being a witness to the incident;
- (2) having a stake in the incident;
- (3) having a cause for hostility towards the student who makes the accusation or the student who is accused;
- (4) being the fiancé, spouse, a person cohabiting as a spouse without legal registration, parent, adoptive parent, guardian, caregiver, descendant, adopted child, person under guardianship, person under care, or a sibling sharing the same mother and father or the same mother or father, a cousin within three degrees of consanguinity, legal representative, custodian, or agent of the person who makes the accusation or the accused person;
- (5) being a creditor or debtor of, or employer to, the person who makes the accusation or the accused person;
- (6) having any other reason that the appointing authority deems may compromise the fairness of the deliberation.

Clause 16 The Inquiry Committee shall conduct the investigation and summarise the case file together with its opinion without delay. The investigation shall be completed within sixty days from the date on which the Chairperson of the Inquiry Committee is notified of the appointment order.

In case of necessity, the Inquiry Committee may request from the appointing authority an extension of the investigation period for not more than thirty days at a time, and for not more than two times in total.

Clause 17 The Inquiry Committee shall notify the accused student of the factual allegations of the disciplinary offence and the relevant available evidence. The Committee shall also notify the accused student of the right to provide an oral clarification and defence against the charges, as well as the right to present evidence in rebuttal.

The accused student has the right to challenge a committee member by stating the facts that constitute the grounds for the challenge in the written defence or by giving additional written notice before the Inquiry Committee commences the investigation.

When grounds exist or a challenge is raised, the challenged committee member may request to withdraw from the consideration of the matter. If the member does not request to withdraw, the remaining members shall jointly deliberate the facts underlying the challenge; if they find the facts credible, they shall notify the challenged member and exclude him or her from the consideration of the matter.

Clause 18 A meeting of the Inquiry Committee shall be attended by not less than one-half of the total number of members to constitute a quorum.

If the Chairperson is absent, unable to perform duties, or if there is no Chairperson, the meeting shall select one member to serve as Chairperson for that meeting.

A decision shall be made by a majority vote of the members present; if the votes are equal, the Chairperson presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote.

Clause 19 Regardless of whether the accused student has provided an oral clarification and defence, the student has the right to submit a written clarification and defence to the Inquiry Committee within fifteen days from the date of notification under Clause 17.

Clause 20 The Inquiry Committee shall gather facts and submit its opinion, with reasons, to the appointing authority on whether the accused student has committed a disciplinary offence and, if so, what penalty is appropriate.

Clause 21 Subject to Clauses 11 and 12:

(1) Where the Dean has appointed the Inquiry Committee and deems it appropriate to waive the penalty by issuing a warning under Clause 11 paragraph three, or deems it appropriate to impose the penalty under Clause 10 (1), the Dean shall proceed accordingly and report to the Rector without delay;

(2) Where the Dean deems it appropriate to impose a penalty under Clause 10 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7), the Dean shall report the results of the investigation and the opinion to the Rector.

Clause 22 Where the Rector appointed the Inquiry Committee, or in cases under Clause 21 (2), the Rector shall consider the severity of the offence and issue an order under Clause 11 or Clause 12, as the case may be.

Clause 23 Where a student who has committed a disciplinary offence is repentant and submits a petition to the Rector requesting suspension of sentence or mitigation of penalty, the Rector may, having regard to the student's history, conduct, health, mental condition, environment, the nature of the offence, acknowledgment of guilt, efforts to mitigate the resulting harm, or other reasons for clemency, order as follows:

(1) grant a suspended sentence to allow the student an opportunity for rehabilitation within a period specified by the Rector, not exceeding one year from the date of the suspension order;

(2) mitigate the penalty from Clause 10 (2) or (4) to Clause 10 (1);

(3) mitigate the penalty from Clause 10 (3) or (5) to Clause 10 (2) or (4), as the case may be.

In cases under the foregoing paragraph, the Rector may also order the student to enter a self-development programme, perform public service, work for a unit or for the University, or refrain from conduct that may lead to a disciplinary offence.

Where the disciplinary offence is caused by a mental-health abnormality or other significant problem, the Rector may issue an order under the first paragraph requiring the student to be under the care of a social worker, psychologist, or psychiatrist.

Where it appears to the University that a student fails to comply with an order under the second or third paragraph, as the case may be, despite the Rector having issued a written warning, or commits a repeated offence during the suspended-sentence period or the period of punishment, the Rector shall revoke the order under the first paragraph and impose the original disciplinary penalty under Clause 21 or Clause 22, as the case may be.

Clause 24 The punishment of a student under Clause 10 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) shall be issued as a University Order signed by the Rector. Written notice of the punishment Order, together with notification of the right to appeal under Clauses 29 and 31, shall be sent to the student.

In the case of a student at the undergraduate level or lower, after the punishment Order has been issued, the student's parent or guardian shall also be notified, except for students in the undergraduate special (non-regular) programme.

The Rector shall also report a punishment under the first paragraph to the University Council for acknowledgment.

Chapter 4

Student Discipline Appeal Committee

Clause 25 There shall be one Student Discipline Appeal Committee appointed by the Rector, consisting of:

- (1) a qualified expert in law as Chairperson;
- (2) three standing faculty members nominated by the Rector: one each from the Social Sciences, the Sciences, and the Health Sciences faculties: as members;
- (3) two standing faculty members nominated by the Student Council.

The Director of the Division of Student Affairs, or a representative, shall serve as a member and the Secretary, and one University staff member affiliated with the Division of Student Affairs shall serve as the Assistant Secretary.

Clause 26 Members of the Student Discipline Appeal Committee shall hold office for a term of two years from the date of appointment and may be re-appointed.

When the Chairperson and members vacate office upon expiry of their term, new appointments shall be made within sixty days from the date of vacancy; if new appointments have not yet been made, the former Chairperson and members shall continue to perform their duties until the new appointments are finalised.

If the position of Chairperson or member becomes vacant before the term expires, a new appointment shall be made within sixty days from the date of vacancy. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office only for the remaining term of the person replaced.

Clause 27 The Student Discipline Appeal Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) to consider and issue a decision on the appealed matter;
- (2) to summon any person to give testimony or to submit documents, electronic documents, or any object for consideration as necessary;
- (3) to appoint a person or a sub-committee to consider or perform any act within the authority of the Student Discipline Appeal Committee;
- (4) other duties as assigned by the University.

Clause 28 A meeting shall be attended by not less than one-half of the total number of members to constitute a quorum.

If the Chairperson is absent, unable to perform duties, or if there is no Chairperson, the meeting shall select one member to serve as Chairperson for that meeting.

A decision shall be made by a majority vote of those present; if the votes are equal, the Chairperson presiding shall have a casting vote.

Clause 29 An appeal may be made only on one's own behalf and shall be filed within thirty days from the date of receiving, or being deemed to have received, notice of the Order.

The appeal must be submitted in writing, stating the facts and reasons for the appeal, specifying how the Order is incorrect, inappropriate, or unjust, and must be signed together with the name of the unit with which the appealing student is affiliated and the student's address.

If the appealing student wishes to make an oral statement during the deliberation stage of the Student Discipline Appeal Committee, this intention shall be stated in the written appeal.

Clause 30 Filing an appeal does not stay enforcement of the punishment Order under Clause 22, unless the Student Discipline Appeal Committee orders a stay under Clause 38 paragraph two. In such case, enforcement shall be stayed until the Committee considers and issues its decision. A stay of enforcement is not permitted in cases of punishment under Clause 10 (4) or (5).

Clause 31 For the purpose of preparing an appeal, the appealing student has the right to request inspection or copies of testimony records, documents, electronic documents, or other relevant evidence, subject to the discretion of the person who issued the punishment Order, who may grant permission or grant permission subject to any conditions.

In the case of requesting copies of personal testimony records, if the person who issued the punishment Order considers that such evidence is necessary for the appeal, permission may be granted to copy the personal testimony records without disclosing the names of the individuals.

Clause 32 The appealing student has the right to challenge one or more members of the Student Discipline Appeal Committee if such person:

- (1) was a witness to the incident being appealed;
- (2) has a stake in the incident being appealed;
- (3) has a cause for hostility towards the appealing student;
- (4) is the spouse, a person cohabiting as husband and wife without legal registration, parent, adoptive parent, guardian, caregiver, descendant, adopted child, person under guardianship, person under care, or a sibling sharing the same mother and father or the same mother or father of the person who made the accusation or the person who issued the Order;
- (5) was a member of the Inquiry Committee for the punishment Order being appealed; or
- (6) has any other reason that may compromise the fairness of the appeal deliberation.

A challenge must state the facts constituting the grounds for the challenge in the written appeal or by additional written notice before the Committee commences deliberation.

When grounds exist or a challenge is raised, the challenged member may request to withdraw from consideration of the appealed matter. If the member does not request to withdraw, the remaining members shall deliberate the facts underlying the challenge; if the facts are deemed credible, they shall notify the challenged member and exclude him or her from considering the matter.

Clause 33 For the purpose of calculating the appeal period, where the person responsible for notifying the punishment Order informs the punished student in writing while the punished student is present and the student signs to acknowledge the Order, that date shall be deemed the date of notification.

If it is not possible to notify the punished person in accordance with the foregoing paragraph, notification shall be effected by registered post with acknowledgement of receipt sent to the address registered as the punished person's domicile. The punished person shall be deemed to have received notice of the punishment Order upon the expiry of seven days from the date of posting for domestic cases, or upon the expiry of fifteen days from the date of posting for international cases.

Clause 34 An appeal shall be made in writing addressed to the Chairperson of the Student Discipline Appeal Committee. The written appeal may be submitted or sent directly to the Chairperson or through the head of the unit to which the appealing student is affiliated, and the head of that unit shall proceed in accordance with Clause 35.

Where a person submits the written appeal in person, the recipient shall issue a receipt for the document to the appealing person and register the receipt of the document as evidence on the date of receipt according to the University's records-management system. The recorded date of receipt shall be deemed the date the written appeal was submitted.

Where the written appeal is sent by registered post with acknowledgement of receipt, the date on which the post office issues the acceptance receipt shall be deemed the submission date. Upon receipt, the recipient shall issue a receipt and register the document as evidence on the date of receipt according to the University's records-management system.

After submission or dispatch of the written appeal, the appealing student may submit or send a statement or additional documentary evidence directly to the Chairperson before the Committee issues its decision.

Clause 35 Upon receiving the written appeal submitted or sent under Clause 34, the head of the unit shall forward the written appeal, together with a copy of the evidence of the appealing student's acknowledgment of the Order, the inquiry file, and the disciplinary-action file, together with the explanation of the person who issued the Order and any related documents, to the Chairperson of the Student Discipline Appeal Committee within seven working days from the date of receipt.

Clause 36 An appealed matter that can be accepted for consideration must be an appeal that is substantively correct under Clause 29. Where there is an issue as to whether a particular appeal can be accepted for consideration, the Student Discipline Appeal Committee shall consider and decide, and shall notify the appealing student of that resolution as soon as possible but not later than thirty days from the date the written appeal was submitted.

The Committee shall consider the matter promptly and, in any case, not later than sixty days from the date it resolves to accept the appeal.

Clause 37 The appealing student may request to withdraw the appeal before the Committee completes its decision. The withdrawal must be made in writing submitted to the Chairperson. Once withdrawn, the appeal consideration shall be terminated.

Clause 38 Consideration of the appealed matter shall be based on the inquiry file or the initial disciplinary-action consideration. In case of necessity and appropriateness, additional documents and evidence may be requested from concerned persons or units for consideration.

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If deemed appropriate, the Student Discipline Appeal Committee may order a stay of enforcement of the punishment Order under Clause 22; however, a stay is not permitted for punishments under Clause 10 (4) or (5).

If the appealing student requests to make an oral statement and the Committee considers an oral statement unnecessary for the decision, the request may be refused.

Where the appealing student makes an oral statement to the Committee, the person who issued the punishment Order shall also be notified and, if wishing to provide a counter-statement, may attend that meeting; notice shall be given in advance as appropriate. For that purpose, the person who issued the Order, or a representative, may attend and listen to the appealing student's oral statement.

Clause 39 Upon completion of the appeal decision, the resolution shall be as follows:

- (1) if the Order is deemed correct and appropriate for the offence, the appeal shall be dismissed;
- (2) if the Order is deemed incorrect or inappropriate for the offence in any way, the resolution shall modify or change it to be correct and appropriate, but the penalty may not be increased;
- (3) if it is appropriate to take other action to ensure fairness and legality, the resolution may order such action as appropriate for the case.

A resolution of the Student Discipline Appeal Committee shall benefit only the person exercising the right to appeal. Even where the facts reveal that the Order leading to the appeal resulted in punishment for multiple offenders who committed the offence jointly or in similar circumstances, the exercise of the right to appeal by one punished student shall not preclude the right to appeal for other punished students if they request to join as co-appellants during the appeal deliberation.

Where one person submits an appeal against an Order whose effect extends to multiple other punished students in similar circumstances, the Committee shall provide an opportunity for the other punished students to join as co-appellants by issuing a written notification of the right to be a co-appellant to those students as an essential condition. This shall not conflict with Clause 29, and the co-appellants shall have the same rights as the initial appellant.

Clause 40 Once the Committee has passed a resolution under Clause 39, the Chairperson shall notify the Rector, the appealing student, and other relevant parties for acknowledgment, and shall notify the person who issued the punishment Order to proceed in accordance with the Committee's decision promptly.

Chapter 5 Transitory Provision

Clause 41 Where disciplinary proceedings have been initiated or an appeal has been filed before this Regulations takes effect, the proceedings shall continue under the Thammasat University Regulations on Student Discipline, B.E. 2564 (2021), until completion, unless any provision of this Regulations is more favourable to the student, in which case that provision shall apply instead.

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