



Student Code of Conduct Policy ¹

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¹ Cal Pol: <https://osrr.calpoly.edu/executive-orders-title-v>

California State University:

https://www.csustan.edu/sites/default/files/JudicialAffairs/documents/Student_Code_of_Conduct.pdf

San Diego State University: <https://sacd.sdsu.edu/student-rights/student-conduct>

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1 INTRODUCTION

VaYU inculcates ethical and behavioral values

- i. A Student Code of Conduct that every student will be educated on and needs to follow (**Section 2**).
- ii. Plagiarism: From the time a student enrolls into the university by requiring all students to pass a plagiarism primer. Enforce the automatic use of similarity recognition software 'Turnitin' to filter plagiarism in student assessments including filtering AI generated assessment content - ChatGPT and Bard (**Section 3**).
- iii. Sign a pledge not to share electronic copyrighted textbooks (**Section 4**).
- iv. Pledge by Graduate to follow the path of a true Yogi (**Section 5**). And
- v. Advice to outgoing students at Graduation by the President (**Section 6**).

2 CODE OF CONDUCT

2.1 CAMPUS COMMUNITY VALUES

Vivekananda Yoga University (VaYU) is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy living and learning environment for all members of the campus community: students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Each member of the campus community should choose behaviors that contribute toward this end. Students are expected to be good citizens and to engage in responsible behaviors that reflect well upon their university, to be civil to one another and to others in the campus community, and contribute positively to student and university life. Alumni should always make VaYU proud, and refrain from behaviors that bring ignominy to their *alma mater*.

2.2 GROUNDS FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Student behaviour that is not consistent with the Student Code of Conduct is addressed through an educational process designed to promote safety and good citizenship and, when necessary, impose appropriate consequences.

The following are grounds upon which student discipline may be based.

1. Dishonesty, including:
 - a. Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty intended to gain unfair academic advantage.
 - b. Furnishing false information to a University official, faculty member, or campus office.
 - c. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of a University document, key, or identification instrument.
 - d. Misrepresenting oneself to be an authorized agent of the University or one of its auxiliaries.
2. Unauthorized entry into, presence in, use of, or misuse of University property, physical or online.
3. Wilful, material and substantial disruption or obstruction of a University-related activity, or any on-campus activity physically or online.
4. Participating in an activity that substantially and materially disrupts the normal operations of the University, or infringes on the rights of members of the University community.
5. Wilful, material and substantial obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or other traffic, on or leading to campus property or an off-campus University related activity, physically or online.

6. Disorderly, lewd, indecent, or obscene behaviour at a University related activity, or directed toward a member of the University community, physically or online.
7. Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person within or related to the University community, including physical abuse, threats, intimidation, or harassment or sexual misconduct, physically or online.
8. Hazing, or conspiracy to haze, physically or online. Hazing is defined as any method of initiation or preinitiation in to a student organization, or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in California (Penal Code 245.6) and in addition, any act likely to cause physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any former, current or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution. The term "hazing" does not include customary athletic events or school sanctioned events. Neither the express or implied consent of a victim of hazing, nor the lack of active participation in a particular hazing incident is a defence. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act, and is also a violation of this section.
9. Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug-related paraphernalia, (except as expressly permitted by law and University regulations) or the misuse of legal pharmaceutical drugs).
10. Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly permitted by law and University regulations), or public intoxication while on campus or at a University related activity.
11. Theft of property or services from the University community, or misappropriation of University resources.
12. Unauthorized destruction, or damage to University property or other property in the University community.
13. Possession or misuse of firearms or guns, replicas, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, knives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals (without the prior authorization of the campus president) on campus or at a University related activity.
14. Unauthorized recording, dissemination, or publication of academic presentations (including handwritten notes) for a commercial purpose.
15. Misuse of computer facilities or resources, including:
 - a. Unauthorized entry into a file, for any purpose.
 - b. Unauthorized transfer of a file.
 - c. Use of another's identification or password.
 - d. Use of computing facilities, campus network, or other resources to interfere with the work of another member of the University Community.
 - e. Use of computing facilities and resources to send obscene or intimidating and abusive messages.
 - f. Misuse of computer facilities or resources, including: Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with normal University operations.
 - g. Use of computing facilities and resources in violation of copyright laws.

- h. Violation of a campus computer use policy.
16. Violation of any published University policy, rule, regulation or official order.
17. Failure to comply with directions of, or interference with, any University official or any public safety officer while acting in the performance of his/her duties.
18. Any act chargeable as a violation of a federal, state, or local law that poses a substantial threat to the safety or well-being of members of the University community, to property within the University community or poses a significant threat of disruption or interference with University operations.
19. Violation of the Student Conduct Procedures, including:
 - a. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information related to a student discipline matter.
 - b. Disruption or interference with the orderly progress of a student discipline proceeding.
 - c. Initiation of a student discipline proceeding in bad faith.
 - d. Attempting to discourage another from participating in the student discipline matter.
 - e. Attempting to influence the impartiality of any participant in a student discipline matter.
 - f. Verbal or physical harassment or intimidation of any participant in a student discipline matter.
 - g. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under a student discipline proceeding.
20. Encouraging, permitting, or assisting another to do any act that could subject him or her to discipline.

2.3 APPLICATION OF THIS CODE

Sanctions for the conduct listed above can be imposed on applicants, enrolled students, students between academic terms, graduates awaiting degrees, and students who withdraw from school while a disciplinary matter is pending. Conduct that threatens the safety or security of the campus community, or substantially disrupts the functions or operation of the University is within the jurisdiction of this Article regardless of whether it occurs on or off campus. Nothing in this Code may conflict with California Education Code section 66301 that prohibits disciplinary action against students based on behaviour protected by the First Amendment.

2.4 PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCING THIS CODE

The President shall adopt procedures to ensure students are afforded appropriate notice and an opportunity to be heard before the University imposes any sanction for a violation of the Student Conduct Code.

3 ANTI-PLAGIARISM POLICY

VaYU requires every student who enrolls to pass a rigorous test of Plagiarism that consists of a short course that includes the Students pass the [*"IU Bloomington Plagiarism Certification Course - How to Recognize Plagiarism"*](#) and upload a digital badge that they have passed the course.

All Instructors are trained in the use of **Turnitin Similarity Software** that has been installed on the Canvas LMS that has the ability to trap any AI generated (ChatGPT, Bard, etc.) student answers warning the Student before finalizing their submissions. Students have the ability to change the flagged similarity issues and resubmit. Instructors and VaYU staff check the similarity score of submitted assessments and

are able to grade the student submissions, and take appropriate actions including student warning as a starting point. Repeat offenders face the **Ethics & Plagiarism Committee** action that could result in suspension, rustication and even permanent removal from the University.

4 PLEDGE NOT TO SHARE COPYRIGHTED ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS

VaYU uses a pledge form or ‘*sankalpa patra*’ that all students who buy copyrighted electronic textbooks in certain courses not to share with others (see Appendix I).

5 GRADUATION OATH AT VAYU

At the Graduation ceremony, all Graduate rise and recite:

“We – the graduates of the University – do hereby pledge –that we shall uphold the dignity – and the integrity of our profession – and place it at the disposal of – our countrypersons and humanity. We promise that – we shall not undertake –any activity – which is likely – to bring discredit – to our institution– or profession – or to our country. We also pledge that – we shall maintain – and perpetuate – the honour and reputation – of our University – in **VAYU** all our activities.”

Further, repeat after the lead the following:

<p>ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदम् पूर्णात् पूर्णमुदच्यते । पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पूर्णमेवावशिष्यते ॥ ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥</p>	<p>Om poornamaDaH poornmidam poornnatH poornamuDHaCHyate. poornasya poornamadaya poornamaeva vaShiyate. Om ShanthiH, ShanthiH, ShanthiHee.</p>
<p>Context: The idea here for the Graduating Student to aim towards perfection represented by the ‘infinite’: <i>That is complete, this is complete, complete springs forth from complete. Taking away complete from complete, only complete remains. Om peace, peace, peace!</i></p>	

6 GURU'S FINAL SERMON2 (PART OF THE GRADUATION CEREMONY PLEDGE) - TRANSLATION

Advice is given by the President of the University to outgoing graduates based on ancient traditions from India. The Sanskrit version and the pronunciation of this advice is given in the Appendix II. Here we provide the English translation for modern sensibilities³.

With the completion of the studies, the āchārya, the President, gives one last lesson to the students.

“Speak satya – the truth. Follow dharma – the path of virtues upholding the balance of the society. Don't neglect svādhyāya –self-learning and growing. Give the āchārya the due dakṣhiṇā – the fees. Don't break the thread of humanity – start a family and procreate. Do not neglect. satya, dharma, kushala – beneficial acts, bhuti –prosperity, svādhyāya, and pravacana – self-study and discourse, daiva and pitri – divine and ancestors.

Be of the thought that the mother is divine, the father is divine, āchārya is divine, and atithi – the unannounced guest – is divine. Do only those karma or acts that are blameless.

Emulate only our good conduct, not others. Honor the better learned scholars that you meet. Give with shraddhā – reverence. Don't give with a-shraddhā – disrespectfully. Give according to your financial ability. Give with humility. Give with fear (of the pride that may come). Give with mindfulness (of what, when, how, how much, and to whom).

After graduation, back in society, in a different time and region, if you have any doubt regarding the right action or conduct, observe the learned there, who are: of noble thoughts, suitable to guide you, engaged in the karma of good conduct, gentle in speaking, desirous of dharma. The way they behave and conduct in those situations, you too should.

This is the mandate. This is the advice. This is the summary of the Vedas and Upaniṣhads. This is the traditional shikṣhā, education.”

² Reference: Taittirīya Upaniṣhad, Shikṣhā-Valli, Anuvāk 11

³ Translation by Shashikant Joshi, VaYU.

1. APPENDIX I

Sankalpa Patra

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To Whom So Ever It May Concern:

I the undersigned understand that the electronic copy of the Textbooks for the below mentioned courses is copyrighted. This material is provided to me by VaYU for use in the following course:

- List of Courses: YMS 403P

As a Yogi, I will not share this material with others as this will violate the Yamas that I am to uphold:

Second Yama - "Satya" (Truth) and the third Yama - "Astheya" (non-Stealing).

Sincerely,

Student Name: [REDACTED]

Signature: 

Date: 05-Feb-2023 | 7:48:22 AM PST

2. APPENDIX II

Gurūpadasha

तैत्तिरीयोपनिषत् शीक्षावल्ली एकादशऽनुवाकः

शिष्यानुशासनम्

वेदमनूच्याचार्योन्तेवासिनमनुशास्ति । सत्यं वद । धर्मं चर । स्वाध्यायान्मा
प्रमदः । आचार्याय प्रियं धनमाहत्य प्रजातन्तुं मा व्यवच्छेत्सीः । सत्यान्न
प्रमदितव्यम् । धर्मान्न प्रमदितव्यम् । कुशलान्न प्रमदितव्यम् । भूत्यै न
प्रमदितव्यम् । स्वाध्यायप्रवचनाभ्यां न प्रमदितव्यम् । देवपितृकार्याभ्यां न
प्रमदितव्यम् ।

मातृदेवो भव । पितृदेवो भव । आचार्यदेवो भव । अतिथिदेवो भव ।
यान्यनवद्यानि कर्माणि । तानि सेवितव्यानि । नो इतराणि । यान्यस्माकं
सुचरितानि । तानि त्वयोपास्थानि । नो इतराणि । ये के चास्मच्छ्रेयांसो
ब्राह्मणाः । तेषां त्वयाऽऽसनेन प्रश्वसितव्यम् । श्रद्धया देयम् ।
अश्रद्धयाऽदेयम् । श्रिया देयम् । हिया देयम् । भिया देयम् । संविदा देयम् ।

अथ यदि ते कर्मविचिकित्सा वा वृत्तविचिकित्सा वा स्यात् । ये तत्र ब्राह्मणाः
संमर्शिनः । युक्ता आयुक्ताः । अलूक्षा धर्मकामाः स्युः । यथा ते तत्र वर्तेरन् ।
तथा तत्र वर्तेथाः । अथाभ्याख्यातेषु । ये तत्र ब्राह्मणाः संमर्शिनः । युक्ता
आयुक्ताः । अलूक्षा धर्मकामाः स्युः । यथा ते तेषु वर्तेरन् । तथा तेषु
वर्तेथाः । एष आदेशः । एष उपदेशः । एषा वेदोपनिषत् । एतदनुशासनम् ।
एवमुपासितव्यम् । एवमु चैतदुपास्यम् ।

Guru's final sermon

From *Taittirīya Upaniṣhad, Shikṣhā-Valli, Anuvāk 11*

Śhiṣhyānuśhāsanam

Vedam_anūchyāchāryo_ntevāsinam_anuśhāsti. Satyaṃ
vada. Dharmam_chara. Svādhyāyān_mā_pramadaḥ.
Āchāryāya_priyam_dhanam_āhr̥tya_prajātantum_mā
vyavachchetsiḥ. Satyān_na_pramaditavyam. Dharmān_na
pramaditavyam. Kuśhalān_na_pramaditavyam. Bhūtyai_na
pramaditavyam. Svādhyāya-pravachanābhyam_na
pramaditavyam. Deva-pitṛ-kāryābhyam_na_pramaditavyam.

Māṭṛ-devo bhava. Pitṛ-devo bhava. Āchārya-devo bhava.
Atithi-devo bhava. Yāny_ānavadyāni_karmāṇi. Tāni
sevitavyāni. No_itarāṇi. Yāny_asmākaṃ_sucharitāni. Tāni
tvayopāsyāni. No_itarāṇi. Ye_ke_chāsmachchreyāṃso
brāhmaṇāḥ. Teṣāṃ_tvayā"sanena_praśhvasitavyam.
Śhraddhayā_deyam. Aśhraddhayā'deyam. Śhriyā_deyam.
Hriyā_deyam. Bhiyā_deyam. Saṃvidā_deyam.

Atha_yadi_te_karmavichikitsā_vā_vṛttavichikitsā_vā_syāt. Ye
tatra_brāhmaṇāḥ_saṃmarśhinaḥ. Yuktā_āyuktāḥ. Alūkṣhā
dharmakāmāḥ_syuḥ. Yathā_te_tatra_varteran. Tathā_tatra
vartethāḥ. Athābhyākhyāteṣhu. Ye_tatra_brāhmaṇāḥ
saṃmarśhinaḥ. Yuktā_āyuktāḥ. Alūkṣhā_dharmakāmāḥ
syuḥ. Yathā_te_teṣhu_varteran. Tathā_teṣhu_vartethāḥ. Eṣha
ādeśhaḥ. Eṣha_upadeśhaḥ. Eṣhā_vedopanīṣhat.
Etad_anuśhāsanam. Evam_upāsitavyam. Evamu
chaitadupāsyam.