

MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF HEALTH,
MEDICINE AND LIFE SCIENCES

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences provides top quality challenging and rewarding education. It seeks to do so in an inspiring environment for both students and staff. In order to create such a safe study and working environment the following code of conduct is established that applies to all students enrolled at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences regarding activities relating to their course of study.

While not exhaustive, this Code of Conduct outlines the key principles of behaviour expected within our academic community. Students are at all times expected to act with respect, courtesy, and consideration toward peers, staff, and others engaged in the university community.

1. Respect

The Faculty seeks to provide an inclusive and diverse learning community that fosters both individual and collective learning and growth. This community is based on mutual respect. Students shall respect ethnic, sexual, religious and cultural diversity in the academic community. Students expressly engage in a collaborative and respectful attitude towards fellow students, staff members and all other professionals encountered during the course of the study.

Students shall at all times refrain from the use of physical, verbal, psychological violence or violence of any other kind in their relationships with fellow students and members of staff.

2. Responsibility

The student is an active member of the student community of Maastricht University. This expressly includes being an active participant in education that is in line with the UM teaching philosophy and refraining from activities that undermine that philosophy.

The student approaches the educational experience with an open mind and broad interest and takes in learning opportunities that present themselves in an active and constructive manner.

The student strives for improvement, is able to incorporate criticism and is able to provide and receive feedback. Students are willing and able to reflect critically on their own thoughts and behaviour.

3. Academic and scientific integrity

The student refrains from any form of fraud in all study related activities. Students only connect their name to work that they have effectively contributed to. The student recognises the contribution of other students in group work.

Students represent themselves as students in external contacts and will not accept responsibilities that supersede their developing knowledge and competences.

Students may use generative AI tools to support their learning when used responsibly, transparently, and in accordance with course specific assessment plans. Students remain fully responsible for the accuracy, originality, academic integrity, and proper referencing of all submitted work, including AI-assisted content.

This article applies without prejudice to the Code of Conduct for Scientific Integrity as adopted by the European Science Foundation and the Nederlandse Gedragscode Wetenschapsbeoefening as adopted by the VSNU.

4. Confidentiality

Students expressly accept the obligation to treat any medical file, other file or any other documentation or information that they are confronted with in the course of their study as confidential. The student respects, at any time, the privacy of individuals concerned, including fellow students and staff members.

5. Use of ICT facilities and social media

Students conform to the UM rules on acceptable use of ICT facilities. Students expressly conform to a responsible use of social media, including but not limited to matters relating to points 1 and 4 of this code of conduct. Students respect the intellectual property of the UM. It is expressly prohibited for students to place images or other personal information of fellow students and staff members on social media or to publish such information in any other form without explicit permission.

6. Enforcement.

The student will abide by the norms that follow from this code as described above and will fully accept the consequences of not doing so. Those consequences may include, but are not limited to, disciplinary proceedings that may result in measures described in articles 7.42a and 7.57h WHW and the UM Enrolment Provision, namely denying access to buildings, premises and/or facilities of the UM or ending the enrolment of the student concerned. Enforcement of article 7.57h WHW will take place in accordance with the rules laid down in the Algemene huisregels en ordemaatregelen van de Universiteit Maastricht.

7. Adoption and Entry into force.

This code of conduct has been adopted in accordance with article 2.1.3 sub h of the UM Mandatenregeling by the Dean on behalf of the Executive Board on 23-06-2026. This code of conduct enters into force on 01-07-2026. This code of conduct is drafted in both Dutch and English. The Dutch version is deemed original.