



## EVANGELICAL UNIVERSITY

### PRINCIPLES GOVERNING STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE (2019)

#### PREAMBLE

Evangelical University is a Christian institution of higher learning, a community of learners and scholars from various ethnic backgrounds. In pursuit of its mission, vision and core values, EU offers a *Christ centered education* which is inspiring to our faith, spurring intellectual excellence and positively influencing God's world. EU exists to serve the Church and society, and its curriculum is intentionally designed to engage students to be relevant. Thus, by coming to EU the students indicate their commitment to comply with the existing standards and values of Evangelical University in thought, word and deed. It is expected that they will exemplify a God- controlled life both on and off the EU campus. Upon admission students are expected to familiarize themselves with the contents of the student's Policy Handbook.

#### SPIRITUAL NURTURE

All students commit themselves to participate in all University spiritual nurture programs but not limited to Chapel attendance, community prayers, Bible study groups, advisee groups, and Christ- centered mentorship programs

#### DISCIPLINE

Evangelical University trains and equips servant leaders for the expansion of God's Kingdom in the *world with special focus on Africa*. Effective leaders must be disciplined in word, action and thought life.

The following are not permissible to students of Evangelical University:

- Use or possession of alcohol
- Use or possession of illegal drugs
- Use or possession of obscene or pornographic materials
- Indulgence in immoral sexual behaviors
- Use of offensive language
- Indecent dressing
- Plagiarism and any other form of academic dishonesty
- Unauthorized absenteeism from classes, chapel and community activities
- And other practices which are questionable in Christian living

#### DRESS CODE

Evangelical University aspires to inculcate a culture which is Christ-centered, excellence and professionalism in all aspects of an individual's life including one's physical appearance. The general philosophy of presentation for both men and women is threefold; **modesty, appropriateness, respect,** and **decency**. Owing to the diverse interpretations of the above terms, herein are the simplified specific definitions;

- Modesty** can be defined as the consciousness to make sure that one's body is covered in such a way as to honor the Lord and not to cause offense or even tempt those around you.
- Appropriateness** can be defined as putting on clothing which is befitting a particular purpose or occasion. Thus, in our context of learning, appropriate clothing is one which does not hinder the learning process or draws attention to oneself in unnecessary fashion.
- Decency** can be defined as behavior that conforms to accepted standards of morality or respectability, things required for a reasonable standard of life or dressing.
- Respect** can be described two-fold; due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others; and regard for self. Thus, to avoid ambiguity on dress/clothing expectations, EU has identified specific items for students to provide better guidelines of what is and what is not acceptable.

#### Acceptable Presentation

The following are examples of modesty and appropriate dress for various occasions:

1. When attending formal occasions like graduation and convocation, it is appropriate to put on formal clothing like a jacket and neck tie for men; while for women formality can be a suit/*chitenge* or something which fit the occasion
2. When attending lectures; library; and chapel, there is need to wear attires which are decent and appropriate such as smart casual
3. During sports, there is need to wear a decent sports attire which does not expose one's underwear or nudity.

#### Inappropriate Presentation

1. Wearing of Pajama tops or bottoms in public spaces
2. Wearing of tight and short clothing which may include but not limited to dresses, shorts, skirts and even trousers
3. Wearing of footwear that distracts other people's attention; Crazy colors for hair; striped trousers
4. Wearing see through clothes e.g. navel gazers, low necklines and even bare backs
5. Wearing sagging of trousers or clothing which is showing undergarments or one's buttocks
6. Walking with bare feet in Lecture rooms, Library or Chapel
7. Wearing attires with political, hateful, occult or swear symbols or language.

**NB:** All University Officers (Faculty; Staff and SRC) are called upon to help in monitoring and enforcing this dress code to ensure adherence. Accordingly, any officer of the university has the responsibility of respectfully approaching, and if need be send away any student (without humiliating them) who is seen to be in violation of the set standard. Upon doing so, the Dean of Students will have to be notified so that the appropriate measures are duly taken.

### **CONFLICTS AND THEIR RESOLVE**

The Evangelical University community believes in the consultative approach (as set in scripture according to Matthew 18:15-18) to settling of grievances or misunderstandings that may arise from time to time. Every opportunity will be provided for dialogue. Therefore, boycotts, strikes, riots, sit-ins, protests, unruly behavior, incitement or any other form of mass indiscipline are not allowed for students at Evangelical University.

#### ***Resolution Mechanisms***

In case of any conflict arising in our midst, both students and management will be encouraged to use biblical injunctions of dealing with conflict;

- 1) *In Personal Matters* – Prayerfully go to the person who has caused injury to you and deal with the matter amicably
- 2) *Academic Issues:* The student(s) is/ are encouraged to see the concerned lecturer and when that fails the office of the Academic Dean will be involved.
- 3) *Any other matters:* The student is to seek clarification with the party concerned. When that fails the SRC will be engaged and for all unresolved matters the Dean of Students’ office will be involved.

### **SECURITY AND LIABILITY**

While EU management works to ensure that the campus is secure, on the other hand it thrust personal responsibility on individuals to take care of their personal belongings. Hence the following disclaimer;

- 1) The University management will not be held liable for personal items which are stolen or damaged on campus grounds
- 2) Cars which are parked on campus are on owner’s risk. The University will not be held liable for any damage or any eventuality which may transpire
- 3) However, before one goes to report any issue to the state police, the university administration will have to be notified through the Office of the Dean.

**Any student who will not conform to this code, or whose conduct is detrimental to the total welfare of the Evangelical Community, shall be subject to the following disciplinary action;**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Written Warning and Appearance before the Disciplinary Committee (DC)
3. Senate sanction (which may result in suspension or even expulsion)

I (EU Student) have read and understood the principles highlighted herein and I commit myself to abide by them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

In the presence of: (Can be the Parent/Guardian/Spouse/Sponsor/Employer/Pastor)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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