

# Code of Conduct, Department of Geosciences, University of Bremen

The Code of Conduct provides the framework for behavior and reflection for students at the Department of Geosciences, University of Bremen. The Code describes the values that govern the way studies are conducted in our secular society. It empowers students to act independently in a responsible manner according to the University's values and standards and encourages for calling others to account in this respect.

Students at the Department of Geosciences are preparing for careers and responsible positions in society. This requires intellectual curiosity, active participation in the study program and the effort necessary to achieve good grades.

**Ambition:** Students wish to perform to the best of their abilities. They choose their own program to suit their talents and ambitions and they make sure they are aware of the course requirements. To become academics, students learn to work independently, to communicate effectively, to gather information meticulously and to solve problems. When preparing for the exams, students work conscientiously. When working in groups, they are cooperative and do not take credit for the achievements of their fellows. If they see others doing this, they raise the matter.

**Commitment:** Students actively participate during lectures. They stimulate each other and their lecturers with critical questions and well-substantiated discussion. In addition to their studies, students attach great importance to being active in student organizations and student committees as another way of being trained academically. Anyone studying at the University of Bremen is expected to show an interest in social developments and the role of scientists in the public debate.

**Respect:** Respect is a key concept in the contacts between students and staff of the University. This is evident in the style, tone and form of address in e-mails and direct conversation. Students, too, show one another respect. They are prepared to help each other without risking the other's independence and fair assessment. They refrain from behavior that may harm their fellow-students or the quality of their education. They respect each other's possession and refrain from verbal and physical violence, discrimination, harassment and intimidation. They accept equal opportunities for all regardless of color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other characteristics protected by law.

**Conscientiousness:** Students are very conscientious when making use of the University's resources such as equipment, the computer network, the library, lecture halls, and any other communal facilities.

Students at the Department of Geosciences, University of Bremen...

- behave honestly and respectfully towards each other and towards members of staff
- perform to the best of their abilities by actively participating in teaching
- respect each other's possession and are careful when making use of university facilities
- enable lecturers and students to teach and learn under optimal conditions.

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I hereby confirm that I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and that I accept its items and conditions

Date, name

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