

Rules and Regulations for Disciplinary Measures at Jönköping University

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Introductory provisions

1. The purpose of these rules and regulations is: to counteract various forms of cheating; to promote and uphold good conduct and a good student welfare environment; and also to actively take measures against harassment arising at Jönköping University ('JU').
2. According to its regulations, the Jönköping University Foundation ('the Foundation') is responsible for establishing a joint disciplinary committee for students at the University. The Foundation Governing Board must also decide on provisions for disciplinary sanctions, including expulsions.
3. The Foundation (Foundation Governing Board) established the Disciplinary and Expulsion Committee at Jönköping University ('DAN') by a separate decision, and has also decided on Instructions for DAN. The Instructions for DAN include, among other things, rules concerning DAN's mandate and role, composition, procedures, decisions and also appeals.
4. Appeals against DAN's decisions are made to the Board of Appeal at Jönköping University ('HJÖN'). The Foundation (Foundation Governing Board) established HJÖN by a special decision, and also decided on HJÖN's Instructions.
5. The Foundation determines in these rules and regulations ('Rules and Regulations for Disciplinary Measures'): first the grounds for Disciplinary Measures, i.e. the circumstances that can and may form the basis of a decision concerning a Disciplinary Measure, including Expulsion, against a Student; and second the Disciplinary Measures that may be applied and what these measures entail.

Definitions, etc.

6. *Student* means a person who has been admitted to and is pursuing a first-, second- or third-cycle course or study programme at JU. A Student who is admitted to and pursuing a third-cycle course or study programme is also referred to as a *Doctoral Student*.
7. Those participating in contract education and studying within higher vocational education and training are not 'Students' and are not encompassed by these rules and regulations.
8. A *Disciplinary Transgression* means such act, omission or behaviour as referred to in Clause 11 below that may result in a Disciplinary Measure being taken against a Student.

9. A *Disciplinary Measure* means such a measure as referred to in Clause 12 below that may, according to a special procedure, be taken against a Student who has committed a Disciplinary Transgression.
10. Rules concerning *Expulsion*, including the grounds for and implication of such a measure, are contained in in Clauses 17 to 19 below.

Disciplinary Transgressions – grounds for Disciplinary Measures

11. The following acts, behaviour and omissions can and may form the basis of JU, according to a specially prescribed procedure, deciding to take a Disciplinary Measure against a Student:
 - (i) If a Student attempts to deceive during an examination, or when study performance is otherwise being assessed, using unauthorised aids or in some other way;
 - (ii) If a Student disrupts or impedes teaching, examinations or another activity within the framework of the courses and study programmes at JU;
 - (iii) If a Student disrupts activities at JU's libraries or some other separate establishment within JU;
 - (iv) If a Student subjects another Student or an employee at JU to such harassment or sexual harassment as referred to in Chapter 1, Section 4 of the Discrimination Act (2008:567);
 - (v) If a Student, though not a Doctoral Student, does not pay union fees to Jönköping Student Union according to the rules determined by Jönköping Student Union.

Disciplinary Measures

12. The Disciplinary Measures that may be taken against a Student are:
 - (i) Warning
 - (ii) Suspension from Examinations
 - (iii) Suspension
13. A 'Warning' is the mildest Disciplinary Measure and entails a note being entered into JU's records about the Student having received a warning. The note about the Warning will remain until the Student has applied for the award of a qualification, though no more than three years from the note having been entered.
14. 'Suspension from Examinations' means that the Student may not participate in an examination or any other assessment of study performance for the period of time specified in the decision. The decision may refer to one overall period that may not exceed six months.
15. 'Suspension' means that the Student may not participate in any teaching, examination/other assessment of study performance or other activity within the framework of the courses and study programmes at JU. The decision shall specify one or more of the above-mentioned restrictions to the right to participate and shall also specify one or more periods, though in total no more than six months. A suspension decision may refer to access to specified premises within JU.
16. DAN's Instructions include provisions on Interim Exclusion.

Expulsion

17. A student may be expelled from studies if the Student:

- (i) Is suffering from a mental disorder;
- (ii) Is misusing alcohol or narcotics; or
- (iii) Has committed a serious crime.

However, a Student may only be expelled on these grounds if there is a manifest risk that the circumstance in question means that the Student may possibly harm another person or valuable property during the course or study programme or otherwise seriously disrupt the activity.

18. Expulsion always means that the Student may not continue with an ongoing course or study programme until further notice. The decision shall specify whether this also means that the Student may not be admitted to any other course or study programme at JU until further notice.

19. An Expulsion decision may only be reconsidered, following a written request by the Student, after two years have elapsed from when the Expulsion decision was made.

Time limitation

20. A Disciplinary Measure against a Student may not be taken more than two years after the time at which the Disciplinary Transgression was committed.

Application

21. The President has a mandate to elaborate upon and specify what falls within the ambit of the terms 'Disciplinary Transgression' and 'Disciplinary Measure'. This shall be done through a President's decision.

22. It is prescribed by the Instructions for DAN and HJÖN that DAN and HJÖN, as enforcement bodies for decisions, should take into consideration previous assessments whenever possible, the objective being to establish long-term practice for disciplinary and expulsion matters.
