

Dear student,

The WU community is diverse: Students, faculty, and service unit staff members from different countries, who have worked, taught, or studied for different amounts of time in a wide variety of academic programs and settings, coming together and interacting on campus and/or in online formats. For this interaction to work, there need to be a few basic rules that everyone agrees to follow. We have set these down as mutual expectations in our Student Code of Conduct, and summarized them below. Please read them carefully and sign them to indicate your commitment to these rules and values. The complete Student Code of Conduct is available online.

WORKING TOGETHER (FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLINE)

Treating each other fairly and with respect is a key aspect of all direct contact between students and WU's faculty and staff. This applies not only to all WU in-person events but also to all forms of written communication, social media, and messaging services.

Our basic tenet: "Respect for others and their opinions".

This applies both to your fellow students as well as to your professors and WU's academic and administrative staff. All of these groups are doing their best to support you in your studies and help you be successful. Our dealings with other people must always be characterized by the utmost respect, even if you cannot or choose not to share their opinions. The faculty and staff and the fellow students you will be working with are all professionals, and your working relationship with them must always be professional as well.

HELPING EACH OTHER

Mutual support and the willingness to lend a helping hand when needed are key for working together successfully at WU. This includes not just fairness in the classroom, for example when working on group projects, but also in the use of WU's limited resources, for example student workstations. In our daily interactions, it's particularly important to be considerate of people who may need more support due to disabilities, impairments, or other restrictions.

COEXISTING

A diversity of opinions and the freedom to express personal points of view are the foundation of academic discourse and a crucial part of university life. Different views must be allowed to coexist: We can learn from them, they broaden our horizons and change our perspectives. This means that treating all members of the WU community with respect, including especially those whose viewpoints do not agree with our own, is a given for us.

As part of this community, we respect the rights and reputations of all, as well as the differences that come with them. When interacting with others, you are expected to have respect for the value and human dignity of every individual. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated. Our goal is to foster an environment where people can have open discussions, reflect on their own thinking, and learn from each other and from their own mistakes. This can only happen if we create an environment in which we comply with moral and ethical principles. This is especially true in situations where conflicting opinions clash. Verbal abuse, insults, inappropriate or disrespectful language, harassment, and the like will not be tolerated at WU under any circumstances.

SPEAKING UP

Speak up if you notice or are directly affected by inappropriate behavior or misconduct, for example verbal abuse, harassment, discrimination, humiliation, cheating or academic fraud, etc. WU offers a number of different service units and contacts for students (the WU Ombuds Office for Students, Equal Opportunities Committee, program representatives, teaching staff).

With your signature, you confirm that you have read and understood the Student Code of Conduct.

First and last name

Signature

Date