



Regulations regarding

Disciplinary Measures at Jönköping University

Introductory regulations

1. The purpose of these regulations is to counteract various forms of cheating, promote and uphold good conduct and a positive academic and social environment and actively take measures against harassment arising at Jönköping University ('JU').
2. As per its statutes, the Jönköping University Foundation ('the Foundation') is responsible for the establishment of a joint disciplinary committee for the students of the University. The Foundation Governing Board shall furthermore decide on the rules for disciplinary measures, including Expulsion.
3. The Foundation (the Foundation Governing Board) established the Disciplinary and Expulsion Committee at Jönköping University ('DAN') via a special decision, as well as instructions for DAN. DAN's instructions contain, inter alia, rules on DAN's mandate and role, composition, procedures, decisions and appeals.
4. Appeals against DAN's decisions are made to the Board of Appeals at Jönköping University ('HJÖN'). The Foundation (the Foundation Governing Board) established HJÖN via a special decision, as well instructions for HJÖN.
5. In these Rules – Regulations regarding Disciplinary Measures – the Foundation lays down first the grounds for Disciplinary Measures, i.e. the circumstances that can and may form the basis for a decision on Disciplinary Measures against a Student, including Expulsion, and second the Disciplinary Measures that can be taken and their implications.

Definitions etc.

6. *Student* refers to 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. *Participant* refers to a person partaking in contract education and *Studying person* to partaking in higher vocational education and training. These are not 'Students' and are not covered by these provisions.
8. *Disciplinary Offence* refers to any act, omission or conduct, set out in Clause 11 below, that may result in Disciplinary Measures being taken against a Student.

9. *Disciplinary Measure* refers to any measure, set out in Clause 12 below, that, according to an established procedure, can be taken against a Student who has committed a Disciplinary Offence.
10. Rules governing *Expulsion*, including the grounds for and implications of such a measure, are contained in Clauses 17 to 19 below.

Disciplinary Offence – grounds for Disciplinary Measures

11. The following acts, behaviours and omissions can and may form the basis for JU deciding to take Disciplinary Action against a Student according to an established procedure.
 - (i) If a Student uses unauthorised aids or otherwise attempts to cheat in an examination or other assessment of the Student's performance,
 - (ii) If a Student disrupts or impedes teaching, examinations or other activities within the framework of the courses and study programmes at JU,
 - (iii) If a Student disrupts activities at JU's libraries or another JU facility,
 - (iv) If a Student subjects another Student, Participant, Studying person or employee at JU to harassment or sexual harassment, as defined in Chapter 1, Section 4 of the Discrimination Act (2008:567).

Disciplinary Measures

12. The Disciplinary Measures that can be taken against a Student are:
 - (i) Warning
 - (ii) Suspension
13. A *Warning* is the mildest Disciplinary Measure and entails a record being entered into JU's register that the Student has received a Warning. A Warning may be the basis for a decision on more severe Disciplinary Measures in the case of repeated offences. The record of a Warning remains until the Student has applied for the award of a qualification, or for a maximum of three years from the date the record was made.
14. A *Suspension* always means that the student may not participate in teaching, examinations/other assessments of academic performance or other activities within the framework of education at JU. The decision may relate to one or more periods of time, but not more than six months in total. A Suspension decision may relate to access to specifically designated premises within JU. A previous Suspension may form the basis for a decision to impose more severe Disciplinary Measures in the case of repeated offences. A Suspension is recorded in the JU register and remains until the student has applied for the award of a qualification, or for a maximum of three years from the date the record was made.
15. A Suspension decision does not preclude the Student from attending the student health service or other activities outside the scope of education.
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, Expulsion on these grounds may only be applied if there is a serious risk of the Student harming another person or valuable property during the course or study programme or otherwise seriously disrupting activities in general.

18. Expulsion always means that the student is not allowed to continue with an ongoing course or study programme until further notice. The decision must specifically state whether it also means that the Student may not be admitted to another course or study programme at JU for the given period.

19. A decision on Expulsion may only be reviewed following the written request of the Student after two years have elapsed from the date of the decision on Expulsion.

Time limitation

20. Disciplinary Measures against a Student may not be taken more than two years after the Disciplinary Offence was committed.

Application

21. The President has the mandate to expand on and specify what is included within the concepts of 'Disciplinary Offence' and 'Disciplinary Measure'. This shall be done through a President's decision.

22. The instructions for DAN and the instructions for HJÖN stipulate that both DAN and HJÖN as implementing bodies should take previous assessments into consideration in their decision making, whenever possible, with a view to building long-term practice in disciplinary and Expulsion matters.
