



NAME OF POLICY	POLICY ON RESPECT
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Policy Purpose

This policy aims to promote a culture of mutual respect within academic spaces. Prevent behaviors that undermine learning, dignity, or professional relationships. Encourage ethical interactions between students and lecturers.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to all undergraduate and postgraduate students, academic staff, and teaching assistants across all faculties and departments.

Wigwe University is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and intellectually vibrant academic environment. This policy affirms that all students and lecturers must treat one another with dignity, professionalism, and mutual respect, in alignment with the university's core values.

Policy Guidelines

1. Mutual Respect and Professional Conduct

1.1 For Students:

- 1.1.1 Address lecturers using appropriate academic titles (e.g., Dr., Professor, Mr./Ms.).
- 1.1.2 Avoid the use of foul, aggressive, or sarcastic language when engaging with academic staff.
- 1.1.3 Respect lecturers' time, privacy, and boundaries both in person and on digital platforms.
- 1.1.4 Attend lectures punctually and refrain from disruptive behaviors during academic sessions.
- 1.1.5 Follow academic feedback and correction with humility and responsibility.

1.2 For Lecturers:

- 1.2.1 Treat students with fairness, patience, and respect, regardless of background or performance
- 1.2.2 Refrain from verbal abuse, discrimination, or any form of intimidation.



- 1.2.3 Provide constructive feedback in a manner that promotes learning and growth.
- 1.2.4 Maintain professional boundaries and confidentiality in student relationships.
- 1.2.5 Uphold integrity in assessment and avoid favoritism.

2. Violations and Disciplinary Actions

- 2.1 Violations of this policy by students or lecturers shall be addressed through appropriate disciplinary channels:
- 2.2 Student infractions may lead to verbal/written warnings, counselling, suspension, or expulsion depending on severity.
- 2.3 Lecturer infractions will be referred to the Faculty Ethics Committee and may result in formal queries, suspension, or termination, as applicable.

3. Reporting Mechanism

- 3.1 Complaints may be submitted in writing to the Office of Student Affairs or the Dean of Faculty, or anonymously via the university's ethical reporting platform.
- 3.2 All reports will be handled confidentially and investigated promptly.