



Bandaranaike Academy for Leadership and Public Policy (BALPP)

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Executive Summary

The **Bandaranaike Academy for Leadership and Public Policy (BALPP)** upholds the highest standards of academic integrity, ethical responsibility, and professional conduct. As an institution dedicated to preparing future leaders and policymakers, BALPP recognizes that intellectual honesty and respectful engagement are foundational to academic excellence.

2. Purpose

This Code of Conduct establishes the academic, ethical, and professional standards expected of all students enrolled in programmes offered by the Bandaranaike Academy for Leadership and Public Policy (BALPP).

As an institution serving adult learners, mid-career public officials, policymakers, and professionals, BALPP upholds standards of conduct consistent with leadership education and public service values.

3. Scope and Applicability

This Code applies to:

- All students enrolled in BALPP workshops, short courses, six-month programmes, and one-year academic programmes.
- All learning environments, including in-person, hybrid, and online modalities.
- All academic activities, including discussions, assessments, simulations, and group work.

4. Core Principles

Students are expected to demonstrate:

- Integrity in academic work.
- Respect for diverse viewpoints.
- Professional conduct in all interactions.
- Accountability for their actions.
- Ethical use of digital tools and AI technologies.

5. Academic Integrity

Students shall:

- Submit original work reflecting their own analysis and reasoning.
- Properly acknowledge all sources.
- Disclose any permitted use of AI tools in accordance with institutional guidelines.

- Avoid plagiarism, fabrication, collusion, or misrepresentation of work.

Given BALPP's emphasis on oral defense, simulation, and performance-based assessment, students must be prepared to explain and justify their work when required.

6. Professional Conduct and Adult Learning Expectations

As BALPP primarily serves adult learners and professionals, students are expected to:

- Engage in discussions respectfully and constructively.
- Contribute meaningfully to peer learning.
- Maintain punctuality and preparedness.
- Demonstrate maturity and professional judgment in all academic settings.
- Respect confidentiality where discussions involve sensitive policy or governance matters.

Disruptive, discriminatory, or harassing behavior shall not be tolerated.

7. Digital and Online Conduct

In hybrid and online settings, students shall:

- Follow established virtual classroom etiquette.
 - Communicate respectfully in discussions and chat forums.
 - Avoid unauthorized recording or distribution of academic content.
 - Use the Learning Management System responsibly for submission of assignments and participation.
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8. Responsible Use of AI and Digital Tools

Students may use AI tools only within the limits established by institutional policy.

Permissible uses may include research support, language refinement, study assistance, and idea generation. However, students remain fully responsible for the originality and integrity of their submitted work.

Undisclosed or unauthorized AI-generated submissions constitute academic misconduct.

9. Institutional Authority and Disciplinary Action

BALPP reserves the right to take appropriate action where violations of this Code occur.

Depending on the nature and seriousness of the matter, the Academy may conduct an inquiry to review the situation and determine appropriate action. Where necessary, such actions may include a formal warning, adjustment of assessment outcomes, temporary suspension, withdrawal of certification, or, in exceptional cases, removal from the programme.

As an institution serving adult learners and professionals, BALPP expects students to exercise sound judgment and uphold high standards of integrity and conduct. All disciplinary actions shall be proportionate to the violation and shall follow principles of fairness and due process.

10. Institutional Commitment

Through this Code, BALPP affirms its commitment to maintaining a professional, respectful, and ethically grounded academic community that reflects the standards expected of future public leaders.