University of Massachusetts Boston

Summer Youth Programs

Code of Conduct

Participants in the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) Summer Youth Programs are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct, which states:

- Participants are expected to adhere to the highest standards of good citizenship, honesty, and integrity in their academic work and in their personal conduct.

- Participants are expected to show courtesy and respect for their fellow participants, for UMass Boston personnel, and for UMass Boston visitors.

- Participants are expected to use language in a manner that is appropriate for a healthy learning environment. Obscene, derogatory, and abusive language is prohibited.

- Participants shall not take part in or facilitate discrimination of any kind, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on gender, race, national origin, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, handicap, or intelligence.

- Participants are expected to show respect for and take reasonable care of UMass Boston property, including dining halls, classrooms, and other University facilities, equipment and furnishings (for instance, computers, sports equipment, street signs, and other structures in outdoor areas).

- Participants are expected to respect the belongings of their fellow participants. They shall not borrow, use, or disturb items belonging to other participants or summer staff without clear prior permission. Participants also are expected to respect the belongings of the participants and staff of other programs at UMass Boston and other UMass Boston visitors.
- Participants shall not use, possess, or distribute alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, with the exception of prescription and over-the-counter medications approved for use by the participant's parent or guardian. Participation in an incident involving alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is cause for immediate dismissal, even if the participant did not consume or intend to consume these substances.

- Participants are expected to be well behaved and follow the instructions of the instructional staff, and other University personnel. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated.

- Participants shall not commit acts of violence on persons or property, nor shall they threaten to commit any act of violence.

- Any behavior that could expose others to a high likelihood of injury or endangerment is prohibited. This includes horseplay, excessively aggressive athletic competition, etc.

- Participants shall not engage in any form of harassment, bullying, or hazing. Harassment consists of conduct of any type (including but not limited to cyber, written, verbal, graphic or physical conduct) which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic or work performance, or which creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning, residential, or working environment.

- Participants shall not engage in any form of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes sexual conduct, or conduct with sexual overtones, which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or which creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning, residential, or working environment.

- Participants shall abide by all federal, state, and local laws.

- Participants are expected to know and to follow all rules listed in this Code of Conduct, those listed in the Rules for Participants, as well as the rules presented by the instructional staff during the program.
Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct for Participants may result in the immediate dismissal from the University of Massachusetts Boston Summer Youth Programs and removal from the University of Massachusetts Boston campus, even for first time offenders. In addition, violations of the law (for example, drug or alcohol use) will be reported to the University of Massachusetts Boston Department of Public Safety. Parents or guardians will also be notified of violations.