

## Regulations in respect of Disciplinary Actions at Jönköping University

Established by the foundation board on 26 Oct 2012.

### Initial provisions

1. These regulations aim: to counteract various forms of cheating; to promote and safeguard good conduct and a good study and social environment; and, to take action against any instance of harassment at Jönköping University (JU).
2. Under its articles, the Jönköping University Foundation (the Foundation) is responsible for instituting a University-wide disciplinary board for the University's Students. The foundation board shall also decide on regulations governing disciplinary actions (Expulsion included therein).
3. In particular, the Foundation (the foundation board) has decided to institute a Disciplinary and Expulsions Board (DAN) at Jönköping University. DAN's directive contains, amongst other things, rules on DAN's: mandate and role; composition; rules of procedure; and, decisions. Appeals are also covered.
4. DAN's decisions may be appealed to the Board of Appeals at Jönköping University (HJON). In a separate decision, the Foundation (foundation board) instituted HJON and decided on HJON's directive.
5. In the present regulations, the Disciplinary Actions Regulations, the Foundation establishes not only the grounds for Disciplinary Actions, i.e. the circumstances that can and may serve as the grounds for a decision on Disciplinary Actions (Expulsion included therein) against a Student, but also what Disciplinary Actions may be used and what these entail.

### Definitions, etc.

6. In these regulations, Student is a person who has been admitted to JU at first, second or third-cycle level and who is undertaking the relevant studies. A Student admitted to the third-cycle level and undertaking the relevant studies is additionally designated a PhD Student.
7. Participants in contract education and those on higher vocational education programmes are not Students and are not covered by these regulations.
8. A Disciplinary Offence is an act, omission or behaviour as set out in point 11 below and which can result in a Disciplinary Actions being imposed on the Student in question.
9. A Disciplinary Action is a measure as set out in point 12 below and which may be formally imposed on a Student who has committed a Disciplinary Offence.
10. Rules regarding Expulsion (grounds for and implications of the measure included therein) are set out in points 17 – 19 below.

### Disciplinary Offences – grounds for Disciplinary Measures

11. The following acts, omissions and behaviours can and may serve as the grounds for JU deciding to impose, in the specially prescribed manner, a Disciplinary Action on a Student.
- (i) A Student seeking, by the use of unauthorised aids or in any other way, to mislead in an examination or when study achievements are otherwise to be assessed.
  - (ii) A Student disrupting or preventing teaching, examination or other activity within the framework of education at JU.
  - (iii) A Student disrupting activities at JU's library or other facility within JU.
  - (iv) A Student subjecting another Student or an employee at JU to the type of harassment or sexual harassment set out in article 4 of chapter 1 of Sweden's Discrimination Act (2008:567).
  - (v) A Student, other than a PhD Student, not paying union fees to Jönköping Student Union as required by a decision of Jönköping Student Union.

### Disciplinary Measures

12. The Disciplinary Actions that can be imposed on a Student are:
- (i) Warning.
  - (ii) Suspension from examination.
  - (iii) Suspension.
13. A Warning is the mildest Disciplinary Measure. It entails an entry being made in JU's register to the effect that the Student has been warned. Subject to a maximum period of three years from entry in the register, the Warning remains on record until the Student graduates.
14. Suspension from examination entails the Student not being able to take part in (for the time stated in the decision) examinations or other assessments of study achievements. The decision shall be for a single, coherent period of time and may not exceed six months.
15. Suspension entails the Student not being allowed to take part in lectures, examinations/other assessments of study achievements or other activity within the framework of education at JU. The decision shall be for one or more of said restrictions on the right to take part and shall be for one or more periods, though for no more than a total of six months. A Suspension decision may relate to access to expressly designated premises within JU.
16. DAN's directive contains provisions on Interim Suspension

### Expulsion

17. A Student may be expelled from education if the Student:
- (i) Is suffering from a mental disorder.
  - (ii) Abuses alcohol or narcotics.
  - (iii) Has committed a serious crime.

However, there may be Expulsion on these grounds only if there is a significant risk that the circumstance in question entails the Student, in the course of his or her education, possibly harming another person, damaging valuable property or seriously disrupting any activity in general.

18. Expulsion always entails the Student not being allowed to continue, until further notice, the educational programme/course he/she is undertaking. The decision shall also expressly state whether it also entails the Student not being admitted, until further notice, to any other study course and programme at JU.
19. An Expulsion decision may be reheard, on the Student's written request, only when two years have elapsed since the announcement of the Expulsion decision.

#### Limitation

20. A Disciplinary Action may not be imposed on a Student later than two years after the committing of the Disciplinary Offence in question.

#### Application

21. The University's president is mandated to develop and refine what is meant by Disciplinary Offence and Disciplinary Action. This shall be done via a president's decision.
22. With the long-term aim of building up a body of practice on discipline and Expulsion issues, the directives of DAN and HJON require DAN and HJON, as the executive bodies in decisions, to have regard, if possible, to earlier assessments.