Moodle code of conduct

Introduction

All registered users on the Moodle VLE are required to sign up to the code of conduct when they log on for the first time. They must accept the conditions set out below in order to access any material.

If you have any questions about these conditions, please contact your VLE college administrator.

Please note these conditions apply to the whole duration of your course.

If you breach any of these conditions, the University may regard this as misconduct. In appropriate cases the University will deal with such breaches under the University's Code of Student Discipline set out in Ordinance 17 (http://www.london.ac.uk/977.html) on University of London website [external link].

Security

Each individual is responsible for the security and use of their Username and password. You are not allowed to use the account, Username or password of any other user. You must not disclose your Username or password to anyone else.

Communication

When using the VLE's communication facilities you must:

- Respect other people's views and beliefs.
- Only post comments which are appropriate to the particular discussion.
- Remember that you are conversing with real people and not with a screen name in cyberspace.

This will enable you to enjoy your interaction with fellow students and your tutors in a friendly and intellectually stimulating environment.

By contributing postings to any forum within the VLE you are granting a licence to the University of London and your College to reproduce the content of your posting, and you are also granting a licence to other users to download or copy the content in accordance with these conditions.

When using the VLE's communication facilities YOU MUST NOT:

- Post anything abusive, defamatory, obscene or otherwise illegal.
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- Include material which is confidential or the copyright of which is owned by someone else, unless you have first obtained permission.
- Post material which contains viruses or other programs which may disrupt the University's systems.

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- Post any advertising or promotional material.
- Behave in an impolite or offensive manner.

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We use this information to help improve the VLE services by ensuring that the material and content of the courses accord with the users' requirement and also to make sure users are not having problems with access.

The usage statistics are visible to the VLE administrators and may be visible to your course tutors.

Data Protection

The University of London will deal with your personal data in accordance with the principles set out in the Data Protection Act.

In general, any personal information which you provide to the University of London will only be used within the University of London and by its service providers and will not be disclosed to any other person. However we may share information such as your username and password/email address with your College for purposes connected with your course and your use of the VLE. Colleges may require this information to deal with student queries such as password reminders and to provide notification that a particular service has been suspended for maintenance.

By accepting these conditions you are giving your consent to the University of London and your College to process your personal data for the purposes described in the preceding paragraph.

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