

CODE OF ETHICS

In keeping with emphasising the right of all students to come to Rhodes University to join in the acquisition and advancement of knowledge, and recognising that the leadership of the Student Body should act as examples and be held to the very highest standards in terms of their behaviour, students in leadership positions of Student Governance Sub-structures shall subscribe to, and seek to live by, the principles of:

1. HONESTY:

knowing that honesty, truthfulness, and sincerity are a necessary attribute of good character and effective leadership;

2. SERVICE:

being aware of the fact that true happiness comes only through helpful service to others;

3. INDUSTRIOUSNESS:

knowing that real progress can be achieved only if the mind is alert to comprehend and the hands ready to perform individual and community tasks;

4. HUMILITY:

being convinced that true humbleness of spirit is the only proper attitude to maintain in their relations with their associates;

5. JUSTICE:

believing that it is only right and proper to be just and fair in their dealings with their fellow students; to condemn no one without giving one a chance to defend oneself; to consider all factors before forming an opinion of another's motives, or before passing judgment on ones actions;

6. COOPERATION:

realizing that they must work closely and harmoniously with others in this day of highly organized endeavour;

7. RESPONSIBILITY:

assuming always full responsibility for their actions, and accepting opportunities to fulfill their academic, social, economic, and moral obligations;

8. CHARITABLENESS:

being tolerant, generous and considerate in their relationships with others; and courteous, gentle, and kind in their attitudes and actions toward their fellow students.

9. SELF-DISCIPLINE:

acting with reasonable restraint, organising their time commitments and not indulging in excessive behaviour that brings disrepute to themselves or to the University.

These are the principles that the leaders of the Student Body adhere to in their promotion of scholarship, service, and character.