

SOP – USE OF SMARTPHONE FOR NUST STUDENTS
(NCs, PC, ASC & PG)

(To be read in conjunction with Army SOP on use of smartphones, SOP NO. MCS/ CSO/ INTERNET & MIMS/ 1 DATED 16 DEC 2019 - REVISION 1 DATED 6 JUL 2021 and MCS SOP on use of smartphones)

1. We are living in the era of gadgets and smartphones which are becoming more and more part of one lives besides being used for communication. While use of smartphones by students for reading books, listening online lectures, getting help for their projects cannot be overlooked, its darker side should also be kept in consideration. Smartphones are a potential threat to the cyber security of organization as a whole and its students in particular. Therefore, in order to strike a balance between its positive and negative effect on students, fol guidelines have been laid down:-

2. **Guidelines for Students**

- a. All students may bring personal cell phones to campus for educational purpose only.
- b. Use of phones i.e. making calls, checking the time, texting or use as a calculator, can disrupt effective teaching and learning. Therefore, phones will be switched off and kept in bags during classes/ training activities.
- c. Mobile phones cannot, under any circumstances, be taken into exam rooms.
- d. Headphones must not be worn during or between lectures, for reasons of safety and courtesy.
- e. Unethical use of smartphones must be avoided.
- f. Students must ensure that files stored on their phones do not contain violent, degrading, or offensive images including pornography.
- g. Students must not use phones or MP3 players to broadcast music or transfer of inappropriate material etc.
- h. No device should be used in the college to photograph or video students/ Gentlemen Cadets/ Officers/ college buildings or staff.

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- i. Using the phone to access unethical websites or to participate in any action that might be considered harassment, bullying, or violation of privacy.
 - j. Cyber-bullying is completely unacceptable i.e. threatening calls to fellow students or teachers.
 - k. Use of smartphone is restricted to Engineering Wing premises and cafeteria only.
 - l. Carrying smartphone in College Headquarters, NS Auditorium, Qasid Hall, other offices, Combat Wing and Adm Area is strictly prohibited.
 - m. Smartphones should be placed at designated pigeon box while entering college HQ, other offices, Combat Wing and Adm Area.
 - n. Students should avoid access to open WIFI for internet purpose to counter threat caused by fake wireless routers.
 - o. Video/ Voice recording or taking pictures without consent of students is prohibited especially in case of female students.
 - p. Making videos for social media apps i.e. Tiktok, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram etc inside college premises is strictly prohibited.
 - q. Responsibility for safety/ security the phone rests with the student and the MCS/ NUST will not accept any responsibility for damage, loss or theft.
3. Disciplinary action against defaulters will be taken as per NUST disciplinary policy for all other students (NCs, PCs, ASCs and PG).