
POLICY S10.1

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTATION ON ACADEMIC MATTERS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Context

In the provision of its higher education courses, orientation courses, transition support and ongoing academic language and learning support, the AIM Business School (ABS) identifies and adequately supports the individual learning needs of all its students by ensuring that teaching staff who teach any course of study, Student Services, the Success Coaches, and other staff are reasonably available for students seeking academic assistance.

1.2 Purpose

This policy outlines the principles and responsibilities which govern the availability of ABS and Third-Party Partner (TPP) teaching staff (including full-time, part-time, and sessional staff) to assist students with academic matters outside of scheduled session times.

It also outlines the principles and responsibilities which govern the availability of Student Services, the Success Coaches, and other staff to assist students with academic matters.

1.3 Scope

This policy applies to all staff and students of ABS and TPPs.

1.4 Scope Exceptions

None.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

1. ABS and TPP students are responsible to comply with this policy.
2. ABS and TPP staff are responsible to comply with this policy.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Principles

1. ABS and TPP staff and students communicate with each other in a professional, timely and honest manner reflecting their respective code of conduct -the Student Code of Conduct or the Staff Code of Conduct.
2. ABS and TPPs ensure that teaching staff, and other staff, are reasonably available for students seeking academic assistance for units within the course of study.
3. ABS and TPP students can expect to have teaching staff (including full-time, part-time, and sessional staff) available to them for assistance and consultation outside of scheduled class times in accordance with the details in the Student Assistance and Consultation on Academic Matters Procedure.
4. ABS and TPP students can expect to have to have Student Services staff available to them for assistance - appointments can be made online.
5. ABS and TPP students can expect to have the Success Coaches (or equivalent at TPPs) available for assistance and consultation on academic matters via online appointment, as outlined in the Student Assistance and Consultation on Academic Matters Procedure.
6. ABS and TPPs expect that students will understand that busy schedules require students to respect the notification of availability of teaching and other staff.
7. Student misbehaviour in respect to accessing teaching and other staff will be addressed in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the Managing Inappropriate Student Behaviour Procedure.
8. Complaints by students and staff under this policy may follow the Student Grievances and Complaints Policy and Procedure or the Staff Grievances Policy and Procedure, but are first discussed with the Executive Dean, ABS or TPP, to pursue a more informal path to resolution of the issue.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- **Academic matters** - Academic matters are those that directly concern the student's course and their progression towards satisfying all requirements of the course. Students who are finding it difficult to meet course requirements should contact their facilitator or the Academic Learning Manager for assistance.
- **Student** - Refers to domestic and international ABS students.
- **Student Services** - Are non-academic staff who are the first port of call to assist students with all non-academic matters. Student Services will also assist students with accessing academic support if required.

- **Success Coach**- The Success Coach is available to all ABS students for assistance with academic matters. The Success Coach is responsible for helping students with their studies and to arrange additional intervention measures as necessary.
- **Third-Party Partner (TPP)** - an organisation, other than ABS, providing education services to students on behalf of ABS, such as delivering an ABS unit or course.

5.0 REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATED INFORMATION

- Managing Inappropriate Student Behaviour Procedure
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Staff Grievances Policy
- Student Assistance and Consultation on Academic Matters Procedure
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Grievances and Complaints Policy
- Student Progression and Support Policy

6.0 POLICY OWNERSHIP

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