



## **Code of Conduct for the Circles of Understanding**

Welcome to our online private group! This space is dedicated to fostering a safe, respectful, and supportive environment where students can exchange personal experiences. By participating in this group, you agree to adhere to the following Code of Conduct. These rules ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and uphold our collective values.

### **GDPR Compliance:**

- The group administrator will protect members' personal data (e.g., names, emails, and other shared information) and use it only for the intended purpose of managing the group.
- You have the right to request access to, modification of, or deletion of any personal data shared in the group. Contact the group administrator for assistance.

### **1. Respect and Dignity**

- Treat all members with respect, kindness, and dignity.
- Avoid offensive, discriminatory, or inflammatory language, including hate speech or personal attacks.
- Respect the diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences of all group members.

### **2. Confidentiality and Privacy**

- Do not share personal information (yours or others') outside the group without explicit consent from the person involved.
- Avoid taking screenshots, recording, or duplicating group content without permission.
- Be mindful of discussing sensitive topics, and respect boundaries when others choose not to share.

### **3. Safe and Supportive Space**

- Refrain from judgment or criticism of others' experiences.
- Provide constructive feedback only when explicitly requested.
- Report any harmful behavior or violations of the Code of Conduct to the group administrator.

### **4. Content Sharing Guidelines**

- Share content that is relevant and beneficial to the group.
- Avoid sharing unsolicited promotional material, advertisements, or irrelevant links.
- Ensure that any shared material complies with copyright laws and respects intellectual property rights.

### **5. Consent for Data and Experience Sharing**

- Explicitly obtain consent before sharing someone else's personal story or experience, even within the group.
- Understand that shared experiences may include sensitive or emotional content. Approach discussions with empathy.

### **6. Security Measures**

- Use a secure and private account to access the group.
- Notify the group administrator immediately if you suspect any unauthorized access to the group or breaches of confidentiality.
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links or sharing unverified information.

### **7. Accountability**

- Members who violate the Code of Conduct may face warnings, temporary suspension, or removal from the group, depending on the severity of the violation.
- The group administrator will enforce these rules fairly and transparently.

### **8. Acknowledgment and Updates**

- By joining the group, you acknowledge and agree to comply with this Code of Conduct.
- The group administrator reserves the right to update this Code of Conduct. Members will be notified of any significant changes.

Thank you for making this group a safe and supportive environment for all members. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the group administrator.

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