



## Welcome Newly admitted Students to Faculty of Architecture, UPTU - Lucknow

### Some key points to remember

Dear Newly admitted Students,

We welcome you once again to the fraternity of **FoA-UPTU i.e. Faculty of Architecture** (Formerly: Lucknow College of Architecture or The Govt. College of Architecture), **UPTU, Lucknow**. Many of you may have apprehensions about hostel life, particularly about your "interactions" with the seniors in the first few weeks. For your benefit we would like to highlight the fresher-senior interaction at the **FoA-UPTU**.

While it is desirable that freshers and seniors should get to know each other, this must happen in a mutually friendly manner. Any interaction between freshers and seniors where the seniors are friendly, welcoming and non-aggressive is encouraged.

On the other hand, if a fresher is forced to do anything which results in his/her physical or mental discomfort, it should be interpreted as ragging which is banned by a ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. **Please be firm and say "NO" to any aggressive behaviour without any fear or hesitation.** In particular, ragging may take following forms-

- **Physical abuse**, for example, forcing to sit or stand in physically uncomfortable posture/environment, forcing to eat, drink or smoke, forcing to dress or undress.
- **Verbal abuse**, for example hurling or forcing to use filthy/abusive language, or swear words and phrases, direct or indirect derogatory references to the person's appearance, attire, religion, caste, family or background.
- **Forced activity**, for example
  - Chores for seniors e.g. copying notes, cleaning rooms etc.
  - Missing classes. Not being allowed to study.
  - Staying awake late or getting up at unreasonable times.
  - Singing or dancing or performing in any other way.
  - Using foul language or shouting or cheering loudly.
  - Misbehaving with strangers, other inmates/staff or other senior students/Faculty officials particularly women.
  - Reading or browsing pornographic/objectable material.
- **Lifestyle restrictions**, for example
  - Not allowing certain kinds of clothing or accessories e.g. jeans, belts etc.
  - Enforcing rules regarding shaving or oiling hair. Forcing certain kinds of dress or style/colours of dress.
  - Restricting access to parts of the hostel e.g. common room.
  - Requiring certain modes of address i.e. seniors should be called Sir or Ma'am.
  - Requiring a particular waking time.
- **Conversational mind-games**. Particular forms of interaction in which a senior or set of seniors manipulates the conversation so as to humiliate the First year student or make him/her feel stupid or insecure or generally threatened.

**Freshers are advised to avoid:**

- Any "interaction" outside public areas, and between 9:30 pm - 08:00 am.
- Visiting seniors' rooms during the interaction period, or inviting seniors to your rooms.

**There is absolutely no reason for you to put up with any form of aggressive interaction.**

**Please contact Hostel Wardens-**

**For Boys hostel- (Warden's Mobile Phone: 9415 393791, Landline Residence: 0522 2740121)**

**For Girls' hostel- (Warden's Mobile Phone: 9839 025946, Landline Residence: 0522 2746650)**

**You can even contact your hostel warden at any time to report any ragging.**

**or any member of the 'Anti-Ragging Vigilance Team' on duty.**

**or If you want to leave an anonymous note about ragging that you have witnessed or experienced, please do so -**

- at the drop-boxes available at various locations near the office, in the academic area and Hostels.

**Or**

- at <http://www.foa.uptu.ac.in/antiragging>

**Or**

- You may also inform any member of the Proctorial Board, or the Anti-Ragging Committee or the Dean or Office Staff including Steno to Dean.

**Or**

e-mail: Proctor- [proctor@foa.uptu.ac.in](mailto:proctor@foa.uptu.ac.in) (Mobile Phone: 9839 073285, Landline Residence: **Not Available**)

Dean - [dean@foa.uptu.ac.in](mailto:dean@foa.uptu.ac.in) (Mobile Phone: 9792 669944, Landline Residence: **0522 2740150**)

**It will help us to curb aggressive interaction / RAGGING more effectively if you are not hesitant to provide details.**

**- Principal & Dean of Faculty**