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## SLU FRIENDS TEAHOUSE

### Code of Conduct

Saint Louis University is a Catholic institution of higher learning. It was founded to be an effective means of evangelization to be fully integrated with the Church's educational vision. In order to realize this vision, SLU is committed to instruction, research, and community service. Such activities are oriented towards promoting human dignity and happiness, which leads to the development of the total person who can take up one's responsibilities in the Church and the world.

Having a specific concept of person and world as revealed in the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the University promotes a particular outlook on self, on others, on the material world, and on God – such particular outlook changes the goal of every human activity and distinguishes its educational institution from any other educational system.

Hence, SLU, Baguio City, Philippines, the Light of the North, remains true to its mandate in building wisdom to scale local and global demands. With the vision to be an excellent missionary and transformative educational institution, the premier higher education institution of the North is driven by the desire to respond to local and international challenges.

In today's global and digital world, the opportunities for a truly relevant international education need to be embraced with an open mind. The way to survive and thrive in this increasingly complex global society is through collaboration with others internationally. We need to foster a culture of harmony that transcends national interest. SLU always embraces with an open mind the challenge to educate with international standards. The University extends its borders through international linkages with countries across continents, fostering affiliations worldwide.

Thus, the creation of the SLU Tea House is a result of the University's successful engagement in an Erasmus+ European Union project - the FRIENDS (<https://erasmusplusfriends.eu/>). SLU is a partner of the Erasmus+ programs of the EU, which is FRIENDS. FRIENDS stands for Furthering International Relations Capacities and Intercultural Engagement to Nurture Diversity and to Support Internationalization at Home. The FRIENDS project is built around the concept of Internationalization at Home (IaH) that frames the traditional perceptions of Higher Education internationalization in the five partner countries involved in the project, namely Bhutan, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand. Capacitating the partner countries with their internationalization programs are



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European countries spearheaded by Bulgaria as the lead proponent of the entire project and Hungary, Poland, and Turkey.

The SLU Tea House is an integral component of SLU's purposeful integration of intercultural dimensions into the University's formal and informal curricula. It aims to strengthen our internationalization capabilities and to develop our local and international students' global competence. Moreover, the SLU Tea House provides clients (faculty, staff, visitors, and even the alumni) occasions for academic, research, and cultural exchanges. This is where international and local students converge, regardless of affinity (e.g., Muslims) for their academic, socio-cultural, technological, psychological, or economic support. This commitment is also extended to SLU's relevant partner communities to foster cooperation, inclusivity, and diversity.

The SLU Tea House is under the auspices of the External Relations, Media, and Communications, and Alumni Affairs (ERMCAA) Office.

### CODE OF CONDUCT on the Use of TEAHOUSE

Saint Louis University is a Catholic academic institution. All stakeholders who shall use the premises to include the Teahouse must, in the exercise of their rights and the performance of their duties, conduct themselves in line with the most acceptable principles, traditions, and ideals of an authentic Christian.

Essentially, every Teahouse user must be mindful of SLU's Vision-Mission that incorporates the core values (refer to below) that any Lousian must espouse. The same applies to those they contact, especially the partners, collaborators, and society.



The statement above refers to the vision of Saint Louis University to be an excellent missionary and transformative educational institution. The second part contains the mission of the University, which is to develop students as well as faculty and staff imbued with the institution's interrelated core values of competence, creativity, social involvement, and Christian spirit. Thus, from the vision-mission statement, four (4) core values are evident: Christian Spirit, Competence, Creativity, and Social Involvement (3CS).



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As mentioned in the VM statement, such transformation can only occur when institutions like SLU, from the faculty, staff, and students, turn into competent, creative, socially involved, and animated by the Christian spirit. These four form the core values that embody the code of conduct of the user of Teahouse, as follows:

- Competent – apply extensive knowledge, skills, and values relevant to work
- Creative people - who create new knowledge and innovations of new ways of responding to the many challenges of the modern world
- Social involvement – people who possess a deep sense of solidarity with the marginalized members of society
- Christian Spirit - moved by a genuine spirituality evident through expertise and training to contribute to the well-being of society.

The above core values are complemented by the spirit of teamwork and collaboration that must guide any internationalization engagement by the Lousians in particular and other relevant stakeholders locally or abroad to achieve harmony and successful realization of objectives.

Further, any user of the Teahouse must recognize the existence of a contract between them and the University. As such, they agree to comply with the policies, rules, and regulations of the University and assume all responsibilities and obligations appertaining to their status as user/recipient of the Teahouse.

Every Teahouse user must value and exercise self-discipline in order to earn due respect for their person. Thus, all are called upon to respect their fellow people and all University personnel, professors, and administrators. They should conduct and decently present themselves, abiding by the generally accepted norms of good behavior at all times. As a member of the community of this University, they must be responsible for keeping themselves abreast and updated with all the memoranda, circulars, announcements, letters, notices, directives, and all other issuances officially issued and released by the proper University officials related to the proper and relevant use of the Teahouse. Above all, every user/recipient shall observe the laws of the land, the rules and regulations of the University and as may be necessarily promulgated from time to time, and the standards expected of an honest and upright person of a good society.

Hence, it is only by constantly aligning the University's material human resources and the policies and programs towards the realization of the vision-mission through the conscientious practice of the core values and other essential positive characteristics like teamwork, collaboration, unity, inclusion and diversity, and more, can SLU be truly considered an excellent missionary educational institution founded on a mission to transform people, society, and the environment locally and abroad. These are the codes of conduct that we live by to embody SLU's internationalization at home.