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1 PURPOSE

This policy aims to define the "acceptable use" of the Library & Learning Resource Centre's (herein after referred to as library) electronic information resources.

2 POLICY STATEMENT

This policy aims to establish acceptable and unacceptable use of online electronic resources. The university provides online e-resources access to all registered students and staff to support the institution's learning and research mission. Strict licensing agreements with service providers govern the university and are responsible for maintaining the information assets' integrity, confidentiality, and availability.

This policy requires users accessing the electronic information assets to comply with the university policy.

3 APPLICATION (SCOPE)

This policy applies to all students and staff of RCSI Bahrain and other authorized users.

4 POLICY CONTENT

Licensed Electronic Resources:

All electronic resources provided by the library are governed by licensing agreements negotiated with publishers and third parties. These legally binding agreements allow students and staff to access these resources for non-commercial, educational, scholarly and research purposes. Users of these resources must comply with the terms and agreements determined by publishers or service providers. Breach of license may force the publisher to revoke access without any warning.

Acceptable use of Electronic Resources:

- Use electronic information resources only for educational, scholarly, and research purposes.
- Save, print, or make copies of reasonable amounts or parts of the resource (such as individual journal articles) for non-commercial personal use.
- Share content with other current RCSI faculty, staff, and students.

Non-Acceptable use of Electronic Resources:

- Modify or alter the content of the resources in any way or form.
- The licensing agreements prohibit access by unregistered users.
- Downloading an entire journal or a large part of an electronic book for printing is prohibited.
- Using software to download resources systematically is prohibited.
- Granting access to other users to your account is an offense and is prohibited.

5 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- RCSI ICT – Acceptable usage policy