

Student Code of Ethics at Pomeranian University in Słupsk

Introduction

Student Code of Ethics at Pomeranian University in Słupsk, hereinafter referred to as the Code, has been adopted out of concern for the good name of the Pomeranian University in Słupsk, hereinafter referred to as the University, and in order to meet the unrelenting need to shape ethical attitudes among students of the Pomeranian University in Słupsk, and stems from an understanding of the connection between the ethical level of current students and the ethical level in their future family and professional lives.

The promotion and obeying of the Code is the duty of every student and stems from the awareness of the importance of obeying moral principles and ethical standards in order to achieve the highest academic standards for building a civil society.

Student Code of Ethics at Pomeranian University in Słupsk is not only a set of prohibitions and orders. It is also, or perhaps first of all, a determinant of universal values, whose obeying by students brings pride both to them and to the University since its foundation.

Chapter I General provisions

§1

The rules of Student Code of Ethics at Pomeranian University in Słupsk, hereinafter referred to as the Code, stem from the generally accepted moral standards, and in particular from the moral standards proper to the ethics of academic education.

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It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the principles of the Code and to disseminate them to the academic community, and to stand up for them when necessary.

§3

Compliance with the Code is entrusted to all students of the University, their sensibilities and consciences.

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It is considered reprehensible to violate the ethical standards set forth in the Code for the purpose of obtaining financial or any other benefit.

Chapter II
Academic society

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Bearing in mind the inherent and inalienable dignity of every human being, students should be guided in their conduct by honesty and decency, and in their dealings with others, regardless of their position in the academic and social hierarchy, obey the principles of good manners and high personal culture.

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Students should base relationships with other students on: respect, kindness, solidarity, loyalty and cooperation. In this way, students co-create the academic community of the University.

§7

Students should support other students in their studies, help them to adjust to academic life, and learn and follow the rules of the University.

§8

Students should be characterized by responsibility, bear it for their actions and not avoid the negative consequences of their own behaviour.

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It is considered reprehensible behaviour on the part of the Student to discriminate against other students on the basis of colour, religion, national origin, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or any other reason.

§10

The student should oppose all manifestations of evil, aggression, social pathology, and dishonest behaviour.

§11

A student shall not remain passive in the face of dishonest and unethical behaviour of another student or employee of the University, counteracting negative phenomena in academic life. In the case of behaviours that constitute a breach of the binding legal norms, they should also notify the University authorities or appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Chapter III

Science and studies

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The student is obliged to work diligently and conscientiously to continually improve his/her skills, and to acquire knowledge throughout entire period of study.

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The student should make every possible effort to enrich his/her knowledge.

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Students should acquire and develop all practical skills related to their future profession, particularly through participation in the internship system.

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The student is obliged to familiarize himself/herself with the Law on Higher Education, the Statutes of Pomeranian University and the Rules and Regulations of the University, as well as to be obeyed by the norms contained therein.

§16

Students treat examinations, as well as all other forms of knowledge verification, as reliable tests in which they use only their own knowledge and skills. Any dishonest behaviour, in particular aimed at distorting the result of an examination or any other form of knowledge verification, is unacceptable.

§17

A student shall not alter, forge, or otherwise falsify documents for personal gain, including but not limited to passing an examination, violating session order, or obtaining undue benefits from the University.

§18

The student is obliged to evaluate the School employees in a fair and honest manner resulting from the functioning of the Internal Educational Quality Management System at the Pomeranian University in Słupsk.

§ 19

The student exercises freedom of speech while respecting the principles of fair and substantive discussion.

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The student acts for the good of the academic community, cares for the good name and positive image of the University, and respects its traditions.

Chapter IV

Relationship to University employees

§21

Students shall treat University employees with due respect, obeying the principles of good manners and academic customs in their interactions.

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The student shall not take advantage of private contacts and personal intimacies with University employees.

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A student should react appropriately to any manifestation of unethical behaviour by University employees. In the case of behaviours that constitute a transgression of applicable legal standards, he/she should also notify the University authorities and appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Chapter V

Relation to the University

§24

A student takes care of the good name of the University and represents it with dignity, also outside its walls.

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The student strives to participate in events important to the academic community. He or she should also become actively involved in their organization whenever possible.

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A student shall cooperate with persons associated with the University in order to improve its functioning. He/she shall do so in particular by participating in initiatives supporting the development of the University, as well as by active participation in student organizations. He/she shall support the activity of the Student Government as the main representative of his/her interests, and shall turn to it in all disputable issues requiring cooperation with the University authorities.

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Even after graduation, a student is obliged to take care of the good name of the University by demonstrating his/her moral and intellectual standards.

Chapter VI

Unethical and Reprehensible Behaviour

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Students will be guided by honesty in all actions they take. In particular, the following are considered unethical:

- 1) not writing credit and other course work by himself/herself - submitting purchased or appropriated works of others for credit,
- 2) non-compliance with intellectual property law: using other people's materials in diploma theses and final course assignments without identifying the author,
- 3) non-compliance with the standards set out in this Code and Polish law, and in particular doing it in order to obtain a financial or other personal benefit,
- 4) falsifying documents or entries in a student's periodic performance record, 5) impersonating another student,
- 6) abuse of family connections, personal relationships, or patronage,

- 7) failing to show proper respect towards academic staff and other University employees,
- 8) seeking to obtain undue benefits from the University.

§29

The student should respect the property of the University and public property. A student should show concern for the technical efficiency and aesthetics of the resources made available to them. The following are considered reprehensible:

- 1) destroying the property of the University, in particular the teaching halls, dormitories and their equipment,
- 2) other manifestations of vandalism.

§30

Students should treat academic staff and other university employees obeying the principles of good manners and academic customs in their contacts with them. In particular, the following are considered as reprehensible:

- 1) repeated and unexcused lack of punctuality,
- 2) disrupting the course of classes,
- 3) insulting or disrespectful attitude.

Chapter VII

Accountability

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For violations of the above ethical standards, particularly illegal conduct, a student of the University is liable to the Student Disciplinary Committee.

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A student shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Student Disciplinary Committee to the Student Disciplinary Appeal Committee. The decision of the Student Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall be final.

§33

The Disciplinary Committee for Students and the Disciplinary Appeal Committee for Students shall act on the basis of the Act on Higher Education of 27 July 2005 (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2012, item 572, as amended) and the Statutes of the Pomeranian University in Słupsk.