Internal regulation
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UCM Students' Code of Ethics and Honour

§ 1
General provisions

1. Rector of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava (hereinafter referred to as "UCM") publishes in accordance with § 15 par. 1 letter m) of Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain laws as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act on Higher Education"), § 48 par. 2 of the UCM Statute and § 15 par. 1 letter c) of the UCM Organizational Rules, this UCM Students' Code of Ethics and Honour (hereinafter referred to as the "Code").
2. The Code reflects the moral values and principles applied in educational activities, scientific research, artistic and creative activities, in the publication of results of creative activities, and in the performance of various other activities in the environment of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava (UCM).
3. The Code is binding for UCM students.
4. The Code establishes the ethical principles and standards of behaviour of UCM students and their status in accordance with the Act on Higher Education, in accordance with the Statute of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava and other generally binding legal regulations and UCM internal regulations related to studying at UCM.
5. UCM is a progressive university formed by a community of students and employees regardless of their age, religion, nationality, race, gender, sexual orientation, political preferences, and health status. The UCM spreads ideas in the spirit of humanism and democracy.
6. UCM students undertake to comply with the principles of the code, based on the European Code of Ethics and Research Integrity[1] and other ethical codes of various educational institutions[2].

§ 2
General ethical principles for UCM students

In order to comply with the general moral and ethical principles and standards of conduct, UCM students:

a) act honestly and responsibly towards others and respect the rights of others. They refuse to discriminate on grounds of ethnic origin, race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, language, political or any other opinion, family and health status, social origin, or property circumstances;

b) respect the principles of humanism, freedom, and democracy, while respecting the principles of freedom, and committing themselves to respect moral and ethical principles;

c) do not engage in immoral behaviour, personal humiliation, or coercion;

d) are aware of their right to quality professional education;

e) pay particular attention to the safety and health of themselves and others;

[1] European Code of Research Ethics and Integrity, Federation of European Academies of Sciences (ALLEA), 2018.
[2] Code of Ethics of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, 2018. Code of Ethics of the Comenius University in Bratislava, 2016. Code of Ethics of Students of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, 2020.

f) act honestly, fairly, and openly;

g) set an example to society through their behaviour;

h) approach teachers and other students and other persons with respect and reverence;

i) reject any form of bribery and corruption;

j) their goal is personal and personality growth, as well as the goal of becoming a professionally knowledgeable personality;

k) respect academic freedoms, which mainly consist of the rights to educate, research, and publish the results of their research;

l) do not engage in fraudulent behaviour or exploit other students for their benefit;

m) freely express their professional opinions, respect freedom of expression and critical thought;

n) do not commit plagiarism and do not pass off the results of other people's creative and other activities as their own;

o) do not disparage the results of the work of teachers and other students;;

p) use periods of study for personal and professional development;

q) avoid spreading and promoting hoaxes or conspiracy theories;

r) behave in a moral, virtuous and decent manner outside the educational process;

s) do not disrupt the regular course of teaching, observe the deadlines (handing in theoretical and practical papers, deadlines for registering for exams, deadlines of the study department of the relevant faculty, and also deadlines and assignments);

t) speak respectfully about UCM and spread the good name of the university.

§ 3
Ethical principles for UCM students to conduct their education activities

UCM students in the framework of compliance with the principles of educational activities:

a) actively participate in the education process;

b) always achieve their learning outcomes in an honest manner. They do not cheat or use unfair practices during any form of validation of study knowledge;

c) consider the education process as a means of acquiring the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for the further development of society and the formation of their personality;

d) are responsible for the learning process and for achieving their outcomes in the education process;

e) create an inspiring climate without conflict in the education and educational process;

f) when invited to work in teams or groups, they cooperate on an equal footing with other students/colleagues and help to improve one another as far as they can.

§ 4
Ethical principles of UCM students applied in the research, artistic and creative activities

UCM students in the framework of adherence to the principles of scientific research, artistic and creative activities:

a) work exclusively with verified facts and reliable information;
b) in all their outputs, they publish the sources of information and the conditions for their use (information about the author of the original idea, place, time, etc.);
c) work with the most up-to-date and high-quality sources of information;
d) avoid fabled and unverified sources, or spreaders of hoaxes, falsehoods, and half-truths;
e) ensure that data processing does not lead to misrepresentation of results;
f) are responsible for their own processing of the output, its originality, and objectivity;
g) guarantee not to create fictitious results and do not use them as if they were real;
h) reproduce research results truthfully and correctly;
i) do not unduly manipulate research material, samples, living organisms, biological and similar materials;
j) do not take ownership of ideas, ideas, and research findings of others;
k) when quoting, paraphrasing, and literally translating, they always indicate the appropriate designation and cite the source.

§ 5
Ethical principles of UCM students in publishing creative activity

In order to follow the principles of publishing creative activity, UCM students:

a) are subject to copyright;
b) they publish the creative activity exclusively in a trustworthy manner and in a manner determined by UCM;
c) they sign the work results with their names, but at the same time indicate the names of the collaborators who participated in the given output;
d) they publish research results that are not secret as required by the nature of their work.

§ 6
Violation of students' ethical principles

Students who are guilty in any way in the named points § 2, 3, 4 or 5, or their actions are immoral and unethical, will be dealt with at a meeting of the disciplinary committee of the given faculty or UCM and, based on the decision of the disciplinary committee, they may be punished according to the UCM Disciplinary Rules and a disciplinary measure imposed according to § 72 of the Act on Higher Education.

§ 7
Final Provisions

The Code enters into force on March 16, 2021, and is effective from April 1, 2021.

In the university town of Trnava on March 16, 2021

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rector of UCM

UCM Students´ Code of Ethics and Honour, including amendments and supplements, is published in the Slovak language and in other languages in which the UCM conducts its programmes, with the Slovak language text being considered the authentic text.