

**Resolution of the Doctoral Student Government of the University of Economics in Katowice  
of August 8, 2021 on Doctoral Student Code of Ethics  
of the University of Economics in Katowice**

**DOCTORAL STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS**

**Preamble**

The Doctoral Student Code of Ethics is a set of principles indicating the way in which the doctoral student community self-regulates itself in terms of core ethical values and good practices in science. It is founded on respect for ethical virtues in research and teaching and a sense of community among doctoral students.

The long-standing tradition of doctoral studies has undergone numerous changes over the years, both in terms of form and mode of study. Those changes have affected, in particular, the duties and rights of doctoral students. This Code presents the fundamental ethical principles governing doctoral studies and defines the basic virtues that every doctoral student shall demonstrate. At the same time, the Code serves as a guide in case of any doubts concerning the desired course of conduct. The final judge in ethical matters is the conscience of each doctoral student and the entire doctoral student community.

The Code also defines the basic principles of proper practice in research and teaching for doctoral students.

**Chapter I  
General provisions**

**§ 1**

The Doctoral Student Code of Ethics, hereinafter referred to as the Code, of the University of Economics in Katowice, hereinafter referred to as the University, shall apply to each doctoral student of the University. The Code is a set of ethical values and principles of conduct resulting from them, which a doctoral student as a participant of doctoral studies, researcher, teacher and member of the academic community shall follow.

**§ 2**

Whenever the Code refers to a doctoral student, it shall be understood as a student of a doctoral program or the Doctoral School, regardless of the academic discipline, mode and year of study.

**§ 3**

Whenever the Code refers to a student, it shall be understood as a student of the degree program conducted at the University of Economics in Katowice, regardless of the chosen study program, mode and year of study.

**§ 4**

Whenever the Code refers to an employee, it shall be understood as any person having an employment relationship with the University of Economics in Katowice, regardless of the nature of their duties.

§ 5

A doctoral student shall comply with the generally applicable law, regulations in force at the University, in particular the Rules and Regulations of Doctoral Studies/Doctoral School, Code of Ethics of the University of Economics in Katowice and rules contained in the oath, as well as generally accepted ethical values.

§ 6

A doctoral student shall familiarize themselves with the Code, comply with its provisions and disseminate them in the academic community.

**Chapter II**  
**Doctoral student profile**

§ 7

A doctoral student shall, in all aspects of their research and teaching activity as well as in public life, demonstrate integrity and respect for scientific facts, methods, and theories.

§ 8

A doctoral student shall show reliability, diligence, independence and impartiality in their research and teaching activities.

§ 9

A doctoral student shall be responsible for their views, interpretations of their research, and their conduct towards members of the academic community.

§ 10

A doctoral student shall be tolerant and therefore shall not discriminate against members of the academic community and other members of the society on the grounds of origin, religion, race, gender or age. They shall respect different research attitudes, worldviews and cultural traditions.

§ 11

A doctoral student shall not use family connections and close relationships with academic and administrative staff for the purpose of gaining benefits.

§ 12

A doctoral student shall oppose unethical behavior of other members of the academic community.

**Chapter III**  
**Doctoral studies/Doctoral School**

§ 13

A doctoral student shall work diligently in order to complete the curriculum of the doctoral program/Doctoral School and to meet other requirements stipulated in the plan and program of study.

§ 14

A doctoral student shall strive for self-improvement through expanding their knowledge and improving professional qualifications appropriate for the chosen academic discipline throughout the entire period of study.

§ 15

A doctoral student shall not undertake any actions that may result in non-objective evaluation of their academic progress.

§ 16

A doctoral student shall not provide false information in periodic reports on duties performed and accomplishments within the allotted timeframe for the purpose of their own benefit.

**Chapter IV  
Scientific research**

§ 17

A doctoral student shall constantly expand their knowledge and improve their skills.

§ 18

Research work of a doctoral student should be creative and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the scientific method, be credible and faithful to the truth based on solid arguments.

§ 19

A doctoral student shall observe high standards of conducting scientific research and principles of good scientific practice recognized at the University.

§ 20

A doctoral student shall observe the principles of scientific honesty in research and shall not allow plagiarism or falsification of research results.

§ 21

A doctoral student shall avoid conflicts of interest in evaluation of academic achievements and papers and shall be guided by objectivity, punctuality, and principles of competence.

§ 22

Research shall be conducted in such a way as not to infringe on copyrights held by other people.

**Chapter V  
Teaching**

§ 23

Within their discipline, a doctoral student shall demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to teach in a competent and independent manner. The classes they conduct shall encourage students to explore the issues constituting the content of a given course.

§ 24

Classes shall be conducted in accordance with the course content and technical equipment available. At the same time, a doctoral student shall make an effort to diversify the form of classes and take into account the modern teaching methods.

§ 25

A doctoral student shall be polite and behave in a manner consistent with accepted customs. They shall refrain from making any comments about a student.

§ 26

When evaluating the student's skills and knowledge within the scope of the course taught, a doctoral student shall display integrity and professionalism.

§ 27

A doctoral student should prepare for courses assigned to them in a reliable and diligent manner, taking care of the quality of knowledge they convey.

§ 28

During the first class, a doctoral student shall inform students about the course syllabus, the conditions and deadlines for passing the course, and the evaluation criteria for the course participants.

§ 29

A doctoral student shall use fair, transparent, and comprehensible criteria when evaluating students' knowledge.

§ 30

The doctoral student shall not overstate the number of teaching hours completed for their own benefit.

**Chapter VI**  
**Academic community**

§ 31

A doctoral student shall care for the good name of the University, respecting its dignity, traditions and customs.

§ 32

A doctoral student shall take care of the University' property and shall not use it for personal purposes unrelated to the research and teaching activity.

§ 33

In their contacts with students, other doctoral students, research employees, as well as administrative and technical staff, a doctoral student shall behave according to the rules of savoir-vivre.

§ 34

A doctoral student shall, whenever possible, engage in activities benefiting the academic community and participate in important events at the University.

§ 35

1. A doctoral student shall protect the good image and prestige of the University and always represent it with dignity, aware that their attitude and personal culture contribute to the image of the University.
2. When representing the University, a doctoral student is obliged to use logos consistent with the University's Visual Identification System and indicate their affiliation.
3. A doctoral student who undertakes activities in cooperation with several units is obliged to include information about it in the documentation.

§ 36

A doctoral student shall comply with the resolutions and orders issued at the University.

§ 37

A doctoral student is obliged to appear upon each call of the University Authorities, and to immediately justify their absence.

**Chapter VII**  
**Participation in the self-government**

§ 38

1. A doctoral student shall participate in the organizational life of the University, including the work of the self-government, through its bodies.
2. A doctoral student shall, whenever possible, participate in the social life of the doctoral student community.

§ 39

Any disputes arising between doctoral students or doctoral students and University employees shall, in the first instance, be settled amicably.

§ 40

A doctoral student shall observe the principles of solidarity with other doctoral students and representatives of the academic community.

§ 41

A doctoral student shall be ready to provide assistance, advice or opinion to other doctoral students and University employees.

**Chapter VIII**  
**Disciplinary liability**

§ 42

A doctoral student shall be liable to disciplinary action as provided for in separate regulations for violating provisions in force at the University and for actions that undermine the dignity of a doctoral student.