

## **Student Code of Ethics of the University of Economics in Katowice**

The Student Code of Ethics was adopted to protect the good name of the University and to help in shaping ethical attitudes among students and future graduates of the University of Economics in Katowice. It is a set of ethical values and standards of conduct that all students of the University shall follow, bearing in mind the universal principles of social coexistence and the good name of the University, as well as respect for its traditions. The Student Code of Ethics of the University of Economics in Katowice is based on fundamental values, adherence to which should be a source of pride for both students and the University.

### **Chapter 1 General provisions**

#### **§1**

1. The Student Code of Ethics, hereinafter referred to as the "Code", sets forth the rules of ethics and good behavior that all students of the University of Economics in Katowice, hereinafter referred to as the "University", shall follow.
2. The principles of the Code are derived from generally accepted standards of professional ethics and academic education ethics.

#### **§2**

1. Students shall conduct themselves in accordance with the oath they took, the Statute of the University of Economics in Katowice and the Rules and Regulations of Studies.
2. Bearing in mind the dignity of every human being, students and graduates of the University are guided in their actions by honesty and integrity, and in their relations with others observe the principles of good manners and proper conduct.
3. Students are obliged to comply with the generally applicable laws and internal regulations in force at the University.

#### **§3**

Adherence to the Code is entrusted to all students of the University. Students shall, upon their own initiative, familiarize themselves with and abide by the principles of the Code. They shall disseminate its principles among the academic community of the University and, if necessary, defend them.

#### **§4**

A student shall remember that throughout their studies, they represent the University well beyond its walls. With this in mind, they shall behave with dignity and be a model of lawfulness, honesty, and demonstrate the highest ethical standards.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Student rights**

#### §5

Students have the right to demand from any person working at the University the protection of rights granted to them under the Law on Higher Education and Science and the Rules and Regulations of Studies at the University.

#### §6

Every student has the right to:

1. have their dignity respected,
2. free dialogue with other members of the academic community,
3. fair verification of their knowledge,
4. pursue personal interests, within the framework of their studies,
5. form and join research clubs and student organizations,
6. reliable scientific information and thoroughly prepared teaching activities.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Duties and responsibilities of the student**

#### §7

1. A student shall respect University authorities, academic teachers and all University employees.
2. A student shall treat University employees equally, regardless of their position in the academic hierarchy, and observe the principles of good manners in their contacts with employees, in particular by being polite, dressing appropriately for examinations and academic ceremonies, and by addressing employees in accordance with academic titles.
3. Students shall treat the symbols of the University with respect.

#### §8

Students are expected to fulfill their academic duties with integrity, to maintain appropriate forms in University interactions, and to complete their obligations to the University in a timely manner.

#### §9

1. Students shall co-create a supportive and friendly academic community, assist each other in studies and have a motivating influence on the social groups of which they are members. They shall actively aid younger and incoming students in adjusting to the academic life, as well as in learning about and abiding by the rules of the University.

2. Students shall show particular empathy toward persons with special needs and international students, and help them whenever possible.

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A student shall refrain from participating in any events on or off campus that offend their dignity, the dignity of others, or that could damage or compromise the good name of the University.

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1. A student shall strive for self-improvement, shape their character and personality, and constantly expand their knowledge, in particular by participating in extracurricular and voluntary activities.
2. A student shall treat all forms of verification of their knowledge as an element contributing to their personal development.
3. A student shall, whenever possible, support the on-going scientific and social initiatives, as well as engage in the development of the University. They should actively participate in conferences, trainings, open lectures and other events held at the University, and contribute to their organization.
4. A student shall engage in activities undertaken for the benefit of education quality, in particular through honest answers to evaluation surveys.

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Each student shall strive to resolve disputes amicably.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Attitude towards the academic community of the University**

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Students shall not discriminate against employees or other students based on their skin color, religion, national origin, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or for any other reason.

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A student shall take care of the good name of the University and represent it with dignity, also beyond its walls and in virtual space.

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A student shall cooperate with individuals connected with the University in order to improve its functioning. They shall appeal to the Student Government as the main representative of their interests in disputable issues that require interaction with the University authorities.

**Chapter 5**  
**Unethical and reprehensible behavior**

§16

It is considered particularly reprehensible to violate the ethical norms set forth in the Code in order to obtain a financial gain or any other benefit directly or indirectly related to helping a student complete their studies.

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Students shall react to any signs of unethical behavior displayed by other students.

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The following are considered to be highly unethical:

1. discriminating against other students,
2. not working individually on end-of-course assessments, final examinations, diploma dissertations, and any other assignments included in the curriculum,
3. attending classes in dirty or inappropriate clothing,
4. unjustified lack of punctuality, disrupting the course of classes, or disrespectful attitude towards the studies.

**Chapter 6**  
**Liability**

§19

A student is liable to disciplinary action before the Rector of the University or the Disciplinary Committee for Students.

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Disciplinary proceedings are governed by separate regulations.

**Chapter 7**  
**Final provisions**

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Any changes to the Code will be made public, in the manner adopted at the University.