

# **ACADEMIC TRADITIONS**

The University of Economics in Katowice continues the mission, tradition and customs of the College of Social and Economic Sciences created under the Decree of the Minister of Religious Affairs and Public Education of December 3, 1936 (No. IV U.P. 13279/36). Under the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of February 19, 1949 (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland of 1949, no. 11, item 68), the College of Social and Economic Sciences was changed to the State College of Economic Administration in Katowice. Further, under the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of October 21, 1950 (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland of 1950, no. 51, item 469), the College was changed to the National School of Economy in Katowice. As of October 1, 1974, under the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of April 20, 1974 (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland of 1974, no. 17, item 95), the name of the School was changed to the Karol Adamiecki Academy of Economics in Katowice. Later, as of October 1, 2010, under the act of August 5, 2010 (Journal of Laws [Dz.U.] of 2010, no. 165, item 1117), the Academy was named the University of Economics in Katowice.

The University of Economics in Katowice, hereinafter referred to as the “University”, pursues the best academic traditions in its activity, choosing to follow and incorporate into its education respect for the truth, the law and dignity of people, patriotism and democracy.

## **SYMBOLS**

### **§ 1**

The emblem of the University shall be the oldest of the five stamps, which depicts a drawing symbolizing the wings and caduceus of Mercury and an open book in a round rim. The words CATOVICIENSIS 1937 are placed above the drawing. The words SIGILLUM UNIVERSITATIS OECONOMICAE are placed in the outer round rim.



### **§ 2**

1. The traditional stamp is a legally protected mark.
2. The stamp is placed on crucially important documents, in particular, documents which pertain to the doctor honoris causa being granted or the doctoral degree being renewed.
3. The Rector shall decide on the use of the stamp.

### **§ 3**

1. The symbol of the stamp is an image-related element of the visual identification system of the University. The symbol of the stamp together with the name of the University constitute the logo identifying the University.
2. The principles of placing the stamp and the name of the University, in particular, in official publications, forms and promotional materials are provided for in the visual identification system of the University.

### **§ 4**

1. The flag of the University is an official symbol of the University.

2. The flag bearers shall be the representatives of the Student Government. In special circumstances, the flag bearers may also be employees of the University.
3. The flag bearers shall wear official uniforms with a white and red sash over their right arm, white student caps with navy peaks and string brims as well as white gloves.
4. The flag bearers shall participate in official academic events referred to in § 16.
5. Upon the consent of the Rector, the flag bearers may participate in events outside the University, in particular, national celebrations, events shared by different higher education institutions and funeral ceremonies of distinguished employees of the University.
6. During funeral ceremonies, the flag shall be bund with the banderol.
7. The design of the flag shall be decided by the Senate.

#### **§ 5**

1. The University flag shall be raised during national and University celebrations.
2. The Rector shall decide on the use of the flag.
3. The University flag, bound with the banderol, shall be lowered as a sign of mourning of the University community.

#### **§ 6**

The symbols of the University shall be respected by the members of the University community.

### **HONORS, COMMENDATIONS, DISTINCTIONS**

#### **§ 7**

1. The doctor honoris causa is the higher academic honor.
2. The title of doctor honoris causa is granted to particularly distinguished persons for their outstanding achievements in science, culture or social life and other areas which serve the interest of the nation or humanity.
3. The title of doctor honoris causa is granted by the Senate.
4. The application to grant the title of doctor honoris causa shall be submitted by the Rector or the Scientific Committee.
5. The procedure to grant the title of doctor honoris causa shall be initiated under the resolution of the Senate, which is adopted by simple majority.
6. The Senate shall designate one supervisor and two reviewers.
7. The resolution of the Senate on granting the title of doctor honoris causa shall be adopted by 2/3 of votes, with at least a half of the statutory members of the Senate present.

#### **§ 8**

1. Retired academic teachers who rendered outstanding services to the University, employed by the University as professors, as well as professors of other domestic or international higher education and scientific institutions who contributed significantly to the work of the University may be granted the title of honorary professor of the University of Economics in Katowice.
2. The title of honorary professor shall be granted by the Senate, upon the application of the Scientific Committee or the Rector. The application has to be justified.
3. Before adopting the resolution on granting the title of honorary professor, the Senate may consult another higher education or scientific institution.

### § 9

1. The doctor, who was granted the academic title of doctor of the University, may have their doctoral degree officially renewed.
2. The official renewal of the degree of the doctor may be granted to a doctor of the University who has outstanding achievements in the area of work rendered for the University and has outstanding scientific and teaching achievements.
3. The resolution on the renewal of the doctoral degree shall be adopted by the Senate.
4. The Senate shall designate one supervisor and two reviewers for the doctoral program from among holders of the title of professor.

### § 10

1. Domestic and foreign natural or legal persons who have rendered outstanding services to the University or which benefitted the international position of the University may be granted the “Medal of Karol Adamiecki of the University of Economics in Katowice”.
2. The medal shall be granted by the Senate, upon the request of the Rector.
3. The design of the medal shall be decided by the Senate.

### § 11

1. Members of the academic community and persons from outside the community who rendered outstanding services to the University may be granted the “Golden Badge of the University of Economics in Katowice”.
2. The badge may also be granted to domestic and foreign organisations and institutions.
3. The badge shall be granted by the Senate, upon the request of the Rector.
4. The design of the badge shall be decided by the Senate.

### § 12

The Senate may provide for other manners of honoring persons and entities who rendered outstanding services to the University, and name facilities or parts thereof, scholarships and awards in their honor.

### § 13

1. The University shall maintain the Honorary Book of the University of Economics in Katowice.
2. The Book shall contain the following information:
  - 1) granting the title of doctor honoris causa;
  - 2) granting the title of honorary professor of the University of Economics in Katowice;
  - 3) officially renewing the doctoral degree;
  - 4) commendations of the “Medal of Karol Adamiecki of the University of Economics in Katowice”;
  - 5) distinctions of the “Golden Badge of the University of Economics in Katowice”.

## OUTFITS AND INSIGNIA

### § 14

1. In accordance with the established customs, the Rector, the Vice Rectors, professors and holders of the degree of *doktor habilitowany*, academic teachers and members of the Senate who are not academic teachers have the right to wear traditional coats with the insignia of their office during official celebrations.
2. The outfit of the Rector comprises a red coat with dark purple edging and a mozzetta, ermine fur and a red, square biretta.
3. The Rector who is finishing their term has the right to keep their coat and biretta for life.

4. Senior rectors have the right to red, square biretta during official academic events.
5. The outfits of the Vice Rector comprises a black coat with red edging, a red mozetta and a square biretta.
6. The coats and biretta of doctors honoris causa are black; doctors honoris causa are black wear a navy sash with the emblem of the University.
7. Coats and birettas of professors and holders of the degree of *doktor habilitowany* are black.
8. Persons promoted to a higher academic title shall use black coats and biretta during the event.
9. The coats of bedels shall be navy, have no mozzettas, and their birettas shall be soft, round and of the same color.

### § 15

1. The symbols of the honor, authority and dignity of the University shall be, respectively:
  - 1) the insignia of the Rector: chain, scepter and ring;
  - 2) the chain of the Vice Rector;
  - 3) the chain of the Dean of the School;
  - 4) the chain of the Chancellor.
2. The insignia shall be used during solemn academic ceremonies, and in the event of other ceremonies - they may be used upon the consent of the Rector.
3. The Rector may use the chain of the Rector as the inly insignia when representing the University.
4. The Rector shall hand the chain of the Rector over in a symbolic manner to their successor at the last meeting of the Senate.
5. The insignia representing the authority of the Rector shall be handed over during the first inauguration of the academic year of the new term of the school authorities.

## ACADEMIC CELEBRATIONS

### § 16

1. Academic celebrations are the expression of the academic traditions and customs.
2. The regular celebrations at the University are:
  - 1) inauguration of the academic year;
  - 2) celebration of the University on January 11, commemorating the first inauguration of January 11, 1937;
  - 3) promotion of holders of the degree of *doktor* and *doktor habilitowany*.
3. The special celebrations at the University are:
  - 1) awarding the title of *doktor honoris causa*;
  - 2) officially renewing the doctoral degree;
  - 3) awarding the “Medal of Karol Adamiecki of the University of Economics in Katowice”.
4. The content and the form of the celebration shall refer to Polish traditions and academic customs. The Senate may determine the course of the celebration in a resolution.

## PLACES OF TRADITION

### § 17

1. In order to commemorate persons who rendered outstanding services to the University, the Senate may name certain facilities or parts thereof in their honor, which become places of tradition.
2. The places of tradition of the University shall be respected by the members of the University community.

## ACADEMIC CUSTOMS

### § 18

1. A portrait shall be made of any person who has ever held the position of the Rector, which shall be then placed in the gallery of portraits in the building of the Rector's Office.
2. A photo of a person who has held the position of the Head of the College/the Dean shall be taken a photo of, which shall be then placed in the gallery.