

Student

Honor Code

Technical University of Moldova
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All students enrolled at T.U.M. are required to comply with the requirements/claims of this Code of Honor, which applies to all academic activities within the university. Failure to comply with this Code of Honor will result in penalties and sanctions corresponding to the violations committed.

THE STUDENT'S OATH UPON ENROLLMENT IN T.U.M

Upon my enrollment at the Technical University of Moldova, I solemnly promise to behave in a way that brings honor to the university community and to respect the T.U.M. Student Code of Honor. In case I violate this Code of Honor, I will accept the punishment or penalty applied, including expulsion from the university.

PREAMBLE

We, the students of T.U.M. ,

- based on our right to education, as provided by the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova;
- being aware of how important it is to obtain truly high-quality higher education in the conditions of a market economy;
- seeking to implement the principle of honest studies;
- supporting our commitment to maintain and strengthen the honor of our university;
- contributing to the formation and development of progressive traditions and ideas within the university;
- directing our efforts towards creating an environment of integrity, trust, and establishing truly democratic relationships within T.U.M;
- being determined to form a common academic culture within the university and to help each student adapt to university life;
- wishing to justify our own hopes and the hopes of our parents and professors;
- seeking to eliminate any form of dishonest behavior in our student life;
- wishing to develop the system of student self-governance at T.U.M. .

adopted the Code of Honor in May 2006, during the general student referendum.

The Code of Honor reflects the will and decision of the current student generation to have an honorable and civilized community and guarantees a severe and fair punishment for any dishonest behavior and actions unworthy of a student from T.U.M. – member of the university community.

The commitment to respect the U.T.M. Student Code of Honor implies:

- The advantage of being worthy of the university community of today and the one from the past, of taking pride in the activities and the prominent personalities that have been part of the university over its more than 40 years of existence, with the teaching staff that educates us in the spirit of the traditions that have been formed/crystallized at T.U.M.,
- but also many responsibilities – respect for the ideas, values, and property of others, the willingness to subordinate one's own interests to the interests and well-being of the entire university community, and the readiness to respect the T.U.M. Statute, the internal regulations in the university campus, and the student dormitories.

To maintain an appropriate environment in the University Campus, the devotion of each student is necessary. This devotion entails personal integrity, which extends from the refusal to tolerate the violation of the demands of this Code of Honor and other regulations in force for the university community's life, to supporting the corresponding punishment or penalty for those who have violated the spirit and provisions of the Code of Honor.

The lack of total devotion endangers the very essence of integrity and existence of the Technical University of Moldova. Those who will allow dishonest and inappropriate behavior unworthy of a T.U.M Student will be punished, including expulsion from the university. Students who are unaware of or do not accept the concept of honor, or who have behaved dishonestly in the past, are encouraged to consider and choose other options than T.U.M., while those who wish to change in the spirit of honor are invited to join the T.U.M. university community, officially accepting the T.U.M. Student Code of Honor in a ceremony at the beginning of their academic career at T.U.M., upon enrollment.

THE STUDENT CODE OF HONOR OF T.U.M

Any student enrolled at T.U.M. is required to adhere to a model of mutual trust and academic integrity and will behave honestly with every member of the university community. Each student must realize that it is their duty to preserve and strengthen the spirit of academic integrity.

Academic integrity is a commitment to five fundamental spiritual values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values, principles of moral conduct arise, which form the basis of the present T.U.M. Student Code of Honor.

The students of the Technical University of Moldova will refrain from and discourage any attempts at cheating and lying, vandalism, theft, plagiarism, copying, dishonest and unworthy behavior, and other violations of T.U.M regulations. When any violation of the Code of Honor is committed and discovered, each student must report this violation to the Honor Code Council or to the faculty dean's office.

Article 1

This Code is the foundation of an effective self-governance of the students, the beginning of forming truly democratic relationships within the Technical University of Moldova, and the guarantee that students will receive truly effective and quality training, the result of which will make them sought after on the job market. Each student must respect all the norms established by the Code of Honor and the university's student behavior rules.

Article 2

The students of T.U.M. consider it their honor to:

2.1. Remember that the collective efforts and results of the students from all faculties can be undermined by inactivity, amoral actions, or deviations from this Code, even by a single student;

2.2. Be honest with themselves, their partners, and their competitors;

2.3. Consider it their moral obligation to be organized, disciplined, to show initiative in the learning process, to accept criticism and feedback from colleagues, professors, as well as from older citizens or those in higher positions with correctness and dignity;

2.4. Address a problem only when sure of their own competence in the field;

2.5. Bear with dignity the title of T.U.M. student;

2.6. Actively participate in the social life of the university and, to the extent possible, contribute to improving the image of T.U.M.;

2.7. Be familiar with the cultural achievements, spiritual wealth, and traditions of the ethnic groups living together in the Republic of Moldova. Remember that the population of Moldova believes and hopes that today's students will become tomorrow's highly qualified professionals and specialists, through whom our country will prosper over time;

2.8. Preserve and develop the best traditions of T.U.M. students: patriotism, collegiality, mutual assistance, courage, altruism, nobility, and dedication to their duties, skill, and professionalism;

2.9. Be an example of respect for human dignity, protecting university colleagues and professors, regardless of their origin, nationality, social status, political opinions, or religious affiliation or worldviews;

2.10. Earn the right to be proud and carry the title of T.U.M. student.

Article 3

Students have the following obligations:

3.1. To prepare and actively participate in lectures, seminars, laboratory work, as well as in periodic assessments;

3.2. To undergo all forms of knowledge evaluation provided during exam sessions;

3.3. To check their academic status at the end of each study year.

- 3.4. To carefully use the material assets provided to them in educational spaces, dormitories, cafeterias, etc., being responsible for any damaged property;
- 3.5. To display civic behavior and respect towards colleagues, as well as towards teaching staff and administrative and auxiliary personnel;
- 3.6. To exclude uncensored, obscene, or vulgar expressions from their vocabulary;
- 3.7. To refrain from insulting or offending teaching staff, administrative staff, auxiliary staff, and colleagues;
- 3.8. To respect fire safety regulations;
- 3.9. To refrain from smoking within the university premises and to smoke only in designated areas.

Article 4

The following violations are considered a lack of academic integrity (academic dishonor) for students:

- 4.1. Dishonest behavior and actions;
- 4.2. Hindering the normal course of educational activities, disrupting order in classrooms during lessons;
- 4.3. Plagiarism and copying;
- 4.4. Using family, work, or other types of connections to obtain an undeserved grade or other benefits;
- 4.5. Using a proxy, substitute, or authorized person during an exam or other form of knowledge evaluation;
- 4.6. Unjustified and premeditated absences from classes;
- 4.7. Tardiness to classes;
- 4.8. Collaborating on individual tasks in control works, tests, or exams (e.g., whispering the correct answer to a question);
- 4.9. Lack of respect for the professor (insults, threats, exerting pressure, etc.);
- 4.10. Falsifying documents;
- 4.11. Threatening, harassing, or assaulting behavior on campus;
- 4.12. Disorderly and disruptive behavior on campus;
- 4.13. Possession or use of weapons on campus;
- 4.14. Possession and use of drugs and alcohol on campus;
- 4.15. Unauthorized use of the university's facilities and services;
- 4.16. Intentional interference on the university premises or during university activities with offensive, indecent, inappropriate, shameless, obscene expressions, or insults/profanities;
- 4.17. Violation of university regulations;
- 4.18. Violation of state laws on or off the university campus.

Article 5

Actions related to bribery, which fall under the Penal Code of the Republic of Moldova, are considered to be particularly serious violations/crimes. Students who are held criminally responsible for bribery will be expelled from the university.

According to the Penal Code of the Republic of Moldova, the following actions are considered bribery: active corruption (bribery), passive corruption (acceptance of bribes), and mediation in active corruption (influence peddling).

Active bribery or corruption refers to the promise, offer, or giving of money, goods, or services, either directly or through an intermediary, to a teacher or a person in a position of responsibility, with the aim of illicitly promoting exams, colloquiums, works, individual year projects, or other forms of knowledge evaluation, privileges and advantages, or any favorable decision that is not due.

Mediation in active bribery (bribery) or influence peddling refers to the receiving or extorting of money, accepting services or advantages for oneself or another person, with the intent of making illicit actions mentioned above occur, regardless of whether such actions were carried out or not.

Article 6

Students consider it to be their honor to establish in TUM the order and relationships outlined in Article 2, as well as to fight against all dishonorable manifestations (lack of academic integrity), the list of which is established in Articles 4 and 5 of this code.

Article 7

Each student, presenting themselves as a student of TUM, upholds high standards of honor and integrity. The student strives for these standards in their presentations, in conducting research work, and respects the property and rights of others.

Article 8

TUM students believe that a lack of academic integrity (academic dishonor) can contribute to:

- 6.1. Deterioration of the image and social status of TUM;
- 6.2. Misunderstandings between students and professors, conflicts within the student environment;
- 6.3. Direct damage to the budget of students' families who study on a contractual basis, as well as the waste of state resources in the case of students who study with state funding;
- 6.4. Distrust of professors towards students.

Article 9

Considering that the study process at TUM is a bilateral one, involving both professors and students, and acknowledging that students are, in several aspects, dependent on the professors for fair grading of their knowledge and individual work, as well as their attitude and willingness, the students of TUM call for the establishment of transparent and friendly relationships between students and professors, based on mutual respect, trust, and responsibility. The most suitable way to organize such relationships is through the signing of an agreement between the students, represented by the Student Senate, and the administration.

The fundamental clauses of this agreement should be based on the articles of this Code.

Article 10

The students of TUM have the right to make proposals for the Code of Ethics and University Conduct for TUM professors and to request their adherence.

Article 11

The students of TUM consider this code to be a highly important normative act and hope that future generations of TUM will support this movement for academic integrity. In order to protect this Code from bureaucratic influences, any changes or additions to this code can only be made through a general referendum of TUM students, after the proposed modifications and additions are discussed and approved by the General Assembly of the TUM Student Body. All proposals will be analyzed no sooner than ten days and no later than one month from the time they were submitted by the TUM Student Honor Code Council.

Article 12

For the oversight of compliance with the provisions of this Code, a working body will be created within the university – the Council of the Honor Code of TUM Students. The statute of this council was approved in the same general student referendum that adopted this Code.

Article 13

The punishment will correspond to the severity of the violation committed. The following non-academic sanctions/punishments may be used:

- Warning letter to the student and their parents/guardians;
- Observation in front of the academic group colleagues;
- Observation in the university press;
- Community service within the university;
- Attendance at an academic ethics seminar;
- Written work reflecting the violation of the Honor Code;
- Conditional punishment under supervision by other individuals;
- Reprimand;
- Temporary suspension from the study process;
- Expulsion

If the final decision, made after the examination of the complaint based on this Code, is in favor of the student, the complaint will not be recorded in their personal file, and the examination process will not appear in the file in any way. The disciplinary measures applied by the rector must be recorded in the student's personal file under the section for violations and must be accompanied by an explanation of the complaint and evidence.

Article14

A student who knows and respects this Code has a good moral reputation at T.U.M. .In case of non-compliance with the norms of this Code, the student may face penalties related only to their relationship with the educational institution (i.e.,their status as a student), which are established in Article 12. All penalties are applied by the rector solely based on the recommendation of the Honor Code Council of T.U.M.

Article 15

Each student to whom penalties have been applied based on this Code by the rector, with the recommendation of the Honor Code Council, has the right to appeal to the Student Senate of T.U.M. .The appeal request will be examined by the president within 7 days of the rector's decision. If the Student Senate decides not to consider the appeal, the rector's decision remains in effect. The examination process is carried out according to the statute of the Student Senate.

If the Honor Code Council considers that this specific complaint is outside its jurisdiction, it may refer the case to the Department of Educational Work of T.U.M.. The procedures for examining complaints related to student violations of behavioral norms are described in the statute of the Honor Code.