

Reference documents:

Education Act 1/2011

Charter of the University

Government Decision 1418/2006 on approving the Methodology of external evaluation Romanian Agency of Ensuring Quality in Higher Education

Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2011 about modifying and completing Government Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005 on ensuring the quality of education

THE CODE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

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Article 1. This code includes the rights and obligations of the students enrolled in the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology of Târgu Mureş.

Article 2. The University Senate adopts the university code of student rights and obligations, on the basis of a proposal from students, in compliance with the provisions of the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, as well as this code, within 60 days from its adoption.

Article 3. The capacity of an undergraduate student, master's student, and respectively candidate for a doctoral degree shall be acquired by admission to a programme of undergraduate, master's, and respectively doctoral studies in accordance with Article 142 (7) and Article 199 (2) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

a) The rights and obligations of a candidate for a doctoral degree are set out in the Government Decision No. 681/ 2011 regarding the approval of the Code of Doctoral Studies.

(b) The contract of studies concluded between a student and the university after the admission to a programme of undergraduate studies cannot be changed during the academic year.

Article 4. Students may be assigned in student structures or organisations in accordance with the provisions of Article 203 (1) of the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

(a) Legally constituted student organisations shall be entitled to have access to university spaces in order to organise projects for students or to carry out internal activities, outside class hours and other pre-established activities. The University has an obligation to regulate the above aspects by the Code referred to in Article 2.

(b) Institutions of higher education shall cooperate with legally constituted student organizations and shall consult with them about matters concerning the higher education development.

Article 5. Legally constituted student associations shall draw up an annual report on compliance with the provisions of this code in each university of the national system of education. The report shall be made public before the beginning of each academic year on the website of the university. In the event of the detection of deficiencies, the university has the obligation to make public the terms of settlement.

Article 6.

(1) Students are partners of higher education institutions and members of the University community, with rights and obligations on the basis of the principles set out in Article 118 of the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

(2) The activity of University students in the Community shall be governed by the principles laid down in Article 202 (1) of the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.



Article 7. The state guarantees to all students of the national education system a fair education as regards admission, graduation, and completion of studies.

Article 8. Candidates coming from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds or backgrounds marginalised from a social point of view (Romani), including graduates of high schools in rural areas or in cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants, may benefit from a guaranteed number of places funded out of the national budget and/ or social scholarships, in accordance with the provisions of the law. Provision for this category of students, of free services, guidance and educational and vocational counselling, tutoring services and the pursuit of educational paths in order to ensure the integration of their academic, social, and cultural life in the community, constitutes, together with their quality, a criterion for evaluating the quality of the University.

Article 9. Political propaganda, as well as any form of individual or group discrimination, shall be prohibited within higher education institutions.

Article 10. The rights of students with physical disabilities in the conduct of academic, social, and cultural activities are those referred to in Article 118 (3) of the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

Article 11. The student shall be entitled to the following rights on the basis of the principles set out by the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions:

- a) the right to quality education;
- b) the right of access to programmes for internal and external mobility, with the recognition, according to the law, of the credits obtained in this way;
- c) the right to transfer from one university to another, in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force, and the University Charters;
- d) the right to protection of personal data, information and the transcript of records;
- e) the right to free of charge course documents, in paper or electronic format and access to all teaching materials available free of charge, in university libraries or on the website of the faculty;
- f) the right to be informed, in the first two weeks after the semester start, with regard to the syllabus, course objectives and structure, the competencies generated by it, as well as their arrangements for assessment and review. Any subsequent changes in the arrangements for the assessment and review can be made only with the agreement of students;
- g) the right to benefit from the beginning of the first year of study from the information on the site relating to: student rights and obligations, disciplines in the teaching plan and services made available by the university, the procedures for the assessment, the amount of the fees, the material base of the university and the faculty, information on legally constituted student



associations, the means of access to scholarships and other means of funding, mobility, as well as other facilities and subsidies;

- h) the right to benefit from a mentor of the year/series/group, depending on the size of those structures, from among the teaching staff of the faculty within which they conduct their courses;
- i) the right to participate in the assessment of courses, seminars, practical works, the work of the teaching staff and other educational and/or organizational matters related to the programme of studies according to the provisions of Article 303 (2) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions. Assessments shall be public information and shall be used in the assessment of performances of courses, seminars, on-the-job training, programmes of study and teaching staff;
- j) the University has the obligation to publish the results of the assessment of the teaching staff by students on their website, in readable format, in accordance with the legislation in force. The results will include centralizing of all the assessments for each teacher;
- k) the right of access to regulations, decisions, reports and other documents of the institution to which (s)he is learning, under the terms of the legislation in force;
- l) copyright and rights to intellectual property for the results of the research and development activities, artistic work and innovation, in accordance with the legislation in force, and the University Charter and any contracts between the parties;
- m) the right to receive free academic, professional, psychological and social information and counselling services, related to the educational activity and made available by the institution of higher education, according to the University Charter;
- n) the right to practice in accordance with the objectives of the programme of university studies, as well as the right to material base, transport and food in accordance with the provisions of the law;
- o) the right to practice recognition carried out individually, after assessment of the degree of achievement of the objectives of practice in accordance with the programme of study;
- p) the right to pause and resume studies in accordance with the University Charter and the legislation in force;
- q) the right to study courses in their own language or in a foreign language of international use if there is such a possibility in the institution of higher education, within the number of places assigned for this type of study programme;
- r) the right to refuse to participate in the educational process more than 8 hours per day, representing courses, laboratories and seminars, except in cases of practical training;



- s) the right to an objective and non-discriminatory assessment of competencies acquired after completing a course, in compliance with the syllabus and the right to know the scale after which they have been assessed;
- t) the right to be examined by an alternative method when they suffer from a temporary or permanent medically certified disability, which makes impossible the presentation of knowledge learned in the manner set by the holder of the course, in such a way that alternative method indicated shall not limit the reach of the examination standards;
- u) the right to challenge the grades obtained at written examinations, in accordance with the internal regulations of the university. The appeal shall be resolved by a commission which does not include members of the teaching staff who have assessed initially, in the presence of the objector, in the event that the student so requests;
- v) the right to a refund, upon request, a copy of the University undergraduate/thesis and to be communicated the score awarded;
- w) the right to benefit from a student-centred educational process with a view to personal development, integration in society and development of the capacity for employment, keeping the workplace and mobility in the labour market;
- x) means of identification, organization and evaluation of professional practice is a mandatory criterion for the assessment of the quality of the study programmes;
- y) students have the right to benefit from flexible learning routes in accordance with Article 123 (7) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions. In this respect, a minimum number of courses optional and/or non-credit courses of all courses offered by a university shall be provided within the programme of study.

Article 12.

(1) Students are represented in consultative, decision-making, and executive structures of the universities in accordance with Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and completions, and with the University Charter.

(2) Students participate in the taking of decisions within the universities on the basis of the following rights:

(a) the right to elect and be elected to leadership of the university, in accordance with Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and completions;

(b) the right to be represented in the University Senate and in the Faculty Council in a proportion of at least 25 %, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act 1/ 2011, with



subsequent amendments and additions, with the University Charter, as well as the attached Regulation for electing students' representatives (Annex 1);

(c) institutions of higher education may not make the status of a student representative according to academic performance, attendance at lectures, seminars and laboratories. Members of the teaching staff may not become involved in the procedures for electing the representatives of students, regardless of their level of representation. Interventions shall be penalised in accordance with the provisions of Article 312 of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;

(d) a student may not have the quality of a student representative in decision-making structures (Council and the Senate and the Administration Board) of the university for more than 4 years, regardless of the period in which they have carried out their mandates and their interruptions;

(e) the right to be represented in the University structures which manage social services, including the boards for accommodation, for the allocation of grants, for the allocation of thematic camps;

(f) the right to participate in procedures for determining how to designate the Rector through its representatives, as well as in the process for the designation of the rector irrespective of the manner of his designation, in accordance with Article 209 (2) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;

(g) the right to be informed and consulted by the students' representatives in connection with the decisions voted in the leading structures of the institution they belong to;

(h) the representatives of the students in the Faculty Councils and the University Senates shall be elected by direct, secret and universal vote of all students of the faculty, respectively of the university. The student organizations legally constituted at the level of college/university may delegate legitimate representatives in these structures. The number of representatives delegated by student organizations in these structures shall be determined on the basis of university autonomy;

(i) the process of appointing student members in any other advisory, deliberative and executive structures, others than those provided for by the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, shall be carried out under university autonomy and shall be determined by students;

(j) student federations legally constituted at national level shall appoint representatives in the Advisory Councils of the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports according to Article 217 (1) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

Article 13.

(1) Students shall enjoy gratuitousness for:



(a) undergraduate, master, and doctoral studies within the available places funded out of the state budget and within the regulations of the Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, in the case of Romanian citizens, citizens of the Member States of the European Union, of the States belonging to European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation, in accordance with Article 142 (4), Romanian ethnics from everywhere in accordance with Article 205 (4), as well as in the cases provided for in Article 205 (5) and (6).

(b) access to museums, concerts, theatrical performances, opera, film, to other cultural and sporting events on the territory of Romania in the case ethnic Romanians from outside the borders of the country, in accordance with the provisions of Article 205 (4) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

(c) support for review with a view to getting a higher grade, according to the university rules in force.

(2) In the case of issuing duplicates of acts of studies, higher education institutions may levy fees established pursuant to university autonomy.

(3) Students shall be entitled to the following reduction of fares:

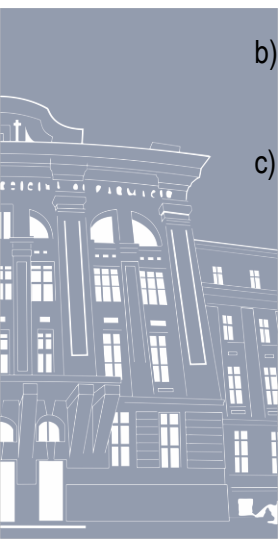
(a) with at least 50% for the surface and underground local transport in common, as well as for inland car, rail and naval transport, in accordance with Article 205 (2) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and supplements;

(b) 75 % for access to museums, concerts, theatrical performances, opera, film and other cultural and sporting events organised by public institutions, in accordance with Article 205 (3) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;

(c) students are encouraged to participate in voluntary activities, for which they may receive a number of credits in accordance with Article 203 (9) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

Art 14. Students are entitled to the following social rights:

- a) free of charge medical assistance in accordance with Article 205 (1) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- b) lodging, except in the case where they study in the place of his domicile, in accordance with the provisions of the law;
- c) grants for accommodation in accordance with Article 205, paragraph 1 (15) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;



- d) access to university spaces in order to organise projects for students or to carry out internal activities, outside class hours and other pre-established activities, according to the provisions of the University Charter;
- e) the right to refer to abuses and irregularities and to request a review and evaluation of these notifications by specialised bodies laid down by the legislation in force, as well as the right to the protection of those who report, according to the Law No. 571/2004 on the protection of the staff from public authorities, public institutions and from other institutions reporting law breaking;
- f) the right that all written and signed applications be recorded or transmitted to email official addresses of the university and to receive a written reply, namely by electronic means to these requests, in accordance with the conditions laid down by law and university regulations;
- g) the right to an entry period of the of at least 5 working days since the display of the announcement for the contests organised in the university, including those for scholarships, camps, accommodation and mobility.

Article 15.

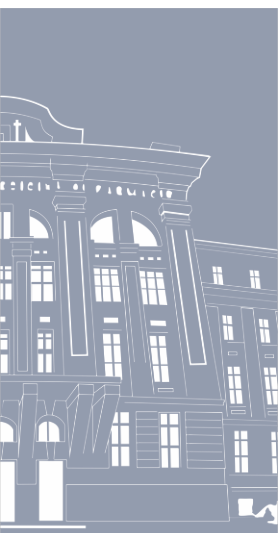
(1) Students have the right to know the mechanisms by which tuition fees as well as other charges levied by a university are established, in accordance with the University Charter.

(2) Students have the right to be informed of the number, type, and the amount of each fee charged by universities.

Article 16.

(1) Students can benefit from the following types of scholarships:

- a) scholarships to stimulate performance, which shall be distributed, in accordance with the internal regulations of the universities and can be divided into merit scholarships, bursaries, scholarships for excellence and scientific performance;
- b) study grants, for financial support to low-income students, whose minimum amount shall be proposed annually by the National Council for Financing Higher Education, referring to real costs for the board and lodging;
- c) scholarships from budget allowances or extra-budgetary revenues of the universities as well as other types of special scholarships, in accordance with the criteria laid down by the legislation in force, the amount of which must cover at least the costs for board and lodging;
- d) grants on the basis of a contract concluded with economic agents or with other natural or legal persons of the kind referred to in Article 205 (10) of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.



(2) Loans through the Agency of Credits and Grants for Students will be available for students in accordance with Article 204 of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

Article 17.

(1) Students from disadvantaged backgrounds or those who have outstanding results in their education and vocational, cultural, or sporting training may benefit from places in thematic camps within the budget granted for this purpose.

(2) Within such camps, groups can organise informal professional training sessions for which students can receive a number of ECVET/ ECTS credits, in accordance with the University Charter.

(3) Thematic camps can be organised by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth, and Sports through its bodies, during the holiday period, in consultation with legally constituted national federations.

Article 18. Students have the following obligations:

- a) to carry out all the tasks delegated to them in accordance with the curricula and the syllabi of the subjects;
- b) to comply with the University Charter, regulations and decisions;
- c) to participate in the meetings of the leading structures within the institutions of higher education as elected representatives of students;
- d) to comply with the quality standards required by universities;
- e) to respect the copyright of other persons, and to recognise authorship information presented in elaborate works;
- f) to comply with the provisions of the university ethical code;
- g) to prepare and defend assessment works at the department level and original graduation papers;
- h) to refer to the competent authorities any irregularities in the process of education and within the activities related thereto;
- i) to participate in academic activities without being under the influence of alcohol or any other substances prohibited;
- j) not to use a language and behaviour academic inappropriate to the academic world;
- k) to use in an appropriate manner, in accordance with their intended purpose, all the facilities and subsidies received;
- l) to observe cleanliness, peace and order in the university space;
- m) to preserve the integrity and the proper functioning of the material base placed at their disposal by the institutions of higher education;



- n) to bear any possible damage to the material base placed at their disposal by the institution of higher education;
- o) to notify the competent authorities of the existence of any circumstances which might influence the proper conduct of the activities of self and general study;
- p) to meet their financial commitments imposed by the institution at which they study, under the conditions laid down in the study contract;

Article 19. National federations of legally constituted student associations shall draw up an annual report on compliance with the provisions of this code in each university of the national system of education.

The Senate of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Tîrgu Mureş approved this Regulation on 8 June 2012, the date of its enforcement.

