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#### **ULST STUDENT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS CODE**

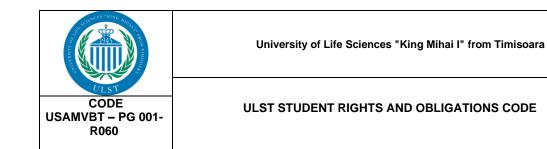
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# The code of rights and obligations of the student from the University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" from Timisoara

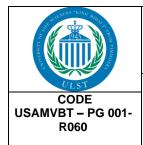
- Art. 1 This code includes the rights and obligations of students enrolled in the higher education University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" from Timisoara, hereinafter referred to as ULST.
- Art. 2 The University Senate adopts the University Code of Student Rights and Obligations, at the proposal of the students, in compliance with the provisions of the National Education Law No. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- Art. 3 (1) The quality of a student, respectively student-doctoral student is acquired by admission to a bachelor's, master's and doctorate university study program according to art. 142 para. (7) and art. 199 para. (2) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) The rights and obligations of the doctoral student are provided for in Government Decision no. 681/2011 regarding the approval of the Code of doctoral university studies and the regulations of doctoral schools.
- (3) The study contract concluded between the student and the university following admission to a university study program cannot be changed during the academic year.
- Art. 4 (1) Students can associate in student structures or organizations according to the provisions of art. 203 para. (1) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) Legally established student organizations have the right to access university premises in order to organize projects for students, outside of class hours and other predetermined activities.



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- (3) ULST cooperates with the legally constituted student organizations and consults with them for the aspects regarding the development of higher education.
- Art. 5 Student organizations legally established in ULST prepare an annual report on compliance with the provisions of this code in ULST. The report is made public before the start of each academic year on the university's website. In the case of finding deficiencies, the university representatives have the obligation to meet with the student representatives of the legally constituted student organizations of ULST in order to resolve them. In the event that deficiencies are found, the methods of solving these deficiencies will be made public by ULST
- Art. 6 (1) Students benefit from rights and obligations based on the principles stated in art. 118 of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) The activity of students within the university community is regulated by the principles stated in art. 202 para. (1) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- Art. 7 The state guarantees for all students in the national education system, a fair education in terms of admission, completion and completion of studies.
- Art. 8 For students from socio-economically disadvantaged or socially marginalized backgrounds, free educational and professional guidance and counseling services, tutoring services, as well as the tracking of educational paths in order to ensure their academic, social and cultural integration are provided in the community, these being a criterion for evaluating the quality of the university.
- Art. 9 Political propaganda, as well as any form of individual or group discrimination, are prohibited within higher education institutions.
- Art. 10 The rights of students with physical disabilities in carrying out academic and social and cultural activities are those provided for in art. 118 para. (3) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
  - Art . 11 The student benefits from the following rights:
- a) to benefit from quality education;
- b) of access to internal and external mobility programs, with the recognition, according to the law, of the credits obtained in this way;

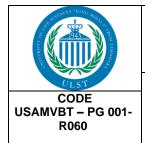


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- c) of transfer from one university to another, according to the provisions of the legislation in force and the university charter;
- d) to benefit from the protection of personal data;
- e) access to all teaching materials available free of charge, in the university libraries or on the faculty website;
- f) to be informed, in the first two weeks after the beginning of the semester, about the analytical program, the structure and objectives of the course, the skills generated by it, as well as about the methods of evaluation and examination;
- g) to benefit from information at the beginning of the first year of study regarding: the rights and obligations of the student, the subjects in the curriculum, the services provided by the university, the evaluation procedures, the amount of fees, the material base of the university and the faculty, information about the associations legally constituted students, methods of access to scholarships and other means of financing, mobilities, as well as other facilities and subsidies granted;
- h) to benefit from a year/section/group tutor, depending on the size of these structures, from among the teaching staff, from the faculty in which they conduct their courses;
- i) to participate in the evaluation of courses, seminars, practical works, the performance of teaching staff and other educational and/or organizational aspects related to the study program followed according to the provisions of art. 303 para. (2) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions. The evaluations are used to evaluate the performances of the respective courses, seminars, internships, study programs and teaching staff;
- j) of access to regulations, judgments, decisions, minutes and other documents of the institution where he studies, under the conditions of the legislation in force;
- k) copyright and intellectual property rights for the results obtained through researchdevelopment activities, artistic creation and innovation, according to the legislation in force and the University Charter and any contracts between the parties;
- to benefit from free academic, professional, psychological and social information and counseling services, related to the educational activity, made available by the higher education institution, according to the University Charter;
- m) to do practice in accordance with the objectives of the university studies program, as well as the right to the material basis, transport and meals provided under the law;
- n) to benefit from recognition of practice carried out in units with which the university has concluded practice agreements, after evaluating the degree of fulfillment of practice objectives in accordance with the study program;

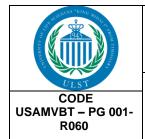


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- o) to interrupt and resume studies according to the University Charter, own regulations and the legislation in force;
- p) to study in the mother tongue or in a language of international circulation if this possibility exists in the higher education institution, within the limits of the places assigned for this type of study program;
- q) to benefit from an objective and non-discriminatory evaluation of the skills acquired after completing a course, respecting the program and the right to know the scale according to which it was evaluated;
- r) to benefit from an examination through an alternative method when suffering from a temporary or permanent disability, medically certified, which makes it impossible to present the knowledge learned in the manner predetermined by the course holder, so that the indicated alternative method does not limit the achievement of the examination standards;
- s) to challenge the grades obtained in the written exams, according to the university's internal regulations;
- t) to benefit from an educational process centered on the student with a view to personal development, integration into society and the development of employability, job retention and mobility on the labor market;
- u) to benefit from flexible learning paths according to art. 123 para. (7) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions. In this sense, within the study program, a minimum number of optional and/or optional courses will be provided from all the courses offered by the university.
- Art. 12 (1) Students are represented in the consultative, decision-making and executive structures within the universities according to the provisions of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions to the University Charter.
  - (2) Students participate in university decision-making based on the following rights:
- a) to choose and be chosen in the management structures of the university, according to the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- b) to be represented in the university senate and in the faculty council in a proportion of at least 25%, under the conditions of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions to the University Charter;
- c) to be represented in the university's structures that manage social services, including the committees for accommodation, scholarship allocation, thematic camp allocation;
- d) to participate in the procedures regarding the establishment of the method of appointing the rector through representatives, as well as in the process of appointing him regardless of the



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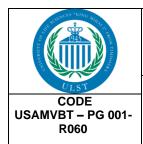
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method of appointment, according to art. 209 paragraph (2) of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;

- e) to be informed and consulted by the student representatives in relation to the decisions voted in the management structures of the institution of which they are a part.
- (3) Higher education institutions cannot condition the status of representative student according to academic performance, attendance at courses, seminars and laboratories. Teaching staff cannot get involved in the procedures for choosing student representatives, regardless of the level of representation. Interventions are sanctioned according to the provisions of art. 312 of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (4) A student cannot be a student representative in several decision-making structures at the same time (Faculty Council, Senate and Administrative Council);
- (5) The student representatives in the Faculty Councils and in the University Senates are elected by the direct, secret and universal vote of the students at the faculty, respectively university level. The number of representatives delegated by student organizations in these structures is established based on university autonomy.
- (6) The process of appointing student members in any other consultative, deliberative and executive structures than those provided by the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, is carried out on the basis of university autonomy and is established by students on the basis of the Regulation on the election of student representatives in ULST

# Art. 13 (1) Students benefit free of charge for:

- a) bachelor's, master's and doctorate university studies within the limits of the available budgeted places and the regulations of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, in the case of Romanian citizens, citizens of the member states of the European Union, the states belonging to the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation, according to art. 142 para. (4), ethnic Romanians everywhere according to art. 205 para. (4), as well as in the cases provided for in art. 205 para. (5) and (6) of the National Education Law no. 1/2011;
- b) access to museums, concerts, theater performances, opera, film, other cultural and sports events organized on the territory of Romania in the case of ethnic Romanians from outside the country's borders, according to the provisions of art. 205 para. (4) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- 2) In the case of issuing duplicates of study documents, higher education institutions may charge fees established on the basis of university autonomy.
  - (3) Students benefit from the following rate reductions:



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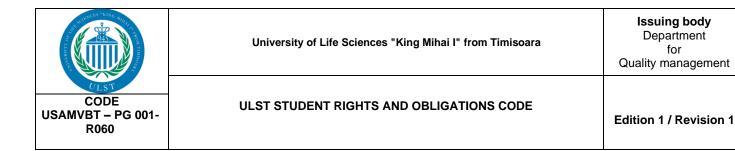
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- a) with at least 50% for shared local transport, surface and underground, as well as for internal car, rail and naval transport, according to art. 205 para. (2) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- b) 75% for access to museums, concerts, theater performances, opera, film, other cultural and sports events organized by public institutions, according to art. 205 para. (3) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- (4) Students are encouraged to participate in volunteer actions, for which they can receive a number of credits according to art. 203 para. (9) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

# Art. 14 Students can benefit from the following social rights:

- a) free medical assistance according to the provisions of art. 205 para. (1) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- b) accommodation, except in the case where they are studying in their place of residence, under the conditions of the law;
- c) subsidies for accommodation according to art. 205 para. (15) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- d) access to university premises to organize projects for students or to carry out internal activities, outside of class hours and other predetermined activities, in accordance with the provisions of the University Charter;
- e) to report abuses and irregularities and to request the verification and evaluation of these reports by specialized bodies provided by the legislation in force, as well as the right to the protection of those who report, according to Law no. 571/2004 regarding the protection of personnel from public authorities, public institutions and other units that report violations of the law;
- f) to have all written requests registered and signed or sent to the university's official email addresses and to receive a written response, under the conditions established by law and university regulations;
- g) to benefit from a registration period of at least 5 working days from the posting of the announcement for the competitions organized in the university, including those for scholarships, camps, accommodation and mobility.
- Art. 15 (1) Students have the right to know the mechanisms by which the study fees are established as well as other fees charged by the university, in accordance with the University Charter.
- (2) Students have the right to be informed about the number, type and amount of each fee charged by the universities.



- Art. 16 (1) Students can benefit from the following types of scholarships:
- a) scholarships to stimulate learning results, which are distributed according to the internal regulations of the universities and can be divided into performance scholarships and merit scholarships;
- b) social scholarships, for the financial support of students with low incomes, the minimum amount of which is proposed annually by the National Council for the Financing of Higher Education, referring to the actual costs for meals and accommodation;
- c) scholarships from the university's own extra-budgetary income and other types of awards, according to the criteria established by the legislation in force;
- d) scholarships based on a contract concluded with economic agents or with other legal or natural persons of the type provided for in art. 205 para. (10) from the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- (2) Students with low incomes can benefit from loans through the Student Loans and Scholarships Agency in accordance with art. 204 of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- Art. 17 (1) Students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds or those who have outstanding results in their professional, cultural or sports education and training, can benefit from places in the thematic camps within the limits of the budget granted for this purpose.
- (2) Within these camps, professional training sessions can be organized in a non-formal context for which students can receive a number of ECVET/ECTS credits, according to the University Charter.
- (3) Thematic camps can be organized by the Ministry of Education through its bodies, during the holidays, with the consultation of legally established national student federations.
  - Art. 18 Students have the following obligations:
- a) to fulfill all the tasks assigned to them according to the curriculum and analytical programs of the subjects;
- b) to respect the University Charter, regulations and decisions of the university;
- c) to participate in the meetings of the management structures within the higher education institutions as elected representatives of the students:
- d) to respect the quality standards imposed by the universities;
- e) to respect the copyrights of other people and to recognize the authorship of the information presented in the elaborated works;
- f) d it respects the provisions of the ethical code of the university;



- g) to develop and support evaluation papers at discipline level and original graduation papers;
- h) to notify the competent authorities of any irregularities in the education process and in its related activities;
- i) to participate in academic activities without being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other prohibited substances;
- j) not to use inappropriate language and behavior for the university environment;
- k) to use properly, according to the established destination, all the facilities and subsidies received;
- I) to respect cleanliness, silence and order in the university space;
- m) to preserve the integrity and good functioning of the material base made available to them by higher education institutions;
- n) to bear the payment of any damage caused to the material base made available to them by the higher education institution;
- o) to inform the competent authorities about the existence of any situation that could influence the smooth running of individual and general study activities;
- p) to fulfill the financial commitments imposed by the institution where he studies, under the conditions established in the study contract.
- Art. 19. This code was approved by the ULST Senate in the meeting of 26.10.2012, and was modified in the meeting of the university senate of 15.09.2014.