

Reference documents:

Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions

Charter of the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology of Târgu Mureş

Decision of the Ministry of National Education no. 3666/2012, regarding the approval of the Code of student rights and responsibilities

THE CODE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Article 1. The present code includes the rights and responsibilities of the students enrolled in the University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology of Târgu-Mureş (UMFST).

Article 2. The University Senate adopts the university code of student rights and responsibilities, following the students' proposal, in compliance with the provisions of the Education Act 1/2011 and with the Decision of the Ministry of National Education no. 3666/2012, regarding the approval of the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Article 3. The title of undergraduate student, MA student, and PhD candidate, respectively, is acquired after admission to a programme of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral studies, respectively, in conformity with Education Act 1/ 2011.

a) The rights and responsibilities of a PhD candidate 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 conformity with the provisions of Education Act 1/ 2011.

(a) Legally constituted student organisations are 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 in the present Code.

(b) UMFST cooperates with legally constituted student organizations and consults with them about matters concerning the higher education development.

Article 5. Within UMFST, legally constituted student associations draw up an annual report regarding the level of compliance with the provisions of this code. The report is made public before the beginning of each academic year, on the university website. In case of shortcomings, the university has the obligation to make their solutions public.

Article 6

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

(2) The activity of University students within the Community is governed by the principles established in Article 202 (1) of Education Act 1/ 2011.

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



Article 8. Candidates coming from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds or socially marginalised backgrounds (Romani), including graduates from high schools in rural areas or in cities with less than 10,000 inhabitants, may benefit from a guaranteed number of places funded from the national budget and/or social scholarships, in conformity 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, is prohibited within UMFST.

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

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

- a) the right to quality education;
- b) the right to have access to internal and external mobility programmes, 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 conformity 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 material (of minimum 5 pages long), in paper or electronic format, and access to all teaching materials available free of charge, in university libraries or on the university website;
- f) the right to be informed, in the first two weeks after the beginning of the semester, about the syllabus, course objectives and structure, the competencies generated by it, as well as arrangements for assessment and review. Any subsequent changes in the assessment and review arrangements can be made only with the students' approval;
- g) the right to have, from the beginning of the first year of study, information on the website about: student rights and obligations, disciplines in the teaching plan and services made available by the University, the assessment procedures, the amount of fees, the University and faculty facilities, 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 study programme, in conformity with the provisions of Education Act 1/2011. Assessments are public information and are used in the evaluation of performances of courses, seminars, training, study programmes and teaching staff;
 - j) the University has the obligation to publish the results of students' assessment of the teaching staff on the website, in readable format, in conformity with the legislation in force. The results include centralization of all the assessments for each teacher;
 - k) the right to access regulations, decisions, reports and other documents of the institution where the student is learning, under the terms of the legislation in force;
 - l) copyright and rights to intellectual property for research results and development activities, artistic work and innovation, in conformity with the legislation in force, 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 conformity with the objectives of the programme of university studies, as well as the right to facilities, transport and food in accordance with the provisions of the law;
 - o) the right to recognition of practice carried out individually, after the assessment of the level at which the practice objectives have been achieved, in conformity with the study programme;
 - p) the right to interrupt and then resume studies, in conformity with the University Charter and the legislation in force;
 - q) the right to study courses in the students' mother tongue 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;
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- t) the right to be examined using an alternative method when they suffer from a temporary or permanent medically certified disability, which makes it impossible to prove the knowledge acquired in the manner set by the examining professor, in such a way that the alternative method indicated does not jeopardise the achievement of the examination standards;
- u) the right to challenge the grades obtained at written examinations, in conformity with the internal regulations of the university. The appeal will be resolved by a commission which does not include members of the teaching staff who conducted the initial assessment, in the presence of the objector, in the event that the student so requests;
- v) the right to be given, 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 ensuring personal development, integration within society, development of skills for employment, work continuity and mobility;
- 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 conformity with Article 123 (7) of Education Act 1/2011. 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.

aa.) the right to use university halls, laboratories, reading rooms, sports facilities, clubs and any other places made available by the institution, for a thorough professional education, as well as for scientific, cultural, and sport activities;

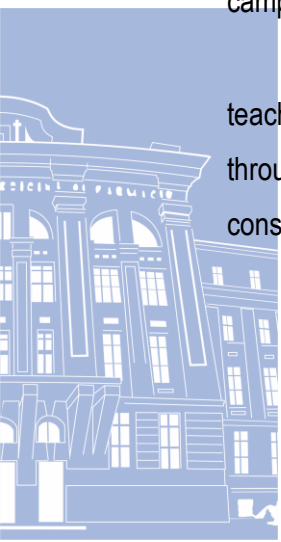
ab.) the right to participate to scientific activities;

ac.) the right to set up clubs, artistic and sport groups, organisations and publications, in conformity with the law;

ad.) the right to control, through their representatives, the distribution of places in the student campus and canteen;

ae.) the right to express their opinion about the quality of the education they receive and of the teaching staff. The students' opinion, individual or expressed by their representatives, authorised through a democratic process, or by means of surveys carried out with validated methodologies, constitute a method of self-control, of evaluation and improvement of the academic activity;

af.) the right to obtain subsidised places in student camps.



Article 12.

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

(2) Students participate in the decision-making process within the university, with the following rights:

(a) the right to elect and be elected in university leadership structures, in conformity with Education Act 1/2011;

(b) the right to be represented in the University Senate and the Faculty Board, in a proportion of at least 25%, in conformity with the provisions of Education Act 1/2011, with the University Charter, as well as with the Regulation for electing students' representatives attached here (Annex 1);

(c) UMFST cannot condition the status of a representative student on the basis of academic performance, attendance at lectures, seminars and laboratories. Members of the teaching staff cannot become involved in the procedures for electing student representatives, regardless of their level of representation. Interventions are penalised in conformity with the provisions of Article 312 of Education Act 1/2011;

(d) a student cannot be a student representative in decision-making structures (the Council, 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, and for the allocation of thematic camps;

(f) the right to participate in procedures about establishing how to designate the Rector through representatives, as well as in the process for the designation of the rector, irrespective of the manner of his designation, in conformity with Article 209 (2) of Education Act 1/ 2011;

(g) the right to be informed and consulted by the students' representatives about the decisions voted in the leading structures of UMFST;

(h) the students' representatives in the Faculty Councils and the University Senate are elected by direct, secret and universal vote from all students of the faculty and of the university, respectively. 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 is determined on the basis of university autonomy;

(i) the process of appointing student members in any other advisory, deliberative and executive structures, other than those provided for by Education Act 1/2011 are carried out according to the university autonomy and is established by students;

(j) student federations, legally constituted at national level, appoint representatives in the Advisory Councils of the Ministry of National Education, in conformity with Article 217 (1) of Education Act 1/2011.

Article 13.

(1) Students enjoy gratuitousness for:

(a) undergraduate, master, and doctoral studies, within the limits imposed by the number of available places funded from the state budget and by the regulations of Education Act 1/2011, 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 conformity with Article 142 (4), Romanian ethnics from everywhere, in conformity with Article 205 (4), as well as in the cases provided for in Article 205 (5) and (6).

(b) being issued their education papers and those which certify their student status (including the transcripts/records, undergraduate diploma, that of engineer, city planner, MA and PhD, diploma supplements, certificates, student card, including those for library access);

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

(d) Re-examinations for obtaining higher grades, in conformity with the University rules in force.

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

(3) Students are entitled to the following discounts:

(a) at least 50% for the local public transport, as well as for inland road, rail and naval transport, in conformity with Article 205 (2) of Education Act 1/2011;

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



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

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

- a) free of charge medical assistance and psychological counselling in the university medical facilities or in state hospitals and clinics, in conformity with the law;
- b) accommodation, except when they study in the place of their domicile, in conformity with the provisions of the law;
- c) grants for accommodation for students who choose other accommodation than the student campus;
- d) access to university spaces in order to organise student projects or to carry out internal activities, outside class hours and other pre-established activities, in conformity with the provisions of the University Charter;
- e) the right to report abuses and irregularities and to request an evaluation of these notifications by specialised bodies provided by the legislation in force, as well as the right to the protection of those who report them, in conformity with Law No. 571/2004 regarding the protection of staff in public institutions and in other institutions which report infringements;
- f) the right to have all written and signed applications recorded or sent to email official addresses of the University and to receive a written reply, by electronic means, to these requests, in conformity with the conditions established by law and university regulations;
- g) the right to a registration period of at least 5 working days since 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 conformity with the University Charter.

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

Article 16.

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

- a) scholarships to stimulate performance, which are distributed in conformity with the internal regulations of UMFST and can be divided into merit scholarships, bursaries, scholarships for excellence and for scientific performance;



- b) study grants, as financial support for low-income students, whose minimum amount is proposed annually by the National Council for Higher Education Financing, referring to real costs for board and accommodation;
- c) scholarships from budget allowances or extra-budgetary revenues of the universities, as well as other types of special scholarships, in conformity with the criteria established by the legislation in force, the amount of which must cover at least the costs for board and accommodation;
- d) grants based on 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.

(2) Loans obtainable through the Agency of Credits and Grants for Students, in conformity with Article 204 of Education Act 1/ 2011, with subsequent amendments and additions.

Article 17.

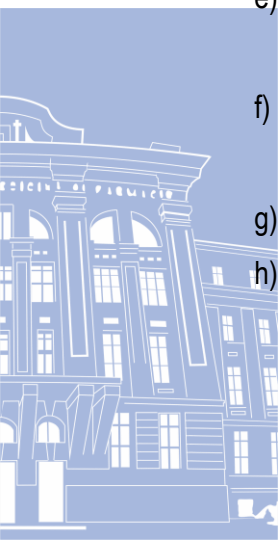
(1) Students from disadvantaged backgrounds or those who have outstanding results in their education and vocational, cultural, or sporting training may benefit from places in thematic camps within the budget granted for this purpose.

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

(3) Thematic camps can be organised by the Ministry of National Education 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 UMFST;
- e) to respect the copyright of other persons, and to recognise authorship information presented in their works;
- f) to comply with the provisions of the University Code of Conduct, Ethics and Professional Deontology;
- g) to prepare and defend assessment works at the department level, and original graduation papers;
- h) to report 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) to use appropriate language and adopt adequate behaviour in the academic world;
- k) to use in a suitable manner, in accordance with their intended purpose, all the facilities and subsidies received;
- l) to observe cleanliness, quiet and orderliness in the university space;
- m) to preserve the integrity and the proper functioning of the facilities placed at their disposal by the institutions of higher education;
- n) to pay for any possible damage to the facilities placed at their disposal by the institution of higher education;
- o) to notify competent authorities of the existence of any circumstances which might influence the proper conduct of the activities of individual and general study;
- p) to meet their financial commitments imposed by UMFST, under the conditions established in the study contract;

Article 19. National federations of legally constituted student associations 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, Pharmacy, Sciences and Technology of Târgu Mureş approved this Regulation on 5 December 2018, and comes into effect on 6 December 2018.

