

Excerpt from the CODE of Academic Integrity of the Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University

PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 The Code of Academic Integrity of the Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University (hereinafter referred to as the Code) defines the main principles of academic integrity in education and research activities of the university community and is an integral component of the system for internal assurance of the quality of higher education and education activities; ensures a firm adherence to basic ethical and legal standards of academic conduct in all the aspects of University life (academic, research-related, educational, administrative) with the formation of an academic honesty ethos.
- 1.2 The Code applies to all the participants of the teaching and learning process of the Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University (hereinafter referred to as the IFNMU, University).

1. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Rector of the University to ensure the adherence to this Code by all the teaching staff and students.

The violation of this Code results in penalties according to the existing legislation of Ukraine.

The University academic and teaching staff and students are those responsible for adhering to the principles of academic integrity during education and research activities.

Sanctions for academic integrity offence may be imposed by the Academic Integrity Committee of the University.

2. POLICY FOR THE ADHERENCE TO ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Academic integrity in an academic community is formed based on the following principles:

- **honesty** – being principled in teaching, assessing students' success, researching, career progression, and other endeavors for degrees in science based on legal, transparent, fair, predictable, consistent, and objective criteria avoiding any form of deceit, lying, fraud, theft, or other forms of dishonest behavior which negatively affect the quality of the academic degrees obtained;
- **decency** – systemic avoiding academic dishonesty when carrying out own activities;
- **respect** – mutual respect for all the members of the university community regardless of their hierarchical status based on the free exchange of ideas and freedom of expression, collegiality, and cooperation with other participants of the teaching and learning process irrespective of their position in the higher education hierarchy;
- **trust** – the free exchange of ideas and information within both the research and educational environment; all the participants trust each other, can rely on each other, are not afraid of their activity results being unauthorizedly borrowed, their career being destroyed and their reputation being damaged;
- **responsibility** is taken by all the members of the academic community which allows ensuring accountability, freedom of opinion and expression, fulfillment of certain duties, prevention of academic dishonesty;
- **fairness** – impartiality and tolerance in the relationships being free from discrimination and dishonesty between all the university community members;
- **transparency** – accessibility and openness of information which means that all the participants of the process of implementing the state education policy are obliged to act straightforwardly, understandably and within the law;
- **professionalism and competence** – maintaining high scientific and theoretical, as well as methodical levels of teaching disciplines in the full scope of the academic program of the corresponding specialty by the University academic and teaching staff; conducting the research by the academic staff of the University which is of high priority due to the fact that only in case the teacher conducts research by themselves, they will be able to teach their students how to use their intelligence

and to foster their interest in creativity in order to synthesize new knowledge and to assimilate already existing relevant knowledge;

- **personal and professional development** – the University academic and teaching staff continuously improve their professional and qualification levels, develop their pedagogical skills, and cultivate students' pursuit of continuing improvement of their education level, qualification level, and professional development;
- **legality** – each participant of the education and research activities of the University must carry out all the education activities in compliance with laws of Ukraine considering regulatory documents approved by the University and encourage others to act in this way.

Adherence to the values of academic integrity by students involves:

- adhering to the principles of academic integrity when studying; avoiding any form of academic dishonesty;
- independent performing learning tasks, formative and summative assessment tasks (for persons with special educational needs, their individual needs and capabilities are considered);
- quality preparation for classes;
- providing the links to the sources of information in case of using ideas, developments, statements, data;
- adhering to the relevant legislation covering copyright and related right issues;
- providing reliable information on the results of own education (research, creative) activities, research methods applied and sources of information used;
- intolerance to any form of academic dishonesty.

The management of the process of adhering to the principles of academic integrity at the University and informing **students** and University staff about inadmissibility of violating the principles of academic integrity, as well as the implementation of measures to prevent academic dishonesty are carried out:

- in case of suspected academic misconduct involving students, by the departments, dean's offices, the Directory of the Educational and Research Institute of

Postgraduate Education (hereinafter referred to as the ERIPE) and Medical College Directory, the Department of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and the Department of Education Quality Monitoring, the Educational Department, the Academic Integrity Committee and the Committee for the Prevention and Detection of Plagiarism at the University;

3. TYPES OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY DURING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Code aims to prevent any form of academic dishonesty, or violating academic ethics including the following ones:

- *fabrication* – the artificial creation of fake data to confirm the statements proposed by the author in the research paper;
- *falsification* – the intentional alteration, or modification of already existing data to confirm the researcher's conclusions;
- *bribery* – giving (accepting), or offering money, goods, services, privileges, or any other tangible and intangible benefits by the participant of the teaching and learning process in exchange for undue academic advantage;
- *academic fraud* – the behavior by students, when they use unauthorized materials, information, or other study aids for personal gain in any academic course or exercise; the most common form of academic fraud is cheating by using cheat notes, copying from another student's test during an exam, collaborating on homework assignments or take-home tests targeted at gaining mutual benefit without the teacher's permission, committing other actions aimed at prior and unlawful familiarization with the content of exam papers; forging another person's signature on official documents (individual curriculum plans, credit books, acts, reports, agreements, etc.);
- *cheating* – using the sources beyond authorized by the teacher in carrying out writing tasks, during the assessment of student learning outcomes in particular;

- *unbiased assessment* - a deliberate overestimation, or underestimation of student learning outcomes;
- *self-plagiarism* – partial or complete re-using own research results that have already been published and representing them as completely new and original;
- *duplication of the research* – an unauthorized agreement between two or more persons to conduct the identical, or almost identical research;
- *academic plagiarism* – partial or complete representing another’s artistic/scholarly works as one’s own and/or reproducing the papers that have already been published (art works) without acknowledging the source;
- using blackmail;
- engaging in activities involving an actual conflict of interest;
- ignoring the alleged Code of Academic Integrity violation by other individuals, or committing actions aimed at concealing the violation;
- a malicious allegation of academic dishonesty by other member of the learning and teaching process.

5. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OFFENCE – SANCTIONS

If a participant of the teaching and learning process is accused of violating the principles of academic integrity and ethics of academic conduct, academic sanctions may be imposed.

The following academic sanctions may be imposed in case of student academic dishonesty:

- the reassessment attempt (final module control, control work, exam, credit test, etc.);
- required completion of the corresponding component of the academic program;
- cancellation of scholarship;

- dismissal from the University.

The decision of imposing sanctions for academic integrity offence is made at the meeting of the Academic Integrity Committee.

Cases of violating the principles of academic integrity and ethics of academic conduct by students can serve ground for imposing disciplinary, civil, administrative, or criminal sanctions according to the procedure established by law.

Holding a person accountable for violating academic integrity principles and ethics of academic conduct can be executed irrespective of and/or alongside with any other type of breaches the person is found liable for.

APPENDIX 2

to the Code of Academic
Integrity of the Ivano-
Frankivsk National Medical
University

approved by the Order of the
Rector of the IFNMU No. 681,
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(for students of the University)

DECLARATION of Academic Integrity

I, _____, the
participant of the education and research process of the Ivano-Frankivsk National
Medical University, am aware that academic integrity is an effective tool for ensuring
the quality of higher education in Ukraine and a fundamental ethical value of the global
academic community.

I **DECLARE** that I will adhere to the main principles and fundamental values
of academic integrity and ethics of academic conduct specified in the “Code of
Academic Integrity of the Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University”.

I AGREE:

to adhere to existing laws and regulations on science and education, intellectual
property, ethical principles, values and norms of academic integrity established by law;
to provide reliable information on my own activities;

to perform learning tasks, formative and summative assessment tasks, etc., independently;

to adhere to the University policy for respecting the copyright, inadmissibility of academic plagiarism in academic and qualification papers;

to consent to the university staff checking my works for plagiarism with help of plagiarism checking software; processing and storing my works in the institutional repository and providing access to them; using my works solely for the purpose of verifying whether other works contain plagiarized material.

to prevent violating academic integrity by university students, teaching and academic staff, and other individuals whom I will communicate and/or cooperate with during the educational process;

to promptly report cases of academic integrity offence to appropriate officials and/or authorized bodies.

I **UNDERSTAND** that, according to existing law, I will have to be liable for any academic integrity offence and that disciplinary sanctions may be imposed upon me for violating the principles of academic integrity and ethics of academic conduct.

(signature)

(date)