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## **CODE OF IULS STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

### **CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1.** This Code, drawn up in accordance with Article 202 para. (3) of the National Education Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented, pursuant to Government Decision No. 536/2011 on the organisation and functioning of the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport, as subsequently amended and supplemented, Order No. 3666 of 30/03/2012 on the approval of the Code of Students' Rights and Obligations issued by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport, published in the Official Gazette No. 225 of 04/04/2012, in accordance with the Charter of "Ion Ionescu de la Brad" Iasi University of Life Sciences (IULS) and in agreement with the League of IULS Agronomy and Veterinary Students, establishes the rights and obligations of students within IULS.

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**Article 2.** This Code contains the rights and obligations of students enrolled in IULS.

**Article 3.** The University Senate adopts the University Code of Students' Rights and Obligations, at the proposal of the students, in compliance with the provisions of the National Education Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and the IULS Charter.

**Article 4.** (1) The status of student or doctoral student is acquired through admission to a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctoral programme, respectively, according to Article 142 para. (7) and Article 199 para. (2) of Law 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(2) The rights and obligations of the doctoral student are set out in Government Decision No 681/2011 approving the Code of Doctoral Studies.

(3) The study contract concluded between the student and the university following admission to a university study programme cannot be modified during the academic year, except for those that exceed the normal period of funding from the State budget (3 years for majors in Biology, 4 years for majors in Engineering, 6 years for majors in Veterinary Medicine and 2 years for Master's studies).

(4) In IULS, the status of student, doctoral student, postdoctoral researcher, course participant is obtained as a result of passing the admission exam, issuing the enrolment decision and concluding the study contract.

(5) The status of student is granted to persons following the Bachelor's and Master's degree courses.

(6) The status of doctoral student is held by persons following the cycle of doctoral studies.

(7) The status of course participant is held by persons following a postgraduate education programme.

(8) The status of postdoctoral researcher is held by persons who have obtained a degree of Doctor of Science and have been admitted to a postdoctoral program offered by IULS, under the terms of the law.

**Article 5.** (1) Students may associate in student structures or organizations according to the provisions of Article 203 para. (1) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(2) Legally constituted student organisations have the right of access to university premises to organise projects for students or to carry out internal activities, outside of class hours and other pre-established activities.

(3) IULS cooperates with legally constituted student organizations and consults with them on issues concerning the development of higher education.

**Article 6.** The legally constituted student associations (Students' League) shall draw up an annual report on compliance with the provisions of this Code within IULS. The report shall be made public before the beginning of each academic year on the university's website. In case of deficiencies, the university is obliged to make public the ways to solve them.

**Article 7.** (1) Students are partners of IULS and members of the university community, having rights and obligations based on the principles set out in Article 118 of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(2) The activity of students within the university community is governed by the principles set out in Article 202 para. (1) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

**Article 8.** (1) IULS guarantees for all students a fair education in terms of admission, conduction and completion of studies.

(2) IULS organizes bachelor's studies, master's studies, doctoral studies and postgraduate studies for training and professional development, as well as continuing education activities, in full-time, part-time and distance learning courses.

(3) At the end of their studies, graduates receive diplomas and certificates in accordance with the form of training and the field of study. Graduates who did not pass the final examination shall receive, upon request, a certificate of graduation without a final examination.

**Article 9.** Candidates from socio-economically disadvantaged or socially marginalised backgrounds, including high school graduates from rural areas or from towns with less than 10,000 inhabitants, are guaranteed a number of State-funded places, in accordance with the law. The provision for this category of students of free educational and professional guidance and counselling services, tutoring services, as well as the follow-up of their educational pathways in order to ensure their academic, social and cultural integration in the community constitute, together with their quality, a criterion for assessing the quality of the university.

**Article 10.** IULS offers a certain number of places for admission of high school graduates from rural areas. At the same time, it gives them priority accommodation on the university campus, priority to scholarships and public transport, as well as free professional counselling and guidance.

**Article 11.** Political propaganda, as well as any form of individual or group discrimination are forbidden within IULS.

**Article 12.** The rights of students with physical disabilities in carrying out academic, social and cultural activities are set out in Article 118 para. (3) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

**Article 13.** (1) IULS students benefit from the following rights based on the principles set out in Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented:

- (a) The right to quality education;
- (b) The right of access to internal and external mobility programmes, with recognition, in accordance with the law, of transferable credits obtained in this way;
- (c) The right of mobility from one university to another, in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force and the university charters;
- (d) The right to the protection of personal data, according to Law No 190 of 18 July 2018 on measures implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data;
- (e) The right to free course materials (minimum 5 pages), in physical or electronic format and access to all teaching materials available free of charge in the university libraries or on the faculty website;
- (f) The right to be informed, within the first two weeks of the beginning of the semester, about the syllabus, the structure and objectives of the course, the competences generated by the course, as well as the assessment and examination arrangements. Any subsequent changes to the assessment and examination arrangements can only be made with the student's agreement;
- (g) The right to receive at the beginning of the first year of study a "Student's Guide" in a written/electronic format, containing information on: student's rights and obligations, subjects in the curriculum, services provided by the university, assessment procedures, fees, the material base of the university and faculty, information on legally constituted student associations, access to scholarships and other funding, mobility, and other facilities and grants;
- (h) The right to have a year/section/group supervisor, depending on the size of these structures, from among the teaching staff of the faculty in which they are studying;
- (i) The right to participate in the evaluation of courses, seminars, practical work, the performance of teaching staff and other educational and/or organisational aspects related to the study programme followed, according to the provisions of Article 303 para. (2) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented. Evaluations are public information and are used to assess the performance of the respective courses, seminars, practical training, study programmes and teaching staff;
- (j) The right of access to regulations, decisions, resolutions, minutes and other documents of the institution at which they study, in accordance with the legislation in force;
- (k) Copyright and intellectual property rights for the results obtained through research and development, artistic creation and innovation activities, in accordance with the legislation in force and the University Charter and any contracts between the parties;
- (l) The right to benefit free of charge from academic, professional, psychological and social information and counselling services, related to the educational activity, provided by the higher education institution, according to the University Charter;
- (m) The right to practical training in accordance with the objectives of the university study programme, as well as the right to material support, transport and meals provided in accordance with the law;
- (n) The right to recognition of the practical training carried out individually, after assessment of the degree of achievement of the practical training objectives in accordance with the study programme;
- (o) The right to interrupt and resume studies in accordance with the University Charter and legislation in force;

(p) The right to study in their mother tongue or in a language of international communication, if this possibility exists in the higher education institution, within the limit of places allocated for this type of study programme;

(q) The right to refuse to participate in the educational process such as lectures, laboratories and seminars for more than eight (8) hours a day, except in cases of practical training;

(r) The right to an objective and non-discriminatory assessment of the skills acquired after completing a course, in accordance with the syllabus, and the right to know the scale by which they are assessed;

(s) The right to examination by an alternative method when suffering from a temporary or permanent, medically certified disability which makes it impossible to present the knowledge learned in the manner prescribed by the course coordinator, so that the alternative method indicated does not limit the achievement of the examination standards;

(s) The right to file a complaint against the grades obtained in written examinations, according to the internal regulations of the university. Such complaint shall be settled by a committee which does not include the professors who initially assessed the student, in the presence of the student who is filing the complaint, if the student so requests;

(t) The right to have a university-registered copy of the Bachelor's/Master's thesis returned on request and to be informed of the score awarded;

(t) The right to benefit from a student-centred educational process with a view to personal development, integration into society and development of employability, job retention and labour market mobility;

(u) The right to benefit from flexible learning pathways, in accordance with Article 123 para. (7) of Law 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented. To this end, a minimum number of optional and/or elective courses shall be provided in the study programme from the total number of courses offered by the university.

(2) The University shall publish the results of the evaluation of teachers by students on its website in a legible format, in accordance with the legislation in force. The results shall contain a centralised list of all evaluations for each individual professor.

(3) The manner of identification, organisation and assessment of specialist practical training is a mandatory criterion for evaluating the quality of study programmes.

**Article 14.** (1) Students are represented in the consultative, decision-making and executive structures of universities, according to the provisions of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and the University Charter.

(2) Students participate in decision-making in universities under the following rights:

(a) The right to elect and to be elected to the university's governing structures, in accordance with Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

(b) The right to be represented in the University Senate and in the faculty councils in a proportion of at least 25%, under the conditions laid down by Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and of the University Charter;

(c) The right to be represented in the university structures managing social services, including the committees for accommodation, scholarship allocation, allocation of theme camps;

(d) The right to participate in the procedures for determining the method of appointing the rector by representatives, as well as in the process of appointing the rector, regardless of the method of appointment, according to Article 209 para. (2) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

(e) The right to be informed and consulted by student representatives on decisions voted in the governing structures of the institution to which they belong.

(3) IULS cannot condition the student representative status on academic performance, attendance at courses, seminars and laboratories. Teaching staff may not be involved in the procedures for electing student representatives, regardless of the level of representation. Such involvement shall be sanctioned according to the provisions of Article 312 of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(4) A student may not be a student representative in the decision-making structures (Council, Senate and Managing Board) of the university for more than 4 years, regardless of the period during which such positions have been held and their interruptions.

(5) Student representatives in faculty councils and in the university Senate shall be elected by direct, secret and universal vote of all students at faculty and university level. Legally constituted student organisations at faculty/university level may delegate *ex officio* representatives to these structures. The number of representatives delegated by student organisations to these structures shall be determined on the basis of university autonomy.

(6) The process of appointing student members to any consultative, deliberative and executive structures other than those provided for in Law No 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented, shall be carried out on the basis of university autonomy and shall be determined by the students.

**Article 15.** (1) Students shall receive free admission for:

(a) Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral studies within the limit of the available State-funded places and according to the regulations of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented, in the case of Romanian citizens, citizens of European Union Member States, of the states belonging to the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation, according to Article 142 para. (4), ethnic Romanians living abroad according to Article 205 para. (4), as well as in the cases referred to in Article 205 paras. (5) and (6) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

(b) The issue of documents proving student status (certificates, report cards and student ID cards, including those for access to the library);

(c) Access to museums, concerts, theatre, opera, film performances, other cultural and sports events organized on the territory of Romania in the case of ethnic Romanians living abroad, according to the provisions of Article 205 para. (4) of Law no. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(2) Students shall benefit from the following discounts:

(a) of at least 50% for local public, aboveground and underground transport, as well as for domestic car, rail and waterway transport, in accordance with Article 205 para. (2) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

(b) of 75% for access to museums, concerts, theatre, opera, film, other cultural and sports events organized by public institutions, according to Article 205 para. (3) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(4) Students are encouraged to participate in voluntary actions, according to the Rules for the organisation of the voluntary programme. For the activities carried out, they may receive a number of credits, according to Article 203 para. (9) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

**Article 16.** Students shall enjoy the following social rights:

(a) Free medical assistance according to the provisions of Article 205 para. (1) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

(b) Accommodation, unless they study in their locality of residence, under the conditions of the law and IULS own regulations;

(c) Accommodation grants according to Article 205 para. (15) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

(d) The right to report abuses and irregularities and to request verification and evaluation of these reports by specialised bodies provided for by the legislation in force, as well as the right to protection of those who report, according to Law No. 571/2004 on the protection of staff in public authorities, public institutions and other establishments who report violations of the law;

(e) The right to have all written and signed requests registered or sent to the official e-mail addresses of the university and to receive written or electronic replies to such requests, under the conditions laid down by law and university regulations;

(f) The right to a registration deadline of at least 5 working days from the posting of the notice for contests organised in the university, including those for scholarships, camps, accommodation and mobility.

**Article 17.** (1) Students have the right to know the mechanisms by which tuition fees and other fees charged by the university are determined in accordance with the University Charter.

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

**Article 18.** (1) The following types of scholarships are available to students:

(a) Scholarships to stimulate academic performance, which are distributed according to the internal regulations of the university and can be divided into performance scholarships and merit scholarships;

(b) Social scholarships, for the financial support of low-income students, the minimum amount of which is proposed by the Managing Board and approved annually by the IULS Senate, based on the decisions of the National Council for Financing Higher Education, relating as far as possible to the real costs for meals and accommodation;

(c) Scholarships from the universities' own extra-budgetary income, as well as other types of special scholarships, according to the criteria established by the legislation in force, the amount of which shall be determined by decision of the Senate;

(d) Scholarships on the basis of a contract concluded with economic operators or other legal or natural persons of the type referred to in Article 205 para. (10) of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

(2) Students may receive loans through the Student Loan and Scholarship Agency in accordance with Article 204 of Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

**Article 19.** (1) Students from disadvantaged backgrounds or those who have outstanding results in their professional, cultural or sports education and training shall be offered places in thematic camps, within the budget allocated for this purpose.

(2) Within the framework of these camps, vocational training sessions may be organised in a non-formal context for which students may receive a number of ECVET/ECTS credits, according to the University Charter.

(3) Thematic camps are organised by the Ministry of Education through its bodies during the holiday period, in consultation with the legally constituted national student federations.

**Article 20.** Students have the following obligations:

(a) To fulfil all the duties assigned to them by the curriculum and the syllabuses of the subjects attended;

(b) To respect the charter, regulations and decisions of the university;

(c) To participate in meetings of the governing structures of higher education institutions as elected student representatives;

(d) To comply with the quality standards imposed by the university;

(e) To respect the copyright of others and to acknowledge the authorship of the information presented in the papers produced;

(f) To comply with the provisions of the university's Code of Ethics;

(g) To prepare and submit original papers for the subjects attended and graduation theses;

(h) To report to the competent authorities any irregularities in the educational process and related activities;

(i) To participate in academic activities without being under the influence of alcohol or other prohibited substances;

(j) Not to use language and behaviour inappropriate to the university environment;

(k) To make appropriate use, for the purpose intended, of all facilities and grants received;

(l) To respect cleanliness, quiet and order in the university premises;

(m) To preserve the integrity and proper functioning of the material base made available to them by higher education institutions;

(n) To pay for any damage caused to the material base made available to them by the higher education institution;

(o) To inform the competent authorities of the existence of any situation which might influence the smooth running of individual and general study activities;

(p) To fulfil the financial commitments imposed by the institution at which they are studying, under the conditions laid down in the study contract.

#### CHAPTER VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

**Article 21.** The following persons are responsible for the follow-up and application of the provisions of these Regulations:

- Deputy Rector Office in charge of social activities;
- Faculty Dean Offices;
- League of Agronomists and Veterinary Students of IULS.

**Article 22.** This Code was approved by the Managing Board of "Ion Ionescu de la Brad" Iași University of Life Sciences on **22 January 2022**.

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