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OBLIGATIONS CODE AT
„GHEORGHE ASACHI”
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF
IAȘI**

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art.1. Students are equal members of the university community and partners of the "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași, in accordance with art. 2, paragraph (2) of the *Student Rights and Obligations Code*, approved by the Minister of Education's Order no. 4394/2024, and Article 121, paragraph (1) of the Higher Education Law no. 199/2023.

Art. 2. The students' activity within the university community is regulated based on the following principles:

- a) the principle of student-centered education, emphasizing the student and their learning needs;
- b) the principle of non-discrimination, according to which all students benefit from equal treatment by the University and fair opportunities provided by the University, in accordance with their potential and aspirations;
- c) the principle of the right to assistance and free complementary services within the university;
- d) The principle of participation in decision-making

regarding the organization and conduct of learning, teaching, and evaluation processes;

- e) the principle of freedom of expression;
- f) the principle of transparency and free and open access to information concerning their educational path and the services offered by the university, as well as to the life of the academic community.

RIGHTS, FREEDOMS, DISCOUNTS AND FREE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITHIN TUIASI

Art. 3. Students benefit from the following rights:

- a) the right to quality education;
- b) the right to equitable access to learning opportunities offered by national and international mobility programs, and to undertake active measures against barriers regarding the physical or virtual mobility of students in situations of risk, those with disabilities, or non-traditional students. The University organizes at least one public presentation for students each academic year regarding the national and international mobility programs available to them and offers interested students free information and counseling services. The process of internationalization can also be supported by including components that involve online collaboration in learning, teaching, and research activities;
- c) the right to permanent mobility from one university to another, according to the provisions of the current legislation and the University Charters;
- d) the right to personal data protection, in accordance with European Union Regulation No. 2016/679 on the protection

of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement and repeal of such data of Directive 95/46/EC;

e) the right to free course support materials, including notes, presentations, or other materials summarizing the content taught, in physical or electronic format, and access to all educational materials available for free in university libraries or on the faculty's website;

These are made available to students in the language of instruction for the respective subject, within the first two weeks from the beginning of each semester ;

f) the right to access the main specialty books and scientific publications in university libraries and central university libraries;

g) the right to be informed, within the first two weeks from the beginning of the semester, about the content of the syllabus for each subject, which includes: the objectives/expected learning outcomes formed through the respective subject, the content of the educational process related to the subject, the topics covered in each teaching activity, teaching-learning methods, the minimal and optional bibliography, as well as the methods of assessment and examination, the minimum requirements for passing, and the scoring of different types of assessment and examination in the final result. Any subsequent changes to the methods of assessment and examination can only be made with the students' agreement. The updated syllabus is made available to students through the e-Learning platform used and/or the faculty's/higher educational institution's website.

h) the right to receive, at the beginning of the first year of study, a "Student Handbook," containing information about: the rights and obligations of students, the subjects in the curriculum, the services provided by the university, assessment procedures, the amount of fees, the university's and faculty's facilities, information about legally constituted student associations, ways to access scholarships and other funding opportunities, mobility programs, as well as other benefits and subsidies granted, etc. The university may support the creation of this handbook by student associations ;

i) the right to benefit from a year/section/group advisor, depending on the size of these structures, from among the teaching staff of the faculty in which they are enrolled. The University establishes the method of access to information regarding the list of advisors/tutors and their contact details, and develops regulations regarding the tutoring system, the activity, and responsibilities of the tutor-teachers, approved by the university Senate ;

j) the right to participate in the semestrial evaluation of courses, seminars, practical work, the performance of teaching staff, and other educational and/or organizational aspects related to the study program attended, in accordance with legal provisions. Students' participation in these evaluation processes is carried out anonymously. The statistical results of the evaluations are public information and are posted on the university's website, along with the measures for improvement adopted after the analysis of the evaluation results. These results are used in the evaluation of the performance of the respective courses, seminars,

- internships, study programs, and teaching staff ;
- k) the right to access regulations, resolutions, decisions, minutes, and other documents of the "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași, in which they are studying, under the conditions of the applicable legislation;
- l) copyright and intellectual property rights for results obtained through research and development activities, artistic creation, and innovation, in accordance with the applicable legislation, the University Charter, and any contracts between the parties;
- m) the right to benefit from free information and counseling services in academic, professional, psychological, and social fields, related to the educational activity, provided by the university, according to art. 21, paragraph (1), points e) and j) of the University Charter ;
- n) the right to interrupt and resume studies according to art. 21, paragraph (1), point j) of the University Charter;
- o) the right to study in the mother tongue or in an internationally spoken language, if this option is available at the university, within the limits of the places allocated for such study programs;
- p) The right to receive personalized feedback from the teaching staff after each evaluation process in which they participate, upon request ;
- q) the right to an objective and non-discriminatory evaluation of learning outcomes after completing a subject, in accordance with the syllabus, and the right to know the grading criteria used in the evaluation. The evaluation process of students' knowledge is conducted in the presence of at least two teaching staff members. The teaching staff

provides students with all the necessary information so that they can validate their grade for each subject in which the evaluation took place, immediately after its completion, within a maximum of 24 hours ;

r) the right to contest the grades obtained in written exams, according to the university's internal regulations. The resolution of the contestation will be carried out by a committee that does not include the teaching staff who initially evaluated the student, in the presence of the contesting student, if the student requests it;

s) the right to access their personal academic record;

t) the right to be informed of the result obtained after taking the final exams for their studies;

u) the right to be consulted by teaching staff regarding the scheduling of examination dates;

v) the right to benefit from a student-centered educational process aimed at personal development, social integration, and the development of employability, job retention, and mobility in the labor market;

w) the right to benefit from flexible learning pathways, according to legal regulations. In this regard, the study program will ensure a minimum of two options for each elective subject/set of elective subjects in the curriculum ;

x) the right to access specialized software for determining the degree of similarity, provided by the higher education institution, for the preparation of academic papers, in accordance with institutional regulations;

y) the right to participate in extracurricular activities, scientific, technical, cultural-artistic, and sports activities, as well as those for students capable of performing at a high

level, funded by the state budget or by higher education institutions' budgets;

z) the right to free access to wireless internet for all members of the university community throughout the university premises. The technical characteristics of the internet network must allow access to online teaching activities, audio-video conferences, as well as any other activity specific to the educational process ;

aa) the right to refuse to participate in the educational process for more than 8 hours per day, including courses, laboratories, and seminars, except for cases involving practical training;

bb) students have the right to receive consultations with teaching staff who are conducting teaching activities with them in the respective semester, in accordance with the internal regulations of the higher education institution;

cc) students have the right to have their acquired competencies in non-formal and informal contexts recognized, in accordance with the methodologies approved by the Ministry of Education;

dd) A person who has benefited from education in a state-funded university program has, under the law, the right to pursue another university study program within the same cycle of higher education:

-on a fee-paying basis, if the public higher education institution offers the program in this way (the fee amount is set by the university);

-on a free basis, with state funding, provided that the person pays back the value of the educational services previously funded by the state budget, either in full or in part, in cases

where the study program they were admitted to is organized only with full state funding. Students may repay the value of the educational services they previously benefited from to the Ministry of Education, according to a methodology approved by the Minister of Education. In accordance with university autonomy, higher education institutions may grant partial or full exemptions from tuition fees based on social criteria, according to their own regulations;

ee) Students have the right to recognize the mechanisms by which tuition fees, as well as other fees charged by the university, are established, in accordance with the University Charter;

ff) Students have the right to be informed about the number, type, and amount of each fee imposed by the university.

The fee amounts are approved by the university Senate and published on the higher education institutions' websites at least 3 months before the beginning of each academic year;

gg) Students have the right to be informed about the fiscal balances of the dormitories.

Art. 4. (1) Students with physical disabilities have the right to adapted access to all university spaces, to the provision of a sign language interpreter, as well as to adequate conditions for the normal conduct of academic, social, cultural, and administrative activities within higher education institutions. The regulations regarding the accessibility of higher education for persons with disabilities are approved by the Order of the Minister of Education.

2) TUIASI develops a specialized intervention plan for implementing the regulations regarding the accessibility of

higher education for people with disabilities.

(3) Students with disabilities also benefit from:

- a) The right to have adequate conditions for conducting academic, social, cultural, and administrative activities within TUIASI;
- b) The right to receive support in identifying and carrying out specialized internships;
- c) The right to access appropriate information and communication services;
- d) The right to participate in student camps, in accordance with legal provisions.

Art. 5 (1) Students benefit from the following rights regarding specialized internships:

- a) the right to an internship in accordance with the objectives of the university study program, based on the provisions of an institutional regulation regarding the conduct of specialized internships;
- b) the right to benefit from coverage of the necessary costs for conducting the combined internship, for the period specified in the curriculum, including expenses for meals, accommodation, and transport, in cases where the internship takes place outside the respective university center.
- c) the right to benefit, during the academic year in which the specialized internship will take place, from a presentation of TUIASI's internship partners in the students' field of study;
- d) the right to benefit from accommodation in the university's student dormitories during the compulsory internship period, if the internship takes place within the

same university center;

e) the right to benefit from an internship tutor, whose responsibilities will be detailed in the institutional regulation regarding the conduct of the internship;

f) the right to evaluate the quality of the completed internship and to report any deficiencies regarding the internship partner;

g) the right to have the performed internship individually recognized, after assessing the degree to which the internship objectives outlined in the internship syllabus have been fulfilled, and in accordance with the institutional regulation regarding the conduct of the specialized internship.

(2) Higher education institutions are required to ensure a minimum of 50% of the necessary internship placements, of which at least 75% are outside higher education institutions, based on agreements made with partners.

(3) The methods of organizing and evaluating specialized internships will be reflected in mandatory minimum indicators in the process of evaluating the quality of study programs.

(4) Each higher education institution adopts provisions regarding the evaluation of the quality of internship placements.

Art. 6. In accordance with the legal provisions, students benefit from tuition fee exemption for:
a) Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral studies within the limit of available budget-funded places and according to the regulations of Law no. 199/2023, for Romanian citizens,

citizens of the member states of the European Union, the states belonging to the European Economic Area, and the Swiss Confederation, as well as British citizens and their family members as beneficiaries of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community 2019/C 384 I/01, Romanians from all over the world, and foreign citizens, in accordance with Article 150, paragraph (5) of Law 199/2023 ;

b) the free issuance of study documents and documents certifying student status (certificates, student cards, and ID cards);

c) free access to museums, concerts, theater performances, opera, film, and other cultural and sports events organized within Romania for ethnic Romanians living outside the country, who are scholarship holders of the Romanian state;

d) students with one or both deceased parents, as well as students from foster care centers or those who have been placed with extended family, substitute family, or foster parents, benefit from free local public transport, surface and underground, as well as for internal bus transport and train travel on all categories of trains, second class, and maritime transport, until the age of 30;

e) access to the university's sports facilities, outside the schedule of planned teaching activities in these spaces, in accordance with the university's institutional regulations;

f) places in student camps (thematic, creative, sports, or rest camps) organized by the Ministry of Education, the university, and/or the national authority with

responsibilities in youth policy through its structures, during the summer and winter holidays, funded by the state budget or TUIASI's budget. All efforts regarding the organization of student camps are carried out in consultation with the legally constituted national student federations;

g) children of active educational staff are exempt from the admission exam registration fees for higher education and benefit from free accommodation in dormitories and boarding schools. They are supported with increased subsidies for dormitories and canteens provided by the Ministry of Education;

h) the provisions of paragraph (g) also apply to the children of educational staff, children with one or both deceased parents, as well as children from single-parent families;

i) children of active educational staff are exempt from the admission exam registration fees for higher education and, after enrollment, benefit from free accommodation in dormitories and boarding schools, being supported with increased subsidies for dormitories and canteens provided by the Ministry of Education;

j) the provisions of paragraph (i) also apply to the children of those who have retired from the education system;

k) the provisions of paragraph (i) also apply to the children of educational staff, children with one or both deceased parents, as well as children from single-parent families;

l) students from disadvantaged groups defined according to the Social Assistance Law no. 292/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions, benefit from the rights provided in paragraph (i), as well as from exemption from tuition and

graduation fees, under the condition that they are funded by the state through the Ministry of Education's budget.

Art. 7. Students benefit from **reduced-priced tickets** as follows:

- a) 90% off for local public transport, surface and underground, as well as for internal bus transport and train travel on all categories of trains, second class, and maritime transport, until the age of 30;
- b) 75% off for access to museums, concerts, theater performances, opera, film, and other cultural and sports events organized by public institutions, within the limits of approved budgets.

Art. 8. "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași encourages student participation in **volunteer activities, for which they can earn a number of transferable study credits**, in accordance with the TUIASI Procedure regarding the volunteer program and the awarding of additional study credits, developed for this purpose.

Art. 9. Students have the following **social rights** guaranteed by law:

- a) free medical, dental, and psychological assistance;
- b) accommodation, except in cases where students study in their place of residence, under the law, within the limit of available places and depending on the student's performance;
- c) subsidies for accommodation for students who choose forms of accommodation other than the dormitories of higher education institutions;
- d) access to university spaces to organize student projects or carry out internal activities, outside of class hours and other predetermined activities, in accordance with the

provisions of the University Charter ;

e) the right to report abuses and irregularities and to request the verification and evaluation of these reports by specialized bodies provided by the applicable legislation, as well as the right to protection for those who make such reports;

f) the right to have all written and signed requests, or those sent to the university's official email addresses, recorded and to receive a written response, or an electronic response to these requests, under the conditions set by law and university regulations;

g) the right to a registration period of at least 5 working days from the publication of the announcement for competitions organized by the university, including those for scholarships, camps, accommodation, and mobility programs, or in accordance with the deadlines imposed by the issuing entity.

Art. 10. (1) Students may benefit from the following types of **scholarships** funded by the state budget, in accordance with the applicable legislation, Article 21, letter f) of the University Charter, and the "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași Procedure regarding the granting of scholarships to TUIASI students and the additional specific criteria developed by TUIASI faculties:

- a)** Olympic/international Excellence Scholarships;
- b)** Performance Scholarships;
- c)** Social Scholarships;
- d)** Special Scholarships;
- e)** Sports Performance Scholarships.

(2) the scholarships mentioned in paragraph (1) are granted based on specific criteria established by TUIASI's own methodologies, in compliance with the applicable legislation and the Minister of Education's Order on the

granting of scholarships and other forms of financial support from the state budget for students and trainees in state higher education, full-time education.

(3) students may benefit from scholarships funded by the university's own extra-budgetary income, as well as from other types of scholarships, based on a methodology approved by the university Senate.

(4) students may benefit from scholarships provided by economic operators and/or local authorities, in compliance with the applicable legislation.

(5) Students may benefit from scholarships abroad for Master's and Doctoral study programs, as well as for Postdoctoral and research internships through the Credit and Scholarship Agency.

(6) Social scholarships can be accumulated with other types of scholarships if the student meets the specific criteria established in TUIASI's own methodologies for both categories of scholarships.

(7) Scholarships, regardless of category, are granted for the entire academic year (12 months), except for occasional social scholarships. The granting of scholarships ceases when the student loses their student status or fails to meet the eligibility criteria, as applicable, in accordance with the regulations for the organization and operation of higher education institutions.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

Art. 11. Students are represented in all consultative and decision-making structures within "Gheorghe Asachi"

Technical University of Iași, in accordance with the provisions of the University Charter, including in structures established as functional bodies of the governing organs, created based on university autonomy.

Art. 12. (1) In order to ensure the real and effective participation of students in decision-making within "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași, they enjoy the following rights:

- a) the right to vote and to be elected as representatives in the university's governing structures;
- b) the right to be represented in the University Senate, the Faculty Council, the Council for Doctoral Studies, the Ethics Committee, and the Quality Assurance and Evaluation Committee, with at least 25% representation, according to the provisions of the University Charter ;
- c) the right to be represented in the structures of the higher education institution that manage social services, including the committees for allocating accommodation places, granting scholarships, and allocating places in student camps;
- d) the right to have representatives who participate in the procedures for establishing the method of electing the rector through representatives, as well as in the process of their election, regardless of the method of selection;
- e) the right to be informed and consulted by student representatives regarding the resolutions voted on in the governing structures of the higher education institution they are part of ;
- f) the right to be involved in the administration process of student dormitory places, through the establishment of

dormitory committees, consisting of the dormitory administrator and a number of student representatives, appointed and elected in accordance with the provisions of the university's internal regulations;

g) the right to have their absences from academic activities, such as lectures, seminars, laboratories, or practical work, excused in the case of attending meetings of decision-making bodies, as student representatives.

2) The status of student representative cannot be conditioned by the university administration, including in relation to academic performance or attendance at teaching activities. Teaching staff cannot be involved in the procedures for electing student representatives, regardless of the level of representation. Any interventions will be sanctioned.

(3) A student cannot hold the status of student representative in decision-making structures (Faculty Council, University Senate, Board of Administration) of the same higher education institution for more than 5 years, regardless of the duration of the mandates and of any interruptions, with the exception of mandates in the Doctoral School Council and the Council for Doctoral Studies, which are regulated by the Charter.

(4) A student enrolled in a short-cycle, Bachelor's, or Master's degree program, who has an individual employment contract with the higher education institution at which they are enrolled, is incompatible with the status of student representative in the governing structures of the faculty or higher education institution.

(5) Student representatives in University Senates are elected

in electoral constituencies established by the University Charter, through the direct, secret, and universal vote of the students in those constituencies.

(6) The process of appointing students as members in any other consultative, deliberative, and executive structures, other than those provided by Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments and additions, is carried out based on university autonomy and is determined by the students.

(7) Students have the right to participate annually, according to a methodology/procedure adopted by the University Senate, in the evaluation of the activity of student representatives. Student participation in these evaluation processes is carried out anonymously, and the statistical results of the evaluations will be disseminated to students through the official communication channels of the higher education institution/faculty, as applicable.

(8) The internal methodology/procedure that regulates the process of electing student representatives at the university level also defines mechanisms for the removal of student representatives.

(9) Student representatives in the Faculty Councils are elected by the direct, secret, and universal vote of the students at the faculty level.

STUDENT NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Art. 13. Students may associate in student organizations or structures.

Art. 14. (1) In accordance with legal provisions, student non-governmental organizations have the right to free access to university spaces, to use them as social headquarters for running student projects and for carrying out internal activities, outside of class hours and other established activities. These organizations receive support from "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași in implementing their projects.

(2) Student organizations that represent the interests of students at the level of each university community may have representatives by right in the decision-making and executive structures of the university.

Art. 15. (1) Legally constituted student associations may present an annual report regarding the compliance with the provisions of the *Student Rights and Obligations Code*, approved by the Minister of Education's Order no. 4394/07.05.2024.

(2) The report created by the student associations is made public.

APPLICATION AND MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STUDENT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS CODE

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS within TUIASI

Art. 16. (1) The students of "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași have the following obligations, in accordance with the applicable legislation:

a) to fulfill all the tasks assigned to them according to the

curriculum and the subject syllabi;

b) to respect the Charter, regulations, and decisions of the higher education institution;

c) to participate in the meetings of the governing structures within the higher education institution as elected student representatives;

d) to adhere to the quality standards set by TUIASI ;

e) to respect the copyright of others and to acknowledge the authorship of the information presented in the works they create;

f) to comply with the provisions of the university's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct;

g) to prepare and present original evaluation papers at the subject level and final theses;

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

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

j) to avoid using inappropriate language and behavior in the university environment ;

k) to use appropriately, according to the designated purpose, all facilities and subsidies received;

l) to maintain cleanliness, silence, and order in the university space;

m) to preserve the integrity and proper functioning of the facilities provided to them by TUIASI;

n) to bear the cost of any damage caused to the facilities provided by the higher education institution;

p) to fulfill their financial obligations imposed by the institution where they study, under the conditions

established in the study contract ;

q) to fulfill the obligations specified in the individual study and practical training contract, concluded with the higher education institution and the economic operator, in the case of dual education;

r) to sign the study contract at the beginning of each study cycle.

(2) Elected student representatives in the governing structures of higher education institutions have the following specific obligations:

a) to periodically consult students regarding their needs and interests, as well as about the decisions and proposals they intend to support in the meetings of the governing structures within the higher education institution;

b) to prepare, at least twice a year, activity reports that present all the initiatives and efforts carried out. The activity reports of student representatives will be published on the higher education institution's website.

Art. 17. (1) Students have the obligation, through specific activities and within their capabilities, to contribute to the development of "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași and to maintaining and enhancing the institution's prestige.

(2) Students have the obligation not to harm the legitimate interests of "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași and its faculties, except in cases where these interests would violate the rights granted to students by law and the provisions of this *Code*.

Art. 18. The University administration, through the

relevant vice-rectorate, will establish a system for the application and monitoring of compliance with the provisions of the *Student Rights and Obligations Code at "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași*, in accordance with the provisions of the *Student Rights and Obligations Code*, which will include:

- a) informing students about the provisions of the *Student Rights and Obligations Code at "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași*;
- b) Conducting surveys within the student community to check the level of awareness and compliance with the rights and obligations of students;
- c) making proposals to the University Senate in order to address deficiencies observed in the implementation of the *Student Rights and Obligations Code at "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași*, both at the University and faculty levels;
- d) evaluating the complaints received from the university community members regarding violations of the provisions of the *Student Rights and Obligations Code at "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași*;
- e) verifying the occurrence of violations of the Code's provisions and identifying their nature as a result of the evaluation of the complaints received;
- f) identifying the deficiencies found and finding ways to address them.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 19. The provisions of this *Code* are supplemented, in all that is not expressly provided, by those of the *Student*

Rights and Obligations Code, approved by the Minister of Education's Order no. 4394/07.05.2024, the Higher Education Law no. 199/2023, the Charter of "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași, and the Rector's Managerial Plan of the University for the period 2024-2029.

Art. 20. This Code may be modified, depending on needs and in compliance with legal provisions, under the same conditions that were used in its creation.

Art. 21. (1) This Code comes into force on the date of its adoption by the Senate of "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iași.

(2) This Code comes into force starting with the 2024/2025 academic year. The previously dated *Student Rights and Obligations Code* at TUIASI ceases to be valid.

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