



İZMİR UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

PREAMBLE

Izmir University of Economics (IUE) is an institution that upholds the highest standards in learning, teaching, research and other academic pursuits. Our community values respect, integrity, diversity, and inclusivity, and expects all members – students, faculty, and staff – to uphold these values in their interactions.

IUE is committed to providing students with the support and guidance necessary for their academic success. The Student Code of Conduct outlines the expected behavior for students, ensuring a positive, supportive and inclusive learning environment for all. By enrolling at IUE, students voluntarily accept responsibility for compliance with all University policies including the Code.

SECTION ONE: VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

1.1 Ethics and Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity in all their academic activities. Academic integrity refers to adherence to truthfulness, transparency, and ethical principles in the processes of education and research. This concept requires students, faculty, and researchers to act with honesty and fairness in the production, sharing, and use of knowledge. Academic integrity involves properly citing the ideas and work of others, refraining from cheating, avoiding plagiarism, and steering clear of dishonest conduct. Integrity is the foundation of the academic community and plays a crucial role in establishing trust and reputation. Integrity is the foundation of the academic community and essential to fostering trust and credibility.

1.2 Responsibility and Accountability

Students are expected to be accountable, i.e., take responsibility for their actions and decisions. This entails acting responsibly in academic pursuits, avoiding conflicts of interest, and challenging any unethical practices. Accountability also involves exhibiting professional conduct and a commitment to lifelong learning.

1.3 Respect

Respect is the foundation of a harmonious and inclusive environment. Students must treat every individual with courtesy, consideration, and dignity. This includes communicating in a manner that is considerate and non-offensive. Respect fosters an environment where diversity and diverse perspectives are welcomed and valued.

1.4 Confidentiality

Students are expected to respect the privacy and confidentiality of all members of the university community. This includes handling sensitive information with discretion and integrity.

1.5 Environmental Consciousness and Animal Welfare

It is expected that our students will be environmentally conscious individuals, adopting sustainable living practices and striving to protect natural resources. This includes practices such as the efficient use of natural resources, waste management, recycling, and energy efficiency. Additionally, the health of the animals living on our campus is of great importance. To improve health and hygiene conditions and ensure the safety and well-being of both ourselves and the campus animals, it is crucial that feeding occurs only in designated areas within the campus. Furthermore, since food leftovers can jeopardize the health of the animals, it is necessary to feed them only with appropriate pet food.

SECTION TWO: PERSONAL CONDUCT

2.1 Conduct with Others

- **Bullying, Harassment, and Discrimination:** Students must refrain from engaging in bullying, harassment, or discrimination, including the use of discriminatory language or behavior towards others, including on the basis of age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion, or belief. This behavior is unacceptable whether it occurs on or off-campus or through digital means including social media.
- **Physical and Verbal Abuse:** Any form of physical, written, or verbal abuse or intimidation, including in communications via social media or within an online teaching environment, is unacceptable.
- **Sexual Misconduct:** Any unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, including harassment, assault, stalking and/or the distribution of explicit images with the intent to disclose, humiliate, stigmatize, exclude or similar purposes is unacceptable.

2.2 Community Conduct

- **Vandalism and Theft:** Intentional or negligent damage to property, equipment, platform, system, or resources belonging to others or designated for communal use and theft are unacceptable. It is important to show care and respect for all forms of property - whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable - and to respect the shared use of all individuals and community.
- **Compliance with University Policies:** Students must adhere to all university policies and regulations, including proper use of university premises and ID cards.
- **Obstruction and Disruption:** Obstructing or interfering with teaching, research, and administrative activities or functions of the university is unacceptable, and considered a disorderly conduct.

2.3 Substance Use and Prohibited Items

- **Alcohol and Substances:** Creating a healthy and safe campus environment free from alcohol and drug use is our top priority. Therefore, possessing, distributing, consuming, or transporting alcohol or illegal substances on campus or in university buildings is not allowed. Alcohol and drug addiction are treatable medical conditions. Our university offers various resources to support students seeking help with these issues.
- **Tobacco products and Smoking:** The University's "Smoke-Free Campus" policy continues indoors and outdoors on campus within the framework of the Law No. 4207 on Prevention and Control of Hazards of Tobacco Products and the circular numbered 2015/6 of the Ministry of Health. Accordingly, to comply with the terms brought by the relevant legislation, certain areas are reserved for the consumption of tobacco products on campus, and smoking is prohibited outside these areas. Violation of the smoking ban is a penalized behavior according to the law. In this respect, it is of utmost importance to comply with the rules determined in accordance with the relevant legislation to protect people who do not use tobacco products, and to minimize the risk in education and living areas.
- **Destructive Devices and Weapons:** Possessing weapons, dangerous chemicals, or explosive devices is not allowed on university property.
- **Gambling:** Organizing or participating in gambling activities (including commercial betting games) on university premises is unacceptable.

SECTION THREE: ACADEMIC CONDUCT

3.1 Correspondence

University email is the official mode of communication for all matters related to student conduct. Students are responsible for regularly checking their email accounts and responding promptly to communications from the university.

3.2 Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to the university's mission. The following behaviors are considered violations of academic integrity:

- **Cheating:** Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the following actions as they relate to academic work:
 1. Copying from another's academic work either for the student's own use or for the use of others.
 2. Acquiring, without written or verbal permission, tests or other academic material belonging to the instructor or another member of the University faculty or staff.
 3. Buying or selling academic work, such as essays, assignments, or projects, with the intent of submitting it as their own to fulfill the requirements of a course.
 4. Forging, altering, reproducing, removing, destroying, or misusing any University document, record, or instrument of identification.

- **Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's work as your own without proper attribution. There are several types of plagiarism, including:
 1. **Complete Plagiarism:** Purchasing or downloading an academic work from the internet or other means and submitting it as your own work.
 2. **Direct Plagiarism:** Copying another person's work word-for-word without giving proper credit or citation. Copying and pasting a paragraph from a website into a paper without using quotation marks or citing the source.
 3. **Self-Plagiarism:** Submitting academic work, or any part of academic work, completed for one course as work for another course without the prior approval of both instructors. Resubmitting the same work for different courses or projects without prior approval from the relevant instructors.
 4. **Paraphrasing Plagiarism:** Rephrasing someone else's ideas or text without giving credit. While the wording may be different, the ideas are still derived from another's work, and not citing the source constitutes plagiarism.
 5. **Mosaic Plagiarism (or Patchwriting):** Piecing together phrases, ideas, or text from various sources, changing only a few words or altering the structure slightly, without proper citation. Taking sentences from multiple sources, making minor changes, and combining them into a new paragraph or text without proper attribution.

- **Collusion and Impersonation:**
 1. Receiving unauthorized help on assignments or exams, such as having someone else complete your work or take an exam on your behalf.
 2. Completing academic work for someone else.
 3. Representing another student in a class for attendance or participation purposes or asking another person for representation for attendance or participation purposes.

- **Fabrication:** The falsification, inaccuracy, or fabrication of information or sources in any academic work.
- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty:** Assisting another student in committing any form of academic misconduct.
- **Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):** The use of AI tools in assignments, exams, projects, papers, or other academic work is not acceptable unless explicitly permitted in writing by the course instructor or clearly stated in the course syllabus. Our university policy on the use of AI is currently being developed and will be disseminated soon.

SECTION FOUR: SANCTIONS

Actions that violate the principles and rules outlined in this document may be considered criminal offenses and be subject to punishment by courts or competent administrative authorities. Adhering to the code of conduct is essential to avoid prosecutions and investigations that could lead to punitive measures.

Students found to have violated the code of conduct may, as a result of necessary investigations and proceedings in accordance with relevant regulations, face one or more of the following sanctions or other penalties:

- **Imprisonment or judicial/administrative fines or measures:** These penalties may be imposed on individuals found guilty of committing a crime by a court decision or acting unlawfully by an administrative authority authorized by law. Examples include acts such as violence and harassment, persistent stalking, theft, the disclosure or misuse of personal data, which are offenses under the Turkish Penal Code, and behaviors such as the consumption of tobacco products in prohibited areas or environmental pollution, which are subject to penalties under the Misdemeanors Law.
- **Compensation:** Student may be required to compensate for material and moral damages, losses, or injuries they have caused, as determined by a court ruling.
- **Suspension or Expulsion:** According to [Article 54 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547](#) titled "Disciplinary Actions for Students," the authorized person or board may impose a suspension from the university for a certain period or expulsion from student status following an investigation. For example, actions such as damaging university property, vandalizing equipment, or harming information systems, cheating, theft, and physical assault may result in suspension for one semester. Actions such as possessing firearms, ammunition, knives, or drugs, engaging in sexual harassment, or accessing information systems to gain unfair advantage or cause harm to others may lead to suspension for two semesters. Severe offenses like sexual assault or drug trafficking may result in expulsion from the university. Students are advised to review [Article 54 of Law No. 2547](#) for detailed information.

A single behavior may require imprisonment, compensation, and disciplinary action according to legal regulations, and multiple sanctions may be applied for one single act.

We trust that all our students will adhere to these principles and rules, and avoid actions contrary to them, in order to maintain a healthy and secure university environment.