

Gdynia Maritime University

Student Code of Ethics

The Student Government of Gdynia Maritime University, acting on the basis of Article 110(4) of the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2021, item 478), hereby adopts the Student Code of Ethics.

The Student Code of Ethics has been adopted to protect the good name of the University and to respond to the continuing need to shape ethical attitudes among students of Gdynia Maritime University. It reflects the understanding that the ethical standards of today's students are closely connected with the ethical standards they will demonstrate in their future family and professional lives.

Promoting and observing the Code is the duty of every student. It stems from an awareness of the importance of moral principles and ethical standards in achieving the highest academic standards and in contributing to a strong civil society.

The Student Code of Ethics of Gdynia Maritime University is not only a set of prohibitions and obligations. It is also – perhaps above all – a statement of universal values, compliance with which has brought honour to the University since its founding.

General Provisions

1.

The principles of the Student Code of Ethics of Gdynia Maritime University (hereinafter: the 'Code') are based on generally accepted moral standards, and in particular on moral standards appropriate to academic education.

2.

A student must familiarise themselves with the principles of the Code and promote them within the academic community, and, where necessary, defend them.

3.

Observance of the Code is entrusted to all students of the University, to their sensitivity and conscience.

4.

It is considered reprehensible to breach the ethical standards set out in the Code in order to obtain financial gain or other personal benefit.

The Academic Community

5.

Bearing in mind the inherent and inalienable dignity of every person, a student should act with honesty and integrity and, in relations with others – regardless of their position in the academic or social hierarchy – should observe good manners and a high standard of personal culture.

6.

A student should base relationships with other students on respect, kindness, solidarity, loyalty and cooperation. In this way, students co-create the University's academic community.

7.

A student should seek to support other students in their studies, help them adapt to academic life, and assist them in learning and observing the rules in force at the University.

8.

A student should demonstrate responsibility, accept responsibility for their actions, and not avoid the negative consequences of their own conduct.

9.

It is considered reprehensible for a student to discriminate against other students on the grounds of skin colour, religion, nationality, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or for any other reason.

10.

A student should oppose all manifestations of wrongdoing, aggression, academic and social pathology, and dishonest conduct.

11.

A student should not remain passive in the face of dishonest or unethical conduct by another student or an employee of the University, and should counteract negative phenomena in academic life. Where conduct constitutes a breach of applicable law, the student should also notify the University authorities and the competent law enforcement bodies.

12.

A student should not participate in any activities that undermine the dignity of others, nor undertake activities that may harm the good name of the University.

13.

Even after graduation, a student should continue to care for the good name of their Faculty and the University through their moral and intellectual standards.

Unethical and Reprehensible Conduct

14.

In all actions undertaken, a student must act with absolute honesty. In particular, the following are considered unethical:

1. writing coursework without independent work, including submitting for assessment work purchased or appropriated from others;
2. failure to respect intellectual property rights, including using others' materials in diploma theses and coursework without acknowledging the author;
3. failure to comply with, or circumventing, the standards set out in the Code and Polish law, in particular in order to obtain financial gain or other personal benefit;
4. forging grades and falsifying documents;
5. impersonating another student;
6. making improper use of family or personal connections or patronage;
7. excessive familiarity towards academic teachers;
8. seeking to obtain undue benefits from the University.

15.

A student has a duty to respect University property and public property. A student should take care of the technical condition and appearance of the resources made available to them. The following are considered reprehensible:

1. damaging University property, including lecture rooms, seminar rooms, laboratories, and student residences and their equipment;
2. other acts of vandalism.

16.

A student should treat academic teachers and other University staff with respect, observing good manners and academic customs in their interactions with them. In particular, the following are considered reprehensible:

1. lack of punctuality;
2. disrupting teaching activities;
3. insulting behaviour or a dismissive attitude.