ORDINANCE OF THE RECTOR OF WSB UNIVERSITY

No 40/2024/2025 of 20 December 2024

on the approval of

the WSB University Student Code of Ethics

Acting pursuant to § 11 sec. 3 (20) of the WSB University Statute of 26 October 2021, as amended, the following is hereby ordered:

§ 1

The WSB University Student Code of Ethics, which is attached as Annex 1 hereto, is hereby approved.

§ 2

1. The Ordinance shall come into force on the day of its adoption.
2. At the same time, the Student Code of Ethics of 01.10.2011 is repealed.

RECTOR

Assoc. Prof. Zdzisława Dacko-Pikiewicz, PhD

Annex to the Ordinance of the Rector of WSB University No. 40/2024/2025 of 20.12.2024

WSB UNIVERSITY STUDENT CODE OF ETHIC

drawn up by WSBU students

The Student Code of Ethics has been adopted with the intention of protecting the good name of the University and fostering ethical attitudes among WSB University students and graduates. It is a set of ethical values and standards of conduct that all University students should adhere to, taking into consideration the universal principles of social coexistence and the University's reputation.

The WSB University Student Code of Ethics is based on fundamental values, the observance of which brings honor both to the students themselves and to the University.

Chapter 1

General Provisions

§1

1. The Student Code of Ethics, hereinafter referred to as the 'Code', regulates the principles of student ethics and good conduct, which all WSB University students, hereinafter referred to as the 'University', are obliged to observe.
2. The principles of the Code stem from generally accepted norms of professional ethics and academic education ethics.

§2

1. A student is required to act in accordance with the oath they have taken, the WSB University Statute and the University's Study Regulations.
2. Respecting the dignity of every individual, the student or graduate shall act with honesty and integrity and observe good manners and customs in interactions with others.
3. The student is obliged to comply with generally applicable laws as well as internal University regulations.

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Compliance with the Code is entrusted to all University students, their sensitivity and conscience. Students should read this Code on their own initiative, abide by its principles, promote them in the academic community, and, if necessary, defend them.

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Students should remember that they represent the University, including beyond its walls throughout their studies. Therefore, they should behave with dignity, be a model of lawfulness and honesty, and embody the highest ethical standards.

Chapter 2

Student Rights

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Students are entitled to demand that all University personnel protect their rights as granted by the Law on Higher Education and Science and the University's Study Regulations.

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Every student is entitled to:

1. respect for their dignity
2. fair assessment of their knowledge,
3. pursue their interests within their studies,
4. participate in student scientific clubs and organizations,
5. receive reliable academic information and attend well-prepared classes.

Chapter 3

Student Duties and Responsibilities

§7

Students must respect University authorities, university teachers, and all employees. They should treat all employees equally, regardless of their academic rank, and observe good manners in interactions, particularly by using polite language, dressing appropriately for exams and academic ceremonies, and addressing staff with their academic titles. Students should respect University symbols.

§8

Students are obliged to diligently fulfill academic requirements, maintain appropriate conduct in academic interactions, and meet their obligations towards the University on time.

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1. Students should help build a supportive and friendly academic community, assist fellow students with their studies, positively influence social groups they belong to, and help newcomers adjust to academic life and its rules.
2. Students are expected to show particular empathy towards persons with disabilities and international students and offer support whenever possible.
3. Students support equality and educational accessibility for persons with disabilities by eliminating barriers and promoting openness and inclusion within the academic community.

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Students engage in actions supporting sustainable development by supporting local and global initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life.

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1. Students are expected to strive for self-improvement, character development, and continuous broadening of knowledge, particularly by participating in non-compulsory and extracurricular classes.
2. They should regard all forms of knowledge verification as part of their personal development.
3. Students are expected to support, insofar as possible, academic and social initiatives, engage in University development, actively participate in conferences, training sessions, open lectures, and other events, and assist in their organization.
4. Students should actively contribute to the improvement of education quality, especially through diligent participation in evaluation surveys.

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Every student is obliged to seek amicable resolution of conflicts.

Chapter 4

Relations with the University Community

§13

Students do not discriminate against staff or other students on the basis of skin color, religion, nationality, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or for any other reason.

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Students oppose all forms of violence, intimidation, and exclusion, striving to build a safe and supportive academic environment.

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Students uphold the good name of the University and represent it with dignity, both beyond its walls and in the virtual space.

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Students cooperate with University community members to improve its functioning. They address the Student Government as the main representative of their interests in disputes requiring cooperation with University authorities.

Chapter 5

Unethical and Reprehensible Conduct

§17

Any violation of ethical norms defined in this Code intended to gain financial or other benefits, directly or indirectly related to academic advancement, is particularly reprehensible.

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Students should respond to any signs of unethical behavior by their peers.

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Particularly unethical conduct includes:

1. Discrimination of fellow students based on gender, age, origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, beliefs, or socioeconomic status.
2. Submitting assignments (e.g., end-of-term papers, exams, theses) that are not their own, including the use of someone else's work, unattributed quotations, and use of unauthorized sources (e.g., AI generators, online repositories with ready-made papers).
3. Plagiarism, i.e., claiming authorship of someone else's content, ideas, or research without proper citation.
4. Aggressive, bullying, or violent behavior toward students, university teachers, or University staff.
5. Publicly insulting the University, its staff, or fellow students in a way that harms their good name, whether in person or on social media.

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Students should use AI systems responsibly, observing academic integrity principles. The use of AI in exams or while writing theses and course assignments is only allowed with the instructor's permission. It is also prohibited to enter personal data, confidential information, or legally protected content into AI systems.

Chapter 6

Responsibility

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Students bear disciplinary responsibility before the Rector of WSB University or the Student Disciplinary Committee.

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Disciplinary proceedings are governed by separate regulations.

Chapter 7

Final Provisions

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1. Any amendments to the Code will be publicly announced in the manner adopted at WSB University.
2. The Student Code of Ethics enters into force on 20 December 2024.
3. At the same time, the Student Code of Ethics of 1 October 2011 is repealed.

Chairwoman of the Student Council

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