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HONOR CODE

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Introduction

With this Honor Code, the University of Gastronomic Sciences reaffirms the ethical values and the civil and moral responsibility that must inspire the behavior and actions of students, faculty, and technical-administrative staff.

Today more than ever, it is fundamental to help young people, and in particular those who may become part of the leadership of the agri-food sector, to adopt certain fundamental characteristics of life such as behavioral rigor in their current role as students and as future workers, independent judgment, an aptitude for teamwork, the culture of sustainability, and the values of conscious consumption.

UNISG therefore sets itself the objective of training men and women who are creators of their own destiny and that of the earth, aware of future challenges and competent in tackling the most pressing issues of food and the environment.

The students of Pollenzo are citizens of the world, with a strong sense of belonging to the social body, whether it be that of the micro-enterprise or the much larger one of the State, Europe, and Mother Earth.

Being part of UNISG as students, faculty, collaborators, or technical-administrative staff means adhering totally and spontaneously to the principles expressed in the University's founding documents and its reference values, in particular: freedom, solidarity, transparency, independence of judgment, honesty, modesty, promotion of diversity among people, and attention to merit and the development of individual capabilities.

Practices such as professionalism and striving for quality, social responsibility, and care for the environment are the guidelines pursued everyday by all members of the University.

Non-compliance with these values due to inadequate behavior, whether intentional or caused by simple negligence, constitutes damage to the individuals and an offense to the persons directly involved, but also to the University as a whole and to its community.

UNISG's reputation has direct effects on the lives of students, faculty, and graduates whatever their role, rank, or task in global society.

For the reasons listed above, UNISG publishes and disseminates an Honor Code for faculty and students with the aim of transmitting and strengthening values and principles essential for carrying out study and research activities within the University.



GENERAL VALUES

1. The student must conform their behavior to the general values expressed in legislative, statutory, and regulatory provisions, as well as ethical principles.
2. Like other members of the university community, the student takes into consideration reciprocal cultural differences, abstaining from any form of discrimination, even indirect, towards both individuals and groups of people based on age, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, membership or non-membership in associations or organizations, personal beliefs or opinions, or any other behaviors considered discriminatory.
3. The student must be aware that belonging to the university community implies active participation, and therefore commits to:
 - i. playing an active role in guaranteeing the quality of academic commitment and in the pursuit of excellence in study and research activities;
 - ii. contributing to promoting freedom of thought and expression;
 - iii. participating in the governance of the University, including through the assumption of direct responsibility in student representative bodies.
4. The student lives community life with a spirit of collaboration, equity, solidarity, fairness, and loyalty in relationships with all members of the university community.
5. Students must support and encourage the performance of teaching, research, and learning activities by all the university's staff, within the scope of their respective roles and functions.
6. Regardless of the medium used such as social networks, the student must ensure that he/she use, verbal or written language that is respectful and non-offensive towards other members of the university community.
7. The student's conduct must be characterized by criteria of dignity, decorum, and respect, and is oriented towards the orderly conduct of university life and the civil coexistence of people within the university context.
8. The student uses University premises, facilities and equipment for institutional purposes with the utmost diligence and efficiency, avoiding waste and preserving the integrity of university assets.



BEHAVIORAL DUTIES

1. Students are bound to observe the educational responsibilities assumed upon enrollment, observing practices and behaviors that allow and facilitate the correct and effective performance of academic activities, progress tests, and research activities.
2. Students must avoid any behavior that may compromise or alter the correct evaluation of their academic performance, such as plagiarism, cheating, or other inadequate conduct during exams and tests.

The University promotes a transparent, conscious, and responsible approach regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools. The use of such tools to draft papers, theses, reports, or to solve exam tests is permitted exclusively when explicitly authorized by the professor and must never replace the student's personal effort and intellectual responsibility, nor the human capacity to produce rigorous and quality academic work. When use is authorized, the student must expressly declare the tool and the relative functions used, as well as the degree of influence on the work. Undeclared use will be considered unauthorized external assistance.

3. Faculty members are bound to exercise their academic, research, and institutional service activities rigorously, observing behaviors that ensure their regular and profitable performance.
4. Non-compliance of behavioral obligations entails disciplinary responsibility for the student and the faculty member, ascertained and sanctioned according to the rules provided by the university system and the regulations in force at UNISG.

STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

1. The Student Ombudsman is appointed by the Academic Council upon the suggestion of the Rector and the Student Representatives. Ombudsman remains in office for one academic year and are eligible for re-election.
2. The Ombudsman is responsible for examining student requests regarding actions and behaviors of any specific body, structure, office, or any individual staff of the University that are considered non-compliant with current regulations or the University Code of Ethics, protecting the affected party from any retaliation, working to settle the matter, and transmitting their conclusions to the competent body.

They have the responsibility to:

1. oversee the correct application of academic regulation, guidelines regarding the right to study, and student careers based on national and University rules;



2. oversee—at the request of students—that necessary measures are adopted to protect student representation in Academic Bodies.

The Ombudsman is the reference point for compliance with regulations regarding students in every area of their life at the University. They facilitate and foster direct dialogue between students and faculty, report potential malfunctions to those responsible, and report situations requiring intervention to Academic Bodies, soliciting and monitoring interventions during implementation. Students may turn to the Ombudsman to report administrative problems such as delays in Academic Office procedures, reporting of non-existent or inadequate services and anomalies in IT procedures. Furthermore, they may report academic issues they may encounter related to the organization of lessons, methods and criteria for evaluation in exams and any difficulties in relationships with individual professors.

The Student Ombudsman is also the reference person for any case of sexual harassment, racial, cultural, or religious discrimination, and discrimination concerning sexual orientation.