

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF UKRAINE
NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY OF UKRAINE

**CODE
OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY OF UKRAINE**

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Preamble

Aware of the vision and mission of the National Defence University of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the University) as a leading center of military education and science, and recognizing that honor, responsibility and professionalism are our fundamental values, the university community proclaims this Code of Academic Integrity.

The Code states that academic integrity is a prerequisite for high-quality educational, scientific, innovative and international activities and obtaining quality education in accordance with the best world standards. It is the key to confidence in the academic achievements of the University and an integral part of the personal and professional growth of graduates and each member of the university community.

1. General provisions

1.1. The purpose of the Code is to establish and develop a culture of academic integrity as an integral part of the corporate environment of the University, high quality education and training, scientific, scientific, technical and innovative activities, as well as the development of personal and professional potential of each member of the academic community.

1.2. The Code applies to all members of the academic community of the University, including scientific, pedagogical and scientific workers, students of all degrees and levels, types of training, managerial and administrative personnel in all areas of educational, scientific and professional activities.

1.3. Membership in the academic community of the University is inseparable from the conscious acceptance and commitment to adhere to the values and principles defined by this Code.

Admission to study, employment or military service at the University certifies the adherence of a person to this Code by adopting the Declaration of Academic Integrity of the University (Annex).

2. Strategic goals of a culture of academic integrity

The university community establishes a culture of academic integrity to achieve the following strategic goals:

Strategic goal 1. Establishment of high quality standards.

To implement and maintain high standards in educational, scientific and expert activities, which are based on the principles of objectivity, innovation and compliance with the best world practices.

Strategic goal 2. Ensuring confidence in the results of the University's activities.

To guarantee unconditional confidence in the results of the University's activities in all areas, which is confirmed by the recognition of educational and professional qualifications, acquired competencies of graduates - leaders and professionals with high ethical standards.

Strategic goal 3. Strengthening institutional reputation.

To position the University as a center of trust, ethical leadership and zero tolerance for dishonesty at the national and international levels, confirming the status of a reliable partner in the Euro-Atlantic educational, scientific and security space.

3. Fundamental values and principles of academic integrity

3.1. The basis of the culture of academic integrity of the University is six fundamental values:

Value 1. Honesty is truthfulness in educational and research activities, recognition of one's own contribution and the contribution of others, which forms the basis for trust in the results obtained.

Value 2. Trust is the creation of an environment in which the free exchange of ideas is possible and on which all members of the community rely in their work.

Value 3. Fairness – impartial and equal treatment of all members of the academic community, the application of clear, transparent evaluation criteria and the same rules to everyone.

Value 4. Respect is the recognition of the value of the opinions and ideas of others, even in case of disagreement, respect for knowledge, intellectual property and the dignity of each individual.

Value 5. Responsibility is personal accountability for one's own actions and decisions, readiness to adhere to integrity standards and actively counteract their violations.

Value 6. Courage – the willingness to defend these principles even in difficult situations when it may be unpopular or requires additional effort.

3.2. The University recognizes the challenges of the modern digital age and affirms the following principles of academic integrity:

Principle 1. Responsible use of technology.

Members of the academic community have an obligation to ethically and responsibly use digital tools, including artificial intelligence, to deepen knowledge, rather than to simulate educational or scientific activities.

Principle 2. Information hygiene.

An integral condition for conducting educational, scientific, scientific, technical and innovative activities is a critical assessment of information sources, verification of their reliability and counteraction to the spread of disinformation.

Principle 3. Transparency of methods.

The use of assistive technologies that significantly affected the result of work must be transparently declared in accordance with the rules established by the University.

4. Commitment of the university community

4.1. A culture of academic integrity is the result of joint efforts and mutual support of all members of the university community, where each party has its own unique role and responsibility.

4.2. The University, as an institution that is the guarantor of academic integrity, undertakes:

- create favorable conditions that encourage virtuous behavior and exclude manifestations of dishonesty, providing the necessary educational, technological and information resources;

- systematically inform and train community members on integrity policies, and guarantee objective, transparent and fair procedures for responding to violations;

- create mechanisms to celebrate and promote examples of exemplary academic integrity, affirming it as a key corporate value.

4.3. Scientific, pedagogical and scientific workers, as key guarantors and conductors of the culture of academic integrity, are obliged to:

- to act as an example of ethical behavior and adherence to the values of this Code in all areas of its activity;

- clearly convey the requirements for the implementation of educational tasks and carry out objective assessment;

- conduct scientific research in compliance with the principles of objectivity and validity, ensuring the reliability of the results obtained and the correctness of references;

- to fairly determine authorship in scientific works, to promote the scientific growth of students and young scientists, acting as mentors;

to carry out expert activities in the educational and scientific field impartially, confidentially and with respect for the work of other members of the academic community;

to actively develop a culture of academic integrity, to constantly improve their own knowledge in this area and to promote the involvement of students in its development.

4.4. Students, as future leaders and professionals, are committed to:

bear personal responsibility for observance of the values of this Code in all types of educational and scientific activities;

perform educational and scientific tasks independently and/or in compliance with the rules of cooperation, appropriately referring to the sources used and transparently declaring the use of assistive technologies;

respect the intellectual work of others, refraining from any form of academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, fabrication or falsification of data;

actively contribute to the formation of a virtuous educational environment, refraining from providing or receiving improper assistance and not remaining indifferent to manifestations of dishonesty on the part of others.

5. Final provisions

5.1. The Code is a fundamental value document that defines the University's policy in the field of academic integrity. Its principles are binding on all members of the university community.

5.2. Specific mechanisms for the implementation of the academic integrity policy, types of violations, procedures for their consideration and types of academic responsibility are regulated by the Regulations on Academic Integrity of the University.

5.3. The Code is adopted by the decision of the Academic Council of the University and put into effect by the order of the Head of the University. Amendments and additions to the Code shall be made in the same manner.

Declaration of Academic Integrity of the National Defence University of Ukraine

As a member of the academic community of the National Defence University of Ukraine:

voluntarily join joint efforts in building a culture of quality of the University in achieving strategic goals;

I undertake to build my academic and professional activities on the fundamental values and principles of academic integrity and responsibility for their observance.