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THE CODE OF ACADEMIC ETHICS OF VILNIAUS KOLEGIJA

SECTION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Code of Academic Ethics (hereinafter - the Code) of Vilniaus Kolegija/Higher Education Institution (hereinafter – the Kolegija) defines the fundamental principles of ethical behaviour for members of the Kolegija community that are not directly regulated by the normative legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania, the Kolegija’s internal work regulations, study-related regulatory documents, or study contracts.
2. The Code has been prepared in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the laws of the Republic of Lithuania, the Recommendations on the Adoption, Implementation and Oversight of Academic Ethics Codes of Higher Education and Research Institutions, the Code of Ethics for Scientists of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the principles of the Magna Charta Universitatum, the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity of the European Science Foundation, the Guidelines for the Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Process of Science and Studies, the European Commission Recommendation on the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers, the Statute of the Kolegija, and other internal legal acts of the Kolegija.
3. Terms used in the Code :
 - 3.1. Academic community** – students, lecturers, researchers, professors emeriti, and other employees of the Kolegija who are directly involved in research and experimental development (hereinafter – *R&D*) and in artistic and/or study-related activities.
 - 3.2. Academic ethics** – a set of universally recognized values ensuring transparency, integrity, fairness, equality, non-discrimination, academic freedom, impartial assessment of R&D, artistic and study-related work, trust, respect, protection of intellectual property, responsibility, and sustainable use of resources in the R&D, artistic, and study process.

3.3. Academic Ethics Committee – a committee established by the Academic Council of the Kolegija, authorized to examine submissions (requests) regarding violations of academic ethics by members of the Kolegija community and to perform other functions provided for in this Code and in the Committee's Rules of Procedure.

3.4. Violations of Academic Ethics – any act that violates the norms of general ethics, pedagogical activity, R&D and artistic activity, as well as the academic activities of students and participants.

3.5. Academic honesty – the commitment of members of the Kolegija community to base R&D and artistic activities and their dissemination, studies (teaching and learning), and related activities on the principles of openness, trust, respect, responsibility, and other ethical values.

3.6. Conflict of interests – a situation in which the personal, professional, financial, or other interests of a member of the Kolegija community may influence their decisions, actions, or performance of duties, thereby giving rise to doubts regarding their impartiality, objectivity, or integrity.

3.7. The Kolegija community – is a community consisting of the academic community, administrative staff necessary for carrying out the administrative functions of units, and other employees required to implement the tasks of studies, R&D and artistic activities, and economic operations.

3.8. Information of a private nature is non-disclosable information concerning an individual's personal and family life, health, and other aspects, from the perspective of ensuring the right to protection of private life.

3.9. Students – persons studying under study programmes, including individuals arriving to study under student exchange programmes, as well as listeners, i.e. persons studying under non-formal adult education programmes or individual study subjects (modules).

4. Other terms used in the Code shall be understood as defined in the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania, other legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania, and the internal documents of the Kolegija.

5. The purpose of the Code is to define standards of ethical conduct and to establish commonly understood principles of academic ethics, to promote ethical behaviour among members of the Kolegija community, and to strengthen their responsibility, thereby preventing unethical conduct.

6. Functions of the Code:

6.1. To serve as the principal document guiding the development of an ethical academic culture;

6.2. To assist the Kolegija community in acting ethically in accordance with the Kolegija's principles of academic ethics by applying them in practice, thereby shaping and safeguarding the

image of the Kolegija;

6.3. To define the standards of ethical professional (academic) conduct for members of the Kolegija community;

6.4. Helps to resolve conflict situations or unclear circumstances in which ethical dilemmas arise;

6.5. Encourages members of the Kolegija community to deepen their understanding of ethical conduct and the application of ethical principles in daily activities;

6.6. Encourages members of the Kolegija community to assume responsibility when making decisions and for unethical conduct;

6.7. Helps to avoid conflicts of interest and ensures impartiality in decision-making.

7. The Kolegija is guided by the principles of ethics, integrity, fairness, equality, respect, trust, and responsibility. The list of ethical principles and forms of conduct that violate them provided in the Code is not exhaustive. Members of the Kolegija community must be guided by the ethical principles set out in this Code in all academic relations related to R&D and artistic activities, studies, study-related activities, and other academic activities (e.g. administrative activities), both in relations with other members of the Kolegija community and with other persons with whom they are connected through relations related to studies and/or R&D and artistic activities (e.g. commissioned research, commissioned training, internships, etc.).

8. This Code applies to the entire the Kolegija community. The Code does not apply to labour disputes, cases of violence and harassment, corruption-related offences, or other cases that fall within the competence of other commissions operating at the Kolegija or other specialised institutions.

SECTION II

GENERAL RULES OF ETHICS AND THEIR VIOLATIONS

9. The ethical standards of the Kolegija community establish the fundamental principles of ethical professional (academic) conduct, which define the directions of academic ethics at the Kolegija .

10. Academic freedom means the right of members of the Kolegija community to openly express their views on the organisation and administration of studies as well as R&D and artistic research, to express constructive criticism without censorship, to freely develop R&D and artistic activities by choosing appropriate methods, and to be protected from restrictions. Responsible use of this right requires members of the community to recognise and respect the same right of other members of the community.

11. The responsible use of academic freedom is contradicted by:

- 11.1. intolerance of the opinions and reasoned criticism of other members of the Kolegija community;
- 11.2. ignoring or deliberately restricting the right to express and defend one's opinion;
- 11.3. ignoring or deliberately restricting the right to respond to criticism or accusations;
- 11.4. participation in applied scientific or artistic research or experiments whose consequences cause harm to individuals, nature, society, or culture.

12. Membership of the Kolegija community entails an obligation to respect the interests of the Kolegija, to be loyal to it, and to contribute to the achievement of its study, R&D and artistic activity objectives. Members must:

- 12.1. actively uphold standards of academic integrity and the principle of open access in the study process as well as in R&D and artistic activities;
- 12.2. when initiating and/or implementing projects associated with the name of the Kolegija, seek to ensure that their results serve the common interests of the Kolegija and are publicly accessible;
- 12.3. report to the Academic Ethics Committee any cases that may be related to corruption, fraud, or attempts to exert unlawful influence on a member of the Kolegija community;
- 12.4. refrain from voting (recuse oneself) when issues of funding, the imposition of sanctions, or incentives are considered within Kolegija self-governing bodies, where a conflict of interest may arise;
- 12.5. obtain the written consent of the Kolegija when intending to use its infrastructure or name for activities unrelated to the objectives of the Kolegija as established in the Statute of the Kolegija;
- 12.6. share available information with the Academic Ethics Committee and/or the Ombudsperson for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania upon request.

13. Relationships among members of the Kolegija community are based on principles of respect, goodwill, impartiality, and non-discrimination. Academic ethics are violated by:

- 13.1. discrimination against members of the Kolegija community through words, actions, or academic assessment, as well as the tolerance of such discrimination;
- 13.2. humiliating a member of the Kolegija community by abusing a position of superiority;
- 13.3. discrimination against members of the Kolegija community on the grounds of participation in political, civic, cultural, or sporting activities;
- 13.4. harassment of members of the Kolegija community—where a person's dignity is violated on the grounds of age, gender or sexual orientation, disability, social status, appearance, race, nationality, origin, citizenship, language, religion, beliefs, or views, and where an intimidating, hostile, degrading, or offensive environment is sought or created, as well as tolerance of behaviour that violates human rights and undermines dignity.

14. Relationships among members of the Kolegija community are based on the principles of collegiality and academic solidarity and are directed towards ensuring the quality of studies as well as R&D and artistic research, and a creative atmosphere. Academic ethics are violated:

14.1. when professional competition among colleagues takes on unfair forms, when unlawful or dishonourable dealings occur, information is concealed, or trivial conflicts and intrigues are escalated;

14.2. when a member of the Kolegija community publicly disparages the pedagogical, R&D or artistic abilities, theoretical views, or personal qualities of a colleague who is not present;

14.3. when the awarding of a qualification, academic degree, pedagogical title, honour, or other forms of recognition of a member's activities is obstructed on the basis of personal, business, or political considerations;

14.4. when pressure is exerted on a member of the academic community to obtain an unearned evaluation or to conceal dishonest academic practices;

14.5. when confidential information about members of the Kolegija community is disclosed or publicly discussed (for example, academic achievements, salary, career intentions, health status, personal matters, etc.), except in cases where, in accordance with established Kolegija procedures, a person is applying for a position and the discussion of their academic and career achievements, experience, professional and personal qualities is necessary for assessing their suitability for the position.

15. The material and financial resources of the Kolegija shall be used responsibly and sustainably in order to achieve the objectives of the Kolegija's activities. This provision is violated by:

15.1. the use of the Kolegija's material and financial resources for political activities, private business, or personal needs;

15.2. Deliberate damage to or destruction of Kolegija property, or negligent handling of it.

SECTION III

ETHICS OF PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

16. The relationship between a lecturer and students shall be based on the principles of academic cooperation and transparency. Entering into non-academic commitments may give rise to a conflict of interest; therefore, ambiguous relationships with students should be avoided. Academic ethics are violated by:

16.1. attempts by a student or a lecturer to establish non-academic relationships with a lecturer or a student, respectively, in order to obtain advantage within academic relationships;

16.2. a lecturer assuming an academic role in relation to a family member, a close friend (where

there are direct and close personal ties or relationships), or a business partner (such as examining, supervising written work, etc.), in cases where it is possible to avoid assuming such a role;

16.3. requesting and/or accepting gifts, or non-academic or academic services, whether offered directly or indirectly (through third parties), which are not directly related to the courses being studied, from members of the academic community;

16.4. academic bribery, i.e. the offering, giving, or receiving of remuneration (whether individual or collective) in exchange for academic services.

17. The assessment of a student's knowledge and skills must be fair, honest, and aligned with the objectives of the course being taught:

17.1. a lecturer must respond in a principled manner and, within one working day, notify the Faculty Dean from their official work email account of cases of student dishonesty, such as plagiarism, data falsification, falsification of results, cheating, the use of unauthorised aids in any form of assessment of study achievements, submission of another person's written work as one's own, earning income by writing assignments for other students, purchasing written work and submitting it for assessment by a member of the academic community, or submitting the same assessed work for another course, except where the assessed work forms part of a continuing assignment for another course or courses. The Dean shall submit a proposal to the Rector regarding the imposition of a disciplinary sanction and shall inform the Academic Ethics Committee of the fact of academic dishonesty;

17.2. a lecturer must protect a student's personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Legal Protection of Personal Data, and the Procedure for the Processing of Personal Data at Vilnius Kolegija;

17.3. a lecturer must avoid linking the assessment of a student's study achievements to the student's participation or non-participation in political or civic activities that are acceptable or unacceptable to the lecturer;

17.4. during the assessment of study achievements, a lecturer must provide appropriate conditions for students with special needs (for example, visual, hearing, mobility, or other disabilities) to enable them to complete tasks, except where the completion of such tasks is reasonably impossible.

18. The disclosure of confidential information about a student undermines an atmosphere of trust. The principle of information confidentiality requires:

18.1. that information about a student's academic assessments or sanctions be disclosed to third parties only with the student's written consent or on a legal basis where there is a foreseeable risk of harm to other persons;

18.2. avoiding the discussion of a student's various achievements, except in cases where student appeals are being considered, examination or assessment results are discussed, or other academic matters are addressed, where their objective resolution clearly justifies such discussion;

18.3. that information of a private nature be used for teaching or scientific and artistic research purposes only with the student's written consent;

18.4. ensuring that comments made when assessing a student's study achievements are not accessible to third parties, except for comments presented during the public defence of a student's written work.

SECTION IV

ETHICS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND ART ACTIVITIES

19. Members of the Kolegija academic community base their R&D and artistic activities on freedom of thought, the dissemination of ideas, honesty, and the pursuit of truth. Recognising truth and knowledge as the highest aim of R&D and artistic activity, and relying on trust and fair evaluation of their achievements, members of the academic community engaged in R&D and artistic activity undertake to adhere to the principle of academic integrity. The principle of academic integrity in R&D and artistic activities is violated by:

19.1. fabrication, falsification, or manipulation (for example, creating non-existent data, altering existing data to improve or worsen results, use of AI tools). Typical cases include:

19.1.1. forged signatures, certificates, data or results in reports, or other documents (for example, data or results of academic tasks such as laboratory work, coursework, or other assignments);

19.1.2. citing a non-existent source, providing an incorrect page of a source, an incorrect website visit date, or other source description data;

19.1.3. omission of data that contradicts the research hypothesis and/or questions and/or research conclusions;

19.1.4. deliberately providing misleading information about the methodology of empirical research;

19.1.5. unjustified (undeserved) attribution of co-authorship to students, colleagues, subordinates, or supervisors;

- 19.1.6. unjustified denial or omission of the intellectual and/or financial contribution of individuals involved in R&D or artistic activity;
- 19.2. theft or deliberate damage of empirical research data, computer programmes, samples of empirical material, or manuscripts;
- 19.3. plagiarism, i.e., appropriation of ideas, discoveries, inventions, scientific, artistic, or literary works or parts thereof without indicating the author, claiming authorship and publishing under one's own name or pseudonym, or using the work without the author's permission. Typical cases include: 19.3.1. presenting someone else's text without quotation marks or other forms of distinction from the main text (for example, a separate paragraph or italics);
- 19.3.2. when paraphrasing or citing someone else's idea, illustrative material, or data, failing to indicate the source of the information;
- 19.4. unfair, biased criticism of a colleague's work and deliberate disparagement due to personal dislike, competition, political reasons, or other motives unrelated to the professionalism of the R&D or artistic activity being evaluated;
- 19.5. assisting another person in performing academic actions that violate the principle of academic integrity;
- 19.6. academic bribery, i.e., offering, giving, or receiving remuneration (whether individual or collective) for academic services.

SECTION V

ETHICS OF THE STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

20. Students and participants in the study process shall adhere to the principle of academic integrity. Violations of the principle of academic integrity in the study process include:
- 20.1. Cheating; requiring others to cheat; the use of crib notes, electronic or virtual communication tools, or other technologies (for example, artificial intelligence tools) in order to obtain an unearned assessment result; failure to comply with the examiner's/assessor's instructions regarding the organisation of assessment procedures;
- 20.2. Prompting answers or allowing another person to cheat or otherwise disregard the examiner's/assessor's instructions regarding the organisation of assessment procedures;
- 20.3. Unethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in the preparation of final theses, written assignments, visual or audio material, or during examinations or other assessments, except in cases where the use of AI is part of the study process or is permitted by the lecturer responsible for

assessing the study subject. Provisions on the use of AI are defined in the *Guidelines for the Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in Science and Studies*, approved by the Lithuanian Ombudsperson for Academic Ethics and Procedures by Order No. V-14 of 29 April 2024. When using generative AI tools, it is necessary to avoid prompts that may generate inappropriate, biased, or harmful content, and the information provided must be verified and critically evaluated;

20.4. Plagiarism, i.e. submitting another person's written work as one's own, as well as falsification of research data;

20.5. Using another person's work or its results during an assessment;

20.6. Submission of the same work for assessment in more than one course, except in cases where the assessed work forms part of a continuing assignment of another subject or subjects;

20.7. Dishonest assessment practices whereby another person participates in an assessment in place of the student being assessed;

20.8. Academic bribery, i.e. offering, giving, or receiving remuneration for academic services (individual or group);

20.9. Exerting pressure on a lecturer/assessor/examiner in order to change the assessment of study achievements and/or the conditions of their assessment; demanding or exerting pressure to receive the same assessment as other group members despite having clearly contributed less to group work;

20.10. Rude behaviour, such as interrupting the speaker, disruptive whispering, covert or overt mockery, or other discourteous actions that interfere with the delivery of a lecture or consultation, or with oral assessments (i.e. during individual or group presentations); rude or degrading communication verbally, in writing, or by electronic means;

20.11. Ignoring, tolerating, or failing to report observed cases of academic dishonesty among members of the academic community.

21. Students undertake to use the infrastructure of the Kolegija (scientific and computer equipment, the library, and other resources) responsibly, sustainably, and in accordance with its intended purpose).

SECTION VI

SUPERVISION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF ACADEMIC ETHICS

22. Every member of the Kolegija community undertakes to comply with the provisions of this Code and not to tolerate its violations.

23. Oversight of the Code shall be carried out by the Academic Ethics Committee (hereinafter – the Committee), in accordance with the provisions of this Code and the Committee’s Rules of Procedure approved by the Academic Council and published by order of the Rector of the Kolegija.

24. The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members:

24.1. nine (9) members shall be appointed in accordance with procedures established by the Academic Council of the Kolegija;

24.2. two (2) members shall be appointed in accordance with procedures established by the Students’ Representation of the Kolegija.

25. The composition of the Committee shall be announced by order of the Rector of the Kolegija, in accordance with a resolution of the Academic Council.

26. The term of office of a Committee member shall be three (3) years.

27. Only a person of impeccable reputation may be appointed as a Committee member. The same person may serve as a Committee member for no more than two consecutive terms.

28. Where a Committee member leaves employment/completes studies or is unable to perform their duties for other reasons, or where within one (1) year a member fails to attend more than three consecutive meetings without a justified reason, a new Committee member shall be appointed in accordance with Clauses 24.1 and 24.2 of this Code.

29. The Committee shall initiate amendments or additions to the Code and submit them to the Academic Council of the Kolegija for consideration and approval.

30. The Committee shall receive and examine statements (applications) concerning possible ethical violations by members of the Kolegija community.

31. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened upon receipt of a written statement (application) concerning a possible ethical violation or for the purpose of initiating amendments or additions to the Code.

32. Statements (applications) regarding possible violations of the provisions of the Code shall be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Committee. Statements (applications) may be submitted directly to the Chair by email (published on the official website of the Kolegija) or sent by email to rastine@viko.lt. Only clearly reasoned and signed statements (applications) shall be accepted for consideration. Anonymous statements (applications) shall not be considered. In cases where plagiarism is identified, faculty deans must also inform the Committee.

33. Statements (applications) concerning possible ethical violations by a member of the Kolegija community may be submitted to the Committee by members of the Kolegija community. The

Committee shall not examine a statement (application) if more than one year has elapsed between the date of establishment/identification of the alleged ethical violation and the date of receipt of the statement (application). A decision not to examine the statement (application) shall be communicated in writing to the person concerned no later than five (5) working days from the date of receipt of the statement (application).

34. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened and chaired by the Chair of the Committee.

Where a received statement (application) concerns the Chair of the Committee, the meeting shall be convened and chaired by the Deputy Chair or, by mutual agreement of the Committee, by a member elected by the Committee. The Committee has the right to invite experts to its meetings.

35. The Committee shall examine the statement (application), adopt a decision, and respond in writing to the applicant no later than thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the statement (application). The examination period may be extended by a reasoned decision of the Committee.

36. A member of the Kolegija community in respect of whom a statement (application) has been received shall be informed of the content of the statement (application) and shall submit written explanations within five (5) working days from the date of notification. The Committee shall have the right to adopt a decision if the member of the Kolegija community concerned refuses to submit or fails to submit explanations within the foreseen period.

37. A member of the Kolegija community in respect of whom a statement (application) has been received has the right to participate in the Committee meeting at which the related statement (application) is examined.

38. Members of the Committee must observe confidentiality and must not disclose the material under investigation and/or information related to such material while the investigation is ongoing. The Committee's working materials are confidential. Only Committee decisions shall be made public, where the Committee so decides.

39. Decisions of the Committee shall be valid if at least half of the Committee members are present at the meeting. Committee decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Committee shall have the casting vote.

40. Having examined a statement (application) and established an ethical violation, the Committee shall adopt a decision, taking into account the seriousness of the violation. The Committee's decision regarding the ethical violation and the recommended corrective measure shall be submitted to the applicant, the violator, the Chair of the Academic Council of the Kolegija, and the Rector of the Kolegija.

41. Upon receipt of the Committee's decision and taking into account the Committee's recommendations regarding corrective measures, the Rector of the Kolegija may apply one of the following measures to the person who violated the Code:

41.1. a personal warning (without public disclosure of information about the ethical violation);

41.2. a public warning (with public disclosure of anonymised information about the ethical violation);

41.3. termination of the employment contract without notice due to the employee's fault;

41.4. expulsion from the Kolegija in accordance with the procedures laid down in the documents regulating the organisation of studies at the Kolegija.

42. The Code cannot foresee all cases of unethical behaviour; therefore, when examining specific statements concerning ethically inappropriate conduct not expressly provided for in the Code, the Committee may determine whether a particular act is compatible with the fundamental academic ethical values recognised by the Kolegija community and whether such conduct may be tolerated.

SECTION VII

FINAL PROVISIONS

43. Every member of the Kolegija community must be guided by this Code in their activities.

44. Members of the Kolegija community shall contribute to the development of a high-quality study process as well as to the advancement of research, experimental development (R&D), and artistic activities. A member of the academic community upon assuming their duties, or a student upon commencing studies at the Kolegija, must sign an integrity declaration (as an annex to the employment, study, or listener agreement), thereby expressing consent to the principles set out in the integrity declaration (Annexes 1, 2, and 3 to the Code) and in this Code, and undertaking to comply with them throughout the entire period of validity of the agreement with the Kolegija.

45. The Code and any amendments or additions thereto shall be approved by the Academic Council of the Kolegija and promulgated by order of the Rector of the Kolegija.

46. The Code shall be published publicly on the website of the Kolegija.



VILNIAUS KOLEGIJA
... FACULTY
DECLARATION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF ACADEMIC STAFF

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(date)

Acknowledging that:

- truth, knowledge, and understanding are the highest values of science and studies;
- any advantage over other members of the academic community may be gained only by honest means.

Recognising that academic integrity:

- contributes to the openness of the science and study system and its integration into the international higher education and research area, to the sustainable development of science, art, and studies, and to the development of an ethically responsible individual;
- promotes academic ethics, responsible use of academic freedom, and the principle of fair competition;
- strengthens trust in the value of higher education and scientific and artistic research and has a direct positive impact on the quality of studies and the reputation of Vilniaus **Kolegija**;
- limits the tolerance and proliferation of social vices (especially corruption).

And understanding that:

- every member of the academic community is required to apply measures to prevent academic dishonesty ;
- compliance with the principles and rules of academic integrity helps to build and strengthen a culture of academic integrity.

By signing this Declaration freely and consciously, I undertake to:

- comply, throughout the entire period of employment at Vilniaus Kolegija, with the provisions of the Code of Academic Ethics (hereinafter – the Code) and other documents governing ethical conduct;
- perform the duties of an academic staff member responsibly and honestly;
- set an example for other members of the academic community, not to tolerate instances of academic dishonesty, and to assist in identifying and addressing them;
- actively contribute to the creation and fostering of a fair and ethical academic environment at Vilniaus Kolegija.

I confirm, that I am familiar with the provisions of the Code of Vilniaus Kolegija and with the measures stipulated in the Code for violations of the academic ethics standards established by the Kolegija when performing the duties of an academic staff member, conducting scientific and artistic research, carrying out artistic activities, and publishing the results of scientific and artistic research.

(Name and surname)

(Signature)



VILNIAUS KOLEGIJA
... FACULTY
DECLARATION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF STUDENT

d /m _____ 20...
(date)

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And understanding that:

- every member of the academic community must take initiative and assume responsibility for seeking solutions to academic dishonesty and applying them in all academic activities;
- a decision to unconditionally comply with the principles and rules of academic honesty helps to reduce the prevalence of this problem.

By signing this Declaration freely and consciously, I undertake to:

- comply throughout my entire period of study with the Code of Academic Ethics of Vilniaus **Kolegija** (hereinafter – the *Code*) and other documents regulating ethical conduct;
- take a responsible approach to my duties as a student and perform them honestly;
- as a student, set an example for other members of the academic community, not tolerate ; instances of academic dishonesty, and fulfil my duty to report and disclose such cases ;
- actively contribute to the creation and fostering of an honest academic environment at Vilniaus **Kolegija**.

I confirm that I have familiarised myself with the provisions of the Code of Vilniaus Kolegija and that, in the event of violations of academic ethics when sitting tests, examinations and other interim assessments, when preparing and submitting independent or final thesis/theses, when conducting scientific and artistic research, and when publishing the results of scientific and artistic research (for example, in publications or at events), the measures provided for in the Code may be applied to me.

(Name and surname)

(Signature)



**VILNIAUS KOLEGIJA
... FACULTY**

DECLARATION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF PARTICIPANT

d/m _____ 20....
(date)

Acknowledging that:

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- promotes academic ethics, responsible use of academic freedom, and the principle of fair competition;
- strengthens trust in the value of higher education and scientific and artistic research and has a direct positive impact on the quality of studies and the reputation of Vilniaus **Kolegija**;
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- take a responsible approach to my duties as a participant and perform them honestly;
- as a participant, set an example for other members of the academic community, not tolerate ; instances of academic dishonesty, and fulfil my duty to report and disclose such cases ;
- actively contribute to the creation and fostering of an honest academic environment at Vilniaus **Kolegija**.

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(Name and surname)

(Signature)