

The University is a place of free intellectual creativity, research and critical thinking. Its academic community, consisting of academics, researchers, students and administrative and technical staff produces and disseminates scientific knowledge, cultivates social responsibility and promotes democracy in the University. To abide by these values, all members of the academic community undertake to observe the fundamental rules of ethics and conduct with regard to the relations among them, research, teaching and intellectual property rights.

In this context:

- a. cheating, forgery and false representation in exams are forbidden;

- b. any assignments prepared as part of a course and forming part of student assessment, such as dissertations, must be the products of the students' own work. Submitting the same paper for assessment in more than one course constitutes a violation of the code of ethics
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- c. it is forbidden for members of the academic community to use the ideas, views and words of third parties without clear and proper acknowledgment of their source. Academic research and writing demand the clear citation of views, findings or ideas from the work of other scholars, which must be referenced accurately and in accordance to the applicable rules. Any failure to acknowledge, even involuntary, one's sources constitutes plagiarism;

- d. In fieldwork, potential participants must be made clearly aware of the purposes of the research, and their consent must be obtained. Participants must be respected and have their anonymity preserved, unless they have consented to having their identity and their contributions made public;

- e. Under no circumstances is fabrication or falsification of research findings acceptable by the academic community;

f. Respect for all individuals regardless of their gender, nationality, sexual orientation, and religious, political or other beliefs, is a fundamental principle of academic conduct and the ethics of research.

All members of the academic community are obliged to respect and uphold the Code of Ethics of the University. Any conduct deviating from the Code of Ethics is a punishable act and is referred to the Committee of Ethics of the School of Social and Political Sciences.