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# UNIVERSITY CODE of Student Rights and Obligations

# Legal basis:

- Order no. 4394 of 7 May 2024, published in the Official Gazette, Part I, no. 473 of 22 May 2024.
- Law of Higher Education no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments.
- Charter of Transilvania University of Brasov.

#### Art. 1 - Preamble

- (1) The state ensures fair access to higher education, without any form of discrimination, to the citizens of Romania, the citizens of the member states of the European Union, the citizens of the states belonging to the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation, as well as the British citizens and their family members as beneficiaries of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community 2019/C 384 I/01.
- (2) The state guarantees accessible and inclusive education for all students in the national education system in terms of admission, completion and graduation of studies.
- (3) The organization and operation of the higher education system in Romania is based on the fundamental principle of non-discrimination and equal opportunities.
- (4) Any form of discrimination, as defined in Art. 2 para. (1) of the Government Ordinance no. 137/2000, republished, with subsequent amendments, on the prevention and sanctioning of all forms of discrimination, direct or indirect, individual or group, is strictly prohibited within higher education institutions.
- (5) The discrimination of any nature, according to the criteria provided for in Art. 2 para. (1) of the Government Ordinance no. 137/2000, republished, with subsequent amendments, found at the level of all technical-administrative, academic, decision-making and executive processes, is an official misconduct or a transgression of the ethics and professional deontology rules within higher education institutions and incurs civil, contraventional or criminal liability, as the case may be, under the law.
- (6) Transilvania University of Braşov (respectively, in all its organizational components) prohibits the activities that:
  - a) infringe the general moral norms of the academic community;
  - b) consist of political and/or religious proselytism;
- c) may endanger the health and physical or mental integrity of the students/ pupils, respectively of the teaching, auxiliary teaching and administrative personnel;
  - d) consist of psychological violence/bullying.

## Art. 2 – General considerations

- (1) This Code covers the rights and obligations of the students enrolled at Transilvania University of Braşov.
- (2) The students are considered partners of the University and equal members of the academic community.
- (3) The students enrolled in Transilvania University of Braşov benefit from the rights and obligations stipulated herein unless contrary to the rights and obligations arising from the regulations developed by the competent structures within the system of defence, public order and national security.

- (4) The students enrolled in Transilvania University of Braşov benefit from the rights and obligations stipulated herein unless contrary to the rights and obligations arising from the regulations developed according to the dogmatic and canonical specificity of each cult.
- (5) The doctoral student's rights and obligations are provided for in the framework regulations on doctoral university studies, approved by order of the Minister of Education.
- (6) The rights and obligations of the Romanian students everywhere are provided for in specific normative acts.

## Art. 3 - Contract of Academic Studies

- (1) The status of student, respectively of doctoral student is acquired by admission to a bachelor's, master's and respectively doctoral study programme, after signing the Contract od Studies, upon the issuance of the enrollment decision, but no later than the start date of the academic year.
- (2) Transilvania University of Braşov signs a Contract of Academic Studies with each student, doctoral student, course attendant, respectively postdoctoral researcher enrolled in a study programme, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of Study Programmes and in compliance with the applicable legislation.
- (3) The Contract of Academic Studies concluded between the student and Transilvania University of Braşov following his/her admission to a study programme shall not change during the academic year, and includes at least the object of the contract, the rights and obligations of the parties, the amount of the tuition fee and the method of payment, as the case may be, the liability of the parties and the validity term of the contract.

# Art. 4 – Student associations and organizations

- (1) The students can establish or associate in student structures or organizations, workshops, clubs, circles, cenacles, artistic bands and sports teams, as well as publications, according to the legal provisions.
- (2 The legally established student organizations are entitled to receive for free spaces to use as social headquarters and for specific activities, in the University's area, according to the legal provisions.
- (3) Transilvania University of Braşov cooperates with the legally established student organizations, and regularly confers with them on aspects regarding the development of higher education.
- (4) The student organizations that represent the interests of the students at Transilvania University of Braşov may, under the conditions provided for in the charter of the higher education institution, have legal representatives in the University's decision-making and executive structures, except for the ones whose terms of office are exclusively assigned through elections.
- (5) The representative student organizations, legally established, can delegate members to the committees for granting scholarships, accommodation in student dormitories and places in student camps, according to the internal regulations of Transilvania University of Braṣov.

# Art. 5 - Compliance with the provisions hereof

- (1) Transilvania University of Braşov establishes a system for monitoring the compliance with the provisions of this code, in which the student representatives are involved in the decision-making structures of the higher education institution and the legally established representative student associations.
- (2) The legally established student associations at the level of Transilvania University of Braşov can prepare an annual report on the compliance with the provisions hereof in the university/ faculty, which they submit to the management of Transilvania University of Braşov.
- (3) The report is debated after the beginning of the academic year, in the first meeting of the University Senate or Faculty Council, as the case may be, and the University or faculty has to publish, on its own website, the report made by the student associations.
- (4) Where irregularities are found, the University/ faculty develops a plan of measures to remedy them, in consultation with the student representatives in the University Senate/ Faculty Council and the legally established student associations.

- (5) The plan of measures is published on the website of the higher education institution/ faculty, and its implementation is monitored periodically through meetings between the management of the higher education institution/ faculty and the representatives of the legally established student associations or the student representatives, as the case may be.
- (6) The system for monitoring the compliance with the provisions hereof is part of the quality assurance system, according to the legal provisions.
- (7) Students are full equity partners in the quality assurance process, inclusively by by getting involved through representatives in the structures aimed at quality assurance.
- (8) The students' activity within the university community is regulated by the principles provided for in Art. 126 para. (1) of the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments.

## Art. 6 - Students with disabilities

- (1) The students with physical disabilities have the right to access adapted to them in the university spaces, to the provision of an interpreter in mime-gestural language, as well as to adequate conditions for the normal conduct of the academic, social, cultural and administrative activities within higher education institutions. The rules on increased accessibility to higher education for the persons with disabilities are approved by order of the Minister of Education.
- (2) Transilvania University of Braşov develops a specialised intervention plan in order to implement the rules on the disabled persons' increased accessibility to higher education.
- (3) Students with disabilities also benefit from:
- a) the right to have adequate conditions for the conduct of the academic, social, cultural and administrative activities within the University;
  - b) the right to receive support in identifying and doing the internship;
  - c) the right of access to adequate services of information and communications;
  - d) the right to participate in student camps, in accordance with the legal provisions.

#### Art. 7 – Student rights

- (1) The students benefit from the following rights, based on the principles provided for in the Law of Higher Education no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments:
  - a) the right to quality education;
- b) the right to have fair access to learning opportunities offered through national and international mobility programmes and to take active measures against the barriers to the at-risk, disabled or non-traditional students' physical or virtual mobility. During the academic year, the higher education institutions give at least one public presentation to the students on the national and international mobility programmes available to them and offer free information and counselling services to the students interested in these programmes. The internationalization process can also be supported by including in the learning, teaching and research activities some components that involve online collaboration;
- c) the right to permanent mobility from one higher education institution to another, according to the provisions of the applicable legislation;
- d) the right to personal data protection, according to the Regulations (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing the <u>Directive 95/46/EC</u>;
- e) the right to free tuition support, namely handouts, presentations or other materials summarising the taught content, in physical or electronic format, and access to all didactic materials available free of charge in the university libraries or on the website of the faculty. It is made available to students, in the teaching language of the discipline concerned, within two weeks of the beginning of each semester;
- f) the right of access to the main specialised books and scientific publications in the University's Central Library;

g) the right to be informed, within two weeks of the beginning of the semester, on the content of each course outline, which includes: the expected learning objectives/ results achieved through that discipline, the content of the discipline-related educational process and the topics addressed within each didactic activity, the teaching-learning methods, the minimum bibliography and optional bibliography, as well as the evaluation and examination methods, the minimum requirements for passing and the weight of the different evaluation and examination types in the final result. Any further changes to the evaluation and examination methods can only be made with the students' consent. The course outline in an updated form is made public to the students through the eLearning platform used and/or the website of the faculty/ University;

h) the right to benefit from a "Student's Guide" at the beginning of the first year of study, with information on: student rights and obligations, disciplines in the education plan, services made available by the University, evaluation procedures, amount of the fees, material basis of the higher-education institution and of the faculty, information on the legally established student associations, modalities of access to scholarships and other means of financial support, mobilities, as well as other amenities and subsidies, etc. Transilvania University of Braşov issues the Student's Guide before the beginning of each academic year, or can support its drafting by the student associations;

i) the right to benefit from a year/ series/ group guide/ tutor, depending on the size of these study groups, from among the teaching personnel within the faculty in which they are enrolled. The management of Transilvania University of Braşov and the faculty managements establish the way of access to the information about the list of guides/ tutors and their contact details, and develop rules on the system of tutorship, the tutoring teaching personnel's activity and responsibilities, approved by the University Senate;

j) the right to participate in the semester assessment of the courses, seminars, internships, teaching personnel's performance and other educational and/or organizational aspects related to the attended study programme, according to the legal provisions. Students participate anonymously in these assessment processes. The statistical results of their assessments are public information and are displayed on the University's website together with the improvement measures adopted after analysing the results of the assessment process and are used to improve the content of the didactic activities, respectively of the teaching, learning and evaluation methods;

k) the right of access to regulations, resolutions, decisions, minutes and other documents of the University, in accordance with the applicable legislation. Upon request, Transilvania University of Braşov can provide certain documents in open data format, too;

I) copyright and intellectual property rights for the results obtained in the research-development, artistic creation and innovation activities, according to the applicable legislation, university institutional regulations and possible contracts between the parties;

m) the right to benefit for free from academic, professional, psychological and social counselling services, in relation to the educational activity, made available by the University, according to the applicable legislation and university institutional regulations;

- n) the right to interrupt and resume the studies, according to the applicable legislation and university institutional regulations;
- o) the right to study in one's mother tongue or in an international language, if there is this possibility in the University, within the limit of the places allotted for this type of study programme;
- p) the right to receive, upon request, personalized feedback from the teaching personnel following each evaluation process which they take;
- q) the right to an objective and non-discriminatory evaluation of the learning results acquired after covering a discipline, in compliance with the course outline, and the right to know the grading scale by which they were evaluated. The evaluation of the student knowledge requires at least two teaching personnel members. The teaching personnel make available to the students all the necessary information for them to

validate their grade in each discipline for which the evaluation was conducted, right after its completion, within a maximum of 24 hours:

- r) the right to contest the grades obtained in the written examinations, according to the internal regulations of Transilvania University of Brașov. The appeal will be solved by a committee that does not include the teaching personnel who made the initial evaluation, in the contesting student's presence, if the student requests this;
  - s) the right to have access to one's academic records;
  - t) the right to be informed of the result obtained after taking the study-completion exams;
  - u) the right to be consulted by the teaching personnel on the scheduling of the examination dates;
- v) the right to benefit from a student-centred educational process, for the purposes of personal development, integration into society, and development of employability, job retention and labour market mobility;
- w) the right to benefit from flexible learning paths, according to the rules of law. In this respect, within the study programme, a minimum number of two variants is ensured for each elective academic subject/ set of academic subjects in the educational plan;
- x) the right to have access to the specialised software for determining the degree of similarity, made available by the University, when drafting the scholarly publication, according to the institutional regulations;
- y) the right to participate in extracurricular scientific, technical, cultural-artistic and sports activities, as well as in activities for high-achieving students, financed from the state budget or from the budget of Transilvania University of Braşov;
- z) the right of free access to wireless Internet for all members of the university community throughout the university space. The technical features of the internet network must allow access to online teaching activities, to conferences in audio-video format, as well as to any other activity specific to the educational process.
- (2) Transilvania University of Braşov may grant prizes, scholarships, places in camps and other such incentives to the students with academic achievements, as well as to the ones with outstanding results in their education and professional training, in cultural, civic, volunteering and sports activities, including university sports competitions, according to the university autonomy and the rules of law.
- (3) The exam passing criteria, as well as the grade increase conditions in a discipline are established, according to the university autonomy, in the own regulations of Transilvania University of Brasov.
- (4) The students may not be compelled to attend more than 8 didactic-activity hours a day as provided for in the educational plan of the study programme in which they are enrolled.
- (5) Students are entitled to consultations with the teaching personnel who conduct didactic activities with them during the semester, in accordance with the internal regulations of Transilvania University of Braşov.
- (6) Students are entitled to have their skills recognised in non-formal and informal contexts, in accordance with the methodologies approved by order of the Minister of Education.
- (7) The person who benefited from tuition within a study programme on a state-budgeted place has, under the law, the right to pursue another study programme within the same higher education cycle:
  - a) on a fee basis, if Transilvania University of Braşov organises the programme in this way as well;
- b) on a tuition-free basis, with financing from the state budget, in circumstances where that person pays the equivalent value of the tuition services s/he previously benefited from, with state budget financing, in full or in part, in cases where the study programme to which s/he was admitted is organised only with full funding from the budget. The students can pay for the tuition services they previously benefited from, to the Ministry of Education, according to a methodology approved by order of the Minister of Education;
- c) on a tuition-free basis, only in the case of the Interarms Leadership professional master's degrees programmes, which are mandatory for the officers' evolution in the military career, as well as of the

professional master's degree programmes for the training of intelligence officers and for the initial training of the officers/police officers in the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

(8) According to the university autonomy, Transilvania University of Braşov may offer partial or total exemptions from the payment of the tuition fees, based on social criteria, in compliance with its own regulations.

#### Art. 8 - Fees

- (1) The students have the right to know the mechanisms by which the tuition fees, as well as other fees levied by Transilvania University of Brasov are set, according to the University Charter.
- (2) The students at Transilvania University of Braşov have the right to be informed of the number, type and amount of each fee charged by the University. The amount of the fees is approved by the University Senate and published on the University's website at least 3 months before the beginning of each academic year.
- (3) The status of self-financed student changes under the conditions established by the University Senate, at the beginning of each academic year.
- (4) Transilvania University of Braşov may not charge additional fees to the students for their re-ranking from a self-financed place to a state-budgeted place, or the other way around.

## Art. 9 – Internship

- (1) Students benefit from the following internship-related rights:
- a) the right to internship, in compliance with the objectives of the study programme, based on the provisions of the institutional regulations on the conduct of the internship;
- b) the right to benefit from the recovery of the necessary costs for the conduct of the merged internship, in the period referred to in the educational plans, including meal, lodging and transportation expenses, in situations where the internship takes place outside the academic centre, according to the provisions of Art. 128 para. (25) of the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments;
- c) the right to benefit, during the academic year in which the internship will take place, from a presentation of the internship partners of Transilvania University of Braşov, in the students' field of study;
- d) the right to benefit from accommodation in the student dormitories of Transilvania University of Brașov during the conduct of the compulsory internship, if the internship takes place in the University;
- e) the right to benefit from an internship tutor, whose duties will be detailed in the institutional regulations on the conduct of the internship;
- f) the right to assess the quality of the conducted internship and to notify of deficiencies related to the internship partner;
- g) the right to have the internship recognised individually, after the evaluation of the degree of fulfilment of the internship objectives mentioned in the internship discipline outline, and in compliance with the institutional regulations on the conduct of the internship.
- (2) The University shall have a duty to provide a minimum of 50% of the necessary internship places, of which at least 75% outside the University, based on agreements concluded with the partners.
- (3) The ways of organising and evaluating the internship will reflect in mandatory minimum indicators during the assessment of the quality of the study programmes.
- (4) Transilvania University of Braşov adopts provisions on the assessment of the quality of the internship stages in the Regulations on the Conduct of the Internship.

# Art. 10 - Student representation

(1) The students are represented in all advisory and decision-making structures within Transilvania University of Braşov, according to the provisions of the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments, and of the University Charter, inclusively in the structures constituted as functional bodies of the management boards, established on the basis of the university autonomy.

- (2) The students participate in decision making within Transilvania University of Braşov on the basis of the following rights:
- a) the right to elect and be elected as representatives in the management structures of Transilvania University of Braşov, according to the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments;
- b) the right to be represented in the University Senate, in the Faculty Council, in the Council for Doctoral University Studies, in the Ethics Committee and in the Committee for Quality Assurance and Assessment, in a minimum proportion of 25%, under the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments, and of the University Charter;
- c) the right to be represented in the structures of Transilvania University of Braşov that manage social services, including the committees for accommodation place distribution, for scholarship award and for allocation of places in student camps;
- d) the right to have representatives who participate in the procedures for the establishment of the method to designate the Rector through representatives, as well as in the process of designating him/her, regardless of the method of designation, according to Art. 133 para. (1) lett. b) and para. (2) of the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments;
- e) the right to be informed and consulted by the student representatives as regards the decisions voted in the University's management structures;
- f) the right to be involved in administering the places in the student dormitories, by setting up dormitory committees, consisting of the dormitory administrator and several student representatives, established and elected according to the provisions in the internal regulations of Transilvania University of Braşov;
- g) the right to be excused for their absences from the academic activities such as courses, seminars, laboratories or practical works, in case of attending, as student representatives, the meetings of the decision-making boards.
- (3) The status of student representative cannot be conditioned by the management of the higher education institutions, inclusively in relation to the academic performance or attendance at didactic activities. The academic teaching personnel cannot get involved in the procedures for the election of student representatives, regardless of the level of representation. The interventions are sanctioned according to the provisions of Art. 175 of the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments.
- (4) A student shall not hold the status of student representative in the decision-making structures (Faculty Council, University Senate, Executive Board) within Transilvania University of Braşov for longer than 5 years, regardless of the period over which the terms of office spanned, and of their interruptions, except for the mandates of representation in Council of the Doctoral School and the Council for Doctoral University Studies, which are regulated by the University Charter.
- (5) A student enrolled in a short-term, bachelor's or master's study programme, who has concluded an individual labour contract with Transilvania University of Braşov (where s/he is enrolled), is incompatible with the status of student representative in the management structures of the faculty or University.
- (6) The student representatives in the University Senate are elected in constituencies established through the University Charter, by the direct, secret and universal vote of the students in those constituencies.
- (7) The process of designating student members in any other advisory, deliberative and executive structures than those provided for in the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments, is conducted on the basis of the university autonomy and is established by the students.
- (8) The student federations legally established at a national level appoint representatives in the advisory committees of the Ministry of Education according to Art. 154 para. (3) of the Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments.
- (9) The students have the right to participate every year, according to a methodology/ procedure adopted by the University Senate, in the assessment of the student representatives' activity. Student participation in these

assessment processes is anonymous, and the statistical results of their assessment will be disseminated to the students through the official communication channels of the University/ faculty, as the case may be.

- (10 The internal methodology/ procedure for the conduct of the elections of student representatives within Transilvania University of Braşov also defines mechanisms for the student representatives' removal from office.
- (11) The student representatives in the faculty councils are elected by the students' direct, secret and universal vote at the faculty level.

## Art. 11 - Student amenities

- (1) For the admission to state and private higher education, in each university cycle and study programme, the citizens of the member states of the European Union, the citizens of the states belonging to the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation, as well as the British citizens and their family members as beneficiaries of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community 2019/C 384 I/01, can apply under the same conditions set by law for the Romanian citizens, including in terms of tuition fees.
- (2) All study documents issued by Transilvania University of Braşov, as well as those attesting to one's student status, such as certificates, cards or passes are granted free of charge. In case of issuing duplicates of the study documents, Transilvania University may charge fees set on the grounds of the university autonomy.
- (3) The students enrolled in the full-time form of education within Transilvania University benefit from transport facilities according to the legal provisions, up to the age of 30 years.
- (4) The students benefit from 75% discounted prices for access to museums, concerts, performances of theatre, opera, movie, to public sports facilities, as well as to other cultural and sports events organised by the public institutions, within the limits of the approved budgets.
- (5) The graduates with a baccalaureate diploma from among the national minorities, from the social protection system, and the persons with disabilities benefit annually, within Transilvania University of Braşov, from at least 25 state-budgeted places, in both bachelor's and master's degree study programmes, in the limit of the approved tuition figure, according to the legal provisions.

# Art. 12 – Student rights

- (1) The students benefit from the following rights:
- a) free medical, dental and psychological assistance in the medical offices, dental offices within Transilvania University of Braşov, in polyclinics and hospital units, under the applicable legislation;
- b) accommodation, within the limits of the allocated financial resources and available spaces, for the period provided for in the education plans;
- c) accommodation subsidies for the students who choose a form of accommodation other than the dormitories within Transilvania University of Braşov, according to the rules adopted by order of the Minister of Education;
- d) the right to have free access to the University's spaces in order to organise projects for students, or to conduct internal extracurricular activities, outside the schedule of the didactic activities and of other preestablished activities, according to the University's own regulations;
- e) the right to report abuses and irregularities, and to request the investigation and evaluation of these reports by the specialised bodies referred to in the applicable legislation, as well as the right to the protection of the ones who notify, according to the Law no. 361/2022 on the protection of notifiers in the public interest, with subsequent amendments;
- f) the right to have all applications, either written and signed, or sent to the official email addresses of Transilvania University of Braşov registered, and to receive an answer in writing, respectively by electronic means, to these applications, under the conditions provided for in the law and in the University's regulations;

- g) the right to a registration time limit of at least 5 workdays from the display of the notification for the competitions organized within Transilvania University of Braşov, including the ones for scholarships, camps, accommodation and mobilities;
- h) the students from the disadvantaged groups defined according to the Law of Social Assistance no. 292/2011, with subsequent amendments, are exempted from the payment of the tuition and study-completion fees, under state-funding conditions, through the budget of the Ministry of Education, according to the legal provisions;
- i) the right to a safe and healthy learning environment, including by facilitating the access to information about physical health, mental health, well-being, and to counselling services;
- j) the right to benefit from free access to the University's sports facilities, outside the didactic activities scheduled therein, according to the University's institutional regulations.
- (2) Transilvania University of Braşov can financially support the performance activities, at national and international level, of the pupils, students and their mentoring teaching personnel, including by covering their participation fees and travel expenses in the country and abroad, in compliance with the legal provisions.
- (3) Transilvania University of Braşov can also award prizes, scholarships and other financial incentives to high-achieving pupils and students and to their mentoring academic teaching personnel, as well as to the ones with outstanding results in extracurricular activities or in cultural and sports activities, as well as to the students at risk, in compliance with the legal provisions.
- (4) The children of the active staff in the education system or of the ones who retired from the education system, the children orphaned of one or both parents, as well as those from disadvantaged groups defined according to the Law of Social Assistance no. 292/2011, with subsequent amendments, benefit, after enrolment, from free accommodation in dormitories and boarding schools, being supported by a subsidy for dormitories-canteens, increased by the Ministry of Education.

## Art. 13 - Scholarships

- (1) The students can benefit from the following types of state-budgeted scholarships:
  - a) scholarships of Olympic I / international excellence;
  - b) scholarships of performance;
  - c) scholarships of study;
  - d) scholarships for the didactic master's degree;
  - e) scholarships for dual education;
  - f) social scholarships;
  - g) special scholarships;
  - h) scholarships for sports performances.
- (2) The scholarships referred to in para. (1) are granted based on the specific criteria established in the methodologies of Transilvania University of Braşov (Regulations on Scholarships and Other Forms of Material Support), in compliance with the applicable legislation and the Order of the Minister of Education on the award of scholarships and other forms of financial support from the state budget to the students and trainees within full-time state higher education.
- (3) The students can receive scholarships from the own extrabudgetary incomes of Transilvania University of Braṣov, as well as other types of scholarships, based on a methodology approved by the University Senate.
- (4) The students can benefit from scholarships granted by the economic operators and/or local authorities, in compliance with the legislation in force.
- (5) Students can benefit from scholarships abroad for master's and doctoral stages of academic studies, for postdoctoral and research stages through the Agency for Student Loans and Scholarships, according to the Government Decision no. 118/2023.

- (6) Social scholarships are cumulated with other types of scholarships, if the student meets the specific criteria set in the own methodologies of Transilvania University of Braşov for both categories of scholarship.
- (7) The scholarships, regardless of their category, are granted throughout the academic year (12 months), except for the occasional social scholarships. The granting of the scholarships ceases on the date of loss of one's student status or failure to meet the eligibility criteria, as the case may be, in accordance with the organization and operation regulations of Transilvania University of Brasov.

## Art. 14 – Student camps

- (1) The students have the right to benefit from places in student (thematic, creative, sports or recreational) camps organised by the Ministry of Education, by Transilvania University of Braşov and/or by the national authority with attributions in the field of youth policies through its structures, during the summer and winter holidays, and financed from the state budget or from the budget of Transilvania University of Braşov. All steps regarding the organization of student camps are taken in consultation with the legally established national student federations.
- (2) Within the thematic camps, professional training sessions can be organized in a non-formal context, for which the students might receive a number of ECVET/ECTS credits, according to the University Charter.
- (3) The students can participate in volunteer actions, for which to receive an additional number of transferable study credits, as well as financial incentives, under the conditions established in the University Charter or specific regulations.
- (4) The students have the right to benefit from "Second chance" or "First student in the family" re-enrollment and reintegration programmes, from remedial teaching activities or financial support programmes.

## Art. 15 - Dual education

Throughout the work-based learning activity, the student enrolled in dual higher education benefits from recognition of seniority in labour and specialization, without paying the compulsory social contributions regulated by the Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, with subsequent amendments.

# Art. 16 - Student obligations

- (1) The students have the following duties:
- a) to fulfil all tasks and assignments incumbent on them according to the educational plan and according to the course outlines;
  - b) to abide by the University Charter, regulations and decisions of Transilvania University of Braşov;
- c) to participate in the meetings of the management structures within Transilvania University of Brașov as elected student representatives;
  - d) to meet the quality standards imposed by Transilvania University of Brașov;
- e) to respect the other persons' copyright and to acknowledge the authorship of the information presented in their papers;
- f) to comply with the provisions of the Code of Academic Ethics and Deontology of Transilvania University of Braşov;
- g) to develop and defend original evaluation papers at discipline level, as well as original study-completion papers;
- h) to notify the competent authorities of any irregularities in the education process and in its related activities;
- i) to participate in academic activities without being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other prohibited substances;
  - j) not to use inappropriate language and behaviour for the academic environment;
  - k) to properly use, according to the preset destination, all amenities and subsidies received;

- I) to respect the cleanliness, quiet and order in all university spaces;
- m) to preserve the integrity and proper operation of the material base made available to them by Transilvania University of Brasov;
- n) to bear the costs for the potential damage brought to the material base made available to them by Transilvania University of Braşov;
- o) to inform the competent authorities of any situation that might influence the smooth running of the individual and general study activities;
- p) to fulfill the financial commitments imposed by the University, under the conditions provided for in the Contract of Academic Studies;
- q) to abide by the obligations provided for in the individual Contract of Academic Studies and of Internship, concluded with Transilvania University of Braşov and the economic operator, in the case of dual education;
  - r) to sign the Contract of Academic Studies at the beginning of each educational cycle.
- (2) The student representatives elected in the management structures of Transilvania University of Brașov have the following specific duties:
- a) to periodically confer with the students on their needs and interests, but also in relation to the decisions and proposals that they would support in the meetings of the management structures within Transilvania University of Braşov;
- b) to prepare, at least 2 times a year, activity reports presenting all initiatives and steps taken. The student representatives' activity reports will be published on the website of Transilvania University of Brasov.

# Art. 17 - Reduction of dropout rate

Students are encouraged to participate in the implementation of the National Programme for the Reduction of University Dropouts, in accordance with Art. 121 para. (7) and (8) in the Law of Higher Education no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments.

#### Art. 18 - National Student Federations

- (1) The national federations of the student organizations prepare an annual report on the compliance with the provisions hereof at the level of the national system of higher education.
- (2) The national student federations, legally established, are the bodies that express the interests of the students in the higher education institutions, in relation to the state institutions.
- (3) The Ministry of Education collaborates with the legally established national student federations for the development of higher education, regularly consulting them on aspects related to the improvement of the higher education system in Romania.

# Art. 19 - Final considerations

- (1) This Code has been developed based on the principles of the student-centred education, focusing on the student and his/her learning needs.
- (2) The infringement of the rights and obligations provided for herein is sanctioned according to the applicable legal provisions.

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