



## **HONOR CODE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

With this document, the University of Gastronomic Sciences intends to highlight the ethical values and civil and moral responsibility of the behavior and actions of its students as well as of the university's entire staff, both teaching and administrative.

More than ever before, it is essential to help young people, and particularly those who will go on to leadership roles within the food sector, to adopt and demonstrate specific traits such as personal integrity in their current role as students and as future workers, an independence of judgment, the ability to work in a team, a culture of sustainability and the values of conscious consumption.

UNISG has therefore set itself the objective of educating those who can shape their own destiny and that of the world, being conscious of the challenges of the future and skilled at tackling the most pressing issues regarding food and the environment.

Pollenzo's students are citizens of the world, with a strong sense of belonging to a social body, whether that of a micro-enterprise or those of a much larger scale such as a nation, Europe and Mother Earth.

Being part of UNISG as students, teachers, collaborators and technical and administrative staff means adhering completely and voluntarily to the principles expressed in the university's founding documents and its key values, in particular: liberty, solidarity, transparency, independent judgment, honesty, humbleness, the promotion of diversity among people, through the recognition of and facilitation in the development of individual abilities.

Professionalism and an orientation towards quality, social responsibility and



care for the environment are the guidelines followed every day by all members of the university.

Non-compliance with these values due to inappropriate behavior, whether intentional or due to simple negligence, is not only a detriment to the individual and an affront to the people directly involved, but also represents an injury to the university as a whole and its community.

The reputation of the University of Gastronomic Sciences has a direct impact on the life of students, faculty, and alumni, regardless of their role, standing, and duties within global society.

For these reasons, UNISG publishes and circulates a Honor Code for students and faculty with the aim of sharing and strengthening the values and principles that are essential to carrying out learning and research activities within the university.

## **GENERAL VALUES**

1. Students must ensure that their behavior conforms to ethical principles and the general values expressed in the legislative, statutory, and regulatory provisions.
2. Just like the other members of the university community, students must keep cultural differences in consideration, refraining from any form of direct or indirect discrimination towards individuals or groups based on age, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, civil status, pregnancy, membership or non-membership of associations and organizations, beliefs or personal opinions, and any other discriminatory behavior.
3. Students must be aware that belonging to the university community entails active participation, and therefore they commit to:



- i. engaging actively and and pursuing excellence in learning to guarantee the quality of academic and research activities.
  - ii. contributing to promoting the freedom of thought and expression.
  - iii. participating in the governing of the university, including by assuming direct responsibility within student representative bodies.
4. Students must participate in community life with a spirit of collaboration, fairness, solidarity, honesty, and loyalty, applied to all relationships with members of the university community.
5. Students must support the performance of teaching, research, and learning activities by all the university's staff, within the scope of their respective roles and functions.
6. Irrespective of the medium being used, such as social media, students must adopt a written and spoken language that is respectful and not offensive towards other members of the university community.
7. The conduct of the students must be characterized by dignity, decorum, and respect, and oriented towards the orderly functioning of university life and civil co-existence between people within the university context.
8. Students must use the university's premises and equipment with the greatest diligence and efficiency, avoiding waste and preserving the state of university property



## **DUTIES OF CONDUCT**

1. Students are obliged to observe the educational responsibilities assumed with registration, and adhere to practices and behavior that allow and facilitate the correct and effective carrying out of teaching activities, progress tests, and research activities.
2. Faculty members are obliged to carry out their teaching, research, and university service activities with rigor, conducting themselves in a way that ensures such activities proceed in an orderly and fruitful manner.
3. Non-compliance with obligations of conduct will make students and faculty liable for disciplinary action, assessed and implemented with reference to the provisions of university-related legislation and UNISG regulations.

## **STUDENT OMBUDSMAN**

1. The Student Ombudsman is nominated by the Faculty Council on the recommendation of the Dean and the Student Representatives. They will hold the position for one academic year, and can be re-nominated.
2. The Ombudsman is responsible for examining complaints made by students regarding the actions or behavior of any body, structure, office, or individual staff member of the university that is considered not to have complied with the regulations in force or the university's code of ethics, protecting the injured party from any retaliation, acting to settle the matter, and reporting their conclusions to the relevant body.

They are also responsible for:

1. monitoring the correct application of the rules relating to teaching, the



- right to study, and student careers based on national and university regulations.
2. ensuring, at the students' request, that the measures necessary to protect the students' representation within academic bodies are adopted.

The Ombudsman serves as a reference point for the respect of regulations relating to students in every aspect of their university life. They facilitate and promote direct dialog between students and faculty, report any problems to those in charge, and bring to the attention of the academic bodies any situations that require intervention, soliciting and monitoring such interventions during their implementation.

Students can contact the Ombudsman to report administrative problems, such as delays in Academic Office procedures, non-existent or inadequate services, irregularities in IT procedures, and teaching problems such as those relating to the organization of lessons, methods and criteria of evaluation in exams, and difficult relationships with individual instructors.

The Student Ombudsman is also the reference person for any case of sexual harassment or discrimination based on race, culture, religion or sexual orientation.