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# SCHOOL OF LAW DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES LL.M. in International & European Law

## RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF TEACHING STAFF AND STUDENTS

#### General principles

The Law School Fellowship is founded on the principles of academic freedom, decency, honesty, consistency and mutual respect. It is the responsibility of all faculty members and students to ensure that these principles are consistently observed and that they demonstrate academic ethics in the performance of their duties in keeping with the high standards and tradition of the School.

## Academic freedom of the teaching staff

In accordance with the law, faculty members are entitled to full academic independence and freedom of expression and circulation of ideas in the course of their teaching and research activities. These activities must be conducted in accordance with the principles of objectivity, transparency and respect for diversity of opinion. The views expressed shall form the basis of a constructive dialogue and shall in no case justify reactions beyond the bounds of academic propriety. The same freedom shall be extended to visiting professors, speakers and other individuals to whom teaching duties have been assigned.

## Students' right to knowledge and freedom of expression

In accordance with the right to knowledge, students are entitled to full freedom of expression, opinion and idea circulation, in a manner that is objective, transparent and respectful of diverse perspectives. The exercise of this freedom must not impede the teaching process.

### Students' right to information

It is the right of students to be informed about the curriculum, its objectives, the content of compulsory and elective courses, and in general, the organisation of the teaching and examination process. In accordance with the relevant provisions, legal representatives may attend collective bodies and submit proposals on behalf of the students. Furthermore, the directors of the individual sections shall meet with the student representatives at least once a month to discuss or clarify specific issues.

#### Academic propriety

- 1. The Athens School of Law Community is committed to providing a secure and inclusive environment for teaching, research and work for faculty, students and administrative staff. Any form of violence, discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated.
- 2. Any form of verbal or physical violence or threat of such acts among members of the law school community, or instigated by members of the law school, is prohibited. Any form of unwanted verbal, non-verbal or physical harassment with the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a person, and in particular the creation of an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment or acts of intimidation, is also prohibited.
- 3. Any form of discrimination between members of the law school community on the grounds of gender, origin, sexual orientation, political or religious beliefs, or health status is prohibited.
- 4. It is prohibited to destroy, damage, remove or otherwise use the technological and other equipment belonging to the School Library, classrooms, buildings, infrastructure or other property of the University without the permission of the relevant authorities. Furthermore, any actions that obstruct the operation of the School and its services will not be tolerated.
- 5. The commission of unlawful acts by the individuals specified in paragraphs In addition to any other criminal or other sanctions that may be imposed, violations of paragraphs 2 to 4 of this article will result in the disciplinary consequences that are applicable at the time.

## **Academic Integrity**

- 1. The Faculty of Law community condemns any violation of academic and research integrity, particularly in the form of infringement of intellectual property, fabrication of inaccurate or unsubstantiated data or information (fake data), or the use of means or methods that violate the integrity of examinations.
- 2. Infringement of intellectual property is defined as the total or partial reproduction of another person's work, the paraphrasing of a text, the use of extracts without citing the sources, or the presentation of another person's work as the author's personal work.
- Any breach of the integrity of examinations or of the evaluation of student performance, including the use of telephone or electronic devices, copying, etc., constitutes a material breach of academic integrity.

4. In addition to other criminal or other sanctions, violation of the prohibitions of this article shall also result in the applicable disciplinary consequences.

#### **Academic Consistency**

- 1. It is the responsibility of faculty members to perform their teaching and administrative duties in a consistent manner. In particular, they shall comply with the published curriculum in terms of its start and end dates and the days and times of teaching. The weekly teaching hours may not be omitted. In the event of cancellation or other insurmountable impediment, a substitute may be made up. Likewise, lecturers shall observe the announced hearing times and conduct the examination procedure in accordance with the School's programme.
- 2. It is the responsibility of all students to be punctual and to adhere to the established timelines for making statements, attending classes, and taking examinations. Any form of disruption to the educational or examination process will not be tolerated.