



SAPIENZA  
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

## Student Charter of Rights and Duties

# Heading I

## Fundamental principles

### Part I - University Community

#### Art. 1

Sapienza University of Rome (Italian Legal name, Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”, hereinafter: University) is part of the Scientific Community, and shares its purposes, principles and methods aiming at the dissemination of knowledge and support of scientific and cultural progress. The University is inspired by some fundamental charters like the Constitution of Italy, of which it shares the values and commits to abide by its principles, the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

#### Art. 2

The University Community is a reality existing above any geographical boundary, religious confession, any form of discrimination based on wealth, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, citizenship, religious belief, political opinion, personal and social status.

#### Art. 3

The University Community method is based on open, productive confrontation and accuracy in the development and confirmation of hypothesis. All University components are meant to be integrated. Knowledge dissemination and development is considered the result of the efforts provided by professors, students, technical-administrative staff and every other professional working in and for the University. The University supports promotion and enhancement of professors' didactic qualification and their continuous training. Knowledge development and dissemination is possible through study, teaching, research and dialogue among all generations. Professors community together with students and the national and international communities aims at the development of a didactic agreement to enhance everyone's cultural and professional competence. The

University Community supports students in reaching their personal and educational goals and freedom of thought.

#### Art. 4

Each member is asked to contribute to the achievement of the common goals of the Community, according to their skills, in a fair collaboration among all University components. Therefore, each member is invited to active participation to Community life. This includes the right to vote. The University, indeed, commits to arrange elections involving students representatives within the organisation and promotion and to facilitate participation and information supporting students associations. Elections are promoted through all University media. Students are granted freedom of information on the elections in compliance with regulations and their freedom of opinion.

#### Art. 5

Students have the right to dignity, fundamental and untouchable right in the University Community they belong to. They are guardians of fundamental rights and duties inside an education path inspired by principles of responsibility and self-determination.

### Part II - Fundamental Rights

#### Art. 6

Students have inviolable rights, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, race, nationality, religious belief, political conviction, personal and social conditions, and equal dignity compared to all the other members of the Community. The University ensures the integration of all the members of its community without any distinction or discrimination.

#### Art. 7

The University commits to support the exercise of Constitutional rights, especially freedom of expression, thought, assembly, and freedom to manifest. It promotes freedom to evaluate and criticise with respect, discipline and tolerance from all members of the academic community and the participation in the University life according to democracy and responsibility norms.



**Art. 8**

The University acknowledges merit recognition, supports outstanding students, regardless of their social and economic status ensuring their right to education. Moreover, it promotes excellence.

**Art. 9**

The University commits to the promotion of students psychophysical wellbeing through specific actions to support students struggling with economic, social-environmental, psychological or educational issues, as well as to working students, students parents and students with disabilities and specific learning difficulties.

**Art. 10**

The University protects students privacy according to the regulations in force and ensures the right to access the information with reference to transparency commitments.

**Art. 11**

The University commits to welcome students from different backgrounds, taking actions directed at facing any academic difficulty from their previous study path. It promotes Tutoring in Itinere actions. In the actions developed to achieve this goal, the University commits to involve the largest number of educational bodies, local organisations, businesses and social groups, including those operating in the least favourable areas. The University guarantees prompt information sharing to fulfill this goal, as well as access to useful information on each course for the success of the study plan they refer to.

**Art. 12**

The University provides students with areas to allow proper development of study and training activities. It also designs areas to acquire or renovate for the next future and supports activities in order to encourage the development of students community.

**Art. 13**

The University commits to ensure regular teaching activities, exams, students support activities, in compliance with the public schedule.

**Art. 14**

The University promotes students representatives active participation to Degree Programme/Educational Area Boards for the development of didactic programmes.

**Art. 15**

The University ensures decorum and solemnity during the final degree exam proclamation.

**Part III - Fundamental Duties**

**Art. 16**

Students commit to the acknowledgement of their duties, in compliance with ethic of responsibility, that shall become the focus of their professional, cultural and scientific training. They are specifically requested to follow Sapienza Code of Ethics and Conduct. The University commits to guarantee the circulation of the aforementioned documents.

**Art. 17**

Students must behave rigorously and loyally during all their activities at University. They are required to act properly in particular during exams, proving their personal integrity and intellectual honesty. Students must also be mindful of common resources, room, laboratories, libraries and any University resource, aware of the public role of the University itself.

**Heading II  
Charter Implementation**

**Art. 18**

Students fundamental rights and duties are protected by the University and Faculties Students Ombudperson, as stated in the University Statute. Students contacting them have the right to anonymity and their name and any relevant information for their recognition is excluded from the right of access to administrative documents.

**Art. 19**

Students can contact directly or via institutional representatives their Degree Programme and Educational Area

Coordinators, the Department Directors and the Deans in order to verify the conformity of this Charter. In the event of requests regarding the interpretation of the norms, the University and Faculties' Students Ombudperson and students representatives in the University Boards can get an opinion from the Academic Senate or the Didactic Committee. The specific jurisdiction of the

aforementioned bodies is stated in the General Academic Regulations and in the General Regulations for Sapienza Students.

#### Art. 20

The General Academic Regulations and the General Regulations for Sapienza Students implement this Charter.