

The Romanian National Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities protects university and college students in Romania

Does your country have a student bill of rights?

Romanian students at public and private institutions of higher education have the:

Educational Package

- Right to a quality education
- Right to a student centered educational environment
- Right to opportunities to develop personally
- Right to opportunities to develop socially
- Right to opportunities to acquire skills required to find and retain employment
- Right to an educational contract
- Right to equal treatment among equal students
- Right to equity where some students are at an educational disadvantage
- Right to information transparency and accessibility
- Right to educational quality standards which are assessed and accountable
- Right to student involvement in institutional decision-making
- Right to at least one free copy of the student record including diplomas, certificates and transcripts
- Right to information on all student rights and responsibilities
- Right to grievance reporting, hearing and appeals processes
- Right to be provided educational materials while attending institutions of higher education
- Right to housing accommodations, unless a student studies in their place of residence
- Right to transportation while attending institutions of higher education
- Right to meals while attending institutions of higher education
- Right to medical coverage while attending institutions of higher education
- Right to postpone and resume studies
- Right to transfer from one university to another
- Right to the protection of student information
- Right to an eight hour school day

Contract

- Right to a continuous contract during a period of enrollment, without a change in degree requirements
- Right to retain property and copyright for results of research, artistic creation and innovation unless contracts exist
- Right to participate in programs and services in accordance with advertised program objectives
- Right to be evaluated in accordance with advertised curriculum evaluation criteria
- Right to be evaluated with criteria in line with advertised course objectives

Equality

- Right to protection from an form of individual or group discrimination
- Right to associate in recognized and unrecognized student organizations
- Right for all student organizations to access facilities to organize extracurricular student activities and events
- Right to a political propaganda free school environment
- Right to objective and non-discriminatory evaluation of outcomes or stated skills
- Right to be evaluated individually, and not in relation to other students

Equitability

- Right to equitable recruitment, admissions, readmissions, testing, education, instruction and assessment
- Right to access social mobility programs and resources
- Right to subsidized tuition for students from historically marginalized and low socio-economic backgrounds
- Right to free educational and professional guidance, counseling, tutoring and monitoring for subsidized students
- Right to the availability of academic, professional psychological and social counseling with educational objectives
- Right to study in one's native language or a language of international communication if offered
- Right to exam accommodations for certified temporary and permanent medical conditions
- Right to have registration periods of at least on working week after the posting of scholarships or programs
- Right to flexible learning paths and a minimum number of optional courses
- Right to be provided free medical assistance
- Right to a 50% + discount on public transportation
- Right to a 75% discount for access to events organized by public institutions
- Right to subsidies for housing accommodations for low income or historically marginalized backgrounds

Accountability & Quality Assurance

- Right to a quality education (with quality standards in place)
- Right to quality standards for teachers and course resources for use in quality assurance and evaluation
- Right to quality standards for support resources for use in quality assurance and evaluation
- Right to the availability of information related to stated educational objectives
- Right to participate in evaluation of teachers, courses, seminars, programs, practicums, internships, residencies
- Right to access teacher, course, seminar, program, practicum, internship, residency evaluations as public info
- Right to have evaluations used for assessment of quality and objective achievement
- Right to know how tuition, fees and other charges are determined or justified
- Right to be informed about the number, type and amount of each fee charged
- Right to institutional consultation with student organizations on issues in higher education
- Right to representative participation in university executive and deliberative bodies
- Right to 25%+ representative participation in the university senate and faculty council
- Right to representative participation in faculty councils and university senates or governance structures
- Right to representative participation in management of social services, accommodations and scholarships
- Right to representatives participation in government departments involving students
- Right to representative participation in choosing and appointing an institutional president or head
- Right to student representative elections free of interference from instructors AND ADMINISTRATORS
- Right to serve as a student representative for up to four years regardless of academic performance or attendance
- Right to be informed and consulted by student representatives on matters in institutional governance
- Right for student organizations to develop an annual report on institutional compliance with this code
- Right to an annual response to the compliance report including proposed improvements and a timeline

Due Process

- Right to submit grievances and expect recourse for identity theft
- Right to submit grievances and expect recourse for abuse of power
- Right to submit grievances and expect recourse for arbitrary and capricious decision making
- Right to appeal grades before a committee. The instructor who issued the grade may not sit on this committee.
- Right to request a review of complaints by specialized bodies
- Right to be present during appeal hearings
- Right to protection from retribution when making a complaint (whistle blower protections)
- Right to have all written or online requests registered
- Right to have all written and online requests answered

Right to Information Accessibility

- Right to freely access all educational materials available in university libraries or institutional websites
- Right to receive, upon admissions, a Student Guide containing information on:
 - student rights and responsibilities
 - materials and services provided by the university
 - evaluation methods
 - justification and methods used to establish fees
 - university and faculty facilities
 - details about student organizations
 - ways of accessing scholarships and other financial facilities

Right to receive a five page syllabus within the first two weeks of the semester containing:

- course objectives
- general competences or outcomes students will achieve
- curriculum
- course timeline of readings and assignments
- evaluation and examination methods

Right to adherence to the syllabus unless the teacher has the students agreement

- Right to receive the syllabus in either an electronic format or a physical copy
- Right to information on the scale used for evaluation of skills
- Right to institutional policies which inform students of their rights
- Right to access regulations, decisions, meeting minutes and any other legal documents at the institution
- Right to receive a copy of their diploma, thesis, score **and details about the score??**
- Right to information on criteria and methods used to identify and evaluate professional practice
- Right to information on criteria used to evaluate the quality of academic classes and programs