

Academic Integrity Declaration

Academic integrity represents an essential set of values and priorities for the sustainable development of academic work, grounded in moral principles, honesty, fairness, and mutual respect. It forms the foundation of every valuable intellectual community committed to quality education and the freedom of research, supported by a high degree of objectivity and self-reflection. Academic integrity ensures the added value of education by promoting ethical thinking and conduct throughout the entire process of forming an educated and responsible individual.

The **Faculty of Natural Sciences of Comenius University Bratislava** considers academic integrity to be an inseparable foundation of excellent higher education and high-quality scientific and research activities. The Faculty upholds its standards and incorporates them into a comprehensive understanding of all its academic activities.

I, the undersigned,

..... from the Department (Institute),

a member of the academic community of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava,

solemnly declare that I have been thoroughly familiarized with the principles and rules of academic integrity (the Code of Ethics of Comenius University and the “ACADEMIC INTEGRITY” section on the Faculty website).

I hereby undertake to adhere to these principles across a broad range of academic activities, including (adapted from the Code of Ethics of Comenius University):

- maintaining personal moral integrity and acting truthfully without the intention to mislead others;
- dignified, respectful, and professional communication at all levels of academic life;
- respect for freedom of thought and expression, independent research, and the free exchange of opinions and information;
- application of objectivity, impartiality, fairness, and transparency in the assessment of academic performance;
- adherence to the fundamental principles of scientific research, including compliance with recognized criteria of scientific integrity, professional discussion, creative dialogue, and sound argumentation;
- personal responsibility for research methods, credibility, originality, and outcomes, as well as the protection of copyright and other intellectual property rights;
- avoidance of conflicts of interest;
- respect for relevant and internationally recognized publication standards, including ethical citation practices and the non-appropriation of the work of others;
- rejection of fraud, falsification, and plagiarism in scientific research activities;
- respect for generally accepted ethical principles governing the application of research results in practice and the transfer of technologies.

I am aware that any violation of the principles of academic integrity may have serious consequences for the reputation of **Comenius University in Bratislava** and for my own professional standing.

In Bratislava, ...

Signature: