

Pursuant to Article 21, paragraph 6 of the Statute of the University of Rijeka (CLASS: 030-01/25-01/07, REG. NO.: 2170-137-01-25-1 dated 28 March 2025), and Article 20, paragraph 1 of the Regulations of the Faculty of Dental Medicine, University of Rijeka (CLASS: 030-01/23-01/2, REG. NO.: 2170-137-006-01-23-1 dated 14 December 2023), the Faculty Council, at its 80th e-session held on 23 and 24 April 2026, adopts the

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF DENTAL MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

- (1) This Code establishes the principles and standards regarding the appropriate clothing, and describes unacceptable conduct of students of the Faculty of Dental Medicine, University of Rijeka (hereinafter referred to as: the Faculty) at all study levels.
- (2) The purpose of the Code is to safeguard and promote the reputation and dignity of the Faculty as a higher education institution, and to create a professional work and study environment and conditions for honorable academic conduct. All students and employees of the Faculty shall be familiar with the provisions of this Code.
- (3) This Code shall apply in all premises of the Faculty and collaborative institutions.

II. STUDENT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 2

Student rights and obligations are defined in Article 21 of the Regulations on Study Programs and Studying at the University of Rijeka.

III. RULES OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Article 3

- (1) Students shall adhere to the principles of **appropriate, professional, and safe conduct**.
- (2) **Appropriate conduct** – students shall ensure that their conduct and clothing do not offend patients, employees, or other persons with whom they come into contact.
- (3) **Professional conduct** – patients must perceive the student as an integral member of the professional team responsible for the planning and performance of diagnostic and therapy procedures.

(4) **Safe conduct** – student conduct and clothing shall be in accordance with the acts of educational and healthcare institutions that ensure the health and protection of patients, employees, and students.

(5) The following shall be considered **generally unacceptable conduct**:

- Being late for class or leaving any class;
- Explicitly rejecting to participate in class;
- Disturbing other students studying in the Faculty library;
- Refusing to introduce oneself upon the explicit request of a Faculty teacher or employee.

(6) The following shall **not be allowed**:

- Use of mobile phones and other electronic devices during class for purposes unrelated to class;
- Recording lectures or other forms of class without the explicit permission of the teacher responsible for that class;
- Eating and drinking during class and examinations;
- Reading papers or materials unrelated to the class being held;
- Use of social media for publishing of the recorded material;
- Making comments about patients, employees, and students of the Faculty, as well as employees of the collaborative institutions;
- Use of any type of aids during examinations and other tests;
- Stealing exam questions or unauthorized acquisition of a written test and their unauthorized distribution;
- Plagiarizing seminar works and/or graduate theses;
- False identification, attending examinations or tests on behalf of another person;
- Disrespectful and inappropriate conduct towards students, teachers, and other Faculty employees;
- Attending class under the influence of alcohol or psychoactive substances;
- Causing material damage to Faculty property.

Article 4

- (1) All study programs offered by the Faculty include activities performed in a professional environment, including direct contact with patients, healthcare professionals, and general public.
- (2) Students shall comply with the same standards of professional conduct as those applicable to qualified healthcare professionals, which includes:
 - Compliance with the rules on confidentiality of data from medical records;
 - Conscientious and professional performance of duties;
 - Compliance with the dress code, as well as rules on appropriate conduct towards colleagues and patients;
 - Compliance with the rules of research ethics.
- (3) All patient information and medical records shall be treated as confidential, and any unauthorized disclosure thereof shall constitute a criminal offense.
- (4) Patient information shall not be disclosed outside the Faculty / teaching facility, or made available to persons not involved in the teaching process or patient treatment.

IV. STUDENT DRESS CODE

Article 5

- (1) Dress code is an important part of professional conduct and an integral part of student education in the dental medicine profession.
- (2) During all forms of class, mid-term examinations, and tests, students shall wear **clothing appropriate to the dignity of the institution and the nature of the duties performed**. The following clothing shall be prohibited:
 - Overly revealing clothing;
 - Transparent clothing;
 - Tight-fitting clothing;
 - Clothing that exposes underwear, abdomen, and back;
 - Sleeveless shirts and tops with thin straps;
 - Shirts with inappropriate, discriminating and offensive text and/or images;
 - Extremely short skirts or trousers;
 - Beach clothing and footwear;
 - Sportswear intended solely for exercise (sports uniforms);
 - Caps, hats, and other types of headwear worn indoors (except where headwear is worn for a

legitimate reason or as part of protective medical clothing).

(3) **Footwear** shall be appropriate to the duties performed. Wearing sandals, open footwear, and high heels during laboratory and clinical practical sessions shall not be allowed.

(4) **Hair** shall be clean and neat. Shoulder-length or longer hair shall be kept away from the face and worn tied back during preclinical and clinical practical sessions. Beard shall be neat and appropriate to the duties performed and the wearing of protective equipment during practical sessions (headwear, mask, visor).

(5) **Nails** shall be natural, unpolished, short, and maintained in a manner that ensures good hand hygiene.

(6) **Jewelry** shall be minimal and discreet. Students shall not be allowed to wear dangling earrings, bulky necklaces, bracelets, and visible piercings that may interfere with their work during preclinical and clinical practical sessions, pose a hygiene risk, or obstruct the use of protective equipment during work (headwear, mask, visor, protective glasses and gloves). Wearing rings and other jewelry on hands is not recommended.

(7) **During practical sessions in anatomy, anatomy dissection classes, or autopsies**, students shall conduct themselves and dress with the utmost dignity, observing the rules of the work environment. Students shall wear a clean, ironed, and a fully buttoned-up white laboratory coat with long sleeves and a nameplate attached to it (*example: name and surname, student*).

(8) **During practical sessions**, students shall wear a clean, ironed, and a fully buttoned-up white laboratory coat with long sleeves and a nameplate attached to it (*example: name and surname, student*). Person responsible for practical sessions shall additionally inform the students about the dress code and rules of conduct, depending on the specific characteristics of the work environment.

(9) **During clinical practical sessions**, students shall wear appropriate clothing and maintain a neat appearance and good personal hygiene at all times. While in clinical departments, students shall wear a uniform and footwear in accordance with the instructions currently applicable to the specific department, as well as an ironed, fully buttoned-up white laboratory coat with long sleeves and a nameplate attached to it (*example: name and surname, student*).

(10) **During clinical practical sessions related to professional dental medicine courses**, students shall wear a white uniform (trousers or skirt and coat or a scrub top). In addition, students shall wear a white laboratory coat with long sleeves and a nameplate attached to it (*example: name and surname, student*).

Work footwear shall be appropriate, suitable for standing and walking, and closed to avoid injuries during work. When working with patients, students shall use and wear the protective equipment properly, which includes a mask, gloves, visor or protective glasses, and headwear. Students shall

not be allowed to wear the work footwear and clothing outside the Faculty premises or the institution where clinical practical sessions are held.

Students are recommended to be vaccinated against hepatitis B in accordance with the recommendations of the Croatian Institute of Public Health before commencing their clinical practical sessions.

Article 6

(1) During examinations, defense of the bachelor and master theses, graduation ceremonies, and other formal occasions, students shall dress appropriately for the occasion (more formally than usual).

(2) In the event of non-compliance with the rules under paragraph 1 of this Article, a teacher or member of the Committee may politely ask the student to dress more appropriately. If the student refuses, they may be denied access to a thesis defense or an examination.

Article 7

(1) Where a student's clothing does not comply with the provisions of this Code, a teacher or another Faculty employee shall be authorized to proceed as follows:

- a) Warn the student regarding their non-compliance with the provisions of the Code;
- b) In the event that the student refuses to cooperate and fails to ensure that their clothing complies with the provisions of this Code, the teacher shall be authorized to deny the student participation in class.

(2) In the event of denying participation pursuant to paragraph 1, item b) of this Article, the teacher shall immediately notify the Vice Dean for Teaching.

V. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Article 8

The use of artificial intelligence and tools based on artificial intelligence in scientific research and professional work shall be allowed only if this is appropriately acknowledged at the relevant point to avoid any confusion with regards to authorship and the form and scope of use of artificial intelligence.

VI. DISCIPLINARY LIABILITY OF STUDENTS

Article 9

(1) Students shall comply with laws, provisions of the University Statute, Regulations on Study Programs and Studying at the University of Rijeka, this Code, and general acts of the University

and the Faculty, and shall safeguard the reputation and dignity of students attending the University and the Faculty. A student may be subject to disciplinary measures for a breach of duties or failure to fulfill obligations.

(2) The composition, rules of procedure, and grounds for imposing disciplinary measures shall be governed by separate Regulations on Disciplinary Liability of Students (CLASS: 030-01/23-01/20, REG. NO.: 2170-137-01-23-1 dated 17 October 2023).

(3) Students who fail to comply with the rules of conduct described in this Article shall be excluded from class, and disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated against them.

VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 10

This Code shall enter into force on the eighth day following its publication on the Faculty's notice board and website, and shall apply from the beginning of the academic year 2026/2027.

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