

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS AT THE UNIVERSIDAD EUROPEA OF VALENCIA**

### **PREAMBLE**

Royal Decree 1791/2010, of 30 December, approving the University Student Statute, provides, in Additional Provision Two, that the Government, within one year, is to introduce a bill in the Spanish Parliament regulating disciplinary authority and classifying infringements, penalties and measures complementary to the penalty regime for university students, according to the principle of proportionality. That bill will guarantee students' rights of defense and ensure that procedures are carried out properly.

The above notwithstanding, until that legislative reform takes place, the Universidad Europea of Valencia has full regulatory capacity as a private university and, in accordance with the provisions of the European University of Valencia Student Statute, considers it necessary to make complementary rules that are adapted to and in line with the content of that statute.

These Regulations consider it essential to adapt the disciplinary purpose to the present times, taking into account possible unlawful conduct, as well as illicit behavior incompatible with life at the University. They set out the details of the disciplinary procedures, as well as providing for the adjustment of penalties and establishing measures of an educational and rehabilitative nature.

### **CHAPTER I: DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY**

#### **Art. 1. Scope of application and exercise of disciplinary authority**

1. These Regulations shall apply to the students of the University, in accordance with the provisions of the Universidad Europea of Valencia Student Statute.
2. The disciplinary authority derived from these Regulations shall be exercised as follows:
  - Initiation shall be agreed by the Disciplinary Committee
  - The proceedings shall be conducted by the persons designated for that purpose.

#### **Art. 2. The Disciplinary Committee**

For the purposes set out in the preceding article, a permanent Disciplinary Committee is established within the Universidad Europea of Valencia, whose activity is governed by the principles of legality, justice, proportionality and fairness. The Committee shall be formed of the following members:

- Chair: Rector of the Universidad Europea of Valencia
- Secretary: The person designated for that purpose
- Members: Two persons appointed by the Governing Board, annually, who shall

remain in post until the two new members who are to replace them have been appointed.

2. An Investigating Officer and a Secretary shall be appointed for cases. They shall be responsible for conducting the disciplinary proceedings and shall have the following functions:

- Gathering as much information as possible about the matter.
- Examining any evidence they consider necessary to clarify the facts that have given rise to the disciplinary proceedings.
- Asking the Disciplinary Committee to take whatever precautionary measures are considered advisable for the proper conduct of the proceedings.
- Once the relevant evidence has been studied, proposing the appropriate sanction to the Disciplinary Committee, or that it dismiss the case due to the absence of any infringement and responsibility.
- Issuing offenders with the penalties established by the Disciplinary Committee, which shall be notified through the bodies designated for that purpose.

### **Art. 3. Compatibility with academic discipline**

The imposition of penalties in administrative or criminal proceedings shall not, where relevant and taking account of their different basis, prevent academic accountability being sought by exercising the disciplinary authority regulated in these Regulations.

## **CHAPTER II: DISCIPLINARY INFRINGEMENTS**

### **Art. 4. Infringements or disciplinary offenses**

Actions or omissions on the part of students of the Universidad Europea of Valencia shall be regarded as infringements, or disciplinary offenses, where they are classified as such in these Regulations.

Likewise, breaches resulting in academic accountability, or breaches of students' duties and obligations as set out in the Universidad Europea of Valencia Student Statute, in other internal University regulations or in national or regional legislation, may also be regarded as infringements.

### **Art. 5. Very serious offenses**

Any behavior that significantly disturbs the order that must prevail at the University shall be regarded as a very serious offense, which, specifically, includes the following:

- a. Committing acts that infringe upon democratic values or promote xenophobia.
- b. Aggressive speech or behavior, or serious lack of respect towards any member of the University community (teaching staff or otherwise), employees of contractors or those of any other organization or public or private institution where the student's education

- take place.
- c. Practical jokes that are seriously detrimental to the honor, dignity or character of the injured party.
  - d. Any act involving discrimination.
  - e. Any act, or verbal or physical conduct, that is carried out with the purpose, or has the effect, of threatening a person's dignity, such as sexual harassment, harassment on grounds of gender or sex discrimination, as defined by Spanish Organic Law 3/2007, of 22 March, on genuine equality between women and men.
  - f. The possession, carrying, consumption, distribution or dealing of drugs, or narcotic or psychotropic substances, in the University environment, within the University or in its vicinity.
  - g. Showing signs of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or narcotic or psychotropic substances, within the grounds of the University or in its vicinity.
  - h. Plagiarism, in full or in part, of intellectual works of any kind.
  - i. Making images or recordings of classes without being expressly authorized to do so and, in the case of recorded classes, circulating them using networks or media.
  - j. Impersonating someone else in academic proceedings or benefiting from such impersonation.
  - k. Making use of a mobile phone or any other electronic device while carrying out assessment tests.
  - l. Getting hold, by any fraudulent means or by an abuse of trust, of the content of a test, exam or knowledge check, for the offender's own benefit or that of a third party, prior to it being carried out; or, once the assessment has been carried out, procuring the theft, alteration or destruction of formulas, question papers, scores or grades, for the offender's own benefit or that of a third party.
  - m. Interception, in the University environment, of private communications.
  - n. Interception or distribution of emails, where that has been prohibited by the sender.
  - o. Being charged with, or investigated for, a crime in criminal proceedings, such that it could cause damage to the University.
  - p. Being convicted by a final judgment in a criminal proceedings.
  - q. Violent opposition to academic proceedings taking place or to compliance with University rules.
  - r. Unauthorized access to the University's computer systems; disturbing the functioning of those systems; the modification or fraudulent use of electronic files.
  - s. The falsification, theft or destruction of academic documents or the use of false documents with the University.
  - t. Any other act, conduct or behavior described in the preceding paragraphs, which takes place in public or private institutions where the student is receiving academic tuition.
  - u. Any other act, conduct or behavior on the part of the student, within or outside the University, which, on account of its particular seriousness, directly or indirectly damages or is detrimental to the image and reputation of the University or any of its members.
  - v. The commission of two serious offenses in the course of a single academic year or three in the course of two academic years.
  - w. Failing, repeatedly, to comply with the prohibition on smoking, having previously been sanctioned for it as a serious offense.
  - x. Infringing the established safety rules and protocols, in particular those relating to COVID-19 health protection measures, either in the University's own installations or at

- work-placement establishments or bodies having agreements with the University.
- y. Infringing safety rules and protocols established by health authorities, outside the grounds of the University, provided that the infringement very seriously affects the University's health security or the good name and values of the University and its students.

#### **Art. 6. Serious offenses**

Any behavior that significantly disturbs the order that must prevail at the University shall be regarded as a serious offense, which, specifically, includes the following:

- a. Failing to comply with the rules relating to safety or toxic or hazardous waste when taking part in educational activities, especially those involving the handling of hazardous substances.
- b. Vandalizing, damaging or removing the University's works or property.
- c. Conduct that is degrading to the University as an institution or to its members, but which cannot be regarded as a very serious offense.
- d. Acting with the intention of, or succeeding in, falsifying or defrauding the systems for checking academic performance, whether for the offender's own benefit or as a necessary participant.
- e. Distributing, over the University's electronic networks or by any means, material or statements which are offensive to the image of some members of the University community or to that of the University itself.
- f. Falsifying personal records, whether those of the offender or those of a fellow student, in the University's IT tools, by any means.
- g. Collaborating in, covering up or encouraging conduct, or acts constituting conduct, or acts constituting serious offenses.
- h. Failing, repeatedly, to comply with the prohibition on smoking, having previously been sanctioned for it as a minor offense.
- i. Any other act, conduct or behavior on the part of the student, within or outside the University, which, even if indirectly or partially, is capable of damaging or being detrimental to the image and reputation of the University or any of its members.
- j. Infringing the established safety rules and protocols, in particular those relating to COVID-19 health protection measures, either in the University's own installations or at work-placement establishments or bodies having agreements with the University, where such an infringement does not constitute a very serious offense.
- k. Infringing safety rules and protocols established by health authorities, outside the grounds of the University, provided that the infringement seriously affects the University's health security or the good name and values of the University and its students, but does not constitute a very serious offense.
- l. The commission of two minor offenses in the course of a single academic year or three in the course of two academic years.

#### **Art. 7. Minor offenses**

Any behavior that is not a serious or very serious offense under the provisions of the above articles, but which poses a slight threat to community life at the University, shall be regarded as

a minor offense, and, in particular:

- a. Activities which slightly disturb the normal functioning of the University or any of its services.
- b. Committing acts that cause minor damage to University property.
- c. The consumption of tobacco within the grounds of the University (exterior and interior spaces) or in any of the centers or public or private institutions where the student is receiving tuition (exterior and interior spaces).
- d. Refusal to record classroom attendance in the University's IT tools.
- e. Refusal to identify oneself on campus when required to do so by persons with the appropriate authority.
- f. Failing to comply with the rules relating to driving on University campuses, where that constitutes a minor offense.
  - a. Parking in unauthorized areas.
  - b. Driving at no more than 30% over the authorized speed.
  - c. Driving in a prohibited direction.
- g. Insignificant damage to the University's works or property.
- h. Any other act, conduct or behavior described in the preceding paragraphs, which is not serious and which takes place in public or private institutions where the student is receiving academic tuition.
- i. Any other act, conduct or behavior on the part of the student, within or outside the University, which is not serious and which is capable, directly or indirectly, of damaging or being detrimental to the image and reputation of the University or any of its members.

### **CHAPTER III: DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES**

#### **Art. 8. Penalties relating to very serious offenses**

1. Very serious offenses may be sanctioned, taking into account the seriousness of the action and the damage caused, with:
  - The inclusion in the student's academic record of the offense committed and the penalty imposed.
  - The suspension of the student for a period of two weeks.
  - The suspension of the student for a period of one to three months.
  - The suspension of the student for a period of three to twelve months.
  - Exclusion from sitting exams in the relevant academic year.
  - Expulsion from the University.
2. In cases where damage has been caused to University property, the value of that damage or the cost of repair must also be paid.
3. Very serious offenses relating to plagiarism and the use of fraudulent means to pass assessment tests shall result in exclusion from the exams for the relevant period, as well as the inclusion of the offense and its details in the student's academic record. In such a case, the procedure set out in Chapter VII shall apply.
4. The very serious offenses provided for in articles 5.f) and 5.g) shall follow the procedure set out in Chapter VI.
5. Penalties relating to very serious offenses may, depending on the circumstances of the case in question, be substituted with the application of measures of an educational or

- rehabilitative nature, in accordance with the provisions of article 12.
6. Very serious offenses that have a specific procedure shall be regulated in their own chapter.

#### **Art. 9. Penalties relating to serious offenses**

1. Serious offenses may be sanctioned, taking into account the seriousness of the action and the damage caused, with:
  - The inclusion in the student's academic record of the offense committed and the penalty imposed.
  - The suspension of the student for a period of between one week and one month.
  - Exclusion from sitting exams in that academic year.
2. In cases where damage has been caused to University property, the value of that damage or the cost of repair must also be paid.
3. Penalties relating to serious offenses may be substituted with the application of measures of an educational or rehabilitative nature, in accordance with the provisions of article 12, except as provided in the preceding paragraph.
4. The serious offenses provided for in article 6.e) shall follow the procedure set out in Chapter VI.
5. Very serious offenses that have a specific procedure shall be regulated in their own chapter.

#### **Art. 10. Penalties relating to minor offenses**

1. Minor offenses may be sanctioned according to the nature of the actions:
  - With a public or private warning.
  - The suspension of the student for a period of less than one week.
  - Where applicable, inclusion of the penalty in the student's academic record.
2. In cases where the prohibition on smoking has been infringed, the provisions of article 16 shall apply.
3. In cases where damage has been caused to University property, the value of that damage or the cost of repair must also be paid.
4. Penalties relating to minor offenses may be substituted with the application of measures of an educational or rehabilitative nature, in accordance with the provisions of article 12, except as provided in the preceding paragraph.

#### **Art. 11. Adjustment of penalties**

The degree and specific nature of the penalty, within the relevant category of seriousness, shall be decided by the competent bodies, giving reasons and taking account of the following factors:

- Intentionality.
- The degree to which University life is disturbed.
- Spontaneous remorse, expressed by informing the University authorities of the infringing act before disciplinary proceedings are started.
- Repeated offending.
- The student's personal, family or social circumstances, for which purpose the necessary reports may be requested.

**Art. 12. Measures of an educational or rehabilitative nature**

1. The Disciplinary Committee may, if properly justified and where the Committee considers that to be the case, substitute the application of the penalties relating to very serious, serious or minor offenses with the application of measures of an educational or rehabilitative nature. Such measures would imply the discharge of the student's responsibility.
2. Measures of an educational or rehabilitative nature may involve taking part in voluntary, sporting or cultural activities, assisting students with disabilities, or taking part in activities that contribute to sustainable development or other similar activities, for the benefit of the students and faculties/schools or the University community in general.

**Art. 13. Limitation periods for infringements and penalties**

1. The limitation periods for infringements that have not been sanctioned shall be: two years in the case of very serious offenses, one year in the case of serious offenses and six months in the case of minor offenses, starting from when the relevant act was committed.
2. The limitation periods for penalties that have not been carried out shall be: two years in the case of those imposed for very serious offenses, one year in the case of those imposed for serious offenses and six months in the case of those imposed for minor offenses, starting from when the decision to impose the penalty became final.

**CHAPTER IV: ORDINARY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE****Art. 14. Initiation**

1. Disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated by a decision of the University's Disciplinary Committee, as the result of a complaint or request and reasoned report from any member of the University community, addressed to the Chair of the Committee. Nevertheless, the Committee may act on its own initiative where it is advisable to do so in the interests of maintaining order at the University.
2. The Disciplinary Committee, in view of the complaint referred to above, may take whatever prior action it considers appropriate in order to determine, on a preliminary basis, whether the exact circumstances that justify initiating disciplinary proceedings exist.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1, the Rector may delegate the initiation of the proceedings to any other body or person designated for that purpose.
4. The University's Ombudsperson shall refrain from intervening in matters raised by students involved in disciplinary proceedings. To that end, the Disciplinary Committee shall communicate the initiation of such proceedings as soon as it occurs.

**Art. 15. Conduct and resolution of the proceedings**

1. Once the decision to initiate disciplinary proceedings has been adopted by the Disciplinary Committee, the Investigating Officer and Secretary shall be informed of the case.
2. The Investigating Officer shall gather any evidence and statements he or she considers appropriate in order to clarify the facts and shall make a proposal to the Disciplinary Committee regarding the penalty to be imposed or declare that there has been no

- infringement and that there is no responsibility.
3. Where a penalty proposal is made, it must set out: the acts of which the subject of the proceedings is accused, the possible infringement(s), the penalty or penalties, the body having competence to decide the matter and the applicable rules.
  4. The penalty proposal, once approved by the Disciplinary Committee, must be communicated, with proof of receipt, to the subject of the proceedings, who shall have five days, from the day following that on which the proposal is notified, to put forward in writing whatever he or she considers appropriate, providing or proposing whatever evidence he or she considers appropriate and asserting whatever he or she considers advisable in defense of his or her rights or interests. Where the subject of the proceedings exercises that right, the written submission must be submitted to the Investigating Officer for the case. Where that right is not exercised, the penalty proposal shall become final.
  5. Having heard the statements made, where applicable, the Disciplinary Committee shall decide definitively in the following three working days, starting from the day following the submission of the statements.
  6. An appeal against the definitive penalty may be lodged with the Rector of the University, within three days of its notification, by means of a reasoned statement in writing. If no appeal is lodged within the above time limit, the penalty shall become final for all relevant purposes. There is no right of appeal against the decision of the Rector.
  7. The final decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall take effect from the day following that on which it is communicated to those involved in the case and, where applicable, to the University community, subject to any precautionary measures that may be required.
  8. Refusal, failure or resistance on the part of the student who is the subject of the proceedings when it comes to giving statements to the Investigating Officer and/or the Disciplinary Committee regarding the facts that gave rise to the disciplinary proceedings being initiated, or confirming receipt of the communications sent to him or her in relation to those proceedings, shall not, in any event, prevent the proceedings from continuing. Similarly, any actions or omissions on the part of the student that may reasonably be believed to be motivated by a desire to delay, halt, distort or impede the course of the proceedings shall not prevent them being conducted in full.

## **CHAPTER V: SUMMARY PROCEDURE FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF THE PROHIBITION ON SMOKING ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

### **Art. 16.**

Where students infringe the prohibition on smoking, the Disciplinary Committee delegates the imposition of the relevant penalties, set out in this chapter, to the Delegated Committee, made up of the Chair and Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee.

1. When a student commits an offense that involves infringing the prohibition on smoking on University campuses, the persons chosen by the University for the purpose shall deliver a penalty notice to the student, which must be signed by the student, by the designated person and, where applicable, by a witness.
2. The University's Delegated Committee shall be informed of that penalty notice, for its records.
3. The penalties for infringing the prohibition on smoking in a single academic year or in



different academic years are as follows:

- a. One offense: private warning (minor offense).
- b. Two offenses: suspension of the student for two days (minor offense).
- c. Three offenses: suspension of the student for seven days (serious offense).
- c. Four offenses: suspension of the student for fifteen days and inclusion of the offense in the student's academic record (serious offense).

5. If the student accumulates more than four offenses for infringing the prohibition on smoking, in a single academic year or in different academic years, the Delegated Committee shall convey that fact to the Disciplinary Committee for the purposes of initiating the appropriate disciplinary proceedings for a very serious offense, which could result in expulsion.

6. Any penalties for infringing the prohibition on smoking, where the infringement in question is not a very serious offense, shall be final for all relevant purposes.

#### **CHAPTER VI: SUMMARY PROCEDURE FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF ARTICLES 5.f) AND 5.g). ZERO TOLERANCE OF DRUGS**

In line with the Healthy Campus program and as part of the University's "**Drugs, Zero Tolerance**" plan, a summary procedure is provided for the imposition of penalties where infringements provided for in articles 5.f) and g) have been committed.

##### **Art. 17.**

1. Where students commit infringements provided for in articles 5.f) and g), the Disciplinary Committee delegates the imposition of the relevant penalties, set out in this article, to the Delegated Committee, made up of the Chair and Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee. When a student is caught in any of the situations provided for in articles 5.f) and g), within the University or in its vicinity, the persons designated by the University for the purpose shall gather the appropriate evidence and, once the student has been identified, shall deliver to him or her notice of a sanctionable act.
2. The University's Delegated Committee shall be informed of that notice, of the evidence and of the relevant report that is prepared, for its records, and, in the light of that information, it shall issue a decision regarding the imposition of penalties. The Committee is authorized, in view of the circumstances of each case, to apply the principles or formalities of the ordinary procedure.
3. The penalties for the acts included in articles 5.f) and g) shall be as follows:
  - a. Suspension of the student for between three and twelve months, depending on the seriousness of the facts, in the case of consumption, carrying or possession of drugs, or narcotic or psychotropic substances, or where the student shows signs of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or narcotic or psychotropic substances.

Repeat offending may result in the expulsion of the student and also, where applicable, the inclusion of the penalty in the student's academic record.

- b. Expulsion from the University in the case of dealing or distributing drugs, or

narcotic or psychotropic substances, and inclusion of the penalty in the student's academic record.

Depending on the circumstances of the case, these penalties may be substituted with one or various measures of an educational or rehabilitative nature, as provided for in article 12.

## **CHAPTER VII: SUMMARY PROCEDURE FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF ARTICLES 5.h), i), j), k), l), AND x), ARTICLES 6.d), e) AND i) AND ARTICLE 7.f).**

### **Art. 18.**

1. A student committing the offenses provided for in articles 5.h), i), j), k) and l), relating, inter alia, to plagiarism and the use of fraudulent means to pass assessment tests, shall be sanctioned with exclusion from the exams for the relevant period, as well as the inclusion of the offense and its details in his or her academic record.

In the case of the offenses contained in article 6.d), the student shall be sanctioned with exclusion from the exams for the relevant period.

In the case of the offenses contained in article 6.e), the student shall be sanctioned with expulsion from the University.

2. The professor shall issue a report to be sent to the academic director of the faculty or school.

3. The academic director shall pass the report to the Chair of the Committee, for the purposes of imposing the relevant penalty. The Chair of the Committee shall inform the competent services to notify the student of the penalty.

4. The penalty relating to the inclusion of the offense in the student's academic record shall only be waived following a report by the relevant Dean justifying that and, in particular, before completing the studies for the degree which the student is taking.

### **Art. 19.**

The Disciplinary Committee delegates the imposition of the penalties set out in this article to the Delegated Committee, made up of the Chair and Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee.

When a student commits an act that infringes the rules relating to traffic on University campuses, the persons chosen by the University for the purpose shall provide the Chair of the University's Disciplinary Committee with a report containing the information relating to the infringing act, so that the Committee can analyze it.

Penalties:

- Offense under art. 5.x): suspension of the student for three months.
- Offense under art. 6.i): suspension of the student for one month.
- Offense under art. 7.f): suspension of the student for three days.

If the infringement committed falls within the scope of articles 5.x), 6. i) and 7.f), the student may be notified of his or her penalty directly.

The penalties relating to this article shall be determined by the seriousness of the acts committed and, accordingly, articles 8, 9 and 10 of these Disciplinary Regulations shall apply.

#### **CHAPTER VIII: EXTRAORDINARY PROCEDURE FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF ARTICLE 5.e) Sexual harassment, harassment on grounds of gender or discriminatory harassment.**

##### **Art. 20.**

The Universidad Europea of Valencia, in consonance with its commitment not to tolerate any kind of sexual harassment, harassment on grounds of gender or discriminatory harassment, has established an *extraordinary procedure*, applicable to all students enrolled at the University, for the imposition of penalties where the infringements provided for in article 5.e) have been committed.

- a) Where students commit infringements provided for in article 5.e), the Disciplinary Committee delegates the investigation and proposal relating to the imposition of penalties set out in this article, to the student Harassment Committee.
- b) When a student is reported for actions provided for in article 5.e), within the University or in its vicinity, the Harassment Committee shall gather the necessary evidence and shall pass it to the Committee, for its records, and, in the light of that information, the Committee shall issue a decision regarding the imposition of penalties.

The penalty imposed under this extraordinary procedure shall be definitive and an appeal may only be lodged with the Rector of the University, as laid down in article 15.6 of these Disciplinary Regulations.

##### **Art. 21.**

The penalty for the acts included in article 5.e) shall be expulsion from the University. That penalty shall be definitive and, therefore, an appeal may only be lodged with the Rector of the University, as laid down in article 15.6 of these Disciplinary Regulations.

#### **CHAPTER IX: SUMMARY PROCEDURE FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF HEALTH MEASURES AND COVID-19 PREVENTION PROTOCOLS**

##### **Art. 22.**

1. Where students infringe health measures and Covid-19 prevention protocols, the Disciplinary Committee delegates the imposition of the relevant penalties, set out in this chapter, to the Delegated Committee, made up of the Chair and Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee.

2. When a student commits an offense that involves infringing health measures and Covid-19 prevention protocols on University campuses or at bodies having agreements with the University, the designated persons shall deliver a certificate of infringement to the student, which must be signed by the student, by the designated person and, where applicable, by a witness.

If the student refuses to sign the certificate, a record of that fact shall be made on the certificate, without that preventing the relevant penalty being imposed.

The University's Delegated Committee shall be informed of the certificate of infringement, in order to apply the relevant penalty.

3. For the purposes of this article, the following shall be regarded as persons designated by the University in relation to compliance with health measures and Covid-19 prevention protocols (the Designated Persons):

- The personnel chosen by the University within the University campus and University health clinics and, where applicable, within bodies having agreements with the University.

In exercising their authority to impose penalties as conferred on them by these Disciplinary Regulations, and without prejudice to any legal protection they may enjoy under current legislation, Designated Persons shall benefit from a presumption of truthfulness in relation to all sanctionable acts recorded in writing.

#### 4. Offenses

##### a) Very serious offenses

- Failing to comply with quarantine on account of testing positive for Covid-19.
- Failing to comply with quarantine on account of contact with someone who has Covid-19.
- Attending the University with symptoms compatible with Covid-19.
- Attending the University while waiting for a Covid-19 diagnostic test or its result.
- Not informing the Designated Persons or, failing that, the relevant academic coordinator of any close contact with someone who has Covid-19.
- Not providing truthful information about contacts, dates, symptoms and, in general, any other fact relevant to tracing and tracking a possible case of Covid-19.
- Refusing to comply with the medical protocol relating to temperature checking.
- Infringing the provisions of articles 5.y) and 5.z).

##### b) Serious offenses

- Not using a face mask or doing so in an inappropriate manner, following a first warning by the Designated Persons.
- Refusing to comply with instructions issued by the Designated Persons and intended to ensure compliance with Covid-19 prevention measures.
- Not using PPE or using it in an inappropriate manner within the grounds of the University

or in the installations of work-placement establishments or bodies having agreements with the University, following a first warning by the Designated Persons.

- Being disrespectful to the Designated Persons.
- Infringing the provisions of articles 6.k) and 6.l).

## 5. Penalties

The penalties for infringing health measures and Covid-19 prevention protocols in one or various academic years are as follows:

### **Penalties for serious offenses under section 4.b):**

- a. One offense: suspension of the student for seven days.
- b. Two offenses: suspension of the student for fifteen days.
- c. Three offenses: suspension of the student for one month and inclusion of the offense in the student's academic record.

### **Penalties for very serious offenses under section 4.a):**

- a. One offense: suspension of the student for between fifteen days and one month.
- b. Two offenses: suspension of the student for one month and inclusion of the offense in the student's academic record.
- c. Three offenses: suspension of the student for three months and inclusion of the offense in the student's academic record.

6. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 7 of this article, penalties for infringing the provisions of section 5 shall be notified to the student directly.

7. Infringement of health measures and Covid-19 prevention protocols, or the accumulation of more than two offenses, depending on their seriousness and consequences, may be sanctioned with expulsion from the University. In such a case, the Delegated Committee shall inform the Disciplinary Committee of that fact for the purposes of initiating the appropriate disciplinary proceedings for a very serious offense, which could result in expulsion.

8. With the exception of penalties imposed under the provisions of the preceding paragraph, penalties for failing to comply with health and Covid-19 prevention measures shall be final for all relevant purposes.

## **CHAPTER X: EXCEPTIONAL PROCEDURE**

### **Art. 23.**

Exceptionally, when the alleged behavior amounts to very serious offenses and the circumstances in which it occurred are particularly serious, the Disciplinary Committee, made up of those holding the positions of Rector, Dean or relevant School Director and General Secretary, may, having heard the interested party, decide to impose the penalty without further formalities.

The penalty imposed under this procedure shall be definitive and an appeal may only be lodged with the Rector of the University, as laid down in article 15.6 of these Disciplinary Regulations.

#### **CHAPTER XI: THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE FOR ATTACHED CENTERS**

##### **Art. 24.**

In order to ensure the principle of immediacy in the disciplinary procedure, which shall be governed by the provisions of these Regulations, their complementary rules and other applicable provisions, a Disciplinary Committee shall be established within centers attached to the University, by express delegation from the Disciplinary Committee of the Universidad Europea of Valencia.

##### **Art. 25.**

The Disciplinary Committee of the attached center shall be chaired by the director general of the center, the secretary of the center shall act as Secretary to the Committee and two members of the center's teaching staff shall act as Committee members.

##### **Art. 26.**

The Chair of the Disciplinary Committee shall, on an annual basis, appoint an Investigating Officer and a Secretary for the cases, who shall be responsible for the conduct of the disciplinary proceedings and shall have the functions indicated in these Disciplinary Regulations.

The Investigating Officer and Secretary appointed for each academic year shall remain in post until the individuals chosen to replace them have been appointed.

##### **Art. 27.**

All penalties proposed by the Disciplinary Committee must previously be communicated to the Chair and Secretary of the University's Committee for approval.

For the purposes of these Regulations, the student of the center on whom the penalty has been imposed shall have three days, starting from the day following notification of the decision, to lodge an appeal with the Rector of the University, which must be addressed to the Rector in writing.

If the student of the attached center does not lodge an appeal within the above time limit, the penalty shall become final.

#### **CHAPTER XI: THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSIDAD EUROPEA OF VALENCIA PROFESSIONAL CENTER**

##### **Art. 28.**

The Professional Center shall be governed by the provisions of these Regulations as a framework regulating community life, as authorized by the specific legislation (Decree 15/2007, of 19 April, establishing the regulatory framework for community life at educational establishments, and

Law 2/2010, of 15 June, on the authority of teaching staff).

#### **ADDITIONAL PROVISION**

References to persons using the masculine gender are to be understood also to include the feminine. Thus, the terms Rector, student, professor and so on may refer to persons of male or female gender.

#### **FINAL PROVISION**

The changes introduced by these Regulations take effect from the 2020-21 academic year onwards.