



# CHARTER OF PURPOSES CAMPUS BIO-MEDICO UNIVERSITY OF ROME

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## **Art. 1 - Identity**

1.1. Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome, founded in 1993 on the inspiration of Blessed Álvaro del Portillo, Prelate of Opus Dei and first successor of St. Josemaría Escrivá, offers courses and confers degrees officially recognized in Italy and abroad. It also provides in-service professional training courses and continuing education and training in various areas related to Science committed to human life, and thus at the service of the individual, the family and society in general.

## **Art. 2 - Students**

2.1. The university accepts Italian and foreign students who have the necessary requirements. It aims to instruct and train undergraduate and graduate students to a high level of scientific, technical and professional competence. It aims to promote a keen moral sense and a culture of life, of service for the common good and solidarity within the framework of an anthropology open to transcendence.

2.2. It promotes exchanges and cooperation with other universities, institutions and the professional and business world, facilitating access to the university for capable and deserving students in difficult economic conditions, including offering scholarships.

2.3. The university offers students integral instruction and training, which includes tutoring, one of its distinctive competences. Through its alumni network, it promotes cultural and social initiatives for the common good.

## **Art. 3 - Teaching staff**

3.1. Teaching and research staff, in adherence to current regulations, are inspired in their teaching and research by the principles of this Charter of Purposes and of the university's Code of Ethics.

3.2. The teaching staff, given the specific function and particular responsibility with which they are invested, aim constantly to excel in their dedication, scientific competence and transparency in fulfilling their duties, and through their example to be teachers of life as well as of knowledge.

3.3. They work closely with the academic authorities in a spirit of loyal collaboration.

## **Art. 4 - Research**

4.1. The university, in carrying out high level scientific research, inspired by a passion for truth and the common good, and promoting unconditional respect for the life and dignity of every human person, aims to respond to the needs and development of today's society, integrating humanistic knowledge with scientific and technological knowledge, with particular openness to interdisciplinarity and the consolidating of national and international research networks.

### **Art. 5 - Third mission and sustainability**

5.1. The university promotes the spirit of cooperation and solidarity, supporting its translation into concrete actions and activities in which all participants contribute with and the common good, thus contributing to the integral development of a fairer and more inclusive society.

5.2. The university considers an important part of students' education the acquisition of a sense of social responsibility, including in the use of available resources and in the care of the environment, and which manifests itself also in a good use of the tools of their professions, in personal sobriety and in generosity towards others.

### **Art. 6 - Health care activities**

6.1. All patient care and clinical activity are exercised with unconditional respect for human life, from the initial moment of conception to natural death.

6.2. Biomedical research, the use of technology, professional medical activity and technical-nursing health care are carried out guaranteeing the protection and dignity of the patient, whose informed consent is always requested and respected.

6.3. All health care personnel are committed to supporting the patient and alleviating suffering to the best of their ability.

### **Art. 7 - Freedom**

7.1. The love of freedom which leads to a sense of personal responsibility is one of the principles inspiring the university's activity.

7.2. This principle governs the relationships between the various components of the university community and inspires its activity in an atmosphere of trust and active collaboration.

7.3. The university aims to encourage the personal growth of all those who work or study here by creating an environment characterized by a spirit of service, cordiality, fairness, mutual understanding, and respect for the opinions and behavior of others.

### **Art. 8 - Interdisciplinary approach**

8.1. The university is a place where teaching, research, study, meetings and fruitful academic life bring teachers and students together.

8.2. Research and teaching activities shun all forms of reductionism and promote the elaboration of a cultural synthesis that harmonizes the various sciences in the search for truth and that favors the unity of knowledge and the development of personal character in all its facets.

### **Art. 9 - Work and family**

9.1. The university promotes a conception of work intended as an expression of human dignity, a means of developing character, bonds with others, an opportunity to serve and a privileged tool for material and spiritual progress.

9.2. Aware that the family is the primary institution of society, the university seeks to identify and promote concrete measures to harmonize professional commitments and personal life.

## **Art. 10 Christian inspiration**

10.1. The university has a Christian identity. This implies both respect for personal freedom regarding religious choices and the commitment to operate fully in accordance with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

10.2. Acknowledging the spiritual dimension as an essential element of the character of every man and woman, the university offers all those who work here the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Christian doctrine.

10.3. Doctrinal education and spiritual assistance are provided by the Prelature of Opus Dei, whose spirit is at the heart of the work of the university, promoting coherence between Christian ideals and personal life in all areas.

10.4. The Chaplaincy provides pastoral assistance to all, Catholics and non-Catholics, and works to facilitate assistance to those of other faiths in collaboration with the corresponding religious authorities.

## **Art. 11 Humanistic education**

11.1. To offer the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of life, in a profound vision of the human being and to lay rational foundations for ethics and professional codes of conduct, the university integrates the study of scientific and technical subjects with courses in the humanities including philosophy, theology and bioethics.

## **Art. 12 Governance**

12.1. The governance of the university is inspired by the principles of collegiality and delegation. The relationships between directors/supervisors/managers and staff are characterized by trust, participation, a spirit of collaboration and willingness to listen.

12.2. The university's governing bodies operate according to Italian law and the statutes and regulations that define the competences and forms of intervention of the various members of the university community in its government.

12.3. Decisions are made for the good of the university and in the absence of conflicts of interest. Compliance with the rules of conduct is guaranteed by the Code of Ethics, by adequate training programs for directors/supervisors/managers and all staff and by the action of the Supervisory Body.

## **Art. 13 Adherence to the Charter of Purposes**

13.1 In recognition of the university's high ethical standards, expressed in the principles inspiring this Charter of Purposes, all professionals who choose to work at Campus Bio-Medico University, for whom the university offers continuing professional education and training, accept and undersign this Charter.

13.2 Respect for these principles is a guarantee for all those who choose to study at Campus Bio-Medico University and the foundation of their education and training.