Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Code of Honor for students completing official assessments administered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Zurich

Note for the Spring Semester 2020: See section C, point 2. let. a for consequences relating to COVID-19

A. Background

Students must follow the rules on honesty and integrity of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Zurich. The principles laid out in this Code of Honor apply to all students enrolled in programs of the Faculty or completing coursework (modules) in such programs.

The definition and consequences of acts of dishonesty are laid out in § 30 of the Framework Ordinance for Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Programs of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (hereinafter referred to as «RVO PhF») of the University of Zurich of 27 August 2018.

Please read this Code of Honor carefully before you start the official assessment. If you submit the assessment, the Faculty assumes without exception that you are aware of and accept the content and measures of this Code of Honor as well as the consequences of any violation.

B. Code of Honor

1. All students and other persons who become aware of any violations of this Code of Honor or acts of dishonesty before, during, or after completion of an official assessment are personally obligated to report this to the Office of the Dean immediately.
2. Students are not permitted to claim the work of someone else as their own.
3. No one is permitted to receive inadmissible support from or offer inadmissible support to another student at any time before, during, or after an official assessment or in connection with other assessments.
4. Every student must confirm his or her agreement with the following before starting on or when submitting an official assessment: «I hereby confirm that this assessment in no way violates the Code of Honor for official assessments of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of the University of Zurich.»

C. Measures and consequences

1. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences hereby expressly states that it
   a. may use methods to detect dishonesty while the assessment is being administered and
   b. take measures to prove or document cases where there is suspicion of dishonesty.
2. Students who fail to comply with this Code of Honor are deemed to have acted dishonestly and violated § 30 of the RVO PhF. They can therefore expect that

a. the act of dishonesty will be punished in accordance with § 30 RVO PhF,

b. the assessment will count as a fail (i.e. the University of Zurich’s cancellation policy for failed attempts in the spring semester 2020 will not apply), and that

c. disciplinary proceedings will be initiated in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations of the University of Zurich.