# STATUTE Support centers for USM students in Košice

#### Article 1 Introductory provision

This statute establishes the mission, activities and areas of student support that will be implemented.

### Article 2 Establishment and organization

The support center is primarily intended to fulfill tasks resulting from § 100 and § 100a of Act no. 131/2002 Coll. - Act on universities and amendments to certain laws. In addition to the tasks defined by law, the center also implements additional support resulting from the nature and needs of the USM in Košice.

A support center with counseling services will ensure that students have easy access to counseling and other support services, corresponding to their various needs. Its mission is to help students master their studies, prepare them for entering the labor market.

The role of the support center is to:

- provide counseling for the purpose of improving the mental health of students,
- provide assistance with problems that could threaten the proper completion of studies,
- provide motivational tools for students to study,
- provide assistance in applying to the labor market,
- to provide seamless adaptation to study and stay for foreign students

### Article 3 Focus and mission

The support center for students focuses on a set of advisory services of a social nature (social scholarships, accommodation mediation, ISIC student cards, accommodation in student dormitories); for counseling for students with specific needs. Counseling services are provided to all age categories of students, from the start of full-time and part-time studies to the completion of studies.

# Article 4 Activity of the Support Center

#### Social counseling:

- consultancy in the field of scholarships
- assistance to foreign students
- mediation of accommodation
- support in the adaptation process from secondary school to university with the use of tutor status throughout the course of study

Counseling for students with specific needs

- providing advice in solving problems related to studying at USM in Košice
- assistance in solving problematic situations resulting from social exclusion that could threaten the fulfillment of study obligations,
- cooperation on tasks in solving the conditions of support for students with specific needs
- evaluation of needs and support services for students from disadvantaged backgrounds .

Informing students of the first years about the establishment of the Student Support Center at USM in Košice and at the same time continuously informing students of higher years.

# Article 5 Principles of service provision of the center

When providing consulting and support services, the principle of confidentiality of the consulting relationship and the principle of protecting the client's interests are observed. The Student Support Center maintains the status of an independent service and those who visit it do so voluntarily and of their own choice. Information acquired in a consulting relationship cannot be further expanded or provided to third parties. The consulting relationship is characterized by openness with a guarantee of discretion.

### Article 6 Methods of contact

Websites <a href="https://www.vsbm.sk/centrum\_podpory.html/">https://www.vsbm.sk/centrum\_podpory.html/</a> provides students with initial electronic and telephone contact, and further, according to the nature of the submitted demand, the center's management delegates appropriate advisors and coordinators.

## Article 7 Final provision

This statute becomes valid and effective on the day of its issuance.

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