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**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT
OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS
IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
AND IN AN INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE ACTIVITIES**

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At this modern stage, issues of academic integrity are important and relevant for every country. However, achieving honesty and integrity in all types of academic community activities is impossible without the formation of an honest and orderly society. According to the Laws of Ukraine "On Higher Education" and "On Education," the definition of academic integrity is provided, along with suggested regulating, monitoring, and punitive measures for all participants in the educational process. Currently, in all higher education institutions, checks on scientific works of academic and teaching staff and final works of students are implemented using IT technologies, specifically the software systems Plagiat.lviv.ua or StrikePlagiarism. Regulations on academic integrity have been developed. Therefore, when writing scientific and other types of works, it is necessary to strictly follow regulatory documents and recommendations. For instance, correctly citing with references to authors, especially when several users are working on related issues and might use the same citation from similar literary sources available in libraries or on internet resources. Terminology can also be repeated several times, and it's important to avoid turning the scientific content of one's research into a fictional

work just because scientific-professional terminology is frequently used. As currently, most plagiarism checks involve analyzing percentages through computerized verification, frequent repetition of commonly known terms or using widely accepted words or phrases might be misinterpreted by the software. This requires human intervention to make a proper conclusion regarding academic integrity. And now, in the era of artificial intelligence, it is crucial for humans to preserve themselves, to retain their human ability for analysis and thinking, and not blindly trust the capabilities of modern technologies. It has always been believed that a machine, even if it's intelligent, should serve humans, not the other way around. Therefore, the capabilities of artificial intelligence should be directed toward performing routine tasks to save time, resources, or other actions that would be beneficial and not pose a threat to humanity. Hence, the final decision-making in all matters should be left to humans. Honest, fair, intelligent, responsible humans.

Therefore, it is currently very important for all members of society, both children and adults, to adhere to honesty and integrity not only in education or teaching in educational institutions but also in everyday life, both at the household level and in all spheres of their educational and professional activities.

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