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**RECTORY DECREE No.138/2023**

Enact the agreement of the Honorable Superior Council of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*, which approves the Institutional Security Policy in the Academic Activity of the University.

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**NOTED:**

- 1° The need to establish an institutional safety policy in the hands-on academic activity, which allows to safeguard the welfare of individuals and the environment from the risks that may arise in it;
- 2° The importance of promoting a safety culture based on the commitment of the community and other participants of university activities with individual and collective actions and behaviors that promote safety in teaching, research and arts;
- 3° The task performed by a Committee of experts who developed the framework, principles and guidelines of the Safety Policy in Academic Activities of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*;
- 4° The Rector's proposal and the agreement adopted by the Honorable Superior Council in its ordinary session No. 8/2023, held on Friday, May 19, 2023;
- 5° The favorable opinion of the Academic Vice-Rector;
- 6° The favorable opinion of the Vice-Rector for Research;
- 7° What was reported by the General Secretary of the University, and
- 8° The powers conferred on me by article 37 of the General Statutes of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*.

**DECREE:**

Enact the agreement of the Honorable Superior Council of *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*, which approves the Institutional Safety Policy in Academic Activities, the attached text is to be understood as an integral part of this Decree.

Cumplase 23/05/2023  
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Be it communicated, published and filed.-  
Santiago, May 22, 2023 .-

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## INSTITUTIONAL SAFETY POLICY IN ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE *PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE*

### I. General Aspects

Safeguarding both individuals and the environment for the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*, a university community with an educational, research and creation vocation within the demands of truth, the common good and service to society.

Within the framework of the present policy, the University views security as exercising caution before the risks that arise in the hands-on academic activity, especially with regards to people, living beings, the environment and property. To this purpose, it promotes a safety culture based on the commitment of the community and other participants of university activities, which translates into individual and collective actions and behaviors that promote security in teaching, research and creation.

The safety policy is defined within the overarching principles that govern university endeavors considered in the Apostolic Constitution *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, the Declaration of Principles of the University, the Regulations on Academic and Disciplinary Responsibility of the members of the university community, the Code of Honor and other applicable regulations, also seeking to comply with national and international standards and good practices in terms of safety.

### 2. Policy Principles

The implementation of the policy will consider the principles of participation, rationality and collaboration, in order to identify and mitigate risks effectively:

- a) **Participation:** understood as the active involvement and commitment of the different actors of the university community.
- b) **Rationality:** understood as the timely, efficient and effective use of resources.
- c) **Collaboration:** understood as the coordinated contributions of the different members of the university community considering their knowledge, resources and roles in order to implement the policy.

Risks will be managed throughout the implementation and progression of strategic plans, projects, programs, and curricular activities, adopting a systemic approach and emphasizing continuous improvement.



The focus of action of this policy excludes acts of a criminal, terrorist nature, or violation of other dimensions of human integrity such as violent acts, harassment or abuse, to which other regulations and current national legislation apply.

### **3. Policy guidelines and lines of action**

The institutional safety policy will have guidelines that will be implemented in different areas of the university endeavor, defined as lines of action. The guidelines in each line of action will be as follows:

#### **a) Institutional management and Academic Units**

It will include the implementation of a system and structure integrating institutional security strategies, the development of an Institutional Safety Plan, the implementation of comprehensive management and information systems, regulatory compliance, and its incorporation into the strategic plans of the Academic Units.

#### **b) Training dimension**

Safety will be promoted as a UC educational hallmark and will be incorporated into undergraduate, postgraduate, continuing education and outreach activities, including security competencies in academic programs in accordance with curricular activities and educational objectives. Safety will be considered as a quality criterion in accreditation processes, and a management system integrating university training strategies will be available.

#### **c) Research and arts**

Safety will be strengthened in scientific research and artistic activities, in training for the university community and in fieldwork. A comprehensive management system will be considered for the implementation of risk assessment and monitoring protocols.

#### **d) Infrastructure**

Based on a gap analysis, infrastructure standards will be adapted and improved, and support will be given to strategic plans through different areas of the University.

#### **e) Communication, partnerships and internationalization**

The university community has a key role in safety and that of its environment, in compliance with the regulations and the exercise of best practices. There will be participation in national and international networks, in the formation of partnerships and dissemination of learning to contribute at national and regional levels.