

## **Magna Charta Universitatum**

The community of the University of Theater and Film Arts, solemnly proclaiming the principles of the Universitas Millennium Idea, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the Magna Charta Universitatum (1988) and the 155-year-old SZFE tradition, solemnly proclaims the principles intended to sustain its mission.

University autonomy has been an unquestionably important and indispensable universal value for centuries, rooted in European culture; and as such is an integral part of the Hungarian rule of law and democratic value system. The “European University” is probably one of the longest continuous social institutions in the Western world with a long history.

The traditional, slowly millennial autonomy of higher education is an essential condition for active, productive teaching and research. In the context of higher education autonomy, the Magna Charta Universitatum, which affirms the autonomy of European universities, emphasizes the separation of universities from political and economic power and highlights the moral and intellectual independence of universities: this kind of independence is far more important than economic autonomy.

This right is developed by the four principles of the Magna Charta Universitatum, which have been used in the regulation of Hungarian higher education so far. They stipulate that the university is an autonomous institution and, in order to fulfill its mission of creating and transmitting cultural values, it must be independent of all political, economic and ideological powers. In addition, the freedom of research, education and training is essential in the operation of the university, the observance of which must be ensured by the state authorities and the universities within their respective spheres of competence.

In accordance with these principles, our current Basic Law, which declares in the part entitled Freedom and Responsibility that Hungary guarantees freedom of scientific research and artistic creation, and - in order to acquire the highest possible level of knowledge - freedom of learning and teaching within the limits prescribed by law. Higher education institutions are independent in terms of the content and methods of research and teaching, and their organizational order is regulated by law.

SZFE is an autonomous institution that creates and transmits the values of culture through education, artistic activities and scientific research. The educational, artistic and research activities of the university are inseparable. Building on reinterpreted traditions and paying attention to social processes, you need to keep pace with changes in disciplines. It must be morally and spiritually independent of any political and economic influence. Freedom of education, art and research is a fundamental principle of the operation of the SZFE; this must be respected by the current maintainer and the university community.

Rejecting impatience, a university that is always ready for dialogue is a privileged place for teachers and students to work together. It belongs to teachers who are able to transfer their knowledge and have all the tools needed to further develop their knowledge; for students who are eligible, fit, and willing to enrich their knowledge.

As a custodian of humanist traditions, SZFE, a European and Hungarian university, constantly strives to enrich and share universal knowledge, ignores geographical or political boundaries in order to fulfill its mission, and emphasizes the imperative need for mutual knowledge and interaction of cultures.

It is a fundamental right of every member of the university community to have the means and opportunities to preserve the freedom of education, art and research.

The principle that artistic activity and scientific research are inseparable from education must be respected in the selection of teachers and in the definition of their rights and obligations.

The university must ensure the freedom of the students and the conditions under which they can continue their studies successfully, acquire universal human values, true to their oath, in the service of the flourishing of Hungarian culture.

The university community is committed to making every effort to ensure that the current maintainer (and national and supranational competent organizations and institutions) develop and ensure the conditions for the operation of the SZFE in accordance with the principles and tools proclaimed above.