



**BAKU
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POLICY ON SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOAL 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND
STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Baku Engineering University (BEU) is committed to **Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**, which promotes peaceful, inclusive societies, access to justice for all, and accountable, transparent institutions. As an academic institution, BEU fosters a culture of integrity, inclusiveness, and civic responsibility across its teaching, governance, and community outreach.

2. OBJECTIVES

- Promote ethical governance, transparency, and rule of law within the university.
- Foster a safe, inclusive, and respectful campus environment.
- Educate students on human rights, justice, civic engagement, and public administration.
- Collaborate with national and international institutions to strengthen democratic values and social justice.

3. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Transparency:** Uphold accountability and openness in all university operations.
- **Equity and Justice:** Ensure fair treatment and equal opportunities for all students and staff.
- **Nonviolence and Tolerance:** Promote peaceful conflict resolution and cultural understanding.
- **Participation:** Encourage student and staff involvement in governance and decision-making.

4. ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL STRATEGIES

This policy supports:

- **Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities**, particularly “A Fair Society” and “Strong Institutions.”
- **State Program on Public Administration Reform and Digital Governance (2021–2025)**
- **National Action Plan on Human Rights and Rule of Law (2023–2026)**
- **Law on Public Participation in the Republic of Azerbaijan**

5. ALIGNMENT WITH BAKU ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC GOALS

This policy contributes to:

- **Goal 1:** “Transparent, Accountable and Modern University Governance”
- **Goal 6:** “Strategic Local and Global Partnerships for Development”
- **Goal 7:** “Civic Engagement and Ethical Education”

6. KEY STRATEGIES

6.1 Ethical Governance and Institutional Integrity

- Implement clear codes of conduct for students, faculty, and administrators.
- Promote anti-corruption practices and transparent budgeting.
- Ensure fair and merit-based recruitment and admissions processes.

6.2 Civic and Legal Education

- Integrate courses on human rights, law, public policy, and ethics across programs.
- Encourage interdisciplinary debates, model UN simulations, and public lectures.
- Partner with legal and civil society organizations to offer internships and joint initiatives.

6.3 Campus Safety and Inclusivity

- Maintain zero tolerance for violence, discrimination, or harassment.
- Offer counseling, mediation, and conflict resolution services.
- Ensure accessible grievance mechanisms and whistleblowing protection.

6.4 Youth Participation and Democratic Values

- Support student councils, clubs, and forums for inclusive participation.
- Promote democratic leadership and accountability in student organizations.
- Encourage volunteering and community service focused on justice and inclusion.

7. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

The **Office of Ethics and Institutional Development**, together with student affairs and legal departments, will coordinate the policy. Indicators include:

- Number of awareness and civic education programs
- Participation in student governance and public engagement
- Reports of institutional transparency and accountability
- Student and staff feedback on justice, fairness, and safety

8. REVIEW AND REVISIONS

This policy will be reviewed biennially with input from students, faculty, and administrative units. It will be updated to align with evolving national governance standards, legal frameworks, and UN guidance on SDG 16.

