

# **Policy on Equal Access and Participation of Women in the Educational Process at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy**

## **1. Introduction**

This policy affirms and implements measures aimed at ensuring equal opportunities in higher education at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (hereinafter – UWED / University) in accordance with the [Law](#) of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Education" and applicable regulatory legal acts in the field of education. The University guarantees every individual the right to education regardless of gender, race, nationality, language, religion, beliefs, social origin, or status. The principle of equal opportunity also applies to the application process, admissions, and participation in educational, scientific, and social activities.

## **2. Admissions and Enrollment Stages**

The admissions process includes the following stages:

- Counseling and career guidance;
- Application submission;
- Standardized Testing;
- Selection of the university and academic program based on test scores;
- Announcement of results and allocation of places on a competitive basis;
- Document processing for applicants who have successfully passed the tests, carried out by the University's Admissions Office.

## **3. Application Submission and Registration**

In compliance with the [Resolution](#) of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Approval of the Administrative Regulations for the Provision of Public Services for the Acceptance of Documents for Admission to Higher Educational Institutions," applications for undergraduate and graduate programs are submitted exclusively online through the [Unified Portal of Interactive Public Services](#) of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The system automatically accounts for categories of applicants eligible for benefits, including women from vulnerable groups.

Universities, including the UWED, do not accept applications directly. Applicants undergo centralized [testing](#) and, based on the results, [independently choose](#) a university.

. All stages of the admissions process are conducted in accordance with the principles of transparency, equity, and non-discrimination, ensuring that women participate fully and equitably on par with all other applicant categories and graduate students.

#### **4. Special Privileges and Support Systems for Women**

In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the following state support measures are provided to female applicants and students:

- [Interest-free loans](#) for up to 7 years to cover tuition fees (*for full-time female students*);
- [Tuition-free education](#) for all women enrolled in graduate programs at public universities;
- [Targeted quotas](#) for doctoral programs and study-abroad opportunities;
- [Privileges for women](#) from [socially vulnerable](#) categories (*orphans, women without guardianship, or from low-income families*).

#### **5. Participation of Women in Educational and Scientific Life**

Women studying at UWED actively participate in all aspects of academic life, including:

- Lectures, seminars, research, and project-based learning;
- Internships, exchange programs, conferences, and scholarly publications;
- Student self-governance bodies and academic clubs;
- Academic mentoring and career development programs.

The University provides an inclusive and safe academic environment free from discrimination and gender inequality.

#### **6. Implementation and Coordination Processes**

Oversight of this policy's implementation is carried out by:

- The Admissions and Registration Office;
- The Office of International Academic Cooperation;
- The Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs;
- The UWED Women's Advisory Council.

The University prepares annual reviews and, when necessary, submits data to national education authorities.

#### **7. Final Provisions**

The UWED reaffirms its commitment to ensuring real and equal access for women to education at all levels of higher education. Given the substantial measures of state support and the open university environment, women are full participants in academic life, fully in line with international standards.