

UNIVERSITY OF BANJA LUKA
SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

**RULES OF AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF STUDY
AT III CYCLE ACADEMIC STUDIES**

Banja Luka, October 2024

In accordance with Article 54, paragraph (1), item (4) of the Law on Higher Education of the Republic of Srpska ('Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska', no. 67/20) and Article 34 of the Statute of the University of Banja Luka, the Senate of the University, at its 110th session, held on 24 October 2024, adopted the

RULES
of amendments to the Rules of Study
at III cycle academic studies

Article 1

These Rules introduce amendments to the Rules of Study at the III cycle academic studies of the University of Banja Luka ref.no 02/04-3.1907-6/22 of 29 September 2022 and ref. no 02/04-3.356-7/23 of 23 February.2023 (hereinafter: the Rules).

Article 2

Article 5 is amended and now reads:

'Candidates eligible for enrolment on the III cycle academic studies are as follows:

1) Candidates who have completed the respective academic studies of the I and II cycles or integrated studies, defined by the III cycle study programme, with minimum average grade of 8.00 achieved at either cycle, or

2) candidates who have completed the respective academic studies of the I and II cycles or integrated studies, defined by the III cycle study programme, with minimum average grade at either cycle of 7.50, under the condition of having published, as a first author, a scientific paper in a journal indexed with the Web of Science Core Collection at the moment of entering the competition, or

3): candidates who have completed the respective academic studies of the I and II cycles or integrated studies, defined by the III cycle study programme, with minimum average grade at either cycle of 7.50, under the condition of having published, as a first author, three scientific papers in journals indexed with the following databases: ERIH PLUS (European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences), SCOPUS, DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), CEEOL (Central and Eastern Europe Online Library), MLA (Modern Language Association), and ICS (International Committee of Slavists), or

4) candidates who have acquired the academic degree of master of science/ art from the respective scientific/artistic field, defined by the III cycle study programme, with minimum average grade of 8.00 at graduate studies, or

5) candidates who had their previously obtained degrees recognised in line with the general acts of the University by which the area of recognition of previously obtained qualifications is regulated.

Candidates holding a master of science degree may be enrolled on the second year of doctoral studies, with their academic degree having undergone the procedure of degree equivalency prior to the enrolment, in line with special requirements adopted by the council of the member unit at which the III cycle is realised.

Article 3

Article 41, paragraph (2) is abolished.

Article 4

These Rules enter into force on the eighth day after the announcement on the webpage of the University of Banja Luka.

Ref. no. 02/04-3.2250-4/24

Date: 24 October 2024

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE SENATE
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