

**UNIVERSITY OF BANJA LUKA
SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**R U L E S
OF STUDY AT III CYCLE OF
ACADEMIC STUDIES**

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According to Article 64 of the Law on Higher Education ('Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska', 67/20) and Article 34 of the Statute of the University of Banja Luka, the Senate of the University of Banja Luka, at its 85th session, held on 29 September 2022, adopted the

R U L E S OF STUDY AT III CYCLE OF ACADEMIC STUDIES

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

These rules define in more detail the following issues: the conditions and the manner of enrolment at the third cycle of academic studies, the organisation of third cycle academic studies, the evaluation of a student's work, the procedure of registering for, preparing for, and defending a doctoral dissertation/doctoral **artistic work** as well as other relevant issues significant for the realisation of III cycle academic studies at the University of Banja Luka (hereinafter: the University).

Article 2

The III cycle academic studies are organised in accordance with the rules of study based on the European Credit Transfer System – ECTS, through scientific/artistic research and classes.

The III cycle academic studies, or equivalent studies, last for three years and are credited with at least 180 ECTS, combined with the minimum of 300 ECTS obtained at the I and II cycles.

The III cycle academic studies are realised only at accredited study programmes.

Article 3

The preparation, organisation, and securing the quality of the III cycle academic studies at the University is within the competence of academic council/**artistic council** of the respective member unit (hereinafter: the member unit council) at which the studies are realised.

The preparation of appropriate materials and **nomination** of procedures at the member unit council is performed by the III cycle study programme council (hereinafter: the III cycle council).

If a member unit has failed to form the III cycle council, the competences referred to in paragraph 2 are performed by the department of the narrow scientific/artistic field to which the subject matter of the respective doctoral dissertation/doctoral artistic work belongs (hereinafter: **the competent department**).

If the III cycle academic studies represent interdisciplinary studies, a combined III cycle council is formed, in line with the Statute of the University of Banja Luka.

A combined III cycle council submits acts and suggestions to the competent member unit council.

II CONDITIONS AND MANNER OF ENROLMENT

Article 4

Candidates enrol on the III cycle academic studies based on a public tender **invited** by the Senate of the University at the motion of the member unit council at which the studies are realised.

The tender is invited prior to the beginning of the academic year and it may remain open until the beginning of the winter semester of a current academic year.

Article 5

A candidate who is eligible to enrol on the first year of III cycle academic studies has to fulfil the following requirements:

- 1) to have completed I and II cycle studies from the respective scientific/**artistic** field or integrated studies, determined by the III cycle study programme, and with an average grade of 8.00 obtained at each cycle, or
- 2) to have obtained the academic title of master of science or art (pre-Bologna Declaration system) from the respective scientific/artistic field, determined by the III cycle study programme, and with an average grade of 8.00 obtained at **graduate studies**, or
- 3) to have been **recognised** previous qualifications in line with the general acts of the University by which the recognition of previously obtained qualifications is regulated.

A master of science academic title holder can be enrolled on the second year of doctoral studies maximum, with their degree of a master of science having been recognised prior to that, in accordance with special requirements stated by the member unit council at which the studies are realised.

Article 6

A ranking list of candidates for enrolment on the first year of the III cycle academic studies is determined by the council of the member unit at which the studies are realised, at the proposal of the election committee.

The committee ranks candidates based on the following:

- 1) average grade scored at both the I and II cycle academic studies or at integrated studies;
- 2) duration of studies;
- 3) academic achievements, in line with the Law on Higher Education of the Republic of Srpska;
- 4) and other conditions determined by the III cycle curriculum and by special rules of study at the III cycle of the respective member unit.

The council of the member unit at which the III cycle studies are realised appoints the committee referred to in the paragraph 1 of this article for a period of time of four years.

Article 7

A candidate that is ranked within the determined quota of students is entitled to enroll on a III cycle study programme.

The ranking list of candidates will be announced on the bulletin board and the webpage of the member unit.

The ranking criteria are determined by each member unit.

Candidates for the enrolment on a III cycle study programme may submit a complaint to the ranking procedure.

The complaint is submitted to the Dean of a member unit in written form within a 48-hour period from the announcement of the ranking list.

The Dean resolves the complaint within a 48-hour period from the submission of the complaint, and the Dean's decision is final.

A candidate that has established the right to enrolment, and who has not exercised this right by the deadline stated, loses this right, while their position on the ranking list is fulfilled by a candidate with the next highest score.

The III cycle student status is attained by a candidate enrolled on a III cycle study programme.

The student status is proved by the possession of a student record booklet issued by the competent department.

III ORGANISATION OF STUDIES

Article 8

The III cycle academic studies comprise various class forms: lectures, practicals, seminars, office hours, scientific research/artistic research (publishing papers in renowned journals, public presentation of works of art, preparation, design, and defence of doctoral dissertation/doctoral artistic project, in line with accredited study programmes at the University.

Classes are organised for groups and individual students (with mentors).

III cycle students are eligible for participation in student exchange programmes and recognition of credit transfer arrangements, grades scored, and other results achieved at other higher education institutions in the country or abroad, in line with the Law on Higher Education of the Republic of Srpska, with the Statute of the University, with the Rulebook on International Exchange of Students and Academic Staff, and with other general acts of the University, that is, a member unit.

Article 9

Students are required to attend lectures, practicals, seminars, and other class forms in line with their status.

The attendance at all classes is mandatory, the attendance sheets are kept by professors or teaching assistants, and students are required to sign in at the beginning of each class.

Junior faculty members do not participate in the teaching process. Based on these attendance sheets, students' activities in class are verified by the respective senior faculty member.

Over the course of a semester, a full-time student may not exceed 20% of the total number of hours for each class form per a course unit without an excuse.

A full-time student who misses more than 20% of the total number of hours for each class

form per a course unit is not entitled to having their activities in class verified by the respective senior faculty member, thus being denied the right to verify the semester and take the final exam.

Article 10

Classes are organised in accordance with the timetable determined.
Member units are required to make their respective timetables public 10 days prior to the beginning of the semester at the latest.

Article 11

A student fulfils eligibility requirements for enrolment on the following academic year in line with the Law and with the Statute.
In case a student fails to fulfil the eligibility requirements for enrolment on the following academic year, they enrol on the same academic year again and are entitled to attend classes and take exams from the following academic year in line with the Law.

Article 12

The student status is terminated under the conditions stipulated by the Law.

Academic leave of absence

Article 13

The rights and duties of a student can be deferred, in line with the Law on Higher Education and with the Statute of the University.
The academic leave of absence is approved to a student at their personal request in written form. Along with a request for an academic leave of absence, a student is required to submit documentation that proves the existence of the case referred to in the preceding paragraph. A request for an academic leave of absence is submitted prior to the leave itself, after the enrolment on the academic year during which this right is going to be exercised. Exclusively, a request for an academic leave of absence on the basis of hospital treatment or pregnancy can be submitted within a 30-day period upon the termination of the reasons that cause it.
The dean of a member unit, in case the request is justified, makes a decision by which a student is granted an academic leave of absence.
Against the decision from paragraph 4 of this Article a complaint can be submitted to the academic council of the member unit within a 15-day period upon the reception of the decision.
The decision of the academic council as regards the complaint is definitive.
Upon the termination of the reasons due to which a request for an academic leave of absence has been submitted, a student continues their studies according to the valid curriculum.

Student exchange programmes

Article 14

A student is entitled to spend some time at another higher education institution in the country or abroad over the course of their studies, by means of international student exchange programmes or bilateral agreements between the University and other higher education institutions, that is, other forms of international cooperation, in line with the Rulebook on International Student and Academic Staff Exchange.

In accordance with an agreement a student enters into with the University or with a bilateral agreement between the University and other higher education institution, a student is recognised the number of ECTS credits achieved at the host institution, in line with the Statute of the University and the Rulebook on International Student and Academic Staff Exchange.

Article 15

Along with a request for an academic stay at another higher education institution, a student submits the confirmation of the admittance at another higher education institution and the learning agreement with the aforementioned institution.

Upon the end of the exchange programme, a student submits the original documentation for the purpose of recognition of the ECTS workload achieved at another higher education institution as follows:

- 1) a learning agreement with another higher education institution (in case there have been amendments to the agreement done),
- 2) the transcript of records issued by the host institution, and
- 3) the curriculum that a student attended at the host institution.

IV ASSESSMENT OF A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Assessment of a student's academic performance and knowledge

Article 16

A student's performance and knowledge is supervised and assessed continually over the course of a semester and in a final exam.

Upon the first meeting with their students, the member of staff in charge of the respective course unit is obliged to provide them with the information on the teaching methods, on the mid-term exams and final exam terms, on the contents of the final exam, on the number of points for respective pre-exam and exam duties, and on the structure of the final grade.

Pre-exam duties are a mandatory element of a grading process.

The records on students' grades are kept by the Registrar's office of a member unit and by the staff member in charge of a course unit.

Article 17

The staff member in charge of a course unit is obliged to publicly inform students on their respective scores upon each pre-exam duty, as well as the total number of points a student has scored since the beginning of classes.

A student is entitled to take each pre-exam duty until the final exam, independent of other activities and pre-exam checks.

Article 18

Upon the completion of classes and the final exam, the staff member in charge of a course unit determines the total number of points and forms the final grade for each student, taking into consideration the scores for pre-exam duties, for the activities in class, and for the final exam score.

The total number of points and the final grade are entered into an exam form and an exam report, which are delivered to the Registrar's Office, whereas only a pass grade is entered into a student record booklet.

The exam form and the exam report are kept permanently in both the electronic and written form.

Article 19

Grading and assessing a student's academic performance and knowledge are implemented in line with the Statute of the University.

Location of taking exams

Article 20

Exams are taken at the headquarters of the University, and they can be taken outside the headquarters only in exceptional cases, in accordance with the approved study programme.

The decision on taking an exam outside the headquarters of the University in every individual case shall be adopted by the Dean of a University member unit.

Public aspect of an exam

Article 21

Exams, like all forms of knowledge tests, are of public character.

If it is an oral exam that is being organised, the staff member in charge of a course unit should enable all the interested persons to attend the exam.

In addition to a candidate and an examiner, it is also obligatory for at least one person (a student, a staff member or an associate) to attend an oral exam.

If it is a written exam that is being organised, the staff member in charge of a course unit shall introduce students to the aids they are allowed to use.

If there is a circumstance that may bring the impartiality and objectivity of the staff member in charge of a course unit into question, the staff member in charge of a course unit is obliged to require from the dean that they be excluded from the exam.

Article 22

It is obligatory for the staff member in charge of a course unit to inform students on the results of the final oral exam or practical final exam.

The results of the final written exam and final grades will be made public not later than 7 (seven) days from the day of the final exam, by putting them on the bulletin board of a University member unit, or in another appropriate manner.

It is obligatory for the staff member of a course unit to introduce a student to the deficiencies of their work at their personal request.

Article 23

If a student considers they have been wronged in the process of implementing and grading an exam, or during other forms of knowledge test, or if they believe that an exam has not been implemented in accordance with the Law, the Statute and in accordance of these Rules, they can submit a complaint to the dean of a member unit regarding the grade they have scored not later than two days after the day the grade was announced publicly.

A student shall elaborate the complaint from the previous paragraph.

The dean of a member unit shall consider the complaint from paragraph 1 of this Article and adopt a decision on it not later than three days from receiving the complaint.

It is allowed to submit a complaint against the Dean's decision to the council of a University member unit, and its decision is final.

If they find the complaint from paragraph 1 of this Article is grounded, the Dean of a University member unit shall, within 48 hours, adopt a decision on retaking the exam and form a three-member exam commission, and introduce the staff member in charge of the course unit and the student on their decision.

The term for the repeated exam shall be defined in the decision, considering that taking an exam before the exam commission shall be implemented not later than seven days from receiving the decision on repeating the exam.

The staff member who has graded the student in the way they are not satisfied with their grade cannot be the chairperson of the commission.

The decision on the grade shall be made by majority vote, and this decision is definitive. The record on the course of the exam and on the final grade shall be submitted by the commission to the Registrar's Office of the member unit.

A student who is not satisfied with their grade may request the annulment of their grade within a 48-hour period upon the public announcement of the grade, by means of a written notice addressed to the staff member in charge of a course unit.

After the annulment is granted by the staff member in charge of a course unit, a student is entitled to retake the exam in a new exam term.

Article 24

- (1) After three failed attempts to pass a single exam, a student is entitled, at their own request, to take the exam before an exam commission appointed by the dean of a member unit.
- (2) After a failed attempt to pass an exam before the commission, a student shall enrol again on the course unit they have not managed to pass.

Article 25

In case the staff member in charge of the course unit is not able to organise the final exam, the organisation of the final exam shall be entrusted to another staff member from the same

or a related scientific/artistic field, or to a commission appointed by the dean of a member unit.

The commission from paragraph 1 of this Article will have not less than three members.

Members of the commission shall be staff members of the same or a similar scientific field.

The decision on the grade shall be made by majority vote, and the decision is definitive.

The record on the course of the exam and final grade will be submitted by the commission to the Registrar's office of the University member unit, not later than 7 days from the end of the examination period.

Exam terms

Article 26

Taking exams is organised in exam terms defined by the Statute of the University

V DOCTORAL DISSERTATION/ DOCTORAL ARTISTIC PROJECT

Article 27

A doctoral dissertation/ a doctoral artistic project represents the final part of a III cycle study programme and is appointed 30 ECTS minimum, 60 maximum.

A doctoral dissertation/ a doctoral artistic project is filed in a student's personal records as either *defended* or *not defended*.

A doctoral dissertation/ a doctoral artistic project is qualified from a narrow scientific/artistic field realised at an accredited study programme.

A doctoral dissertation/ a doctoral artistic project can be designed and defended in one of three official languages in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Exclusively, a doctoral dissertation/ a doctoral artistic project can be designed and defended in English, that is, another foreign language, in line with an accredited study on the realization of a III cycle study programme, with a student being required to design one copy of the dissertation/project in one of the languages in official use at the University.

The proposal of the topic of a doctoral dissertation/doctoral artistic project is submitted to the Registrar's Office of a member unit on the form stipulated by the Senate of the University, containing the following information:

- 1) Full name of a candidate with a short CV;
- 2) A list of published scientific papers and their copies/ a list of artistic projects and their copies or evidence of their existence;
- 3) Proposal of the title of dissertation;
- 4) Proposal of the mentor
- 5) Elaboration of the proposal of the topic (issues addressed, subject matter, research goals, research hypothesis, review of previous research, material, methodology, work plan, and expected outcomes), and

- 6) List of referent sources relevant for the design of a doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project.

Article 28

A student may change the topic of the dissertation only once.

When changing the topic of the dissertation, the procedure of submitting the proposal will be repeated.

Conditions for mentorship of dissertations from scientific fields

Article 29

A student proposes a mentor for the design of a doctoral dissertation, who must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) That they have an academic election in the narrow scientific field to which the subject matter of the dissertation belongs;
- 2) That they have published as a first author:
 - minimum two scientific papers published in journals indexed in Web of Science Core Collection (Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)), or
 - minimum one scientific paper published in journals indexed in (Web of Science) Core Collection (Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)) and three scientific papers published in journals indexed in SCOPUS, ERIH PLUS (European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences), DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), CEEOL (Central and Eastern Europe Online Library), MLA (Modern Language Association) and ICS (The International Committee of Slavists), or
 - minimum five scientific papers published in journals indexed in 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 (The International Committee of Slavists).
The member unit council may stipulate in its III cycle rules of study additional requirements a mentor should fulfill.

Apart from one mentor, a student may propose an additional mentor (second mentor). In case the proposed mentor is not employed with the University, unless they are elected at the University from the field of clinical disciplines of medicine, a student is required to propose a second mentor who is employed with the University.

The second mentor, as a rule, must be elected in the narrow scientific field to which the subject matter of a dissertation belongs.

If it is not possible to appoint the other mentor elected in the narrow scientific field to which the subject matter of a dissertation belongs, another mentor from a related scientific field is appointed.

If the subject matter of a dissertation is multidisciplinary, the other mentor is appointed from a related scientific field.

Conditions for mentorship of dissertations from artistic fields

Article 30

A student proposes a mentor for the design of a doctoral dissertation, who must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) That they have an academic election in the narrow scientific field to which the subject matter of the dissertation belongs;
- 2) That they have published as first author:
 - minimum two artistic references – displaying on a show a complex artistic project (individual exhibition, an individual concert, a staged play – a playwright or a major role, a movie or TV piece, authorship of a designer’s project, authorship of a musical piece, public engagement) abroad, or
 - minimum five artistic references - displaying on a show a complex artistic project (individual exhibition, an individual concert, a staged play – a playwright or a major role, a movie or TV piece, authorship of a designer’s project, authorship of a musical piece, public engagement) in the country.

The member unit council may stipulate in its III cycle rules of study additional requirements a mentor should fulfill.

Apart from one mentor, a student may propose another mentor (second mentor).

In case the proposed mentor is not employed with the University, a student is required to propose another mentor who is employed with the University.

The second mentor, as a rule, must be elected in the narrow scientific field to which the subject matter of a dissertation belongs.

If it is not possible to appoint the second mentor elected in the narrow scientific field to which the subject matter of a dissertation belongs, a second mentor from a related scientific field is appointed.

If the subject matter of a dissertation is multidisciplinary, the second mentor is appointed from a related scientific field.

Committee for the assessment of the eligibility of a student, a topic, and mentorship conditions

Article 31

At the proposal of the III cycle council, that is, the competent department, the council of the member unit at which the III cycle studies are realised makes a decision to appoint a three-member committee for the assessment of the eligibility of a student, a topic, and mentorship conditions (hereinafter: the Committee for eligibility assessment), which consists of minimum three professors, of whom minimum two are from the respective narrow scientific field.

Minimum one professor of the Committee must be employed with another higher education

institution.

Members of the Committee for the assessment of the eligibility of a student, a topic, and mentorship conditions for doctoral dissertation must have scientific papers published in scientific journals indexed with world citation databases for a specific scientific field as authors and/or co-authors as follows:

- minimum two scientific papers published in journals indexed in Web of Science Core Collection (Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)), or
- minimum one scientific paper published in journals indexed in (Web of Science) Core Collection (Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)) and three scientific papers published in journals indexed in SCOPUS, ERIH PLUS (European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences), DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), CEEOL (Central and Eastern Europe Online Library), MLA (Modern Language Association) and ICS (The International Committee of Slavists), or
- minimum five scientific papers published in journals indexed in 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 (The International Committee of Slavists).

Members of the Committee for the assessment of the eligibility of a student, a topic, and mentorship conditions for doctoral artistic project must author and/or co-author the following:

- minimum two artistic references – displaying on a show a complex artistic project (individual exhibition, an individual concert, a staged play – a playwright or a major role, a movie or TV piece, authorship of a designer’s project, authorship of a musical piece, public engagement) abroad, or
- minimum five artistic references - displaying on a show a complex artistic project (individual exhibition, an individual concert, a staged play – a playwright or a major role, a movie or TV piece, authorship of a designer’s project, authorship of a musical piece, public engagement) in the country.

Candidates for mentorship must not be members of the Committee.

The member unit council may stipulate in its III cycle rules of study additional requirements a mentor should fulfill.

Article 32

Prior to the design of the report on the eligibility of a student, a topic, and mentorship conditions, the III cycle council, that is, the competent department, in agreement with the Committee for the eligibility assessment announces the public presentation of the topic and the research programme of a doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project.

The notice of public presentation of the topic and the research programme is announced on the bulletin board and on the webpage of the member unit.

The public presentation is mandatory for the first and/ or second mentor.

All the written comments and suggestions made during the public presentation of the topic and the research programme of the doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project are delivered to the student, the proposed first and the proposed second mentor, as well as to the Committee for the

eligibility assessment.

Article 33

The Committee for the eligibility assessment prepares a report and forwards it to the member unit council for deliberation, with the deadline not extending 45 days since the appointment. After the report has been deliberated at a session of the member unit council, it is forwarded to the Senate to give consent to.

Article 34

Defence of doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project

A student is eligible to defend a doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project if they, upon the enrolment on the III cycle academic studies, have published as a first author the following:

- minimum two scientific papers published in journals indexed in Web of Science Core Collection (Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)), or
- minimum one scientific paper published in journals indexed in (Web of Science) Core Collection (Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)) and three scientific papers published in journals indexed in SCOPUS, ERIH PLUS (European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences), DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), CEEOL (Central and Eastern Europe Online Library), MLA (Modern Language Association) and ICS (The International Committee of Slavists).

A student is required to use the affiliation of 'Member unit – University of Banja Luka' for all the papers published over the course of their studies.

A student is eligible to defend a doctoral artistic project if they have the following:

- minimum two artistic references – displaying on a show a complex artistic project (individual exhibition, an individual concert, a staged play – a playwright or a major role, a movie or TV piece, authorship of a designer's project, authorship of a musical piece, public engagement) abroad, or
- minimum five artistic references - displaying on a show a complex artistic project (individual exhibition, an individual concert, a staged play – a playwright or a major role, a movie or TV piece, authorship of a designer's project, authorship of a musical piece, public engagement) in the country.

A student is required to use the affiliation of 'Member unit – University of Banja Luka' for all the papers published over the course of their studies.

The member unit council may stipulate in its III cycle rules of study additional requirements a student should fulfill.

Article 35

At the proposal of the III cycle council, that is, the competent department, the council of the member unit at which the III cycle studies are realised makes a decision to appoint a three-member committee for the assessment of the doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project designed and public defence (hereinafter: the Committee for dissertation/project assessment and defence).

Candidates for mentorship must not be members of the Committee.

The Committee for dissertation/ project assessment and defence consists of minimum three members, of whom minimum two are from the respective narrow scientific field.

Minimum one professor of the Committee must be employed with another higher education institution.

Members of the Committee for dissertation assessment and defence must have scientific papers fulfilling the requirements stipulated by paragraph 3, Article 31 of these Rules published.

Members of the Committee for project assessment and defence must have scientific papers fulfilling the requirements stipulated by paragraph 4, Article 31 of these Rules published.

The member unit council may stipulate in its III cycle rules of study additional requirements a member of the Committee for dissertation/project assessment and public defence should fulfill.

Article 36

The Committee for dissertation/ project assessment and public defence is required to deliver a report within 45 days of its appointment which, together with the manuscript of doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project is made available for public scrutiny on the premises of the member unit, for a period of 15 days.

The council of the member unit at which the III cycle academic studies are realised deliberates the report of the Committee for dissertation/ project assessment and public defence, and then forwards it to the Senate to give consent to.

If the council of the member unit does not verify a report of the Committee for dissertation/ project assessment and public defence, a student is denied an opportunity to qualify a doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project under the same title.

Article 37

Upon the verification of the report referred to in Article 36 at a session of the Senate, a student is entitled to public defence of their doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project.

The public defence of doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project is appointed by the Dean, in agreement with the chairperson and members of the Committee for dissertation/ project assessment and public defence, with the date of the defence being reported to the Registrar's Office of the member unit, to the Committee for dissertation/ project assessment and public defence, to a student, and to the public.

A notice of the date of the public defence of a doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project is duly announced on the bulletin board of the member unit, on the webpage of the University, and in the public media, minimum 15 days prior to the date of the public defence.

Article 38

The Committee for dissertation/ project assessment and public defence provides minutes from the public defence of a doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project.

As of the day of the public defence of doctoral dissertation/ doctoral artistic project, a student is entitled to use the scientific/artistic degree of doctor of science/ doctor of arts, in line with these Rules and the III cycle study programme.

VI FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 39

All the issues that refer to the III cycle academic studies and that are not regulated by these rules shall be subject to the appropriate provisions of the Law on Higher Education, of the Statute of University, and of the Statute of the respective University member unit and special rules of studying at I and II cycles of study of the respective University member unit.

Article 40

By entering into force of these Rules, the following documents shall cease to be valid: the Rules of Study at the III cycle studies, no: 02/04-3.3376-4/19 of 26 December 2019 and the Decision on the Amendment to the Rules of Study at the III cycle academic studies, no: 02/04-3.2126-3/20 of 24 September 2020.

For the students who enrolled on the III cycle of studies before and including the academic year of 2019/2020, the following documents shall be applied: the Rules of Studying at I and II Cycles of Study, no: 02/04-3.2551-17/15 from 3 September 2015; the Decision on the Amendment to the Rules of Study at I and II Cycles of Study, no: 02/04-3.2973-70/15 from 30 September 2015; and the Decision on the Amendment to the Rules of Studying at I and II Cycles of Study, no: 02/04-3.464-5/20 from 27 February 2020.

For the students who enrolled on I and II cycles of study in the academic year of 2021/2022, the provisions from the following documents shall be applied: the Rules of Study at I and, no: 02/04-3.2551-17/15 from 3 September 2015; the Decision on the Amendment to the Rules of Study at the III cycle studies, no: 02/04-3.3376-4/19 of 26 December 2019 and the Decision on the Amendment to the Rules of Study at the III cycle studies, no: 02/04-3.2126-3/20 of 24 September 2020.

Article 41

These Rules shall enter into force on the eighth day from being published on the web page of the University, and they shall be applied from the beginning of the academic year of 2022/2023.

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