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# REGULATIONS ON THE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY OF STUDENTS

#### **CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1. The professional activity of the students of "Ion Ionescu de la Brad" Iasi University of Life Sciences is based on the following normative acts: Romanian Constitution; National Education Law No. 1/2011, as subsequently amended and supplemented, Emergency Ordinance No. 75/12 July 2005, on the quality assurance of education, Law No. 87/10.04.2006 approving the Emergency Ordinance No. 75/2005; Law 288/2004, on the organization of university studies, Government Ordinance No. 404/2006 on the organization and conduct of university master studies, Government Ordinance No. 681 of 29 June 2011 approving the Code of Doctoral University Studies, Law No. 60/2000 on the right of graduates of private higher education to take the final examination at accredited state higher education institutions, Law No. 258/2007 on student practice, Order of the Ministry of Education, Research and Youth No. 3955/2008 on the general framework for the organization of internships, Order of the Ministry of Education and Research No. 3928/21 April 2005 on the quality assurance of educational services in higher education institutions, Order of the Ministry of Education, Research and Youth No. 3753 of 09/02/2011 approving certain transitional measures in the national education system. Order of the Ministry of Education on the framework methodology for the organization of the examinations for the completion of studies in higher education - graduation, bachelor, diploma, selection, master examinations, Order of the Ministry of Education on the general framework for the organization and conduct of admission to bachelor's, master's and doctoral study programmes, Order of the Ministry of Education and Research No. 3666/2012 on the Code of Student' Rights and Obligations, Order of the Ministry of National Education No. MEN 651/2014 approving the Methodology for the academic mobility of students, Order of the Ministry of Education and Research No. 4020 of 07/04/2020 on the derogation from the legal provisions in the field of higher education during the state of emergency on the territory of Romania; Emergency Ordinance No. 58/23 April 2020 on taking measures for the proper functioning of the education system; the University Charter and other regulations and internal decisions relevant to this activity.

**Article 2.** In accordance with the principles of the University's Charter and the University's strategy, the aim is:

- to provide the necessary conditions for the training of specialists with higher education at bachelor, master and doctoral level;
  - to ensure excellence in teaching, scientific research and education;
- to promote science and culture in the spirit of the values of democracy, moral and spiritual requirements, academic freedom, emphasis on openness to the international scientific community and in the area of European and world culture and civilisation;
  - to prevent exclusivism and intolerance;
- to ensure that the knowledge and skills of graduates are adapted to the requirements of the labour market, both through initial training and continuing education programmes;
  - to identify and exploit employment opportunities for graduates.

- **Article 3.** The training of students is based on academic programmes designed at the level of the most valuable achievements of science, culture and technology, capitalizing on the traditions of the Romanian school and the experience of prestigious universities in Europe or other parts of the world.
- **Article 4.** Iasi University of Life Sciences ensures the students' right of option in the choice of subjects, according to the curriculum, mobility between related specializations, based on specific criteria and recognition of credits obtained in our university or in other universities from Romania or abroad, between which there are recognition relations.
- **Article 5.** Students' scientific research is organised within the research circles of each subject. Students with real aptitudes may be integrated into the research groups of the teaching staff, and the results obtained may be presented at scientific symposia and published in the annals of faculties, in specialist journals.
- **Article 6.** Before the beginning of the academic year, each faculty shall inform students, by specific means, of their obligations by years of study.

#### CHAPTER II - ORGANISATION OF THE TEACHING ACTIVITY

- **Article 7.** The teaching activity within "Ion Ionescu de la Brad" University of Life Sciences is structured by faculties, specializations and departments, according to the legislation in force.
- **Article 8.** The programming, organisation and conduct of the educational process are governed by the provisions of the National Education Law and other specific laws and derive from university autonomy, as follows:
- (a) the teaching activity is organized and conducted in Romanian and in international languages, as approved by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS), through full-time courses for bachelor's, master's and doctorate levels, as well as through distance learning for the bachelor level;
- **(b)** the bachelor degree programme lasts for 4 years at the Faculties of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal and Food Resources Engineering (240 credits) and for 6 years at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (360 credits), with the exception of Biology, where the duration of studies is 3 years (180 credits), according to Government Decision No. 707/2012;
  - (c) doctoral studies are carried out according to own regulations, in accordance with the law;
- (d) depending on the specificities of the faculties and specialisations, the educational process may also be designed in a modular structure;
- (e) faculties may organize, with the approval of the Senate and ARACIS authorization/accreditation, courses or training cycles taught entirely in languages of international circulation.
- **Article 9 (1)** The quantification of students' activity in each subject is done by awarding transferable credits. For bachelor and master programmes, the sum of credits is generally 30 per semester and at least 60 per year. For distance learning, the sum of credits over the course of studies is identical to that of full-time learning.
- (2) In order to obtain the status of graduate of a specialisation, a minimum number of credits must be obtained equal to the product of the number of years of study in that specialisation and the number of credits per year.
- (3) State-funded or fee-paying students are required to pass the exams corresponding to the subjects of an academic year in up to four consecutive semesters.
- (4) A student may not be admitted in the third year of study if they have exams not passed from the first year or in the fourth year if they have exams not passed from the second year. At the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, students may not be admitted to the fifth year if they have exams not passed from the third year or to the sixth year if they have exams not passed from the fourth year.
- (5) In the case of failure to pass the year of study as a result of the situations listed in paragraph (4), a student must follow, on request, an additional year with tuition fee to redo the activities concerned, otherwise he/she is expelled. If after this period the student is still unable to pass, he/she is expelled, with the right to re-enrolment once.
- (6) After the expiry of the State-funded period, students may continue their studies, in exchange of a tuition fee, on request, with the Rector's approval.

- (7) Failure to ensure continuity shall lead to expulsion of the student, except in cases of interruption of studies and extension of studies.
- **Article 10. (1)** A **credit** is a conventional unit that measures the student's workload. All forms of activity are taken into account when quantifying credits: courses, seminars, laboratories, exams, practical training, individual study, projects, etc.
  - (2) Students receive all the allocated credits if they pass the subject studied.
- (3) The Bachelor's/Diploma examination is credited separately with a total of 10 credits and the Master's examination with 10 credits.
- **(4)** Psycho-pedagogical subjects, included in the programme of the Teaching Staff Training Department, are credited separately, being rated with 30 credits for each of the 2 modules.
- (5) Volunteering activity carried out at IULS according to the Volunteering Regulations is granted annually two credits separately.
- (6) Students attending full-time courses may be eligible for performance, merit or study scholarship if at the end of each semester they have earned the planned number of credits and meet the required academic performance criteria.
  - **Article 11.** The following procedural rules shall be used in the application of the credit system:
- (1) The credit allocation system has a coordinator at the university level (pro-rector) and a coordinator at the level of each faculty (deputy dean). At faculty level, other responsible persons (Head of Departments, Faculty Council members) may be appointed per specialisation, year of study or student group to provide counselling to interested students. Coordinators shall present regular reports to the Faculty Council analysing the functioning of the system and proposals for improving the conditions of implementation.
  - (2) Credits are whole numbers.
  - (3) The number of credits allocated to a subject is not divisible by form of activity.
- (4) Credits are transferable between structures belonging to similar or different majors/fields, at the student's request, and are approved by the Rector of the university, with the consent of the Dean of the faculty to which the transfer is requested.
- (5) Credits are transferable from one educational establishment to another by subjects, by groups of subjects (modules) or by compact periods of study at the student's request, and are approved by the board of the faculty to which the transfer is requested, if there is an agreement between the educational institutions involved.
- (6) Credits may be obtained in advance only in ascending order of semesters, subject to the respect of the sequence of subjects in the curriculum, and may be carried forward to subsequent semesters under the same conditions. Obtaining the credits in advance or carrying them over to the following semesters is made at the request of the student who has benefited from temporary internal or international mobility, as well as in the case of students enrolled following definitive mobility, and is approved by the Faculty Council.
- (7) Once obtained, credits are accumulated throughout the course of study, only within the study cycle followed and their recognition is the responsibility of faculties.
- (8) If studies are interrupted for more than 3 consecutive years, it is impossible to recognise the credits and the studies must be repeated.
- (9) Credits may be accumulated in modules for the award of a specialisation or complementary qualification;
  - (10) To pass the academic year, students must obtain a minimum of 40 credits.
- **Article 12 (1)** Syllabuses shall be drawn up by the subject coordinators in accordance with the students' training needs, at international quality standards and approved by the Head of Department. Depending on the specificities of the faculties and specialisations, syllabuses may also be prepared in a modular structure.
- (2) The preamble of each syllabus must specify the subjects of study the previous passing of which is a condition for enrolment and assessment of the student in that subject.
- Article 13 (1) The admission of candidates shall be made by a contest, within the limit of the enrolment capacity approved by ARACIS and established by government decision, under the conditions established by the National Education Law and other normative acts in this regard;
- (2) The content and procedure of the admission contest shall be established by the Senate of the university through a specific methodology, detailing the general criteria established by the Ministry of Education.

- (3) A person acquires the status of a student and a member of the university community only upon admission and enrolment with the university.
- (4) The number of specializations that may be attended simultaneously or successively within the university, as well as the specific conditions of each faculty, are the responsibility of the University Senate.
- (5) Graduates with a bachelor's/engineer's degree may attend a second specialization, according to the regulations in force.
- (6) Students are considered partners of the university and equal members of the academic community.

# CHAPTER III - UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT AND STUDENT DOCUMENTS

**Article 14 (1)** The enrolment and re-enrolment of students is the responsibility of the university and faculty management.

- (2) The student enrolment procedure is correlated with the application of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which requires the student to enrol at the beginning of each academic year, specifying the subjects to be followed during that period of study.
- (3) Enrolment in the first year of studies is done by the Rector, based on the results of the admission contest. The Rector shall also enrol students transferring from another university.
- (4) The enrolment decision is preceded by the conclusion of the study contract between the representatives of the university and the student, as well as the study contract between the Dean of the faculty and each student, stipulating the rights and obligations of the parties.
- (5) After enrolment, each student is entered in the single register of students (RMU) under a unique code, valid for the entire course of study in the respective faculty. These codes are given progressively for each new series of students. The same procedure applies to students transferring from other universities.
- (6) When entering students in the student register, students shall also have their personal file prepared, which shall include:
  - the study contract concluded between the university representatives and the student;
  - addenda to the study contract concluded at the beginning of each academic year;
  - high school diploma in original;
  - true copy of the birth certificate;
  - medical certificate;
  - documents based on which they were admitted to university.

During the schooling period, student files are supplemented with:

- a copy of the marriage certificate or other documents certifying any change of name;
- documents certifying studies at other universities and the results obtained;
- other study-related documents in the course of studies.
- (7) After enrolment, the Dean of the faculty shall issue each student a student ID card, a travel card and a student report card to be validated annually.
- (8) The student ID serves as a document of identity when entering the university, dormitories, canteens, libraries, sports facilities and various activities where proof of student status is required, as well as when obtaining any other facilities.
- (9) In case of loss of the student report card, a duplicate shall be issued only after publishing an ad in the press and payment of a fee set by the University Senate.
- (10) The student report card, stamped annually by the faculty secretariat, must be presented at the examinations so that the examining teacher can record all the marks from the period of study, including those that do not ensure passing.

Article 15. (1) Alteration and insertion of false data in student documents shall be considered as forgery of public documents and shall be sanctioned according to the law.

(2) If the student loses personal documents (student report card, student ID card, etc.), duplicates shall be issued after an ad has been published in the press and the fee set by the University Senate has been paid.

- **Article 16. (1)** Enrolment of students in the following year of study, in all forms of attendance, is made by the Dean of the Faculty within the first 10 days of the beginning of the academic year, by signing the addendum to the study contract.
- (2) Enrolment is conditional on passing the previous academic year on the basis of achieving the minimum number of transferable credits set by these Regulations.
- **Article 17.** A student who has not passed a year of study and accumulates a minimum of 20 credits may apply for enrolment in an additional year in the same year of study on a fee-paying basis, paying only for the subjects not passed.

### **CHAPTER IV - THE CONDUCT OF TEACHING ACTIVITY**

- **Article 18. (1).** The academic year is divided into 2 semesters of 14 weeks each. The last semester of the final years shall have a shorter duration and is determined by each faculty, for each study programme.
- (2) In addition to the two semesters of teaching activities, each year of study has 2-4 weeks of practical training, which is carried out in groups or freely, according to the requirements of each study programme.
  - Article 19. Teaching activities usually comprise 22-28 hours per week, over five working days.
- Article 20 (1) The enrolment of students in courses is based on the study contract and the related addenda.
- (2) For optional and elective subjects, the student's choice is expressed in writing when signing the study contract and the corresponding addenda.
- Article 21 (1) Students have the right and the obligation to attend all forms of teaching activity provided for in the curriculum. The manner in which the teaching activity is carried out shall be determined by the Faculty Council, depending on the specific nature of the subjects.
- (2) In the course of semesters, laboratory work, case studies, thematic debates, etc. are organized during the teaching hours, and the results obtained are taken into account in the final assessments according to the specifics of the subjects. The weight of each activity in the final assessment is set by the subject coordinator, approved by the Head of Department and communicated to the student at the beginning of the semester, including by posting on the subject notice board.
  - (3) The teaching activity can take place both face-to-face and online.
- **Article 22 (1)** The duration of studies financed by the State budget, for full-time courses, in bachelor's programmes is, depending on the field and specialization, 3-4 years (180-240 credits) at the Faculties of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal and Food Resources Engineering and 6 years (360 credits) at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, established by Government Decision.
- (2) Bachelor's degree programmes end with a final examination. The general criteria for the organisation of the bachelor's degree examination shall be established by the relevant ministry and the content and specific criteria of the university shall be established by its senate, on the proposal of the Managing Board.
  - (3) Final exams can be conducted either face-to-face or online.
- (4) Graduates who have passed the final examination shall be awarded the title of engineer, except for graduates of Veterinary Medicine, who shall be awarded the title of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and those of Biology, who shall be awarded the title of Bachelor of Biology, according to the law. Until the issue of diplomas, the graduates receive, upon request, a certificate certifying the period of studies and the average grades obtained during the university studies and at the final examination, according to the law.
- (5) Graduates who did not pass or did not take the final examination shall receive, upon request, a certificate of graduation without a final examination. They may take the final examination at any other session after paying the fee set by the University Senate.
- (6) The title of the diploma of completion of bachelor studies is established by the relevant Ministry, in accordance with the legislation in force.

Article 23. The continuation of studies is regulated by law.

(1) Graduates of university colleges may continue their studies within the bachelor programmes, if the faculty structure allows it, in their original or related field, by a contest, within the limit of the places available for the academic year in question, as determined by the University Senate.

The criteria for enrolment and selection are established by the University Senate, on the proposal of the Faculty Councils.

- (2) Admitted candidates will take the difference examinations set by the Faculty Councils during the first semester and will be enrolled in the third year of study, in relation to the recognised and passed examinations, starting from the second semester.
- **Article 24. (1)** Students and graduates who opt for the teaching profession are required to complete the psycho-pedagogical training programmes, according to Law 1/2011.
- (2) Psycho-pedagogical training programmes are organised within the Teaching Staff Training Department and have separate two-tier curricula approved by the University Senate.
- (3) Graduates of psycho-pedagogical training programmes shall receive certificates of graduation, on the basis of which they shall be authorised to work as teachers.
- Article 25. For students attending State-funded full-time courses, in the final years, the status of student funded from the state budget ceases on the last day of the last examination session scheduled for that year.

### **CHAPTER V - EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS**

- **Article 26.** Through the various forms of examination, the teaching staff verify the extent to which students have acquired theoretical knowledge, skills and practical abilities in accordance with the objectives of the subject of study, and quantify the level of preparation as a result of the teaching-learning process supplemented by individual documentation, through grades.
- **Article 27.** The examination focuses on the ability to synthesize, analyse, use and interpret correctly the theoretical knowledge provided through teaching and that acquired from other sources by students, as well as the competences, practical / applied skills acquired in the subject studied.
- Article 28. Departmental staff and Faculty Councils establish the general requirements for the passing of the subjects of study by approving the Subject Outlines, but the responsibility for establishing the specific requirements of each subject lies with the subject teaching staff who must correlate their own requirements for the teaching-documentation-learning-assessment process with successful international practices and with the competences they must instil in students.
- Article 29. (1) The forms of verification provided for in the curriculum are: examination, collocutional examination, mid-term verification and project presentation.
- (2) Subject Outlines set out the forms of assessment, the mode of assessment (oral, written, test, etc.), other passing requirements (papers, projects, drawings, herbaria, reports, etc.) and their weighting in the final grade.
- (3) During the state of emergency or alert and until the restrictions on public gatherings are lifted, teachers may carry out on online platforms checks on students' work during courses/seminars/practical works, depending on the specifics of each subject.
- **Article 30. (1)** For subjects with a practical/project component, the practical/project exam is compulsory and passing the exam is conditional upon taking the theoretical exam, which is specified in the Subject Outline.
- (2) Completion of the practical training and passing the Practical Training subject in the year in which it is planned is a prerequisite for being admitted into the following year.
- Article 31. At least half of the subjects in the curriculum must be assessed by examination. Oral examinations are preferable to written examinations, and the Faculty Councils are obliged to determine the proportion between these examination methods.
- **Article 32.** The scheduling (date, time and room) of the final examinations for all subjects is determined by the Dean's Office on the proposal of the student groups, after consultation with the subject coordinators.
- Article 33. (1) Attendance at examinations is conditional upon the full re-sitting of practical works/seminars/projects/practical training, as a rule by the start of the session, regardless of the reason for absence. Re-sitting 20% of the work is free of charge and the remainder is for a fee. In case of absence from at least 50% of the practical work/seminars/projects/practical training, the corresponding activities must be re-sat in full and for a fee the following academic year.
- (2) The conditions for re-sitting such activities are specified by the Faculty Council and the manner of re-sitting them is determined by the subject coordinator. The subject coordinator is obliged to ensure appropriate conditions and to plan the re-sitting of applied work, seminars, etc., which he/she

makes known to the students, at least by posting on the subject notice board, in accordance with these Regulations. The re-sitting of an activity is planned only once.

- (3) In special cases (medical certificates, participation in sports events of high performance athletes, scholarships abroad, etc.), with the approval of the faculty management, on the basis of supporting documents and of an individual request submitted by the student and registered at the secretariat, the laboratory-type teaching activities are repeated without charge until the examination date, as planned by the subject coordinator. For medical cases, only the original of standard certificates, endorsed by the student hospital or the student polyclinic and submitted within one week of the resumption of teaching activities, shall be taken into account.
- **Article 34. (1)** Depending on the specific activities, the Faculty Council may approve that in some subjects the assessment of knowledge is carried out by successive tests, covering the whole study theme.
- (2) Starting with the last week of a semester's teaching activity, the assessment may be planned for subjects with other forms of verification: collocutional examinations, project presentations, etc.
- Article 35. In an academic year there are: two (2) ordinary sessions of exams, the winter session at the end of the first semester and the summer session at the end of the second semester; two (2) sessions for repeating exams/increasing grades, one after the winter session, before the beginning of the second semester, and the second in July, after the practical training period.
- Article 36. The evaluation of students in non-passed examinations may also be done during an open session, according to the regulations approved by the Senate. Applications will be endorsed by the subject coordinator and approved by the Dean.
- Article 37. (1) The manner of examination written test, multiple-choice test, oral test or combinations thereof shall be determined for each subject by the Faculty Council, on the proposal of the subject coordinators and with the agreement of the Departmental Board, before the beginning of the teaching activity in question.
- (2) Examinations are usually based on examination tickets/tests and multiple-choice tests, drawn up by the subject coordinator and approved by the Head of Department.
- (3) The elements quantifiable by grade (level of knowledge of the whole subject, creativity, capacity for analysis and synthesis, frequency and participation in the teaching process), as well as the way in which the assessment is carried out (exams, tests, partial exams, projects) are established by the syllabus of the subject, endorsed by the Head of Department and approved by the Faculty Council, and are communicated to the students at the beginning of the activity of that particular subject.
- (4) The final marking of students' answers to examinations, tests and assessments shall be done using grades from 1 to 10, expressed in whole numbers, with a minimum pass mark of 5. The examining teaching staff shall enter in the examination books received from the Dean's Office both the grade awarded and the date of the examination. The **examining teachers** must also enter in their personal records all the elements of the examinations: first and last names of the students presented, the grades in the mid-terms evaluations during the semester, the grade of the final evaluation, the date of the examination, etc.
- (5) In examinations where more than one test is given (written, collocutional examinations, practical), the examiner establishes a single grade (whole number) by assessing all the results obtained by the student, following a procedure made known to them before the examination.
- (6) For optional subjects, the entry in the academic records is made according to the students' choice. The results in these subjects are not taken into account in the calculation of the annual average grade and the score obtained. The subjects of the Pedagogical Seminar are also not taken into account in the calculation of the annual average grade.
- (7) The results of the examination shall be recorded in the related record books and in the student's report card. The record books shall be submitted to the secretariat of the Faculty no later than the day following the examination.
- (8) Examinations are held in front of a committee made up of the subject coordinator and the teacher who conducted the seminars/practical work in that group or, in special cases, another teacher designated by the head of department, who will sign the record book.
- (9) The replacement of the examiner shall be approved, at the justified request of the examiner or in other special cases, by the Dean of the Faculty, on the proposal of the Head of Department. In such cases, a committee of three teachers in the speciality or related specialities shall be set up.

- Article 38. (1) The date and time of the examinations shall be determined by the dean's office in consultation with the students and course coordinators. The timetable shall be drawn up by study groups/series and shall be made available to students at least two weeks before the beginning of the examination session.
- (2) Students who have fulfilled all their professional obligations (courses, seminars, projects, practical work, etc.) as set out in the curriculum and in the syllabus of the respective subjects, made known to the students and posted on the notice board at the beginning of the semester, are entitled to sit the examinations;
- (3) Teachers are obliged to display on the notice boards of the subject, at least 24 hours before the examination, the scores accumulated by the students during the semester, according to the planning in the Subject Outline;
- (3) Students who have not obtained the required minimum grade may, on request, repeat the activities concerned, according to a schedule approved by the subject coordinator under the conditions set by the Faculty Council.
- Article 39. (1) State-funded students may attend examinations and collocutional examinations up to two times free of charge, and fee-paying students at no additional cost in the first two ordinary sessions planned.
- (2) In case of failure after the second planning of the examination/collocutional examination/project, a fee-based re-examination may be requested, in accordance with the law.
- (3) Students who do not pass even the last scheduled re-examination, under the conditions laid down in Article 9 para. (3), may apply for enrolment in an additional year in order to redo all the teaching activity provided for by the syllabus in that subject, with payment of the corresponding costs, after which they may sit the examination/collocutional examination again, for a fee. Failure to pass the examination or collocutional examination by the end of the academic year in which the re-sit takes place will result in expulsion.
- (4) The resumption of studies can be done by re-enrolment, starting from the next academic year, within 3 years, on a fee-paying basis.
- (5) In special circumstances (study abroad on scholarships, medical leave, etc.), the Managing Board, with the endorsement by the Faculty Council, may approve, at the student's request and with the consent of the teaching staff, the sitting of exams outside the scheduled sessions.
- (6) Students may be eligible for re-examinations to increase their grades only if they have passed all the examinations set out in the syllabus at the time of submitting the application for re-examination. Such re-examinations are free of charge, unless the student has already sat the examination twice.
- (7) The number of re-examinations aimed at increasing a grade in an academic year shall **not exceed two**. The result of the re-examination may not lead to a lowering of the grade previously obtained.
- Article 40. (1) The results of an examination or an evaluation may be annulled by the Dean of the Faculty under the provisions of the University Charter, when there is proof that they have been obtained fraudulently or in violation of the provisions of the University Code of Ethics and IULS regulations in force. In these situations, the Dean may order the reorganization of the examination with a new committee, which may include the subject coordinator.
- (2) Students who attempt to pass the examination by fraud shall be expelled from university. Expulsion shall be approved by the rector on the proposal of the office of the Faculty Council. Expelled students may be re-enrolled, in the same year of study, with the endorsement of the Dean and the approval of the Rector, starting from the following academic year, but not later than within 3 years, on a fee-paying basis for the remaining period of study, without recognition of their examination results attained in the year in which they were expelled.
- **Article 41.** The activity carried out and the examinations taken by students who go abroad to study, with the approval of the Rector, shall be recognized, on the basis of the study documents issued by the respective higher education establishments and the agreements signed in that regard.
- **Article 42. (1)** If the period of study at partner universities was carried out under the ECTS system (learning contract, ECTS cooperation agreement between the two universities), the credits obtained at the partner university shall be recognised in full by the committee set up at Faculty Council level, on the basis of supporting documents.

- (2) If some of the courses in the curriculum for the semester(s) in question are specific to the specialisation and are not taught at the partner university, students shall resit those exams on their return, after re-taking the compulsory activities. The additional subjects and the corresponding credits are recorded in the academic transcript.
- **Article 43.** The year of study is considered passed only when students have obtained at least grade 5 in all subjects of the study contract and have accumulated the number of credits and points provided for in the curriculum.
- Article 44. (1) Students who have not passed a year of study in four consecutive semesters may, upon request, complete an additional year or be expelled, according to Article 9, para. (4).
- (2) Students who in six/eight/twelve semesters, depending on the duration of the studies for the degree/diploma, have not accumulated all the credits and points provided for in the curriculum will be able to continue their studies on a fee basis. The period of study may not exceed the normal period of study by more than 2 years, otherwise the student shall be expelled, except for the major in Veterinary Medicine where 3 additional years are accepted.
- (3) The Managing Board, on the proposal of the Faculty Council, may approve the extension of studies free of charge for a maximum of one academic year beyond the legal duration provided for in the curriculum in the following situations:
  - a) maternity leave;
- **b)** medical cases attested by medical certificates, following hospitalisation for more than 30 consecutive days, confirmed by an expert committee, established by protocol between the university and the corresponding university clinical hospital;
- c) participation of high performance athletes in special training programmes and national or international competitions.
- **Article 45. (1)** Undergraduate studies shall be completed with a bachelor's degree/diploma examination which shall be taken in the forms provided for by the regulations approved by the Senate for the completion of studies, according to the law.
- (2) The topic of the bachelor's/diploma thesis is in accordance with the graduated specialization and is chosen by the candidate on the basis of an indicative list drawn up by subjects and approved by the Faculty Council. Proposals from students, approved following the same procedure, are also admitted.
- (3) The candidate's application for the chosen topic is endorsed by the subject coordinator and approved by the Dean of the Faculty.

# **CHAPTER VI - ACADEMIC MOBILITY OF STUDENTS**

- Article 46. (1) Academic mobility, according to the law, is the right of doctoral students to have their transferable credits (European Credit Transfer System ECTS), acquired, under the conditions of the law, at other accredited/provisionally authorised higher education institutions in the country or abroad, recognised. Mobility can be domestic or international, or permanent or temporary, respectively, for all forms of education.
- Article 47. (1) Academic mobility may be carried out at the request of the student or doctoral student, respectively:
  - (a) on the basis of interinstitutional agreements;
- (b) only with the agreement of the sending and receiving accredited/provisionally authorised higher education institutions, as appropriate.
- (2) Inter-institutional agreements set out the conditions for mobility between accredited/provisionally authorised higher education institutions: type of mobility, duration of mobility, number of mobilities, field, study programme, funding of temporary mobility, etc.
- (3) Inter-institutional acceptance shall consist of the filling-in and signing of the standard mobility application set out in Annex 1, which forms an integral part of these Regulations, as follows:
- (a) the student or doctoral student submits the mobility application to the host higher education institution;
- **(b)** after the mobility is accepted, the student or doctoral student requests the agreement of the host university;
- (c) the higher education institution accepting the mobility first signs the student's mobility application, which is then signed by the sending university;

- (d) the application shall also specify the conditions under which mobility takes place.
- Article 48. (1) The student or doctoral student may benefit from temporary domestic mobility between two accredited/temporarily authorised higher education institutions, as appropriate.
- (2) Recognition of transferable credits and curriculum compatibility is carried out both at the beginning and at the end of the mobility period, based on the regulations of the higher education institutions involved.
- Article 49. Temporary domestic mobility, on State-funded or fee-paying places, may take place after the completion of the first year of studies, with the full completion of the examination sessions.
- **Article 50.** In the case of temporary domestic mobility on State-funded places, the funding follows the student.
- Article 51. Definitive domestic academic mobility is valid for both state-funded and feepaying students and is carried out in compliance with the legal provisions on tuition capacity and funding of higher education, with the agreement of accredited/ provisionally authorised higher education institutions, in accordance with the provisions of national legislation and of these Regulations.
- Article 52. Definitive mobility may take place after the first year and until the end of the penultimate year of studies, in the same specialisation.
- **Article 53.** Definitive mobility shall be carried out only after the end of a year of study, after all the requirements laid down in the curriculum have been met, and enrolment shall take place at the beginning of the new academic year.
  - Article 54. Definitive mobility is based on the principle "subsidies follow the student".
- **Article 55.** The provisions on permanent internal mobility also apply to students and doctoral students from EU Member States, the EEA and the Swiss Confederation.
- **Article 56.** For third countries, the provisions of bilateral agreements and international agreements in force on the date of mobility shall apply.
- **Article 57.** (1) Definitive mobility of students may take place from one form of education to another, for the same specialisation, or from one specialisation to another, in the same field of the bachelor's degree, only after the completion of the first or second year of study, as the case may be, taking into account the application of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) and the compatibility of curricula, in line with the professional performance criteria established by each faculty.
- (2) Definitive mobility from distance learning (DL) to full-time learning for the same specialisation is on a fee-paying basis for the year of transfer only.
- (3) Applications for mobility shall be submitted to the faculty secretariat at least 10 days before the start of the academic year.
  - (4). Approval of definitive mobility is the responsibility of:
- (a) the Rector, when definitive mobility is requested for the same specialisation from one form of education to another, or from one specialisation to another within the same undergraduate field, within the university, and applications are approved by the faculty management;
- **(b)** the Managing Board, when definitive mobility from one university to another is requested, and applications are favourably endorsed by the deans and rectors of both universities. In this case, for State-funded students, faculties receive budgetary allocations starting from the following budgetary year, if they have not exceeded the duration of tuition provided for by law.
- **Article 58. (1)** The office of the Faculty Council receiving the students through definitive mobility shall determine: the recognition (or equivalence) of credits and the equivalence examinations and other compulsory activities, according to the curriculum and syllabuses.
- (2) The period for sitting the equivalence examinations shall be determined by the office of the Faculty Council. Failure to pass all equivalence examinations within the period set shall make it impossible for students to present themselves for the activities of the following period.
- **Article 59.** Temporary international mobility through international programmes shall be carried out in accordance with the regulations governing those programmes.
- **Article 60.** International mobility on one's own account is temporary mobility outside the framework of an international programme.
- **Article 61.** Temporary international mobility on one's own account is carried out with the consent of the provisionally accredited/authorised sending higher education institution and host institution, respectively.

- Article 62. Temporary international mobility may take place after the completion of the first year of studies.
- **Article 63.** In the case of temporary international academic mobility, transferable credits are recognised by provisionally accredited/authorised sending higher education institutions and host institution, on the basis of academic autonomy.
- **Article 64. (1).** International student mobility managed by the university is carried out on the basis of official scholarship programmes and/or on the basis of bilateral agreements between the university and other universities.
- (2) The selection of students for mobility programmes is made after the first year of bachelor's studies, based on the weighted average and communication skills in a foreign language (depending on the country of destination).
- **Article 65. (1)** A student's international study mobility is based on a Study Agreement in which the student's own study programme is stipulated, i.e. the courses and modules, with name, code and number of credits, that the student is to attend;
- (2) The study programme during the mobility is determined by the student, according to the curriculum of the specialisation he/she attends and according to the educational offer of the host university;
- (3) The study programme must contain similar subjects (name and content syllabus), the compulsory and optional subjects of the curriculum of the specialization he/she attends at IULS. The subjects chosen must cover the number of credits allocated to the mobility period (30 credits per semester) and respect inter-subject conditioning (for subjects chosen in advance).
- (4) The study programme during the period of mobility and the equivalence of the credits to be obtained are approved done by the Permanent Advising And Credit Equivalence Committee of each faculty, after comparing the subject outlines.
- **Article 66.** The Study Agreement is signed by the student, the Dean of the faculty, the Head of the Community Programmes Department (for ERASMUS scholarships), the Rector of the university and by the persons authorised by the host institution (Head of Department, Dean, Rector). The Study Agreement guarantees the recognition of credits and grades obtained by the student and the transcription of the results in the transcript of records, excluding the need for recognition of credits obtained by the course coordinators.
- **Article 67. (1)** Upon return to the university, the student shall present the transcript of records showing the attendance of the courses and modules provided for in the Study Agreement, as well as the results of examinations and other forms of assessment, together with the corresponding credits. It is important that the grades or marks obtained during international mobility are also expressed in conversion degrees. Conversion degrees consist of five qualifiers indicating the obtaining of all the credits (A to E equivalent to grades 10 to 5) and two qualifiers indicating non achievement of credits (FX and F).
- (2) If students obtain credits for subjects not included in the curriculum of the study programme they attend, these credits are considered additional and will be specified separately in the diploma supplement.
- **Article 68.** Upon their return to IULS, the qualifiers and credits acquired following the exams taken abroad will be recognized or, if students did not take the exams, only the subjects for which they have a certificate from the partner university will be recognized. In the latter case, the student may sit the examinations specific to the subjects in question without having to make up all or part of the course load.
- **Article 69**. If, on return to the university, students cannot prove participation in some of the academic activities provided for in the agreement, they will have to repeat, on a fee-paying basis, those activities. If students cannot prove that they have carried out any of the academic activities, they will be obliged to return the mobility scholarship awarded and will be expelled.

## CHAPTER VII - INTERRUPTION OF STUDIES, EXPULSION AND RE-ENROLMENT

Article 70. (1) At the motivated request of the student, the Dean of the Faculty may approve the interruption of university studies for one year, but only after at least two semesters have been

completed. The request for interruption shall be submitted to the Dean's Office at least 10 days before the beginning of the academic year.

- (2) In special cases, students may request to interrupt they studies also during the academic year, in which case, when returning to studies, State-funded students may occupy from State-funded places, depending on the availability of the series with which they continue their studies.
- (3) Students may benefit from a maximum of two (2) years of interruption during the bachelor's studies, with the exception of the specialization in Veterinary Medicine, where three (3) years are accepted.

The duration of studies for which students benefit from free tuition, according to the National Education Law no. 1/2011, is not affected by the period for which the interruption of studies has been approved.

- (4) Students who have interrupted their studies shall, on resuming their studies, fulfil any equivalence obligations resulting from the change of curricula.
- (5) For students who request withdrawal from studies, a decision signed by the Rector of the university is issued.
- **Article 71.** Students with very good results in the previous year/years, in a maximum proportion of 5% of the number of students of a series, may complete **two years of study during one** academic year, on the basis of an application, with the endorsement of the Faculty Council and the approval of the Managing Board, only once during the period of schooling, not including the first and last year.
  - Article 72. (1) A student may be expelled for the following reasons:
- (a) failure to pass the year of study in four consecutive semesters (pursuant to Article 9 para. (3) in conjunction with para. (5);
  - (b) non-payment of tuition fees within the deadlines laid down in the Study Contract;
  - (c) attempting to pass exams by fraud;
  - (d) other serious deviations from university regulations.
- **Article 73.** (1) Re-enrolment of students is made by the Rector, within a maximum of 3 years after expulsion, on the proposal of the Faculty Council, on the basis of a motivated request of the candidate, for the form of attendance and specialization from which they were expelled/withdrawn, in compliance with the conditions imposed by the regulations.
- (2) Re-enrolment of students expelled during the first year can only be done through an admission contest.

## **CHAPTER VII - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS**

**Article 74.** Students have a moral obligation to participate in academic, social and public life in the interests of education, society and their personal interest.

- **Article 75.** Students have the right to be elected to governing bodies, according to specific regulations, to belong to national and international trade union, professional and cultural associations and organisations, as well as to other organisations, in accordance with the law.
- **Article 76.** Students may freely express their professional opinions within the university environment and may take actions on their own behalf outside this environment, provided that they do not affect the prestige of education and student dignity.
- **Article 77.** Magnetic or equivalent recording of teaching activity may be made only with the consent of the person conducting it. Multiplication in any form of teaching materials (books, course booklets, etc.) and recordings of teaching activity by students or other persons is permitted only with the consent of the teacher concerned.

## Article 78. During the schooling period students have the following specific rights:

- (a) to benefit from free education (State-funded students), according to the legislation in force, for the duration of the university studies provided for by the given specialisation, for all the activities in the curriculum, except for the situations provided for by law;
- **(b)** to attend two specialisations concurrently if they meet the admission requirements. The second specialisation is attended on a fee-paying basis, except in the cases provided for by law;
- (c) to use the laboratories, lecture and seminar rooms, reading rooms, libraries and other facilities provided by the university for professional training, as well as for cultural and sports activities;

- (d) to choose, according to the syllabus, the optional subjects or packages of optional subjects to study;
- (e) to follow, on request, under the conditions laid down by law, courses other than those in the curriculum for the specialisation concerned;
- (f) to participate in scientific activity, in the activity of artistic groups, book clubs, clubs, university sports activity;
- (g) to receive performance, merit or social scholarships and other forms of material support, in accordance with the legal rules and regulations of the university;
  - (h) to benefit from free medical and psychological assistance;
- (i) to eat in the university canteen and to be accommodated in the dormitory, within the limits of the places available, in accordance with the canteen and dormitory regulations;
- (j) to receive protective equipment during production practical training and during practical work taking place in a toxic environment, in accordance with the rules of occupational health and safety;
- (k) to benefit from treatment, for the recovery of health, in spa or recreational resorts, in student camps, within the limit of available places;
- (I) to receive free assistance offered through the University's Career Counselling Centre and to consult with the designated academic staff;
- (m) to elect and to be elected, as a student representative, to the Faculty Council and the University Senate;
  - (n) to benefit from mobility grants for studies at other universities in the country and abroad;
- (o) to participate, by freely expressing their opinions, following a procedure approved by the Senate, in the evaluation of the activity for the subjects attended;
- (p) to use the e-mail and the Internet only in connection with training and other educational matters;
  - (r) to use the scientific research facilities of the university.

## Article 79. Students have the following specific obligations:

- (a) to know and respect the University Charter and Regulations;
- **(b)** to fulfil all the duties assigned to them by the curriculum and the syllabuses of the subjects, as well as the obligations laid down by the Faculty Councils;
- (c) to respect the rules of discipline and academic ethics, in accordance with the university's own regulations, both inside and outside the university;
- (d) to use with due care the material goods existing in the educational premises, dormitories, canteens, etc., to maintain them and keep them in good condition. Damage consisting of the deterioration or destruction of such property shall be recovered, in accordance with the legal procedure, from those who caused it;
  - (e) to pay the fees established by the Senate, according to law, for:
  - exceeding the duration of schooling provided for by law;
  - admission; enrolment; re-enrolment;
  - repeating examinations and other forms of assessment that go beyond the curriculum,
  - dormitory fees, etc.
- **(f)** to promptly inform themselves of what is brought to their attention through the faculty notice board, the Infomedia system or the university website.
  - (g) to comply with the rules on the prevention and spread of COVID-19 infection.

## **CHAPTER IX - REWARDS AND SANCTIONS**

- **Article 80.** For outstanding results in professional training, scientific research and social-cultural activities in association with outstanding moral and civic conduct, students may be rewarded by:
  - (a) highlights at the level of the year of study, faculty or university;
  - (b) diplomas;
  - (c) annual or occasional prizes (trips, objects, books, money, etc.);
  - (d) special scholarships.

**Article 81. (1)** Failure by students to comply with the obligations arising from the IULS regulations and violation of the University's Code of Ethics entails admonishing and application of the following sanctions:

- (a) written admonishing;
- (b) suspension of the scholarship for a given period;
- (c) temporary suspension from professional activities;
- (d) suspension of the right to be accommodated in the dormitory;
- (e) a ban on sitting examinations;
- (f) expulsion from the university, with or without the right to re-enrolment.
- (2) Sanctions under (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be applied by the Dean, with the approval of the Faculty Council, and those under (f) by the Rector, with the approval of the Managing Board.
- **Article 82.** (1) Sanctioning decisions (Article 67, points (a)-(e) may be challenged within 3 working days from the date of communication of the sanction to the Faculty Council Office and shall be resolved within 5 days by the Faculty's Ethics Committee.
- (2) Expulsion decisions may be challenged within 3 days of the communication of the sanction to the general registry office of IULS and shall be resolved within 5 days by the University's Ethics Committee.

#### **CHAPTER X - FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 83.** (1) These **Regulations**, approved by the Senate, shall enter into force beginning with the academic year 2021-2022.

(2) The Faculty Councils may adopt decisions on the detailing of certain articles of these Regulations according to the specific nature of activities.

**Article 84.** Any amendment to the Regulations on Professional Activity of Students shall be made with the approval of the University Senate.

These Regulations were updated and approved in the ordinary meeting of IULS Senate on 30 June 2021.

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