

# REGULATION FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES

## *General provisions*

### **Article 1**

- (1) The Regulation for doctoral studies at the University of Prishtina (hereinafter: the Regulation) regulates the organization and implementation of the doctoral studies at the University of Prishtina (hereinafter: the University), the institution responsible for the organization of studies (hereinafter: the Institution responsible for studies), forms and duration of the studies, the criteria for registration of the studies, ways of realization of studies, teaching and research, the procedure of submission, evaluation and defense of the doctoral thesis, the rights and obligations of the student's doctoral studies (hereinafter: PhD), the rights and obligations of the mentor, quality assurance methods, and other matters related to the organization and implementation of the doctoral studies.
- (2) This regulation establishes the criteria necessary for the activities referred in paragraph 1 of this Article.

### **Article 2**

Meaning of the terms in this regulation:

- (3) The Doctoral Studies Council at the level of the academic unit (faculty), is the Doctoral Studies Council of the Academic unit, while at the University level, is the Central Doctoral Studies Council.
  1. The Doctoral Studies Council of the academic unit consists of 5 or 7 members from the professors of each department of the academic unit. The first meeting (constitutive) is invoked and headed by the Dean of the academic unit. After the Doctoral Studies Council is constituted, it elects the chairman from its members.
  2. The Central Doctoral Studies Council has the following composition:
    - Rector
    - Vice Rector for Teaching and Scientific Research;
    - A representative of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of social sciences;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of humanistic sciences;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of technical sciences;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of arts;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of math and the natural sciences;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of medicine;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of agriculture and veterinary sciences;
    - A professor or an associate professor in the field of economic and legal sciences;

- A professor or an associate professor in the field of sports science;
  - Director of the Office for Academic Development (DOAD) - without the right to vote.
3. Members of the Doctoral Studies Central Council are proposed by the Rector, and chosen by the Senate.
  4. The Central Doctoral Studies Council is headed by the Rector. In case of his/her absence, the Council is headed by Vice Rector for Scientific Research.
- (4) Responsible institution for studies is one or more academic units, one or more universities inside and abroad, which organize and carry out doctoral studies and complete the process of achieving scientific doctoral / artistic degree.
  - (5) The head of the doctoral studies program is the employee with a scientific-educational title, artistic-educational or with a scientific title in the academic unit in which the studies are conducted.
  - (6) A mentor is an appointed person, with a scientific-educational or artistic-educational title which leads PhD students during the preparation of the doctoral dissertation.
  - (7) PhD students' file is the folder which contains all the PhD students' essential notes from the moment of his accession up to his promotion. Respective academic unit is responsible for collecting and storing data in the file.

### **Article 3**

- (1) Doctoral Studies are offered by academic units (faculties) and / or university / universities in one or more scientific fields, if they have signed full time labor relations contracts with at least half of the teachers engaged in that program of studies.
- (2) Doctoral Studies can be established and realized only in those fields in which the responsible institution has internationally recognized achievements in scientific or artistic research, respectively in artistic creativity, and which are confirmed by their accreditation from Kosovar Accreditation Agency (KAA).
- (3) The doctoral studies are led by the Doctoral Studies Council (hereinafter: the Doctoral Studies Council in the respective academic unit).
- (4) The basic characteristics of doctoral studies at the University are research and teaching through research, internationalization, transparency, international quality assessment and international competitiveness.
- (5) For purposes of quality assurance and promotion of mobility of the PhD students and Academic staff, doctoral studies are open to any form of cooperation with similar institutions inside and abroad.

### ***The goals of doctoral studies***

### **Article 4**

Purposes of doctoral studies are:

1. Creation of knowledge, of new relevant knowledge and artistic practices, as well as their implementation;

2. Education of researchers and scholars distinguished in certain scientific or artistic fields;
3. Training of PhD students for independent research / artistic work, for independent research and critical appraisals of the work of others.
4. Achievement of knowledge, experience and skills, which should enable PhDs to offer original and meaningful contribution to the respective areas of knowledge in creative way and based on researches.
5. Internationalization of research / artistic work at the University.

### *Teaching and research in doctoral studies*

#### **Article 5**

- (1) The core component of the university doctoral studies is research and scientific / artistic creation.
- (2) The doctoral studies working forms are research seminars, experimental work, workshops and discussion groups, with the aim of developing research work, of critical thinking, skills and general methodology acquisition.
- (3) Learning in the form of lectures should not exceed 20 percent of the total load provided by the study program and calculated according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).
- (4) According to the possibilities and under the conditions laid down in advance, attendance at doctoral studies is open to all university PhD Students. Some parts of the research and teaching in doctoral studies can be pursued by other university PhD students, under the conditions previously set forth in the contract signed between the mentioned universities.
- (5) In order to achieve interdisciplinarity and on the basis of reasonableness and mentor approval and consent of the doctoral studies council, PhDs can perform certain parts of the research and artistic creativity in other academic units of the University or in other relevant institutions inside and outside the country.
- (6) The doctoral studies council may assign additional doctoral courses to achieve basic knowledge, necessary for the continuation and completion of studies.

### *Forms of doctoral studies*

#### **Article 6**

- (1) Doctoral studies can be organized in one of the following forms:
  1. Doctoral studies, for which the responsible institution is only an academic unit or the University;
  2. Double doctorate, in which PhD student obtains two diplomas and for which also double mentoring is obliged;
  3. Joint studies which are carried by two or more universities, but only one university is the institution responsible;

4. The model in which PhD student registers studies in one university and gets the diploma from this university, while research is performed in more institutions and can have more mentors;
  5. Joint studies are an accredited program of two or more universities; each university takes part in the enrollment of the PhD students, while the PhD student can obtain single diploma of two or more universities, or university diploma from the university where he has enrolled his doctoral studies, and in which it is written that have been joined studies.
- (2) There is no transfer of doctoral studies from one other academic unit within the University of Prishtina or from other universities in the University of Prishtina. Students are admitting only on the basis of Public competition announcement.

### *Admission requirements and length of study*

#### **Article 7**

- (1) Conditions for admission are determined by the university Senate, with proposal by CDSC in accordance with this regulation.
- (2) Public competition for enrollment in doctoral studies is announced at least one month before the starting of the academic year. Right to compete for admission in doctoral studies have:
  1. Graduates before the entry into force of the studies according to the Bologna Declaration, which should be master students of the relevant science;
  2. Graduates after the entry into force of the studies based on the Bologna Declaration - the scientific master level.
  3. Graduates who have at least 300 credits of European Transfer Credit System (ECTS).
  4. Candidates with a GPA not less than 8.00 separately in each level of preliminary studies.
  5. Candidates who have evidence of the recognition of a global foreign language (English, German, French) from an authorized institution (from relevant Faculty or from accredited institutions).
- (3) Criteria for the evaluation of candidates includes: success during studies, proven interest for scientific / artistic research, published papers, the recommendations of two professors in the relevant field and the proposal of the research topic (project). The interview with the candidate is mandatory but it is not evaluated with points (interview in English). During admission, all the necessary conditions for the completion of studies in the prescribed time are clearly defined.
- (4) The order of criteria for determining the selection priority are:
  1. Average Grade during undergraduate / bachelor studies is equal to the number of points (e.g.: 8.49 average grade equal to 8.49 point);
  2. Average Grade during master or equivalent master studies is equal to the number of points (e.g.: 8.49 average grade equal to 8.49 point);
  3. Study programs which have integrated first and second level of studies, GPA is multiplied by two (e.g.: 8.49 x 2 GPA equal to 16.98 points);

4. Master in scientific field or specialization in the narrow scientific field assessed with 5 points;
  5. For each published article in the last five years and indexed in Current Contents: first author / correspondent 5 points, others 2 points.
  6. For each published article in the last 5 years at indexed international journals: first author 3 points, others 1 point.
  7. For each published article in the last 5 years in the national academic journals, that are published by the University of Prishtina or its centers/institutions, from Kosovo Science and Arts Academy, Institute of Albanology and Institute of History and use assessment or assessment form the colleagues from the fields: first author 2 points, others 1 point.
  8. For university book published last 5 years in a narrow field: the author or co-author a total of 5 points.
  9. For each oral presentation at indexed international scientific meetings (conferences, congresses, symposia) and published in proceedings last 5 years: first author 2 points, others 1 point.
  10. For each poster presentation in indexed international scientific meetings (conferences, congresses, symposia) and published in proceedings last 5 years: the first author 1 point, others 0.5.
  11. For each oral presentation at national scientific meetings (conferences, congresses, symposia): first author 1 point, others 0.5.
  12. Academic units may submit for approval by the Senate additional criteria depending on the program of doctoral studies.
  13. Under the equal conditions, priority given to the candidate who is a regular staff of the UP.
- (5) Academic units propose number of students for admission, and the Senate, with the proposal of the Central doctoral studies Council takes the final decision on the number of students, taking into account the academic unit's research, teaching and mentoring capabilities.
  - (6) The University Senate, on the proposal of the academic unit and after the revision by the central doctoral studies council, takes the final decision on the admission of students in doctoral studies. Names of accepted candidates, with all data on selection criteria are announced on the academic units' website and on the University website.
  - (7) Doctoral studies last no less than three years, but for reasonable factors, and for which the Doctoral Studies Council decides, studies may continue for up to five years. For students who have completed a master of science and who continue to doctoral studies in the same field, they may transfer up to 1/3 of the total number of provided credits. For credit transfer decides the Doctoral Council at the academic unit, on the request of the candidate. After the expiration of five years from the date of enrollment, the PhD candidate loses the right to defend the doctoral thesis, expect if the UP with proposal by CDSC based on the testified justification by the candidate, takes another decision.
  - (8) If the quality of the doctoral thesis, estimated with annual progress reports implemented by the Doctoral Studies Council, does not meet the criteria set forth, the Doctoral Studies Council may propose to CDSC, and the latter to the Senate, to take a decision to remove the right of PhD candidate to continue studies.

## *Stages of doctoral studies*

### **Article 8**

Doctoral studies are organized in six semesters:

1. In the first semester student accumulates 30 ECTS in three exams of professional courses in the close field in which he has been enrolled.
2. In the second semester student accumulates 30 ECTS from seminars of group-courses provided in study program.
3. In the third semester student collects 30 ECTS after positive evaluation and ratification of the doctorate project-proposal by the Central PhD doctoral Council of the academic unit and by the Central Doctoral Studies Council, as well as mentor approval by the Senate of the University.
4. In the three remaining semesters, the student accumulates 90 ECTS through:
  - At least one scientific publication of the parts of results of a doctoral in an international peer reviewed indexed journal (see assigned magazines from academic units) in the relevant field (20 ECTS).
  - At least two presentations at scientific meetings (conferences, congresses, etc.), of which one with an international character (10 ECTS).
  - Completion and public defense of the doctoral thesis (60 ECTS).

## *Mentoring*

### **Article 9**

- (1) The right to guide a PhD candidate is assigned to:
  - a. Teachers with an academic title professor (Prof. dr.) or associate professor (Prof. Assoc.) that is in regular employment in UP.
  - b. Exceptionally, at the request of the Faculty Council, the mentor teacher can also engage with the academic title of assistant professor (Prof. ass.) if he/she has at least three (3) published papers in international peer reviewed indexed journals. Proof of paper publication should be brought to the Central Doctoral Studies Council.
  - c. Mentor, with no exception, can be a professor emeritus, and this decision is taken by the Senate, with the proposal of the Doctoral Council of the Academic unit within which the studies are organized or of the scientific field Council.
- (2) Mentor, without exception, should be from narrow scientific fields in which the Doctoral thesis is prepared.
- (3) In the case of an outside co-mentor, he / she must primarily submit a CV and cover letter for consent of the Doctoral Council of the Academic unit.
- (4) A mentor can take mentoring of candidate, and in special cases, on proposal of the Doctoral Council of the Academic unit and with the approval by the Council of the academic unit, up to two candidates admitted in an academic year, but no more than four candidates simultaneously.

- (5) Before taking mentor duty for the first time, and then when the university deems necessary, each mentor must pass a mentoring workshop, which is organized by the University.
- (6) The teacher of an academic unit of the University of Prishtina (UP) can be a mentor in other universities, if he has a written approval from the academic unit.
- (7) A retired professor can not be nominated for mentor.
- (8) Mentor who was appointed to the post before retiring is entitled to conduct mentoring to the end.
- (9) To ensure the quality of doctoral thesis, if necessary (e.g. interdisciplinary research, the development of research or artistic creation in some institutions), Council for Doctoral Studies of the academic unit, propose to CDSC and this to Senate to take decision for double mentoring.

### ***Mentor obligations***

#### **Article 10**

- (1) The mentor has an obligation to guide the PhD candidate during preparation of his dissertation, to convey the quality of the dissertation, to support the publication of his works and his participation in scientific and artistic projects.
- (2) In the case where there are several mentors, each of them holds the responsibility for the part of the research, prearranged and for the dissertation work procedure.
- (3) The mentor has an obligation to annually submit a report on the form of the University to the council on PhD Candidate to the Doctoral Studies Council of the Academic unit.

### ***Obligations and rights of PhD Candidate***

#### **Article 11**

- (1) PhD candidate is required once a year, in the University form, to present report on his work (with the possibility of presenting the research) to the Doctoral Studies Council.
- (2) PhD Candidate is entitled to change mentor or thesis only once during the studies, based on a written request and on a declaration of a previous mentor, in the University form.
- (3) PhD candidate is required, prior to doctoral thesis defense, to publish at least one scientific paper as first author of a part of the results of his dissertation in an indexed journal with peer international review in relevant field (see assigned journals from academic units), at least two presentations at scientific meetings (conferences, congresses, etc.), of which one with an international character, in which is first or second author, provided that (a) the first author to be his mentor, (b) the presentation to be delivered by the candidate or to have publicly promotion of artistic work in public. Each paper can qualify only one PhD Candidate.

## ***Dissertation***

### **Article 12**

- (1) Dissertation is an original scientific / artistic work, which is subject to scientific / artistic public evaluation.
- (2) Exceptions to this procedure are specific dissertations, as provided by Article 18 of this Regulation.

### **Article 13**

Dissertation forms are:

- (1) Monograph
- (2) Dissertation in the field of arts is an original artistic research in the context of contemporary artistic creation and ends with the presentation of artistic work and an adequate theoretical work.

### **Article 14**

- (1) The doctoral thesis must be written in Albanian. In certain cases it may be written in another language, but necessarily translation should be presented in Albanian.
- (2) Title, summary and keywords of the dissertation in addition to the original language must be written in Albanian and English. The abstract should provide an understanding of the purpose of the paper, research methods, results and conclusions.
- (3) Graphical view of the dissertation is determined by the University.

## ***The procedure of submission, assessment and acceptance of the topic (the project) of doctoral research***

### **Article 15**

- (1) During the first year of doctoral studies, PhD candidate proposes mentor and dissertation topic, and the preliminary agreement on working conditions and terms of research funding.
- (2) PhD candidate starts procedure for submission of the doctoral topic proposal by submitting an application, which contains PhD candidate's personal data, CV and title of proposed topic, information on the proposed mentor and his competences, the reasonableness of topic and expectations of original scientific contribution of the proposed research, research expenses evaluation, and a statement that the dissertation has not been presented with same topic in other university studies, or in any other university. The topic of the dissertation is presented in the form of the University.
- (3) The Council of academic unit, with the proposal of the Doctoral Studies Council, appoints committee to evaluate the proposal topic and approves the proposal for mentor within one month from the date of request submission. This committee



consists of three or five members, of which at least one member should not be teaching in the mentioned studies nor employed in academic unit (faculty) which is responsible for studies. The proposed mentor can not be appointed to chair the Committee.

- (4) The Committee for the assessment of the topic, assesses for scientific / artistic original research contribution and for the research applicability financially and organizationally, at latest one month after application submission.
- (5) The Doctoral Studies Council of the Academic unit must necessarily examine the proposal of evaluation committee for evaluation of proposed topic and mentor in the third semester of doctoral studies.
- (6) The project proposal of the dissertation is defended in front of the Doctoral Studies Council of the Academic unit, in front of the evaluation committee and in front of proposed mentor, 30 days after submission of the report of the evaluation committee.
- (7) The Academic unit Council, with the proposal of the Doctoral Studies Council, proposes topic and mentor for approval to the University Senate. The Senate must approve the topic and mentor no later than one month from receipt of the request by the Academic unit.
- (8) All scientific research on people and with people, or animals, must be in compliance with the provisions of the Regulations of the Board of Ethics, must have the permission of the committee on ethics of Faculty or University, and of the institution in which research is applied; consent of all researches separately (patients, respectively volunteers), if they are able to do this, or their tutors or their legal representative.

### ***The evaluation procedure of dissertation***

#### **Article 16**

- (1) Dissertation, with the written and signed consent and opinion of the mentor for the conducted research and reached original scientific contributions, is officially submitted by the PhD candidate to the faculty or university (if studies are organized at university level). If the mentor does not want to give consent, he has an obligation within 15 days to provide a written explanation. After this period, within 15 days of the reasonableness of the mentor, the Doctoral Studies Council of the Academic unit examines the reasonableness of the mentor and proposes the Academic unit Council the formation or rejection of nomination of the evaluation committee of dissertation. In both cases, the mentor rationality is given to the committee members for evaluation of the dissertation, which will take it into account during the evaluation.
- (2) Before the work is submitted for assessment procedure, the Doctoral Studies Service of the Academic unit must certify, in writing, that the PhD candidate has fulfilled all obligations as foreseen in the program of doctoral studies.
- (3) To assess the dissertation, PhD candidate presents dissertation in written and in electronic form. In PhD candidate's artistic dissertation, despite public presentation, PhD candidate submits the theoretical part and relevant documentation for evaluation of the dissertation.

- (4) Council of academic unit, with the proposal of the Doctoral Studies Council, appoints committee for evaluation of dissertation. The Commission has three or five members, with inclusion of at least one member from any abroad university. Mentor can not be a member of the committee for evaluation of the dissertation.
- (5) Members of the committee for evaluation of dissertation must have a minimum academic title assistant professor (Prof. ass.).
- (6) Concurrently with the appointment of the committee for evaluation of dissertation, University announces the title and summary of dissertation in Albanian and English in the University websites, with the aim to enable scientific and professional criticism of dissertation.
- (7) The members of the committee for evaluation of dissertation and all those who have been given the possibility to evaluate the dissertation, are obliged to appear publicly before the assessment, be careful with data and achievements of mentioned dissertation, with a purpose of preserving the scientific contribution of the dissertation as intellectual property.
- (8) Committee for evaluation of dissertation is obliged within one month of appointment to prepare a written report on the assessment of the dissertation. Chairman of the committee prepares a report considering the written opinions of committee members, and the report signed by all committee members. Each committee member has the right to give separate assessment.
- (9) Evaluation Committee for dissertation proposes:
  1. Acceptance of dissertation with a explicit statement to the scientific / artistic original contribution, or
  2. Completion of the dissertation and final assessment, or
  3. Refusal of dissertation, after which the PhD candidate is ineligible for achieving the scientific degree of PhD / artistic with that study.

Rationality is a necessary part of the report. In the first session, the Academic unit Council, with a proposal of Doctoral Studies Committee, proposes to Senate the appointment of committee for the public defense of the dissertation.

### ***Procedure of the dissertation defense***

#### **Article 17**

- (1) PhD candidate may undertake a dissertation defense, since the Academic unit Council has adopted a positive assessment of the evaluation committee for evaluation of dissertation / dissertation manuscript, which must be ratified by the Senate within a period of two months from the date of delivery in CDSC.
- (2) PhD candidate, in agreement with the dean of the academic unit and the committee for dissertation defense, must necessarily undertake a public defense of the dissertation within a period of one (1) month from the date of ratification in the Senate.
- (3) The Committee for dissertation defense consists of three or five members. Committee for dissertation defense may be in the same composition as the evaluation committee

of dissertation, besides the mentor. The mentor takes part in the defense of dissertation on PhD candidate's side, but has no right in decision making.

- (4) Defense of dissertation is public. Call for public defense must be announced in academic unit facilities, in the official website of the academic unit and the university, at least eight days before the defense. Protection should be organized the University facilities, namely its units, in the language in which the dissertation has been written. In case of joint dissertations, defense can be arranged at other universities. Defense procedures are regulated by the protocol.
- (5) The Committee for the dissertation defense gives evaluation immediately after the public defense. Evaluation of dissertation defense can be:
  - has defended with excellent, very good, good success (with scoring 100 - 80 possible points = "very good", 79 - 65 possible points = "good"; 64 - 50 possible points = "satisfactory"; 49 and less possible points = "fail"), or has not defended.

The decision is taken by a majority of committee members for dissertation defense, found with their signature. Dissertation which did not has passed defense can be reworked and submitted for defense for the second time, after a period of 1 to 2 years, after which it loses the right to re-defended.

- (6) For the defense procedure minutes are taken in Albanian, and if the defense is done in another language, the minutes are taken also in that language.

### **Article 18**

- (1) In the event that the research results of dissertation constitute new possible things for the protection of intellectual property rights, PhD candidate and mentor inform the Technology Transfer Service in the University or the Central Doctoral Studies Committee about the matter. In this case, PhD candidate, with the consent of the mentor, before he submits the dissertation for assessment, may request that the submitted dissertation is treated discreetly, until the public defense.
- (2) Technology Transfer Service or the Central Doctoral Studies Committee conduct procedure for legal and commercial protection of research results, in accordance with the Regulation on Technology Transfer Service. In this case, public defense can be extended, in agreement with the PhD candidate, at the latest for a year, starting on the day of the procedure of evaluation of the dissertation. Request for extension of public defense must accompany the Certificate of the Technology Transfer Service.
- (3) Overall assessment procedure and defense, if acted upon paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be determined by special act of the University.

### ***Publication and preservation of dissertation***

### **Article 19**

- (1) Dissertation as a whole is announced in the University's websites, no later than one month after the defense. Information on the practical part of the dissertation in artistic fields is announced on the website of the University, no later than one month after the defense. In exceptional cases, for which the Doctoral Studies Service makes the

rationality in advance, the announcement on the website can be extended up to two years.

- (2) Dissertation in printed form is preserved in the Archive of the Academic unit in three (3) copies, in the Archive of the University in three (3) copies, in University Central Library in three (3) copies.
- (3) Dissertation in the field of arts is preserved in accordance with the type of defense, in the appropriate form (in writing, in the form of photograph, videotape, etc. audio-recording), in the Archive of the Academic unit of the University, University Central Library, no later than one month after the defense.

### ***Promotion***

#### **Article 20**

- (1) PhD candidate obtains the right for PhD / art provided with the right to work, from the date of the successful defense of the dissertation, while the full rights of academic degree and diploma with the promotion are obtained when upon declaration and signature in the University book of scientific / artistic dissertation.
- (2) PhD candidate should within a month after defense of dissertation fill the form for promotion in PhD / art title and deliver a bounded dissertation and its electronic version to the Doctoral Studies Service of the Academic unit for announcements on University websites, i.e. in the form of appropriate documentation of the dissertation in the field of art (writing form, photography, video recording, audio-recording, etc.).
- (3) Rector will handed over the diploma to PhD candidate in solemn promotion, in which the PhD candidate must participate personally or if he/ she is unable to participate in the solemn promotion event, to authorize a person in written to take diploma for him/her.

### ***Ways of ensuring quality of doctoral studies***

#### **Article 21**

- (1) The Doctoral Studies Service of the Academic unit is obliged to take care of maintenance and preservation of records in detail about the research paper and for performing other research tasks of each PhD candidate, implying here plan of obligations (preparation of dissertation dossier); record-keeping of the number of enrolled PhD candidates and the number of PhD candidates who have defended their dissertation.
- (2) The Doctoral Studies Council based on mentors' and PhD candidates' annual reports makes self-assessment for each separately, and notifies the Faculty Council, while the latter notifies the Central Doctoral Studies Council and the University Senate.
- (3) The annual report on self-assessment is attached to the application for re-accreditation.
- (4) Criteria for assessment include: teachers and PhD candidates scientific / artistic product, teaching, the quality of dissertation, the statistical indicators of the duration

of studies, statistical indicators of annual number of new PhDs in comparison with the number of PhDs and realization of international cooperation.

### *Transitional and Final Provisions*

#### **Article 22**

- (1) This Regulation shall enter into force upon approval by the Senate of UP.
- (2) Academic units are obliged to draw up guidelines in accordance with this regulation.
- (3) The following forms are an integral part of this Regulation, which regulates their use:
  - F1 - Presentation of dissertation
  - F2 - The evaluation of the doctoral topic
  - F3 - Decision for the approval of the dissertation topic
  - F4 - Annual report of PhD candidate
  - F5 - Annual report of mentor on the progress of PhD candidate
  - F6 - Request for change of topic and / or mentoring
  - F7 - Request for extension of public defense of dissertation
  - F8 - Guidelines for the preparation of dissertation
  - F9 - Annual report on the study
  - F10 - Report on assessment of dissertation
  - F11 - Protocol and minutiae for the defense of the dissertation
- (4) For doctoral studies, which have commenced prior to the entry into force of this regulation, apply the rules that have been in effect and no later than the deadline of completing doctoral studies with the old regulation.
- (5) The provisions of this Regulation shall apply to the whole of doctoral studies for which accreditation procedure starts after the entry into force of this Regulation.

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