



Faculty of Medicine
and Dentistry

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY INTERNAL STANDARD

LF-B-25/01

**DIRECTIVE OF THE DEAN OF THE
FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF
PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC TO
IMPLEMENT THE STUDY AND
EXAMINATION CODE OF PALACKÝ
UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC**

Contents: This Directive implements the Study and Examination Code of Palacký University Olomouc, as amended, at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry of Palacký University Olomouc.

Responsibility: Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry UP

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Article 1

Introductory Provision

After consideration by the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry of Palacký University Olomouc (hereinafter referred to as the “Faculty”) and in accordance with the Study and Examination Code of Palacký University, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Code”), the Dean of the Faculty issues this directive to implement the Code.

Article 2

Study Administration

The Head of the Faculty’s Student Affairs Office is responsible for the data intended for processing of study records in the electronic study system in accordance with the Code to be kept up-to-date, complete and accurate.

Article 3

Student’s Obligations regarding the Organisation of Study

- 1) Once obligatory subjects of category “A” have been included in the personal study plan for the respective academic year, students enrolled in study programmes at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (hereinafter referred to as “students”) must attend such courses. It is obligatory to attend any practical seminars, seminars, field trips and hands-on training.
- 2) During classes at the clinical departments, students are obliged to wear a name tag (identification card) visibly displayed.
- 3) Students are obliged to use their study credit book for the purposes of records related to their study plan, and cooperate, as necessary, during classes; the obligations include, without limitation, producing their study credit book if invited to do so by a member of the academic staff or employees of the Faculty’s Student Affairs Office.

Article 4

Academic Year

The time division of the academic year is defined by the Academic Calendar published on the official notice board of the Faculty.

Article 5

Auditing the Course of Study

- 1) The timetable for auditing the fulfilment of study requirements is annually published on the official notice board of the Faculty not later than 2 months before the audit starts.
- 2) Students are obliged to submit to the Student Affairs Office their study credit book as well as a list of registered courses for the following academic year. After the fulfilment of study requirements has been audited and a note thereof has been made by the competent Student Affairs Office staff member in the study credit book, students are not allowed to register for other obligatory courses.
- 3) The date of the main audit of the fulfilment of study requirements corresponds to the date when the teaching period starts under the respective Academic Year Calendar. Failure to undergo the audit by the student will constitute a breach of the Code.

Article 6

Credit System

- 1) In the first year of study, students are obliged to register for all obligatory courses in their respective field of study.
- 2) Two courses at the Faculty may be related as follows:
 - a) no relationship – registration for a course is not subject to any conditions;
 - b) conditioned by registration – students may register for the course if they have simultaneously registered for or previously completed the prerequisite course. However, students are obliged to complete the prerequisite subject first, no matter what the form of completion of the course is (course credit, examination, colloquium);
 - c) conditioned by completion – students may register for the course only if they have completed the prerequisite course;
 - d) preclusive – during the course of their studies students may only register for one of the courses in question.
- 3) In one academic year, students are obliged to register for courses totalling a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 90 credits.
- 4) Credits acquired during previous study are included in the total number of credits only if the student applies for their recognition and the Dean of the Faculty so approves. If credits from previous study are recognized, the decision on the

recognition must include the total number of credits that the student must acquire to advance to the following year of study.

- 5) Only courses listed on the official notice board of the Faculty for the respective academic year may be enrolled from optional courses listed in the study programmes of other faculties of Palacký University (hereinafter referred to as “UP”) or in an all-university list of courses.
- 6) The total of credits acquired from courses completed at other UP faculties must not exceed 2 credits in one academic year, i.e. a total of 10 credits for the whole period of study.
- 7) The minimum number of credits which the student shall acquire for obligatory, elective and optional subjects is defined by the student’s respective study plan. Acquisition of these credits is a necessary precondition to sit for the State Final Examination.

Article 7

Course of Study

- 1) A student is allowed to miss maximum 10% of obligatory classes without the need to provide an excuse or substitute such classes. Departments have the authority to increase the above stated percentage. If a student fails to attend any further classes due to health or other serious reasons, he or she must attend substitute classes provided that he or she has provided a satisfactory excuse. A maximum of one third of obligatory class time may be made up for. Whether the reason stated is serious enough and excusable shall be determined by the respective teacher. In the event that the excuse has not been accepted, students may ask the head of the department which guarantees the course to have the situation reviewed.
- 2) Students from the Czech study programmes of General Medicine and Dentistry preparing to complete part of their studies abroad under an Exchange programme contract may, as part of their preparation, attend some courses in English, provided the capacity of the course in question allows so.
- 3) Any cheating or attempted cheating in fulfilling the study requirements will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee of the Faculty. The disciplinary proceedings will be based on the report under Appendix No. 1 hereto drawn up as soon as any cheating or attempted cheating has been discovered. The report must be submitted by the respective head of the department to the Faculty’s Student Affairs Office.

- 4) Heads of departments may prohibit the use of mobile phones during the practical seminars, seminars, lectures, and examinations at their departments. Students must be advised of such a ban as soon as the teaching period starts. Any breach hereof will be recorded as an infraction in the Form attached as Appendix No. 1 hereto and the student will be expelled from the class and required to make up for the missed class. The form and date for making up for such a class will be determined by the teacher of the respective practical seminar or seminar. Any breach hereof during an examination will result in the “F” grade and will be recorded as cheating in the Form attached as Appendix No. 1 hereto. Any course credit or colloquium will not be granted and a record on cheating will be made.

Article 8

Interruption of Studies

A student who has been granted the interruption of studies is obliged to submit to the Student Affairs Office the study credit book, the student’s card as well as evidence showing that all obligations towards UP have been settled, not later than eight days after the studies have been interrupted. Should the student fail to meet this obligation, the interruption of studies may be cancelled.

Article 9

Course Completion

- 1) When completing a multi-semester course with course credit, the proper sequence of the courses must be followed. Students are obliged to complete classes and acquire credit from the previous semester first.
- 2) The head of the department which guarantees the course may extend the examination period for retakes until the deadline for the fulfilment of study requirements for the given academic year as defined in the respective Academic Calendar if the ensuing examination period was the examination period after the winter semester.
- 3) Examination dates follow immediately after the teaching period of the semester or immediately after the so-called block teaching has finished, no later than within 14 days. Examination dates as well as registration times for them are set outside standard teaching hours. In case of higher student interest in a specific exam date (students enrolled as substitutes), the department will increase the capacity of the given examination date or list another examination date in the nearest possible

date, including holiday months.

- 4) For courses taught regularly in a semester, the subject guarantor will list the examination dates for the entire semester within 4 weeks after the beginning of the teaching period. For courses taught regularly in a semester, the registration for examination is open at least 4 weeks before the examination date. The capacity of examination dates listed for the first attempt in the regular examination period must be at least 15% higher than the number of students enrolled in the given academic year. The total capacity of examination dates for the completion of each subject during one academic year must exceed the total number of students enrolled in the given year of the relevant academic year by at least 20%.
- 5) In the case of block teaching, the department will list the exam dates for the individual blocks of the given semester within one week of the beginning of the academic year. Examination dates follow the end of the block and their capacity must be at least 20% higher than the number of students enrolled in the given block. Registration for the examination is open from the beginning of the respective block.
- 6) In the event that the capacity of the scheduled examination dates is not sufficient, the Dean of the Faculty shall ask the head of the department which guarantees the course in writing that more examination dates be announced. The authorized employee shall enter the exam results in the electronic study records system not later than within 3 days after the examination date; if the examination is taken in the last week before the deadline, the authorized employee shall enter the results in the system not later than at 3 pm of the business day following the deadline.
- 7) In the electronic study records system, students may withdraw from an examination date not later than 7 days before the actual examination date. After such time, it is only possible to withdraw from the date at the respective department if the guarantor of the course deems the withdrawal to be justified.
- 8) If credit is granted, this is recorded by the teacher in the study credit book by writing “započteno” (“credit granted”) together with the date and teacher’s signature. If the credit is not granted, this will not be recorded in the study credit book.
- 9) If colloquium is passed, this is recorded by the teacher in the study credit book by writing “splnil(a)” (“passed”) together with the date and teacher’s signature. If the colloquium is not passed, this will not be recorded in the study credit book.

Article 10

Examination

- 1) The result of an examination will be recorded in the study credit book as well as in the electronic study records system by entering the letter designating the grade. Should the grade be F, then it is entered only in the electronic study records system. The examiner attaches his or her signature and marks the date on which the examination was passed in the study credit book.
- 2) Preparing for and sitting for an examination does not constitute an excuse to be absent from regular classes in other courses.

Article 11

Board Examination

- 1) In one academic year, students may not sit for an examination in a registered course more than 3 times.
- 2) If it is the first time the student has registered for the course, the second retake will take place before a board appointed by the head of the department guaranteeing the course. If it is not the first time the student has registered for the course, then such a retake takes place before a board appointed by the Dean of the Faculty upon a proposal by the head of the department guaranteeing the course.
- 3) For all courses of the master's degree programmes registered in the first year and for all the courses registered for repeatedly, the second retake will be attended by a Vice-Dean, or as the case may be, an authorized member of the Vice-Dean's Education Committee.
- 4) During the second retake, the report on the examination must be signed by all members of the board. The report on the examination must include the dates of the preceding examination dates on which the student has failed.
- 5) The board examination may be in the form of a test written in the presence of a minimum of one teacher. Members of the board participate in the assessment of the test. The student is entitled to view the evaluation of the written test within 7 days from the date on which he/she is informed about it. The teacher will ensure that the written test, including the evaluation, is kept for a period of six months from the end of the examination period of the relevant semester.

Article 12

State Final Examination

- 1) Under Act No. 111/1998 Sb., on *Higher Education Institutions and on the Amendment and Modification of Other Acts*, as amended (“the Higher Education Act”), the General Medicine and Dental Medicine study programmes are completed by State Comprehensive (Rigorosum) Examinations.
- 2) Students must sit for the State Comprehensive (Rigorosum) Examination not later than two years after they have met all the prerequisites for registering for the exam.
- 3) The State Comprehensive Examination may not be re-sat more than twice. The second retake of the State Comprehensive Examination is attended by a Vice-Dean, or as the case may be, by an authorized member of the Vice-Dean’s Education Committee.
- 4) The course of the State Comprehensive Examinations will be regulated by a Dean’s directive.

Article 13

Subject-area Board

- 1) The Subject-area Board for the doctoral degree programme (hereinafter referred to as the “DSP”) must have a minimum of 5 members, out of whom a minimum of two must not be members of the academic staff of the Faculty and a minimum of one must not be a member of the academic staff of Palacký University.
- 2) Only full professors and associate professors in the given or related field shall be members of the Subject-area Board. In justified cases, academics holding Ph.D., DrSc. or CSc. degrees may also qualify as members of the Subject-area Board.

Article 14

President of the Subject-area Board

In addition to the powers defined in the Code, the President of the Subject-area Board:

- a) makes a proposal that a doctoral student’s supervisor be appointed or removed, subject to prior approval of the Subject-area Board;
- b) nominates the members of the Examination Board for the State Doctoral Examination, and proposes any changes in the composition of the Board if the respective doctoral degree programme has a permanent board, subject to prior approval of the Subject-area Board;

- c) grants consent to writing the dissertation in a foreign language subject to prior approval by the Subject-area Board;
- d) nominates the members of the Dissertation Defence Board, subject to prior approval by the Subject-area Board.

Article 15

Doctoral Studies Students and Supervisors

- 1) Not later than by the end of September, doctoral students shall appear at the Faculty's Student Affairs Office to have the fulfilment of the study requirements in the previous year audited, and shall produce an annual report on the past academic year together with their supervisor's assessment to be enrolled in the following year of study. Failure to do so constitutes grounds for termination of studies.
- 2) The report must include a concise and comprehensive list of courses completed in the previous academic year. The total credit value of these courses shall not be less than 40. The report must be consented to by the supervisor, and approved by the relevant Vice-Dean.
- 3) Supervisors may not supervise more than 7 doctoral students at a time.
- 4) The supervisor must be in an employment relationship with UP for the entire duration of the DSP student's studies.

Article 16

Doctoral Studies Individual Curriculum and Auditing of Results

- 1) Students shall agree with their supervisor to prepare their individual curriculum which will enable them to complete all obligatory and elective subjects as stated in Appendix No. 2 to the present Directive during the course of their studies.
- 2) The individual curriculum must be prepared in such a way that the total number of credits acquired by the student after fulfilling all requirements following from the individual curriculum is not less than 240.
- 3) The individual curriculum must be approved by the relevant Vice-Dean.
- 4) The Student Affairs Office of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and the relevant Vice-Dean are responsible for checking whether the student's individual curriculum is adhered to.
- 5) If studies are interrupted for reasons defined in the Code, students shall submit the report for the corresponding part of the academic year, during which they

were students in the DSP. The number of credits for such a part of the academic year must be in compliance with the prescribed minimum of 40 credits for the whole academic year.

- 6) Foreign nationals studying in the DSP in the Czech language are required to pass an English language examination.
- 7) If a student passes an examination, this is recorded by the examiner in the student's study credit book by "splnil(a)" (passed) together with the date of the examination and the examiner's signature. If a student passes the state doctoral examination, this is recorded by the president of the examination board in the student's study credit book by "prospěl(a)" (passed) together with the date of the examination and the examiner's signature. If a student is granted credit, this is marked by the supervisor (or by the President of the Subject-area Board, as the case may be) or the relevant Vice-Dean in the student's study credit book by "započteno" (credit granted) together with the date of granting the credit and the signature.

Article 17

Withdrawal from Studies

After withdrawing from study, students shall settle all financial matters related to their doctoral studies.

Article 18

Application for the State Doctoral Examination

- 1) If all requirements following from the individual curriculum, with the exception of published works, have been fulfilled, the student may file an application for the State Doctoral Examination.
- 2) Upon a proposal by the President of the Subject Area Board, the Dean of the Faculty will determine the areas for the State Doctoral Examination not later than 2 weeks before the State Doctoral Examination is to take place.

Article 19

Examination Board for the State Doctoral Examination

The Dean of the Faculty appoints and dismisses the Examination Board for the State Doctoral Examination upon a proposal by the President of the Subject-area Board of

the respective DSP and subject to approval by the Scholarly Board of the Faculty. The composition of the Board must be in accordance with the Code.

Article 20

Conditions for Announcing the Dissertation Defence

- 1) Along with an application for the Dissertation Defence, the student shall submit copies of a minimum of three scientific papers, of which he or she is the main author or co-author.
- 2) The submitted papers must be directly related to the topic of the dissertation and at least two of them must contain original research, and not be review articles. The student must be the first author of a minimum of one original research paper published in an impacted journal and at least one more paper. An impacted journal is a journal listed in any field-specific database of the “Journal Citation Reports” and its impact factor in the year of publication is other than zero. If any of the papers has more than one first author, it will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Subject-area Board of the respective DSP.
- 3) The conditions mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 can alternatively be replaced by submitting a copy of one original scientific paper published in a journal of the first decile or quartile above the median of the field average of the relevant or related DSP. The DSP student must be listed as the first author of this publication. A Journal in the first decile, respectively the first and second quartile, is defined as a journal listed in Web of Science and Journal Citation Reports with the evaluation result for the year in which the article was published in the periodical. In case of unavailability of periodical evaluation results for the relevant year of publication of the article, the last evaluation result of the previous year is used.
- 4) The Subject-area Board may determine higher or stricter requirements for the student’s publishing activity than those stipulated herein. Such a change will only apply to new students admitted for study.
- 5) To have a published work recognized, it is sufficient to present an editor’s

confirmation of its acceptance for print.

Article 21

Dissertation

- 1) The student submits a dissertation, which contains all parts defined in the Code, as well as a list of publications directly related to the topic of the dissertation. If the student is a co-author of a publication directly related to the dissertation, he or she is required to specify his or her contribution to the publication in question in accordance with the Code.
- 2) A set of annotated papers cannot be submitted as a dissertation.

Article 22

Dissertation Defence

The relevant Vice-Dean, or another Vice-Dean determined by the Dean of the Faculty, may also take part in the Dissertation Defence.

Article 23

Transitional and Final Provisions

1. The present Directive comes into force on the date it is published on the Faculty website and becomes effective on 10 February 2025.
2. Directive of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry LF-B-24/04 of 10 April 2024 is hereby repealed and replaced.

In Olomouc on 22 January 2025

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Appendix No. 1
Report on infraction, cheating or attempted cheating

On at o'clock
....., a student of
..... study programme
during academic course work/ credit test/ colloquium/ examination in

.....
held at (department)
.....

was caught (please mark):

- a) copying
- b) having an unauthorized mobile device or a part thereof, e.g. headphones
- c) interfering with the computer system, e.g. during a test
- d) communicating with a person other than the instructor, examiner or an authorized invigilator
- e) other

Teacher/examiner

Name of the witness(es) of the cheating or attempted cheating

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Statement of the person caught (please make a note if the person refuses to make a statement)

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Signature of the head of the department Date

Appendix No. 2:**The credit system for the four-year doctoral degree programme at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry of Palacký University**

Required minimum number of credits for the entire period of study:	240
Required minimum number of credits for one academic year:	40

Course category	Course and form of course completion: examination/course credit	Number of credits
A	Basic examination in the field of study (examination)	25
A	Foreign language (English/German) (examination)	15
A	Grant project – participation in the application process (course credit)	0
A	Teaching undergraduate courses 1 (course credit)	15
A	State Doctoral Examination	0
A	Dissertation (defence)	0
A	Presentation at a conference with an abstract (main author) (course credit)	8
B	Elective course (examination)	20
B	Introductory course – Basic (course credit)	2/seminar (minimum - 8 / maximum -16)
B	Original Scientific Publication in a Journal with Impact Factor (Q1/Q2 according to WoS) - 1st author	40
B	Original Scientific Publication in a Journal with Impact Factor (Q3/Q4 according to WoS) - 1st author	20
B	Original Scientific Publication in a Peer-Reviewed Journal without Impact Factor (according to WoS) - 1st author	10
B	Review Article in a Journal with Impact Factor (according to WoS) - 1st author	15
B	Review Article in a Journal without Impact Factor (according to WoS) - 1st author	8
B	Original Scientific Publication or Review Article in a Journal with Impact Factor (according to WoS) - co-author	10
B	Original Scientific Publication or Review Article in a Journal without Impact Factor (according to WoS) - co-author	5
C	Additional course (examination)	may vary ²
C	Independent research (course credit)	80
C	Research internship (3 months)	30
C	Presentation at a doctoral students' conference	8
C	Presentation at a seminar on the respective field of study (course credit)	5
C	Specialized course (course credit)	see the course credit sheet
C	Implementation of a grant project (course credit)	5 - 15 ³
C	Case Report in a Journal with Impact Factor (according to WoS) - 1st author	10
C	Case Report in a Journal without Impact Factor (according to WoS) - 1st author	5
Total number of credits:		a minimum of 240

Course categories: A - obligatory
 B - elective
 C - optional

¹ Teaching of undergraduate courses mean that the student has taught a minimum of 4 seminars/practical seminars for undergraduate students in a semester.

² The number of credits for additional courses is determined in the respective accreditation file of the doctoral degree programme.

³ Students shall only be awarded credits for implementation of such projects, in the application for which they took part during the course of their doctoral study. Credits are assigned on the following basis:

5 credits - the student applied for or implemented an IGA UP project (student grants of Palacký University);

10 credits - the student applied for and implemented a project other than an IGA UP project, which is not registered in the Central Register of Projects;

15 credits - the student applied for and implemented a project registered in the Central Register of Projects.