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## **STUDY REGULATIONS OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

### **SECTION I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Study Regulations of Vilnius University (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) establish the procedure for studies at Vilnius University (hereinafter referred to as the University) and specify students' and unclassified students' rights, obligations, and legal relations with the University.
2. The procedure for organization, implementation, and funding of doctoral and residency studies at the University shall be established by Vilnius University Regulation on Doctoral Studies and Vilnius University Regulation on Residency Studies.
3. Definitions used in the Regulations:
  - 3.1. Academic debt shall mean a level of study achievements lower than the established threshold for a subject (module) attained under the procedure established by the core academic unit upon using one of the options provided by these Regulations: upon repeating a subject (module), upon retaking a subject (module) under an external procedure following an independent repetition, or upon substituting a subject (module) with a different one.
  - 3.2. Second cycle (master's) studies shall mean studies designed to prepare students for independent research (art) work or other work completion of which requires a level of general and subject competencies higher than the undergraduate study level and based on the most recent scientific knowledge, application thereof as well as analytical and professional abilities in a specific study field.
  - 3.3. General university course units (modules) shall mean undergraduate and integrated study programme subjects (modules) designed to develop an outlook as well as overall erudition and creativity consistent with the vision of the University. The general university studies at the University are determined by the concepts of the General University Studies of Vilnius University.
  - 3.4. Partial studies shall mean student's learning at a different Lithuanian or foreign higher education establishment in accordance with a part of the study programme or by selecting individual subjects (modules). A student's achievements attained within the course of partial studies shall be credited under the procedure established by the Rector or his/ her authorised person.
  - 3.5. External student shall mean a student or unclassified student who studies individual course units (modules) independently and takes examinations (tests) of these course units (modules) under the procedure established by the core academic unit.
  - 3.6. Minor studies shall mean a part of the first cycle study programme including compulsory subjects defined by the developers of this part of the study programme and (or) subjects (modules) selected by the student from another major study field with a volume of at least 60 credits.
  - 3.7. Individual study plan shall mean an arrangement established (and adjusted as needed) based on a student's request for a personal timetable for studying subject (modules) and accounting for them during the semester as approved by the study programme committee. An individual study plan may also include new course units (modules) corresponding to the student's needs as substitutes for the course units (modules) indicated in the study programme. An individual study plan may exceed the established duration of the study programme, however, it shall meet the conditions established in the General Requirements for Study Implementation approved by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania. Individual study plans and adjustments thereof shall be approved by the head of a core academic unit.

3.8. Unclassified student is a person who has concluded a study agreement with the University and studies individual subjects (modules) from study programmes or an informal education study programme ensuring life-long learning opportunities and designed to meet a need to receive education, to improve qualification skills, and (or) to acquire additional competencies.

3.9. Student's (unclassified student's) contact hours shall mean lecturer-guided studies (lectures, seminars, laboratory work, practical training, consultations, etc.) of a student (an unclassified student). Contact work may be carried out remotely as well.

3.10. Distance studies shall mean studies organized by using information communication technologies when the studied subjects (modules) have been designed and adapted for using in accordance with the procedure for designing and uploading of electronic teaching (learning) resources to the University's virtual teaching (learning) environment and administration of their use.

3.11. Degree studies shall mean the first cycle studies, the second cycle studies, and the third cycle studies.

3.12. Bridge courses shall mean studies intended for persons whose level of academic achievements are insufficient for further studies of a preferred study field on a higher cycle or integrated studies. The requirements for implementation of bridge courses shall be approved by the Rector of the University (hereinafter referred to as the Rector) or his/ her authorised person.

3.13. First cycle (bachelor's degree) studies shall mean studies providing universal general university education and focused on theoretical preparation, gaining research background, and top-level professional skills.

3.14. Professional studies shall mean studies intended for acquisition of professional qualifications and preparation for independent practical activities. Professional studies shall include residency studies of medicine and dentistry as well as studies intended for acquisition of professional qualifications of an educator.

3.15. Student's self-study hours shall mean hours planned for carrying out independent work and tasks established in the description of the course unit (module).

3.16. Debt shall mean a level of attained study achievements lower than the established threshold for a course unit (module) upon retaking the final assessment of a subject (module).

3.17. Student shall mean a person who has concluded a study agreement with the University and studies under (a) study programme(s) of the first cycle, the second cycle, integrated studies or professional studies as well as doctoral studies.

3.18. Study achievements shall mean study outcomes individually achieved by a student determined by applying the methods indicated in the description of the course unit (module) in relation to implementation of the objectives of the course unit (module) or the whole study programme.

3.19. Course unit shall mean the smallest part of a study programme with a defined objective and established study objectives.

3.20. Study module shall mean a part of the content of a study programme corresponding to a volume of 5-study-credit multiple with a defined objective and established study objectives.

3.21. Study credit shall mean a unit of the volume of a course unit (module) used for measuring a student's (unclassified student's) work hours needed to implement the objectives of a particular course unit (module). One study credit corresponds to 25–30 hours of a student's (unclassified student's) work hours, which includes contact and self-study hours.

3.22. Study programme shall mean the whole of implementation of a study field (fields) at a higher education establishment and a description thereof identifying the following: the objective, study outcomes and the study content needed to achieve them, learning activities, methods, tools, human resources as well as other resources.

3.23. Study timetable shall mean a method for organization of students' (unclassified students') contact hours. The study timetable may be daytime or session-time. Daytime timetable shall mean a study procedure when academic sessions usually take place on weekdays from 08:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m. Session study timetable shall mean a study procedure when academic sessions are usually held during

periodic sessions, when the work is organized on weekdays from 08:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m. during the session as well as on weekends.

3.24. Third cycle studies shall mean studies for a doctoral degree designed to prepare researchers, who are able to independently undertake scientific research and experimental (social, cultural) development work and to resolve scientific problems.

3.25. Integrated studies shall mean studies combining both the first and the second study cycles.

## **SECTION II STUDY SYSTEM**

4. The University implements degree studies, professional studies, and bridge courses:

4.1. Persons having completed the first cycle studies are conferred a bachelor's qualification degree or a bachelor's qualification degree and a qualification or a bachelor's qualification degree in two-field groups (acquired upon completion of a two-field programme) as well as a bachelor's diploma validating it (them);

4.2. Persons having completed the second cycle studies are conferred a master's qualification degree or a master's qualification degree and a qualification as well as a master's diploma validating it (them);

4.3. Persons having completed the third cycle studies and defended a dissertation viva voce are conferred a doctorate degree and a diploma validating it;

4.4. Persons having completed integrated studies are conferred a master's qualification degree or a master's qualification degree and a qualification as well as a diploma validating it (them);

4.5. Persons having completed professional studies shall be issued a certificate validating completion of professional studies.

4.6. Persons having completed bridge courses shall be issued a certificate validating completion of bridge courses.

5. Based on the form, studies at the University are full-time and part-time. The definitions of full-time and part-time study forms shall be interpreted in the Regulations in reference to the definitions thereof given in the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania.

6. The volume of studies shall be counted in study credits. One study year corresponds to 60 study credits. The typical volume of one year in case of full-time study form is 60 credits, but no less than 45 credits. The typical volume of one year in case of part-time study form may be less than 45 study credits, however, the total duration thereof shall not exceed the duration of full-time study form by more than one and a half times, when a norm of 60 study credits is applied to full-time studies.

7. The volume of a study programme in the first cycle may correspond to 180, 210, or 240 credits. In case of a study programme upon completion of which a qualification degree in two-field groups is conferred, the volume corresponds to 240 credits. The volume of a study programme in the second cycle may correspond to 60 credits, 90 credits, or 120 credits. The volume of professional studies (except for residency studies) is 60 credits. The volume of integrated studies may be 300 or 360 credits. In case of a study programme upon completion of which a qualification degree of a master in law (LLM) is conferred, the volume corresponds to 60 credits. In case of a study programme upon completion of which a qualification degree of a master in business administration (MBA) is conferred, the volume corresponds to 60 credits. The volume of a study programme in bridge courses shall be at least 30 credits.

8. Study programmes are compiled in accordance with the study field groups and study fields approved by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania. The first and the second cycle study programmes may be single-field or inter-field. The cycle degree study programmes may also be two-field.

9. A study programme consists of course units (modules). Based on the purpose and content, course units (modules) are classified as study-field and general university course units (modules), based on the nature of their obligation, they are classified as compulsory and elective (optional) course units (modules). Proportions of compulsory and elective course units (modules) in the study field and the

rules for selection thereof shall be indicated in the description of a specific study programme. Students select general university course units (modules) of a specified volume from the list of general course units (modules) available to all students of the University.

### **SECTION III STUDY PROCESS**

10. Students shall be admitted to study programmes by the Rector. The procedure for admission and the number of students eligible for admission shall be determined by the Senate of the University (hereinafter referred to as the Senate). Admission of students shall be organised and carried out by a commission for admission to studies established by the Rector or his/ her authorised person.

11. Persons with at least secondary education may be admitted to the first cycle and integrated study programmes under the procedure of competition. Persons having completed the first cycle university studies, the first cycle university studies and bridge courses, the first cycle university studies and having experience in professional activities or having acquired higher college education and completed bridge courses and (or) having experience in professional activities may be admitted to the second cycle study programmes under the procedure of competition.

12. Unclassified students shall be admitted by the Rector under the procedure established by the Senate. Admission of unclassified students shall be organised and carried out by the heads of core academic units.

13. Persons admitted as students or unclassified students shall conclude a study agreement with the University in the form approved by the Rector or his/ her authorised person. The study agreement shall establish the main study conditions at the University and obligations of both Parties.

14. The main language of instruction at the University shall be Lithuanian. Some or all course units (modules) of a study programme may be taught in another language.

15. The academic year starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. The academic year consists of two semesters: autumn and spring. Studies in the autumn semester start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and continue until 26<sup>th</sup> of January; studies in the spring semester start on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February and continue until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Students are given Christmas holiday (from the 24<sup>th</sup> of December to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January) and Easter holiday (for one week during the spring semester) during the study year. Students are granted at least 1 month of continuous vacation in summer.

16. Studies at the University may be organised on the basis of study modules the duration of which shall be no shorter or longer than one study semester.

17. In cases established in the study programme practical training of students may be organised outside the course of a semester under the procedure established by the core academic unit.

18. The timetables for the autumn semester shall be published by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May of the current year, and the timetables for the spring semester shall be published by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Students must be notified about all subsequent study timetable adjustments on the website of the core academic unit and Vilnius University Study Information System (hereinafter referred to as the VUSIS) no later than one week before a respective change comes into force in cases when adjustment to the timetable is relevant to the whole subsequent studies of a subject (module).

19. The procedure for drawing up timetables for the form of part-time studies shall be established by the core academic unit.

20. The timetables for final accounting for the studies shall be drawn up in accordance with a mutual agreement of the lecturer and students (unclassified students), approved by the heads of the core academic units and published on the website of the core academic unit and (or) the VUSIS. A different time for final assessment of study achievements other than the one indicated on the timetable may be determined based on a well-founded application of the student, upon making arrangements with the lecturer, who would be carrying out the final assessment of study achievements and upon obtaining an approval of the head of the core academic unit.

21. At the end of a semester, students must register for the next semester's elective course units (modules), and if a student has selected minor studies, he/ she must also register for minor study elective course units (modules). The deadline for registration for elective course units (modules) is the 15<sup>th</sup> of December for the spring semester and the 15<sup>th</sup> of May for the autumn semester. First-semester students must register for elective course units (modules) within the first two weeks of the semester.

22. Upon making a decision to apply for minor studies, a student shall inform the core academic unit implementing these studies in a written form by submitting an application via the VUSIS at least one semester before beginning of the minor studies (in September and October if the studies begin in the spring semester, and in February and March if the studies begin in the autumn semester). An agreement regarding minor studies establishing the student's obligations and the right to withdraw from a minor study programme shall be drawn by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, if the minor studies begin in the spring semester, or by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, if the minor studies begin in the autumn semester.

23. Students have a right to withdraw from selected course units (modules) and to select other course units (modules) no later than within the first two weeks of the semester.

24. In case of students with a disability or a temporary health impairment, upon submission of documents proving this, some aspects of the study process (the study environment, study material, etc.) shall be adapted to individual needs resulting from disability or temporary health disorder. The procedure for adaptation of the study process to individual needs shall be established by the Rector or his/ her authorised person.

#### **SECTION IV ASSESSMENT OF STUDY ACHIEVEMENTS**

25. Students (unclassified students) study by adhering to the requirements established in the descriptions of the course units (modules) being studied. The lecturer shall introduce the students (unclassified students) to the description of the course unit (module) during the first lecture of course unit (module) by specifying the methods, procedure, assessment criteria, and accounting requirements applicable to assessment of study achievements of the students (unclassified students) within the course of the course unit (module) and during the final accounting. The methods, procedure, assessment criteria and accounting requirements applicable to assessment of study achievements within the course of the course unit (module) and during the final accounting established in the descriptions of the course units (modules) and introduced during the first lecture shall not be subject to changing during the semester.

26. Permanent, interim, and final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) may be carried out at the University. Studies of a course unit (module) shall be finished with a final assessment of study achievements: an examination or assessment of independent work (project) done by the student. Final assessment of learning outcomes is compulsory. Final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) may be a cumulative grade, calculated in accordance with the proportions established in the description of the course unit (module). The initial parts of a continuous course unit (module) may be assessed in the form of a test.

27. Final assessment of study achievements may be carried out in a written form or in both written and oral forms. Assessments done by using computers or other electronic tools shall be deemed to be equivalent to assessment in a written form.

28. In case of students with a disability or temporary health impairment, flexible forms of assessment of study achievements shall be applied by adapting them to the individual needs associated with the disability or temporary health impairment and the student's possibilities ensuring proper assessment of study outcomes. Application of flexible forms of assessment of study achievements has been established in the Procedure for Assessment of Study Achievements at Vilnius University.

29. Upon completion of a course unit (module), study outcomes achieved by a student shall be assessed under the procedure established by the University by assigning them to an excellent, typical, or threshold level of study achievements. Other principles of assessment shall be established in the Procedure for Assessment of Study Achievements approved by the Senate.

30. A student (unclassified student), who is unable to come to the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) at a time indicated on the timetable due to an illness or other relevant reasons, may submit an application to the head of a core academic unit for a permission to organise the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) at another time, however, no later than within two weeks since the beginning of a new semester.
31. A student (unclassified student), who is unable to come to an interim accounting for a course unit (module) at a time indicated on the timetable due to an illness or other relevant reasons, upon making arrangements with the lecturer coordinating the subject (module), may account for it at a different time agreed with the coordinating lecturer subject to approval of the head of a core academic unit.
32. A student (unclassified student) shall notify of the cause of failure to come to the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) or interim accounting to the administration of the core academic unit and submit documentary evidence for the excused absence within three business days since the date set for the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) or interim accounting on the timetable, and if the student (unclassified student) is unable to do so due to objective reasons, he/ she shall inform about the cause of failure to come at the first chance as soon as it becomes possible.
33. If the level of study achievements attained by a student (unclassified student) during the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) is lower than the threshold level, he/ she may retake the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) once within the first two weeks of a new semester, and in case of a student (unclassified student) for whom the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module) was postponed, this may be done no later than within two weeks counting from the end of the postponed period at a time set by the lecturer teaching course unit (module). Timetables for retaking [of assessments] shall be published on the website of the core academic unit and the VUSIS prior to the beginning of the new semester.
34. A student (unclassified student), who does not agree with the final assessment of a course unit (module) (except for assessments of the final examinations and defence of the final thesis viva voce) has a right to submit a well-founded written appeal to the dispute handling commission of the core academic unit no later than within seven calendar days following publication of the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module), and in case of procedural violations of interim accountings, the final assessment of a course unit (module), the final examinations and defence of the final thesis viva voce – no later than within three business days following the date of interim accountings, the final assessment of study achievements in a course unit (module), the final examinations and defence of the final thesis viva voce. The procedure for submission of appeals has been established in the regulations of the dispute handling commission of the core academic unit approved by the Senate.
35. No decisions of the administration of the core academic unit in respect of a student (unclassified student) related to study outcomes in question shall be passed and implementation of the decisions shall be suspended until the dispute handling commission of the core academic unit or the central dispute handling commission submits its decision.
36. Upon expiry of the time limit set for the final retaking of assessment of study achievements, a student whose debts and (or) academic debts have not exceeded 15 study credits and who intends to continue his/ her studies, shall submit an application to the head of a core academic unit requesting to allow him/ her to repeat studies of one or more respective course units (modules) or parts of modules or to allow him/ her, as an external student, to retake [assessment] upon individual repetition thereof, or to substitute the subject (module) with a different one and to continue implementation of the study programme.
37. The committee of the study programme shall determine course units (modules) which may not be studied before accounting for other course units (modules) obligatory for studies of such subjects (modules), and course units (modules) which may be substituted with other course units (modules).
38. Upon expiry of the time limit set for retaking the final assessment of study achievements of the next-to-last study semester and (or) the time limit set for the final assessment of study achievements of the last study semester, students of the final course, whose debts and (or) academic debts have not exceeded the volume of 15 study credits, may be provided with an opportunity to retake [assessments of]

respective course units (modules) once again prior to the start of defence of the final thesis viva voce (taking of the final examinations).

39. A student, whose debts and (or) academic debts have exceeded the volume of 15 study credits, shall be expelled from the University for academic failures.

40. Students studying degree study programmes may combine them with professional or other studies. Students may study different degree study programmes at the same time, if they wish so. Students shall be admitted to each study programme under the general procedure.

41. Study records at the University shall be kept on the VUSIS. The main document of study records shall be an electronic statement.

42. Study records shall be kept by the core academic units. Documents of study records shall be filled in by the lecturer assessing study achievements (chairperson of the assessment commission) under the procedure established by the heads of the core academic units.

43. Defence of the final thesis viva voce or (and) taking of the final examination(s) shall be allowed only upon implementation of all other requirements established in the study programme and the obligations stipulated in the study agreement.

44. Final theses shall be defended viva voce (final examinations shall be taken) at a time set by the order of the head of the core academic unit, based on the articles issued by the head of the core academic unit in front of a commission approved by the Rector or his/ her authorised person. Postponing of taking of the final examination shall not be allowed. Defence of the final thesis viva voce may be postponed based on the decision of the head of the core academic unit, only in exceptional cases, when the final thesis has been prepared and submitted at a time and under the procedure established by legislations of the University, however, the student has no objective possibilities to participate in defence of the final thesis viva voce.

## **SECTION V ACADEMIC MOBILITY**

45. A student of a degree study programme may change the study form of his/ her study programme (from full-time to part-time studies and vice versa) and the study timetable if the forms and timetables of such study programmes are available at the University. A student of the first study cycle, the second study cycle, integrated and professional studies (except for residency studies) in a state-funded place may change the selected study programme under the procedure established by legislations if he/ she has finished the first semester of the first study year and has essentially implemented the requirements applicable to the first semester of the preferred study programme and if the quality of the implemented studies may be ensured at the core academic unit running the preferred study programme. The requirements of a respective part of the programme shall be deemed as essentially implemented if the volume of the subjects (modules) not studied (failed examinations or tests) does not exceed 15 credits. Such programme differences may be eliminated within one year. These differences shall not be regarded as debts or academic debts. Subject to decision of the head of the core academic unit running the preferred study programme, a student of the first study cycle, the second study cycle, integrated and professional studies (except for residency studies) in a place not funded by the state may change the selected study programme to another one if the quality of the implemented studies may be ensured at the core academic unit running the preferred study programme.

46. Students at the University may complete individual course units (modules) of the study programme at other state-recognized universities, whereas students of other state-recognized universities may complete individual course units (modules) of the study programme at the University under the procedure established by the Rector or his/ her authorised person.

47. Students may be allowed to complete partial studies in a foreign country under the procedure established by the Rector or his/ her authorised person.

## **SECTION VI ACADEMIC LEAVE OF ABSENCE, TERMINATION AND RESUMPTION OF STUDIES**

48. Studies at the University shall be terminated:
- 48.1. upon expiry of a study agreement;
  - 48.2. at the student's (unclassified student's) request;
  - 48.3. upon the expulsion of a student (unclassified student);
  - 48.4. when studies become impossible due to other valid reasons.
49. A student (unclassified student), who is temporarily unable to continue studies due to an illness, based on the recommendation of a physician or a medical consultation board, due to pregnancy or labour, child care, and having submitted documents proving this, as well as once throughout the study period due to personal reasons, may be allowed to take an academic leave of absence.
50. The head of the core academic unit may allow a student (unclassified student), who is temporarily unable to continue studies, to suspend his/ her studies, however, for a period not exceeding one year.
51. Academic leave of absence may be granted for the following periods of time:
- 51.1. due to an illness, based on the recommendation of a physician or a medical consultation board: up to two years;
  - 51.2. due to pregnancy, labour, and child care: for a period established by the laws, but for no longer than three years;
  - 51.3. due to personal reasons: for a period not exceeding one year.
52. Academic leave of absence shall be allowed by the head of the core academic unit. The duration of academic leave of absence shall be counted from the application submission date.
53. A student (unclassified student) shall be expelled from the University:
- 53.1. for academic failures (when the volume of debts and (or) academic debts exceeds 15 study credits);
  - 53.2. for unfair practices within the course of the studies or assessment of study achievements (cheating, plagiarism, etc.);
  - 53.3. for failure to implement financial obligations assumed in respect of the University;
  - 53.4. for failure to register for the studies (after an academic leave of absence and in other cases established by legislations of the University);
  - 53.5. for two reprimands received in one year.
54. A decision regarding expulsion of a student (unclassified student) from the University shall be made by the Rector based on the articles submitted by the head of the core academic unit. A student (unclassified student) shall be informed about a decision regarding expulsion from the University under the procedure established in the study agreement.
55. Studies may be resumed if the differences between the study programme previously studied by the student (unclassified student) and the one intended to be studied correspond to no more than 15 study credits.
56. The differences resulting from changes in the study programme may be eliminated within one year since resuming the studies. These differences shall not be regarded as debts and academic debts.
57. The head of the core academic unit or his/ her authorised person shall determine the subjects (modules) of a changed study programme examinations and tests of which must be taken (retaken) when resuming studies of that study programme.
58. The council of the core academic unit may also suggest additional conditions for resumption of suspended studies, which shall be approved by the Senate.
59. Upon submission of an application for resumption of studies to head of the core academic unit, the studies shall be resumed from the date indicated by the head of the core academic unit.

## **SECTION VII COMPLETION OF STUDIES**

60. A person who has implemented all requirements of a selected degree or professional study programme shall be deemed to be a graduate of the University.



61. Students who have implemented the first study cycle, the second study cycle, or integrated study programmes exceptionally well shall be awarded a diploma *cum laude*.

62. Students who have implemented the first study cycle, the second study cycle, or integrated study programmes exceptionally well and have distinguished themselves in their field of research shall be awarded a diploma *magna cum laude*.

63. Diplomas *cum laude* and *magna cum laude* shall be issued by referring to the criteria applicable to issuance of diploma *cum laude* and *magna cum laude* as established by the Senate.

64. Students and unclassified students who have studied selected course units (modules) at the University but have failed to implement the entire study programme may be issued a certificate listing all course units (modules) with received final assessments of study achievements by indicating volumes and received evaluations of the studied course units (modules) under the procedure established by the Rector or his/ her authorised person.

## **SECTION VIII RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS AND UNCLASSIFIED STUDENTS**

65. Students have a right:

65.1. to receive education under the study programme as indicated in the study agreement corresponding to the volume and quality standards determined by these Regulations, the Statute of Vilnius University, and the legislations of the Republic of Lithuania;

65.2. to study several study programmes as well as study programmes according to individual study plans, to participate in academic exchange, to terminate and resume studies, to change a study field, programme, its form or timetable under the established procedure in accordance with the procedure established by the Regulations;

65.3. to use methodological and scientific literature as well as material and informational resources needed for implementation of the study programme and available at the University as well as libraries, scientific equipment, and cultural, sports and recreational facilities of the University needed for studies, cultural life, health care, and recreational activities;

65.4. to account for work by taking advantage of flexible forms of assessment of study achievements if they have disabilities or temporary health disorders preventing them from accounting under the established procedure;

65.5. to freely express their academic ideas and attitudes towards all scientific, social, and cultural issues to the extent compatible with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and legislations of the University;

65.6. to receive information associated with their studies, to rate study programmes, the study process, and lecturers' work under the procedure established by legislations of the University;

65.7. to appeal against the final study outcomes (except for assessments of the final examinations and defence of the final thesis *viva voce*) and the decisions of the employees of the University to respective dispute resolution commission under the procedure established by the Regulations and legislations of the University;

65.8. to join the Student Union and to form other student associations, to be elected to their management bodies, also to take part in the activities of other social, cultural, and political organizations the objectives of which are compatible with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and the Statute;

65.9. to participate in management of the University and self-management of the core academic units under the procedure established by legislations of the University;

65.10. to exercise other rights established by the legislations of the Republic of Lithuania and the legislations of the University.

66. Unclassified students shall have all rights listed in Paragraphs 65.3–65.8 and 65.10 of these Regulations.

67. Students and unclassified students must:

67.1. fulfil the requirements of the study agreement and the selected study programme, subject (module);

- 67.2. observe the Regulations, the Statute, other legislations of the University and the legislations of the Republic of Lithuania;
- 67.3. carry out the decisions of the administration of the University and the core academic units;
- 67.4. upon graduation, implement all his/ her obligations to libraries, other units, and the Student Union under the procedure established by legislations of the University;
- 67.5. observe the principles of general and academic ethics;
- 67.6. implement other obligations established by the legislations of the Republic of Lithuania and the legislations of the University.

**SECTION IX**  
**INCENTIVES AND PENALTIES APPLICABLE TO STUDENTS AND UNCLASSIFIED STUDENTS**

68. Students and unclassified students who have distinguished themselves in the academic, creative, social, and sports life of the University may be awarded with the following incentives:
- 68.1. citation;
  - 68.2. letter of acknowledgement;
  - 68.3. diploma attesting academic, creative, or sports achievements;
  - 68.4. scholarship;
  - 68.5. other incentives established by the legislations of the Republic of Lithuania and the legislations of the University.
69. Incentives listed in Paragraph 68 of the Regulations may be awarded to unclassified students, except for scholarships.
70. The following penalties may be imposed on students and unclassified students having violated the Regulations or other legislations of the University and (or) academic ethics:
- 70.1. reprimand;
  - 70.2. expulsion from the University.
71. Students and unclassified students shall be expelled from the University under the procedure established in Paragraph 53 and 54 of the Regulations. Reprimands and incentives shall be awarded by the heads of core academic units or the Rector under the procedure established by legislations of the University.
72. If a student or an unclassified student does not agree with penalties imposed or incentives awarded, he/ she has the right to submit an application challenging the grounds for imposition of the penalty or awarding the incentive to the dispute resolution commission of the core academic unit in writing under the procedure established in the regulations of the dispute resolution commission of the core academic unit approved by the Senate. No decisions of the core academic unit in respect of the penalty imposed or incentive awarded shall be passed, while implementation of the decisions passed beforehand shall be suspended until the dispute handling commission of the core academic unit awards its decision.
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