

## APPROVED

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# **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ADMISSION OF PERSONS WHO STUDIED AT ANOTHER HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN LITHUANIA OR ABROAD AND WISH TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

## **CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Description of the Procedure for the Admission of Persons Who Studied at Another Higher Education Institution in Lithuania or Abroad and Wish to Continue Their Studies at Vilnius University (hereinafter the 'Description') establishes the conditions and procedures according to which persons who studied in a first cycle, second cycle, or integrated study programme at another higher education institution in Lithuania or abroad (if this institution is recognised in accordance with the procedure set out in the legal acts of that country) are admitted to continue their studies at Vilnius University (hereinafter the 'University').

2. Terms used in this Description:

2.1. Students of a respective cohort – a cohort of students of the same year of studies, same study form, and same study programme of a specific core academic unit (hereinafter the 'Unit').

2.2. Course unit (module) difference – the ratio between the share of the study programme completed by the person during previous studies, and the study programme in total to which the person is admitted to continue their studies. The course unit (module) differences are not considered to be debts or academic debts.

2.3. Unclassified student agreement – an agreement concluded by the University and a person whereby, for an established fee, the person is granted the right and provided conditions to study certain course units (modules).

2.1. Weighted average of learning outcomes – the average of learning outcomes depending on the number of the studied course unit (module) credits and received assessments; the assessments of freely selected course units are not included in the calculation of the weighted average of learning outcomes.

## **CHAPTER II ADMISSION CONDITIONS**

3. Persons shall be allowed to continue their studies at the University according to the previously studied or another university study programme without changing the study programme type no earlier than after they have completed the first semester of a first cycle, second cycle, or integrated study programme and have no academic debts.

4. The learning outcomes of a person wishing to continue their studies at the University shall be credited after assessing their compliance with the formal (study field group, study field, study programme type, study form, etc.) and subject-specific (course unit (module) study objectives, developed skills, content, scope, etc.) requirements in accordance with the Procedure for Crediting Learning Outcomes at the University. No more than 75 per cent of the scope of the preferred first cycle, second cycle, or integrated study programme may be credited.

5. The specific semester of the studies from which the person is allowed to continue their studies shall depend on the ratio between the share of the study programme completed by the person during their previous studies, and the course units (modules) of the study programme to which the

person is admitted to continue their studies; the ratio shall be established according to the Study Regulations of Vilnius University. A person shall be admitted to continue their studies from the beginning of the semester.

6. A person who was expelled from a higher education institution in Lithuania or abroad due to gross violations of academic ethics may submit a request to continue their studies at the University no earlier than one year after the date they were expelled, and only after eliminating all the course unit (module) differences under an unclassified student agreement.

7. Studies may be continued if the course unit (module) credit difference between a person's previously studied and intended study programme does not exceed 15 credits.

8. The course units (modules) of an insignificantly changed study programme whose examinations or fail/pass evaluations must be passed (retaken) when continuing the studies shall be determined by the head of the Unit upon proposal from the Study Programme Committee.

9. The course unit (module) difference resulting from a minor change in the study programme can be eliminated within one year of admission to continue studies. Such differences shall not be considered to be academic debts. If a person's course unit (module) difference is more than 15 credits, they must eliminate the difference before admission to continue studies.

10. All course unit (module) differences shall be eliminated by concluding an unclassified student agreement.

11. Councils of the Units may establish additional conditions for the continuation of studies that do not contradict the Description. Additional conditions shall be approved by the Senate of the University.

### **CHAPTER III ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

12. A person who wishes to continue their studies at the University must apply in writing to the Unit where the study programme they wish to undertake is implemented no later than before the beginning of a new study semester.

13. The application for admission to continue studies at the University must indicate the previously studied study programme and the study programme that the person wishes to study, accompanied by documents required to credit the learning outcomes according to the Procedure for Crediting Learning Outcomes at Vilnius University.

14. If more than one person who studied in another recognised higher education institution in Lithuania or abroad wishes to continue their studies at the University and apply to the same student place, priority shall be given (in a descending order of priority) to the candidate:

14.1. with a higher weighted average of all previously acquired final assessments of learning outcomes;

14.2. with a higher weighted average of the last semester's final assessments of learning outcomes;

14.3. who submitted the application to continue their studies the earliest.

15. If the competition is between a person who studied in another recognised higher education institution in Lithuania or abroad and wishes to continue their studies at the University, and a person who previously studied at the University and wishes to renew their studies at the University according to the Description of the Procedure for Renewing Studies at Vilnius University, priority shall be given to the person who previously studied at the University in accordance with each priority specified in Item 14 of the Description.

16. The applications for admission to continue studies at the University shall be examined by the Vice-Dean for Studies of the Unit. The final decision shall be taken by the head of the Unit upon proposal from the Vice-Dean for Studies of the Unit.

17. The Unit shall inform the person seeking to continue their studies at the University of the decision taken no later than before the beginning of the new semester.

18. After a decision is taken to admit the person to continue their studies at the University,

admission shall be formalised by an order of the Rector and a study agreement shall be concluded (as well as an unclassified student agreement if there are any course unit (module) differences). A person admitted to continue their studies in a non-State-funded student place shall be subject to the same study funding conditions that other students of the respective cohort studying in non-State-funded places are subject to.

19. A person who wishes to continue their studies at the University may apply for a vacant State-funded student place (if available) according to the procedure specified in the Republic of Lithuania Law on Higher Education and Research and the Temporary Description of the Procedure for the Rotation and Ranking of Vilnius University Students Based on Their Learning Outcomes.

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