



## PRINCIPLES FOR DISSERTATION EXAMINATION

### Art. 1

#### Application for dissertation examination

1. Ph.D. students in the internal form of study apply for dissertation examination within 18 months, while Ph.D. students in the external form apply within 3 years from the beginning of their studies. The requirement for completing the dissertation examination is a minimum of 90 credits (as determined by the study's credit evaluation).
2. A Ph.D. student must submit their thesis for the dissertation examination along with the application.
3. A Ph.D. student has to submit a report of received credits and their structure (appendix 1) to the commission, including proofs supporting respective research activities (according to the credit evaluation of study results).

### Art. 2

#### Thesis for dissertation examination

1. Thesis for dissertation examination (thesis hereafter) contains an elaboration of the aims of the dissertation, an outline of the theoretical and practical bases of experimental work, as well as a current overview of information on the topic and an analysis of the methodological approach for solving the study matter of the thesis.
2. Only an expert who does not work in the Ph.D. student's training centre (e.g., at the department, institute, clinic, or external educational institution) and does not have joint publications with the Ph.D. student can be an opponent of the dissertation examination. The opponent is appointed by the Rector or the Dean on the proposal of the tutor and with the consent of the chairman of the Study program commission (SPC), if the study program takes place at the Faculty without undue delay. The opponent will send an opposing opinion to the chairman of the SPC within 3 weeks after receiving the dissertation or notify the chairman of the SPC within 1 week that he/she cannot elaborate on the report.
3. If the written review submitted by the opponent does not meet the formal requirements or provides only vague, subjective, or inappropriate evaluation of the thesis, the head of the commission has the right to reject the review, return the written review to the opponent for revision, or recommend a different opponent.

### Art. 3

#### Commission for dissertation examination

1. The dissertation examination takes place in front of a committee with at least four members. It consists of a chairman, a supervisor of a Ph.D. student, another member of the department outside the university (or outside the faculty, if the Ph.D. study program takes place at the faculty) where the Ph.D. student is working, and an opponent of the dissertation.
2. The chairman of the commission and other members are approved and named by the dean of the faculty. At least one member of the commission must be an academic professor, a professorial function holder, or a researcher with a Sc.D. (DrSc.) degree or qualification degree I.

### Art. 4



### Programme of dissertation thesis

1. Dissertation examination is composed of a part dedicated to a thesis and a part where the Ph.D. student should prove theoretical knowledge of the subjects selected for the dissertation examination.
  - **Introduction of the candidate:** the chairman of the commission evaluates the activities of the Ph.D. student, presents the total number and structure of received credits in the study part and research activities, including their presentation and publication activities.
  - **Statements of the supervisor:** The supervisor objectively evaluates the performance of the Ph.D. student, the current status, and the stage of the Ph.D. studies. If the performance is evaluated as unsatisfactory, the supervisor has to clarify the matter of fact.
  - **Introduction of the aims of the thesis by the candidate:** Ph.D. student presents respective topics of the dissertation thesis in a presentation composed of:
    - a) an overview of the current knowledge of the topic,
    - b) methodological aspects of the thesis,
    - c) aims of the dissertation thesis,
    - d) associated results obtained so far.
  - **Review of the opponent:** the opponent reads the review of the thesis, including the evaluation of the academic level of the thesis, comments, and questions for the Ph.D. student, and final recommendation.
  - **Discussion of the thesis.** A Ph.D. student has to answer any additional questions from the opponent or other members of the commission
  - **Dissertation examination from selected subjects.** Ph.D. student answers questions related to profile subjects: compulsory, compulsory optional (e.g., medical biochemistry, examination methods in clinical biochemistry), and one elective subject, asked by members of the commission.

### Art. 5

#### Final evaluation and declaration of the results of the dissertation examination

1. A valid decision can be made only if more than half of the members of the commission are present. The decision is reached by the majority of the votes in a private session. In the event of a tie, the commission's chair has a tie-breaking vote.
2. Both parts of the dissertation examination are evaluated as a final evaluation of “completed” or “not completed”.