



ORGANIZATION AND DISCUSSION REGULATIONS

Art. 8

Requirements for acceptance of the dissertation thesis for defence

1. Requirement for acceptance of dissertation thesis for defence is completion of both content and formal prerequisites according to Law no. 131/02 Z. z. in terms of later regulations and Rector's decree REK0000498/2019-UPA/2201 which issues Study rules for Ph.D. studies at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice from 16th of May 2019, and internal regulations of Faculty of Medicine UPJŠ.
2. Dissertation thesis has to have a scientific and research character and present original results achieved by scientifically approved experimental methods, processed by relevant statistical examination, and conducted according to current legal and ethical norms of experimental work.
3. Subject of the dissertation thesis has to be related to the primary or applied research topics of medical biochemistry, clinical biochemistry, or laboratory diagnostic methods, revealing the mechanisms of phenomena on the molecular, cellular, tissue, organ, or system level.
4. Candidate has to prove their skill to individually present the results of their dissertation thesis in both oral and written form.
5. For acceptance of the dissertation thesis for defence, the candidate has to fulfil the following requirements:
 - a. presentation of at least two lectures or posters as **first author** on national or international scientific conferences
 - b. publication (or written acceptance by the editorial board) of **3 original research papers** *in extenso* in peer-reviewed journals, where at least one is as first author and the topic should be directly related to the topic of the thesis; at least one has to be published in a CC journal and the other in a journal indexed in Web of Science or Scopus database.

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Final statements

The organization and discussion regulations of the Board for the defence of Ph.D. studies in the field of *general medicine*, study programme *clinical biochemistry*, at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Faculty of Medicine, became effective in 2010 and were revised in 2024.