



FULL TEXT OF DIRECTIVE No. 203

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Rules for the Creation of Recommended Study Plans for Study Programmes at the University of Žilina

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Article 1 Introductory Provisions

1. These Rules for the Creation of Study Plans for Study Programmes of the University of Žilina (hereinafter referred to as "UNIZA") set out binding procedures for the creation of study plans when preparing a draft application for accreditation of a study programme or modification of a study programme.
2. The study plan of the student determines the time and content sequence of the subjects of the study programme and the forms of evaluation of the study results.
3. The study plan sets out and describes the rules for continuity between the individual subjects.

Article 2 Structure of the Study Plan

1. The study plan contains the following subjects:
 - a) compulsory – their completion is a condition for successful completion of part of the study or the entire study programme,
 - b) compulsory optional – the condition for successful completion of part of the study or the entire study programme is the completion of a specified number of these subjects according to the student's choice in the structure determined by the study programme,
 - c) optional – other subjects in the study programme, which the student has the opportunity to enrol in to complement his/her study and to obtain a sufficient number of credits of the relevant part of the study.
2. The subjects included in the study programme are divided into:
 - a) unrelated subjects – enrolment of such subject is not conditioned by the completion of another subject,
 - b) subjects conditioned by the completion of other subjects – enrolment in such subject is conditioned by the completion of another subject (conditional subject) or other subjects.
3. The recommended study plan represents a schedule of standard length of study.

Article 3 Proposal of the Recommended Study Plan of the Study Programme

1. The recommended study plan or modification of the recommended study plan shall be proposed by the Board of the Study Programme.
2. The recommended study plan is drawn up in accordance with:
 - a) a description of the field of study within which the study programme is provided,
 - b) the expectations of the practice given by e.g. The National Qualifications Framework of the Slovak Republic, the National Occupational Standard, the National Occupational System,
 - c) developments in the field of study programme.
3. The subjects of the recommended study plan are classified into the following groups:
 - a) subjects of the main topics of the core knowledge of the field of study – the topics are defined by the description of the field of study and include profile subjects,
 - b) other subjects – e.g., knowledge topics that the graduate specializes in within the given study programme; topics of knowledge expected of each graduate of the faculty providing the study programme; other subjects outside the core of the field of study,
 - c) a foreign language with a load of at least:

- ca) 6 credits for bachelor's degree study – the subject is recommended to be provided in the 3rd to 5th semester,
- cb) 6 credits for master's (engineering) degree study – the subject is recommended to be provided in the 1st to 3rd semester,
- cc) 10 credits for doctoral degree study – the subject is recommended to be provided for at least 2 semesters.

If a foreign language is included in the main topics of the core of the field of study, the credit load for the foreign language is included among the subjects of the main topics of the core knowledge of the field of study according to the table below. Otherwise, it is included among other subjects.

The following table sets out for each group of subjects the minimum number of credits required for the proper completion of study in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Article.

Number of credits of the recommended study plan	Bachelor's degree (180/240 credits)	Engineering (Master's) degree (120 credits)	Doctoral degree (180 credits)
Subjects of the main topics of the core knowledge of the field of study	min. 108/144	min. 60	min. 108
Other subjects	max. 72/96	max. 60	max. 72
Total	180/240	120	180

4. The recommended workload of the student ranges from 1 500 to 1 800 hours per academic year, which means that one credit corresponds to 25 to 30 hours of work.¹
5. The recommended study plan is designed to meet the following requirements:
 - a) full-time study – in each semester the subjects represent a load of 30 credits,
 - b) part-time study – in each semester the subjects usually represent a load of 24 credits.
6. The recommended study plan must enable the student to compile his/her study plan in such a way that during the study he/she completes all compulsory subjects, the prescribed share of compulsory optional subjects and optional subjects so that during the study he/she obtains:
 - a) at least 180 credits for a 3-year bachelor's degree study,
 - b) at least 240 credits for a 4-year bachelor's degree study,
 - c) at least 120 credits for master's (engineering) degree study,
 - d) at least 180 credits for doctoral degree study.

¹ Standards for the study programme/ECTS – European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

Article 4
Final Provisions

1. The Directive was discussed by the UNIZA Academic Senate on 21 June 2021 and approved by the UNIZA Scientific Board on 1 July 2021.
2. The Directive enters into force on the day of its approval.
3. Amendment No. 1 to Directive No. 203 was discussed by the UNIZA Academic Senate on 25 April 2022 and was approved by the UNIZA Scientific Board on 5 May 2022.
4. Amendment No. 1 shall enter into force on the day of its approval by the UNIZA Scientific Board, i.e. 5 May 2022.

In Žilina on 5 May 2022

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