

Credit system of CULS doctoral degree programmes

Article 1

Introductory Provisions

- (1) This Directive applies for all parts of the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (hereinafter "CULS") with the exception of the University Farm Estate Lány and University Forest Establishment Kostelec nad Černými lesy.
- (2) The purpose of the Directive is to define the number of credits for study obligations of students of CULS doctoral degree programmes (DDP).
- (3) Specific study obligations as part of an individual study plan are determined for students by the Doctoral Degree Programme Board of the relevant DDP.

Article 2

Definitions of study obligations, number of credits for study obligations and the maximum number of credited study obligations

Study obligation	Credits for 1 study obligation	Maximum number of credited study obligations
Dissertation methodology	10	1
"Soft skills" seminar (e.g. Research Methodology, Didactic and Presentation Skills, Academic Writing, etc.)	5	3
Compulsory course	10	2
English language	10	1
Optional course - another foreign language	10	1
Specialized elective ¹	10	4
Internship abroad ²	10	1
State doctoral exam	20	1
Dissertation defence	80	1
Conference contribution - registered ³	10	up to the limit of 180/240 credits ⁶
Article in a journal with IF or SJR – 1 st author ⁴	40	up to the limit of 180/240 credits ⁶
Article in a journal with IF or SJR – 2 nd author ⁴	16	up to the limit of 180/240 credits ⁶
Article in a journal with IF or SJR – 3 rd author ⁴	8	up to the limit of 180/240 credits ⁶

Article in a journal with IF or SJR - 4 th and other author ⁴	4	up to the limit of 180/240 credits ⁶
Conference contribution - unregistered or scientific seminar ⁵	2	up to the limit of 180/240 credits ⁶
Summer school (1 week)	2	up to the limit of 180/240 credits ⁶

Explanatory notes:

¹ Optional specialized course means all specialized courses according to the supervisor's or Doctoral Degree Programme Board's assignment. These courses also include the preparation of a "Literature review" if it is included as a study obligation by the relevant Doctoral Degree Programme Board.

² Internship abroad means a 4-week internship abroad. For a longer stay abroad, 2.5 credits for each additional week are counted, but up to the limit of 180/240 credits.

³ A registered contribution at a conference means a contribution published in the form of an article in the collection registered in the WoS or SCOPUS databases.

⁴ An article means an article published in a journal registered in the WoS database with an assigned Impact Factor or in a journal registered in the SCOPUS database with an assigned SJR index.

⁵ An unregistered contribution at a conference means a contribution published in the form of an article in a collection not registered in the WoS or SCOPUS databases. A scientific seminar means a presentation of the topic of a dissertation at a seminar or a student conference, if this presentation is included as a study obligation by the relevant departmental board.

⁶ The limit of 180/240 is the limit of the number of credits for a 3-year or 4-year study. Activities within this limit are recorded activities in a Diploma Supplement.

**Article 3
Closing Provisions**

(1) This Directive shall become valid and effective on the date of its publication.

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