



REGULATIONS FOR THE EXAMINATION AND GRADING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY "VICTOR BABEȘ" IN TIMIȘOARA

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CHAPTER I. Legislative framework

Art. 1. The organisation and conduct of teaching and professional activities for the operation of the doctoral programme at the Victor Babeș University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara (UMFVBT) is based on the provisions of the national legislation in force relating to higher education, as follows:

- Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, as amended and supplemented,
- Ministry of Education Order No. 3020/2024 approving the Framework Regulation on doctoral studies,
- Order 7479/2024 approving the minimum standards for the organisation of continuous assessment and summative assessment of students.
- Charter of the Victor Babeș University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara,
- Institutional Regulations on the Organisation and Functioning of Doctoral Studies at the Victor Babeș University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara, annex to H.S. No. 173/14600/26.06.2024, with subsequent amendments and additions,
- Regulations of the Doctoral Schools within the Victor Babeș University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara, republished by H.S. no. 130/9700/28.04.2025,
- The methodologies approved by the UMFVBT Senate regarding the organisation and conduct of the examination process, including online, applicable on the date of the examination.

Art. 2. This regulation refers to the examination and grading of doctoral students at UMFVBT and is drawn up on the basis of the national legislation in force and is based on the following principles, stipulated in Art. 126, para. (1) of the Higher Education Law No. 199/2023:

- b) the principle of the right to free complementary assistance and services in state higher education;
- c) the principle of participation in decision-making;
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- d) the principle of freedom of expression;
- e) the principle of transparency and access to information

CHAPTER II. General provisions

Art. 3. Participants in the Doctoral Studies programme have the status of doctoral students for the entire period of their participation in the programme, from enrolment until completion of the programme or expulsion, except for periods of interruption of studies.

Art. 4. In doctoral programmes, teaching and examinations are generally organised in Romanian.

Art. 5. The scheduling, organisation and conduct of the teaching process are based on university autonomy, in compliance with and in accordance with the provisions of Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, as amended and supplemented.

Art. 6.

(1) The curriculum for doctoral studies is in line with national and European standards and ensures the acquisition of knowledge defining the fields of doctoral studies: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy.



(2) The curriculum for doctoral studies includes compulsory subjects, optional subjects and an advanced scientific research project.

- Compulsory subjects ensure that students acquire the basic knowledge essential to the field of study.
- Optional subjects allow students to deepen their knowledge in specific areas, in accordance with their chosen specialisation.

Art. 7. At the end of the advanced university training year, doctoral students must have earned the total number of credits specified in the curriculum.

Art. 8. Doctoral students have the right to freely choose optional courses, in accordance with the legal regulations in force and the curriculum.

Art. 9. Credits are defined as numerical values, allocated to all forms of teaching activity: courses, practical work, internships, seminars, etc., through which the average amount of work performed by the doctoral student to master a discipline is assessed.

Art. 10.

(1) Compulsory subjects, optional subjects chosen from the curriculum and the advanced scientific research project are credited up to a limit of 60 credits.

(2) Once chosen, the optional subject becomes compulsory.

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(1) The completion of the coursework is assessed by examination as provided for in the curriculum.

(2) The examination may be in written, oral or other form of knowledge assessment.

Art. 12. Exams shall be scheduled in accordance with the structure of the academic year.

Art. 13.

(1) Exams may only be taken during the exam sessions, which are an integral part of the academic year structure, as approved by the University Senate.

(2) The structure of the academic year provides for the following exam sessions: two regular sessions (winter and summer), two resit sessions (winter and summer) and one re-examination session (summer).

Art. 14. The exam schedule is set by the course lecturers, in agreement with the doctoral students.

Art. 15. The completed and signed catalogue shall be submitted to the secretariat of the Doctoral School no later than the end of the session.

Art. 16. The exam topics for each subject are determined based on the course topics and the subject description, with the approval of the course instructor.

CHAPTER III. Participation in exams

Art. 17. Doctoral students may participate in exams or colloquiums only once per session.

Art. 18. Doctoral students have the right to take the exam/colloquium for the same course three times during the academic year (regular session, resit session and possible re-examination).

Art. 19. Doctoral students shall attend the exam as scheduled. Justified absence of a doctoral student from an exam or colloquium for objective reasons (medical, technical or force majeure), proven by documents, shall not be considered attendance at the exam and shall allow for the rescheduling of the assessment, with the approval of the examining teacher.

Art. 20. Computers may be used in specific examinations or colloquiums, with the approval of the examining teacher.



Art. 21. Attendance at the exam is conditional upon the fulfilment of the obligations set out in the course description. In justified situations (research activity, internships, medical reasons), the fulfilment of obligations may be equated with academic activities established by the tenured teacher.

Art. 22. Substitution of persons in exams is prohibited and punishable by expulsion, in accordance with the regulations in force.

Art. 23. In special situations, during states of emergency, alert or other situations approved by the UMFVBT Senate, doctoral students may be examined remotely, using online examination methods.

CHAPTER IV. Grading and conducting the examination

Art. 24. In order to pass exams or colloquiums, doctoral students must obtain grades that can be: "very good", "good" or "satisfactory". Those who obtain an unsatisfactory (fail) grade have the opportunity to retake the exam/colloquium during the resit and/or re-examination session. The criteria for awarding grades are set out in the course description and are communicated to doctoral students at the beginning of the respective activity.

Art. 25. In the case of online examinations, in the exceptional situation where the doctoral student does not have access to the internet on the day of the exam/colloquium, they may request to take the exam in the resit/re-examination sessions, which will be considered their first attempt.

Art. 26. The exam grade must reflect the doctoral student's theoretical knowledge and practical skills, as well as their activity during the year, and will be awarded by the teaching staff.

Art. 27. The assessment in the form of an examination shall take place at the end of each course/colloquium.

Art. 28. The examination may take the form of multiple-choice tests, oral examinations, or essay questions. These may be taken on-site or online in special circumstances, in accordance with Art. 23 of these regulations. For online examinations/colleges, the responsibility for ensuring an internet connection lies with the doctoral student. In the event of technical incidents not attributable to the doctoral student, as determined by the examining teacher, the assessment may be repeated or rescheduled.

Art. 29. For assessment through essay topics, the doctoral student will perform tasks such as writing a summary, critical analysis, opinion, case presentation or other tasks suitable for the preparation of an essay.

Art. 30. The exam result shall be communicated to the doctoral student by the examiner. The result of the exam or colloquium shall be communicated to the doctoral student within a maximum of 5 working days from the date of the exam. At the request of the doctoral student, the examiner may provide clarifications regarding the assessment.

Art. 31. The doctoral student has the right to contest the result of the exam or colloquium within 48 hours of the result being communicated. The appeal shall be settled by a committee appointed in accordance with the internal regulations of UMFVBT.

Art. 32. The course coordinator informs doctoral students about the format of the exam/colloquium.

CHAPTER V. Passing exams



Art. 33. A subject is passed when a grade between the minimum (satisfactory) and the maximum (very good) is obtained.

Art. 34. At the end of the first year, doctoral students must earn the credits required to defend their advanced scientific research project in accordance with the curriculum.

Art. 35. The advanced scientific research project will allow the student to obtain the number of credits according to the curriculum.

Art. 36. The 60 credits obtained at the end of the first year will allow the doctoral student to advance to the higher years of the individual scientific research programme.

CHAPTER VI. Completion of studies

Art. 37. Doctoral studies are completed by publicly defending the doctoral thesis within the deadlines established by the legislation in force.

CHAPTER VII. Final provisions

Art. 38. The organisation and form of the examination/colloquium will be found in the doctoral student's individual plan and in the course description.

Art. 39. The Senate of the Victor Babeș University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timișoara approved these Regulations at its meeting on 28 April 2021, amended and supplemented at its meeting on 29 January 2026, the date on which they enter into force.

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