Annotations to the Internal Regulations of Comenius University in Bratislava

Internal Regulation No. 8/2013 approved by the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava

The Study Regulations of Comenius University in Bratislava in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Study Regulations of CU”)

The Study Regulations of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Study Regulations of CU regulate the study of students at all levels of study who are admitted to study programmes accredited according to the Higher Education Act. CU provides higher education in the bachelor’s study programme (the study programme of the first level), the master’s study programme (the study programme of the second level), in the first and second level of studies joined into one unit in accordance with the Universities Act, and in the postgraduate study programme (the study programme of the third level).

The Study Regulations of CU regulate the legal relationships connected with providing, organizing, and securing higher education studies carried out at the faculties of CU or other units of CU.

The scope of the regulation of the Study Regulations also comprises the rules of the admission procedure and the process of admission procedure; it specifically regulates the application for studies, the entrance examination, the decision on the result of the admission procedure, the process of making the results of the admission procedure public, and the review of the decision on non-admission to study at CU.

The Study Regulations of CU also regulate the organization of the levels, forms, and methods of study at CU, particularly the study schedule, the credit system of studies, the study programme, the study plan, the subjects of the study programme, educational activities, and study-related documents.

The Study Regulations of CU also define the rights and obligations of students as well as the conditions for admission to study, the conditions for the completion of study, and the stages of study assessment, the grading scale, and the overall assessment of studies. The Study Regulations of CU also define the specifics of postgraduate study.

The Study Regulations of CU also lay down the rules regarding the changes of the study programme, the recognition of completed subjects, the transfer of credits and grades, and conditions regarding the interruption of studies and the completion of studies.
Last but not least, the Study Regulations of CU also regulate other facts connected with higher education provided at CU.
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The Scholarship Regulations of Comenius University in Bratislava in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Scholarship Regulations of CU”)

The Scholarship Regulations of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The scholarships are a direct form of social support for students. CU provides the scholarships to students from the funds provided for this purpose from the state budget and from its own private resources by means of the CU scholarship fund.

The Scholarship Regulations of CU regulate the granting of scholarships to students in the bachelor’s study programme (the study programme of the first level), the master’s study programme (the study programme of the second level), and in the first and second levels of studies joined into one unit in accordance with the Universities Act. The Scholarship Regulations of CU do not apply to students in the postgraduate study programme, since such students are awarded scholarships in accordance with the Universities Act with the exception of Article 10 (a one-time special scholarship), and Article 11 (scholarships and social support from private resources).

In accordance with the Scholarship Regulations of CU, social scholarships and incentive scholarships are granted from the funds provided from the state budget. The social scholarship may be granted to students in the study programme of the first level, in the study programme of the second level, and in the first and second levels of studies joined into one unit that have their permanent residence in the Slovak Republic and that meet the requirements for being awarded a social scholarship. Students are legally entitled to a social scholarship.

The incentive scholarships from the funds provided from the state budget are awarded by CU to students in the study programmes defined in the methodology issued by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic or to students for their outstanding performance in completing study obligations and achieving excellent results in their field of study, in research, development, and in artistic or sports activities.

The Scholarship Regulations of CU also regulate scholarships funded from the private resources of CU, namely a one-time special scholarship that may be awarded by the Dean to students in the bachelor’s, master’s, or postgraduate (doctoral) study programmes who are exceptionally talented, or to students affected by an especially negative social situation during their studies, or to students with a severe disability; it also regulates the scholarships and social support from the private resources of CU that may be awarded by the Dean in the form of resources obtained by the business activities of the Faculty to students in the bachelor’s, master’s, or postgraduate (doctoral) study programmes for their outstanding performance in completing their study obligations.
The Scholarship Regulations of CU mainly regulate the rules and requirements concerning the process of awarding the specific types of scholarships as well as the process of the decision of CU on awarding or on not awarding a scholarship as well as legal remedies concerning such decisions.
The Disciplinary Rules of Comenius University in Bratislava for Students (hereinafter referred to as the “Disciplinary Rules of CU”)

The Disciplinary Rules of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Disciplinary Rules of CU regulate the status and activities of the CU Disciplinary Committee for Students, which is an academic self-governing body of CU. The CU Disciplinary Committee discusses the disciplinary offences of CU students that are not enrolled in a study programme provided at the Faculty and submits a proposal for a decision to the Rector.

The Disciplinary Rules of CU regulate the status and activities of the Faculty’s Disciplinary Committee for Students, which is an academic self-governing body of the Faculty and which discusses disciplinary offences of students enrolled in study programmes provided at the Faculty and submits a proposal for a decision to the Dean.

A disciplinary offence is a violation, committed intentionally or negligently, of legal regulations, the Internal Regulations of CU, or of public order. The Disciplinary Rules of CU also comprise a non-exhaustive list of disciplinary offences of students. For committing a disciplinary offence, the following disciplinary measures may be imposed on a student according to the degree of seriousness and the degree of culpability: a reprimand, a conditional expulsion from studies, or expulsion from studies.

The Disciplinary Rules of CU also regulate disciplinary proceedings. The scope of the regulation also comprises regulations concerning the suggestion and the proposal to initiate disciplinary proceedings and its requirements as well as the rejection of the proposal to initiate disciplinary proceedings if such a proposal does not meet the requirements.

The Disciplinary Rules of CU also regulate proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee, the discontinuation of disciplinary proceedings, the decision on the imposition of a disciplinary measure, and the review of a decision on the imposition of a disciplinary measure.
Internal Regulation No. 9/2008 approved by the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava

The Rules of Procedure of the Disciplinary Committee of Comenius University in Bratislava for Students (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules of Procedure of CU”)

The Rules of Procedure of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Rules of Procedure of CU regulate the activities of the Disciplinary Committee of CU for Students, which, as an academic self-governing body of CU, discusses disciplinary offences of students of CU that are not enrolled in study programmes provided at the Faculty and submits a proposal for a decision to the Rector. The scope of the regulation of the Rules of Procedure also defines the activities of the Faculty’s Disciplinary Committee for Students. The Faculty’s Disciplinary Committee for Students discusses disciplinary offences of students that are enrolled in study programmes provided at the Faculty and submits a proposal for a decision to the Dean. The Disciplinary Committee of CU for Students and the Faculty’s Disciplinary Committee for Students (hereinafter also collectively referred to as the “disciplinary committee”) initiates disciplinary proceedings upon a proposal.

The provisions set by the Rules of Procedure also contain the procedures of the disciplinary committee in discussing the disciplinary offences of students and regulate the process of convening the disciplinary committee and the obligation of discretion of the members of the disciplinary committee pertaining to the information discussed during the disciplinary proceedings. The proceedings concerning the disciplinary offence before the disciplinary committee are public and oral.

The Rules of Procedure of CU also regulate the rights and obligations of a student who has committed a disciplinary offence, the quorum of the disciplinary committee, and the number of votes cast by members of the disciplinary committee required to adopt a resolution of the disciplinary committee.
Internal Regulation No. 3/2007 approved by the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava

The Organizational Rules of Comenius University in Bratislava in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Organizational Rules of CU”)

The Organizational Rules of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU” or “the University”). The Organizational Rules of CU primarily regulate the organizational system of CU, internal organizational and governing systems of the University, the mission and scope of the independent business bodies and the centrally financed parts of the University, the economic and accounting structure within the University, the system of Internal Regulations of CU, the methods of determining the validity and legal applicability of Internal Regulations, and the procedures of abolishing Internal Regulations in the case they violate laws or any legally binding acts, the Statute of CU, or any other Internal Regulations of CU. The Organizational Rules of CU are binding for all employees who are in an employment relationship with CU.

In accordance with the Organizational Rules of CU, the Rector is the governing and statutory body of the University, acts on behalf of the University, and represents the University externally. The Rector shall be accountable to the Academic Senate of CU unless stated otherwise in the Higher Education Act. The Rector is represented by Vice-Rectors and a Quaestor within the bounds stipulated in the specific authorization of the Rector and in accordance with the Statute of CU.

CU consists of the following faculties:
   a) Faculty of Medicine (FMED CU),
   b) Faculty of Law (FLAW CU),
   c) Faculty of Arts (FARS CU),
   d) Faculty of Natural Sciences (FNS CU),
   e) Faculty of Education (FEDU CU),
   f) Faculty of Pharmacy (FPHARM CU),
   g) Faculty of Physical Education and Sport (FSHORT CU),
   h) Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin (JFMED CU),
   i) Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics (FMPH CU),
   j) Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology of Cyril and Methodius (FRCTH CU),
   k) Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty (FELTH CU),
   l) Faculty of Management (FM CU),
   m) Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences (FSES CU).

CU also comprises Independent Business Bodies and Centrally Financed Parts.
The Staff Regulations of Comenius University in Bratislava in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Staff Regulations of CU”)

The Staff Regulations of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Staff Regulations regulate the rights and obligations stemming from the employment relationships established between CU or its bodies (the employer) and natural persons (the employees). The Staff Regulations of CU are binding for all employees of CU. The Staff Regulations are applicable commensurately to the employees who work for CU under work agreements performed outside an employment relationship.

The Staff Regulations primarily define and regulate pre-contractual relationships, the establishment and termination of employment contracts, changes in labour conditions, the fundamental obligations of CU as the employer and its employees, working hours, obstacles of work, business trips, overtime work, night work, periods of leave, salary, the exercise of other business activity, liability for damage caused by the employee, and the liability of the employer for damage caused to the employee.
The Principles of the Selection Procedure for Recruiting University Teachers, Researchers, Professors, Associate Professors, and Leading Staff at Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “Principles of the Selection Procedure of CU”)

The Principles of the Selection Procedure of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). This Internal Regulation regulates the principles, and the procedures of recruiting university teachers, researchers, professors, associate professors, and leading staff of CU.

The Principles of the Selection Procedure of CU regulate the announcing of a selection procedure, the prerequisites regarding such an announcement, the establishment and the activities of the selection board, the process of the selection procedure, and the results thereof.

The selection procedure aims to examine the competence and professional knowledge of the candidates that are required, or are recommended, in consideration of the character of responsibilities to be carried out by an employee in a working position or official position for which a selection procedure is opened.

The clearance of vacancies by a selection procedure is not exercised when recruiting university teachers for fixed-term employment with a duration of less than one year with the working time set shorter than the weekly working time; it is not exercised when recruiting university teachers under agreements on work performed outside an employment relationship with a duration of less than one year or when recruiting visiting professors.
The Primary Rules of Business Activities of Comenius University in Bratislava approved by the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava

The Primary Rules of Business Activities of Comenius University in Bratislava are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). CU carries out business activities in accordance with Section 18 of the Higher Education Act, in accordance with Article 87 of the Statute of CU, and in accordance with Article 9 of the Primary Rules of Financial Management of CU.

A business or business activity shall mean a sustained activity carried out independently by CU or by its independently financed bodies that act on behalf of CU under its responsibility with the purpose of obtaining a financial profit. The business activities of CU shall be carried out in accordance with Article 87 of the Statute of CU for consideration. The business activities of CU shall pertain to an educational, research, development or artistic activity, a therapeutic and preventive care activity, or to other creative activities. Within the scope of the business activities, CU also carries out activities aimed at optimizing human resources and the assets of CU. The business activities shall not jeopardize the quality, the scope, and the accessibility of those activities, which are part of the mission of a public higher education entity in accordance with Section 1(4) of the Universities Act.

The primary purpose of the business activities is to obtain new sources of revenue which shall be used in financing the activities and development of CU.

This Internal Regulation regulates, in particular, the basic requirements for business activities, the methods of carrying these out, the primary rules of the business activities of CU, the pricing and invoicing rules in connection with the business activities of CU, and the employment relations connected with the business activities of CU.
The Statute of the Administrative Board of Comenius University in Bratislava approved by the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava and by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research, and Sport of the Slovak Republic in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Statute of the Administrative Board of CU”)

The Statute of the Administrative Board of CU is an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Administrative Board of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “Administrative Board of CU”), within the scope laid down in the Universities Act, supports the strengthening of ties between CU and the public, and it promotes and takes into account the public interest with regard to the activities of CU, especially when it comes to the use of assets and funds which have been granted to CU by the Slovak Republic.

The Statute of the Administrative Board of CU regulates the number of its members and the methods of nominating and appointing these members, and it defines those persons who are denied membership.

The Statute of the Administrative Board of CU also regulates the methods of operation of the Administrative Board of CU with regard to CU’s aim of acquiring and managing the assets of CU and with regard to establishing a legal person or to investing monetary deposits or contributions in kind to this legal person or to any other legal persons.

The Administrative Board of CU also comments on the long-term plan of the University and on other matters which are submitted for discussion by the Minister of Education of the Slovak Republic, the Rector, or the chairperson of the Academic Senate of CU; it comments on the University's budget proposal, on the annual activity report, and on the annual financial management report of CU.

The activities of the members of the Administrative Board of CU are carried out in the general interest.
The Election Principles of the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Election Principles of the AS of CU”)

The Election Principles of the AS of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Election Principles of the AS of CU regulate the details concerning the term of office of the members of the Academic Senate of CU (hereinafter referred to as the “AS”), the right to vote and to stand in elections, the electoral bodies, and the electoral periods; it regulates the announcement of general elections, by-elections, and supplementary elections. The Academic Senate is divided into an employee section and a student section.

The Election Principles of the AS of CU define the process of the elections to the Academic Senate of CU.

The Election Principles of the AS of CU also regulate the reasons for recalling a member of the Academic Senate of CU and the procedure of recalling the member.
The Rules of Procedure of the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules of Procedure of the AS of CU”)

The Rules of Procedure of the AS of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava. The Rules of Procedure of the AS of CU regulate the structure and the scope of authority of the bodies of the Academic Senate of CU (hereinafter referred to as the “AS”), the preparation and the process of convening official meetings of the AS, the proceedings of the AS, the adoption of resolutions by the AS as well as by its collective bodies, the organizational and technical arrangements required for the activities of the AS, and other guidelines that define the organization and the activities of the AS.

Moreover, the Rules of Procedure of the AS of CU regulate the rights and obligations of the members of the AS, the establishment of committees and their scope of authority, the process of convening official meetings of the AS, the proceedings of the AS, the steps necessary for adopting a resolution by the AS, the voting methods of the AS, the official meetings of the collective bodies of the AS, the status of the student section of the AS, the methods of making documentation describing the activities of the AS and its bodies public, and the delivery of documents to the members of the AS.
The Long-term Plan for the Development of Comenius University in Bratislava for the 2014–2024 period approved by the Academic Senate of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “long-term plan for the development of CU”)

The long-term plan for the development of CU is an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU” or “the University”). The long-term plan for the development of CU defines the development goals of the University for a period of ten years. The plan is based on the mission of CU as defined in the Statute of CU, the previous long-term plans for the development of CU, the analysis of the current state of the University, and on strategy documents which constitute the basis for managing higher education in the European Union and the Slovak Republic. Each of the partial aims of the long-term plan shall be further elaborated, while the measures required for their completion and measurable indicators of their fulfilment shall also be defined.

The academic culture and activities of CU are governed and formed by the basic principles of CU, which are defined in the long-term plan for the development of CU. The plan also defines strategic aims in the fields of education, science and research, and the fields of human resources, management, organization, and infrastructure.

The aim of CU is to be a nationwide cultural and spiritual centre for individuals, organizations, and institutions; it aims to be a formative element of public life and to contribute to the development of civil society.
The Statute of Comenius University in Bratislava in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Statute of CU”)

The Statute of CU is an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The official name of CU is defined in the introductory provisions in the Slovak, Latin, and English languages. The name of CU in other languages, the names of the faculties in Slovak and other languages, and the names of other parts of CU in Slovak and English are listed in the annex of the Statue of CU. The address of Comenius University is located at 6 Šafárik Square (Šafárikovo námestie 6), Bratislava, Slovakia. The primary mission of CU is to spread education; protect knowledge; encourage free thinking, independent scientific research, and artistic expression; and multilaterally support the productive spirit of human society.

According to the Statute of CU, CU is an autonomous and public institution which freely and creatively undertakes scientific, educational, artistic, and cultural activities. The educational activities of CU are based on general scientific and technological knowledge, and on the scientific research of CU itself. CU represents a substantial contribution to the development of science, education, and culture in the Slovak Republic.

The Statute of CU regulates the primary organizational structure of CU, the method of electing the Rector, and the method of accepting a proposal of the Rector’s removal from their post; it also regulates primary characteristics of the higher education system and the system of further education provided by CU.

The Statute of CU further regulates the framework conditions for admission to study, including the method of calculating volumes of admission, the framework conditions of study of foreign nationals, the framework provisions regarding tuition fees and other fees connected with studies, and the framework provisions regarding the social support system of the University for students.

The Statute of CU also defines the academic rights and obligations of students.

Last but not least, the Statute of CU regulates the rules of using the academic insignias and it regulates academic ceremonies, the basic principles of employment relationships at CU and its faculties, and the procedures of deciding on issues pertaining to these. It also deals with the internal rules of the financial management of CU, including the rules of business activities and the rules of exercising the scope of the faculties in cases in which the faculties act on behalf of CU.
The Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Board of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules of Procedure of CU”)

The Rules of Procedure of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Scientific Board of CU (hereinafter referred to as the “Scientific Board”) is an academic self-governing body of CU. The members of the Scientific Board are appointed and recalled by the Rector with prior approval by the Academic Senate of CU. The chairperson of the Scientific Board is the Rector of the University.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of CU, the Scientific Board discusses the long-term plan of CU, does so regularly, and, at least once a year evaluates the quality of CU with regard to educational activities and the quality of CU in the field of science, technology, and art. The Scientific Board approves the proposed study programmes if discussing these is not within the scope of the Scientific Board of the Faculty; the students’ representatives chosen by the student section of the Academic Senate of CU are invited to attend this discussion. The Scientific Board approves other experts who are authorized to examine students during state examinations pertaining to the study programmes provided at CU; it approves supervisors for postgraduate studies if this is not within the scope of the Scientific Boards of the faculties. It also approves the requirements for obtaining the academic title of “associate professor” and the requirements for obtaining the academic title of “professor”.

The Rules of Procedure of CU also regulate the organization of activities and meetings of the Scientific Board, voting per rollam (voting without convening a meeting), the attendance of candidates considered to be awarded the title of “professor”, the title of “doctor scientiarum”, and the title of “associate professor” at the meetings of the Scientific Board.
The Principles of the Habilitation Process and Awarding the Title of “Associate Professor” and the Process of Appointing Professors at Comenius University in Bratislava in the wording of later annexes (hereinafter referred to as the “Principles of the Habilitation Process and the Appointing Process at CU”)

The Principles of the Habilitation Process and the Appointing Process at CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Principles of the Habilitation Process and the Appointing Process at CU specifically regulate the habilitation process connected with the awarding of the title of “associate professor” and the process of appointing professors (hereinafter also referred to as the “processes”). The submission of a candidate’s written application, including any annexes, to the chairperson of the Scientific Board of the Faculty which has the granted right to initiate the habilitation process or the appointing process within a given field is within the scope of the regulation of the processes. The application shall be submitted to the Faculty’s registry, which shall indicate the date of the submission on the application itself. This Internal Regulation further regulates the necessary elements which need to be submitted with the application for the title of “associate professor” and for the title of “professor” as well as the deadlines connected with the processes and other requirements related to the processes.
The General Criteria for Filling the Posts of Professors and Associate Professors, and the Specific Requirements for Filling the Posts of Professors at Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “Criteria for Filling Posts at CU”)
The Framework Criteria for Obtaining the Academic Title of “Associate Professor” and “Professor” of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “Framework Criteria of CU”)

The Framework Criteria of CU are an Internal Regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”). The Framework Criteria are based on the character concept of the candidates for the aforementioned degrees; they take into account their presentation and promotion within the international scientific community, and they shall also consider the scientific field and the orientation of publication activities of specific faculties. The aim of this Framework Criteria of CU is to formulate the requirements upon which the specific criteria of the faculties shall be based. The university-wide criteria also define the minimum requirements regarding the pedagogical activity and work experience of a university teacher who applies for a title.

The Framework Criteria of CU primarily regulate the nature of pedagogical activities of the candidates, the scope of pedagogical activities of the candidates, the scope of research activities of the candidates, the documentation of research productivity, the bibliometric indicators of research productivity, and the response thereof.
The General Criteria of the Faculties for Filling the Posts of Professors and Associate Professors, and the Specific Requirements for Filling the Posts of Professors at the Faculties of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the “General Criteria of the Faculties of CU”)

The General Criteria of the Faculties of CU have been elaborated in accordance with Section 12(1)(h) and (i) of Act No. 131/2002 on Universities (“the Universities Act”). The Scientific Board of CU has reviewed this General Criteria, while taking into account the proposals of the Scientific Boards of the Faculties, and have approved the general criteria for the specific faculties of Comenius University in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as “CU”) at its meetings. The general criteria for specific faculties further regulate the general criteria for filling the posts of professors and associate professors at the faculties, and the specific requirements for filling the posts of professors.