

Directive of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University No. 4/2020

Studies in doctoral study programmes

(in the wording effective from 1st September 2020)

In accordance with § 28 section 1 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to some other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (the "Higher Education Act"), I hereby issue this directive:

Article 1

General provisions

This Directive is based on principles set out in Section 4 of the Masaryk University Study and Examination Regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Regulations") and sets out conditions for organization of studies in doctoral degree programmes at the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University (hereinafter referred to as "the faculty").

Article 2

Supervisor appointment and dismissal

1. A supervisor, either a professor or associate professor, is appointed by the dean on the basis of a proposal submitted by the doctoral board or of the dean's own initiative following a discussion with the doctoral board chair. The appointment is not subject to the faculty scientific board approval.
2. In exceptional justified cases, the dean may – with the approval of the faculty scientific board – appoint an academic employee who does not meet the requirement of being either a professor or associate professor; however, such a person may only act as supervisor for a particular candidate and thesis topic and must hold a degree of Ph.D., CSc. or Dr. or equivalent degree.
3. Supervisors are assigned to candidates by the doctoral board (alternatively by the doctoral committee, has it been established and given the right to do so); while observing the candidate's preferences presented at the entrance examination, should he/she have any.

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V odpovědi, prosím, uvádějte naše číslo jednací.

4. The dean, the doctoral board and the doctoral committee adhere to maximal number of concurrently assigned candidates in supervisor appointments in accordance with paragraphs above: 5 candidates for professors and associate professors, 1 candidate for other supervisors.
5. A supervisor is dismissed by the dean on the basis of a proposal submitted by the doctoral board or of the dean's own initiative following a discussion with the doctoral board chair. The dismissal is not subject to the faculty scientific board approval.

Article 3

Consultant

1. In justified cases, the vice-dean may assign a consultant to a candidate on the basis of the doctoral board (the doctoral committee) proposal, in case it is fundamental and advisable for further progress of the candidate's studies. The proposal for a consultant assignment must include detailed reasoning. The role of the supervisor is not affected by a consultant appointment.
2. If not specified otherwise, the consultant is responsible mainly for systematic long-term expert consultations and feedback for the candidate, as well as methodical supervision in cooperation with the supervisor. The candidate informs the supervisor about progress and outcomes of the consultations regularly; if requested, the candidate also informs the doctoral board (the doctoral committee).
- 3. A supervisor is dismissed by the dean on the basis of a proposal submitted by the doctoral board.

Article 4

Consultation group

1. In the first year of study, the doctoral board (the doctoral committee), following the proposal of the supervisor, appoints a three-member consultation group to the candidate; one of the members is the supervisor and one of the members is external. Shall the candidate have a consultant, he/she is a member of the consultation group. If the consultation group is not appointed and is not specified otherwise by the doctoral board (the doctoral committee), the doctoral committee (the doctoral board) works as the consultation group.
2. Consultation group participates in continuous feedback given to the candidate, especially fulfilment of milestones specified in the individual study plan.

Article 5

Individual study plan

1. The individual study plan for the whole course of studies and its alterations are created by the candidate and the supervisor in cooperation. Following a discussion with the supervisor, the candidate records the content of the individual study plan using a designated Information System of MU (hereinafter referred to as "IS MU") application by 20 February of the first year of study. The supervisor approves of it by 28 February in the first year of study. The doctoral board (the doctoral committee) evaluates the fulfilment of the individual study plan and in case of approval grants a pass by 30 April in the first year of study.
2. Compilation of individual study plan must respect obligatory courses in given study programme as well as other rules specified by the doctoral board. If not decided otherwise by the doctoral board, individual study plan includes at least one compulsory milestone which is connected to the doctoral thesis preparation, is supposed to be fulfilled by the end of 4th term of study and the fulfilment of which is connected to presentation in front of readers of hitherto work on the doctoral theses.

Article 6

Doctoral thesis research focus and doctoral thesis title

- 1. The title of the doctoral thesis which is submitted in the archive in the IS MU must follow the previously approved research topic specified in the individual study plan.
 2. The candidate is obliged to submit the doctoral thesis title to the responsible faculty department by the end of 6th term; thereafter an archive file is created. The archive is created without any other requirements in case the doctoral theses topic is identical with the research focus specified in the individual study plan. Approval of the supervisor and the doctoral study board (the doctoral committee) is required in case the doctoral thesis title is not identical with the research focus.

Article 7

Doctoral thesis language, doctoral state examination and doctoral thesis defence

1. The doctoral study programme implemented in Czech language allows the submission of doctoral thesis written in Czech, Slovak or English languages. The doctoral thesis may be submitted in a different language following the approval of doctoral board.

2. The doctoral state examination and the doctoral thesis defence in a doctoral study programme implemented in Czech language may be realized in Slovak language.

Article 8

Development of pedagogical skills of candidates

1. Candidates take part in pedagogical activities at the faculty in cooperation with supervisors or other members of academic staff in order to advance their pedagogical competencies. Following discussion with the candidate, the supervisor or a person entrusted by the supervisor specifies the candidate's word load with respect to the given course content.
2. The supervisor respects the limit of 25 direct teaching sessions (of 100 minutes) during the whole course of studies while appointing responsibilities to the candidate. Teaching by candidate above the limit may take place only after mutual agreement with the supervisor, the course director and the head of the department. Direct teaching exceeding 50 direct teaching sessions is possible only after setting labour relations with the faculty.
3. Teaching activities are recorded by the candidate in a given electronic overview, if applicable in the study programme.

Article 9

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1. I hereby authorize the Vice-dean for doctoral studies and advanced Master's state examinations with the evaluation of this Directive, its implementation, and possible amendments.
2. This Dean's directive replaces the Dean's directive No. 9/2017, on Studies in the doctoral study programme Theoretical Legal Sciences.
3. This Directive shall become effective on 1st September 2020.

In Brno on 18th August 2020

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