

Pursuant to Article 62 of the Act on Higher Education and Scientific Activity (OG 119/22), Article 123 of the Statute of the University of Split, article 14 of the Regulations of the University of Split on the procedure for applying, evaluating and defending a doctoral thesis or creating, performing and presenting a work of art and Articles 34 and 43 of the Statute of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, the Faculty Council of the University of Split, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture at its 8th Regular Session held on 14 May 2025, adopted the following

REGULATIONS
on amendments to the Regulations on doctoral studies at the University of
Split, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval
Architecture

Article 1

In Article 7 of the Regulations on doctoral studies at the University of Split, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture adopted at the Faculty Council 10th Regular Session held on 7 July 2023 (Class: 643-01/23-05/002, Ref. No.: 2181-206-1-1-23-001), hereinafter referred to as the Regulations, paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

(2) "Admission may be granted to applicants who earned a degree of Master of Science in other fields of engineering sciences. For these applicants, the Committee may require that they take supplemental exams."

In Article 7, paragraph 3 of the Regulations is deleted.

In Article 7, paragraph 4 of the Regulations becomes paragraph 3 and is amended as follows:

(3) "Admission may be granted to applicants who passed all the exams at the postgraduate science degree programme to earn a degree of Master of Science in respective scientific fields in the Republic of Croatia or equivalent scientific fields in other countries, but have not earned a degree of Master of Science."

In Article 7 of the Regulations a new paragraph 4 is added which reads as follows:

(4) "Admission may be granted to applicants who passed all the exams at the postgraduate science degree programme to earn a degree of Master of Science in other fields of engineering sciences, but have not earned a degree of Master of Science. For these applicants, the Committee may require that they take supplemental exams."

Article 2

In Article 8, paragraph 3 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(3) "Applicants referred to in Article 7 of these Regulations enrol to the doctoral study programme without participating in the admissions procedure and admission quotas are not applied to these applicants."

In Article 13, paragraph 3 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(3) "In the first semester of the study candidates enrol in one research seminar, and in the second semester one seminar related to a course (candidate defines the course together with the supervisor). The research seminar in the research area is focused on acquiring presentation skills and discussing research results. The seminar related to a course includes the preparing of one scientific paper or review article in the area of a selected course. Course teachers for selected courses confirm that the seminar programme was successfully completed."

In Article 13, paragraph 6 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(6) „Seminars are implemented by the Commission consisting of three (3) members of the teaching staff of the doctoral study, appointed by the Committee in each of the research areas. The Commission defines how to pass the seminar and confirms the seminar programme was successfully completed.”

Article 3

In Article 17, after paragraph 4 of the Regulations, a new paragraph 5 is added which reads as follows:

(5) „The rights and obligations of a doctoral candidate are suspended during pregnancy, during the period of the child's first year of life, during incapacity for work for more than three months, and in other justified cases based on a decision of the Committee or prescribed by law.”

Article 4

Article 25 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(1) „Implementation of the doctoral studies study programme, in accordance with Article 4 of the Regulations is monitored and coordinated by the Committee.

(2) The Committee consists of at least five members, and includes the heads of the doctoral study programmes or specialisations, if the study programme has them. The members of the Committee, president and deputy president of the Committee, head of the study programme, and heads of the programmes or specialisations are appointed by the Faculty Council for the term of two years, following a proposal of the Dean of the Faculty.

(3) The Committee, as a working body of the Faculty Council, performs all necessary tasks related to the organisation and maintenance of doctoral studies in accordance with these Regulations and is responsible for its work to the Faculty Council.

(4) The Committee prescribes the forms required for administrative implementation of doctoral studies, resolves the requests of doctoral candidates and determines the deadlines for submitting the requests of doctoral candidates.

(5) Committee sessions may be regular or extraordinary. Regular meetings are usually held in the week before the Faculty Council session, and extraordinary sessions are held as needed.

(6) Until the time of submission of doctoral thesis, administrative affairs for the Committees and the doctoral studies are managed by the Faculty's Student Affairs Office, and in the further procedure, administrative affairs are managed by the Legal Office.”

Article 5

In Article 26, paragraph 2 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(2) „In order to ensure the quality of the doctoral thesis, joint supervision is permitted, if necessary (for example, interdisciplinary research, research conducted in several institutions). In that case, each supervisor assumes responsibility for a pre-defined part of the research and the procedure of producing a doctoral thesis“.

In Article 26, paragraph 3 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(3) “A person who is active researcher, relevant in the international scientific community (based on papers indexed in WoSCC (Web of Science Core Collection) - SCIE (Science Citation Index Expanded) database, during the last 5 (five) years and the results of previous supervision), can be appointed as supervisor for the subject of doctoral research.“

In Article 26, paragraph 4 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(4) “In case that one supervisor is appointed, he or she must be an employee of the Faculty or a professor emeritus of the Faculty and a member of the teaching staff of the Faculty doctoral study programme.”

In Article 26, paragraph 5 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(5) „In case of joint supervision, at least one supervisor must be employed at the Faculty or professor emeritus of the Faculty and a member of the teaching staff of the Faculty's doctoral study programme. A supervisor who is not employed at the Faculty or a professor emeritus of the Faculty and is not a part of the teaching staff of the Faculty's doctoral study programme, in addition to the condition referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, must fulfil one of the following conditions: employed at a scientific-teaching position, teacher appointed to a nominal position and fulfilling the conditions for appointment to a scientific-teaching position, visiting professor, employed as a researcher or researcher appointed to a nominal position.“

In Article 26, paragraph 6 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(6) “A teacher who fulfil the above conditions can be supervisor to maximum three candidates per generation, and the professor emeritus of the Faculty who fulfil the above conditions can be supervisor to one candidate per generation.”

In Article 26, paragraph 7 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(7) „After each academic year, supervisor submit to the Committee written report on work performance of doctoral candidate. In case of unsatisfactory work performance of a doctoral candidate, evaluated in annual evaluation procedure conducted by the Committee, the Faculty Council may decide on exclusion from study, following the proposal of the Committee.“

In Article 26, paragraph 8 of the Regulations is amended as follows:

(8) „Supervisor from outside institutions who is not an employee of the Faculty must sign cooperation and liability agreement with the head of the institution delivering the study programme.“

In Article 26 of the Regulations a new paragraph 9 is added which reads as follows:

(9) Supervisor appointed before retirement may, with the consent of the Committee, act as supervisor until graduation if he or she is professor emeritus of the Faculty or teacher appointed to a nominal grade and fulfilling the conditions for appointment to a scientific-teaching position.

Article 6

In Article 30, after paragraph 3 of the Regulations, a new paragraph 4 is added, which reads as follows:

(4) „PhD qualifying exam may also be organised with the remote participation of some of the members of the Commission using available information technologies, whereby absolute majority of the members of the Commission for PhD qualifying exam physically attend a PhD qualifying exam. The president of the Commission for PhD qualifying exam, the doctoral candidate's supervisor and the doctoral candidate are required to physically attend the PhD qualifying doctoral exam.”

Article 7

In Article 34, after paragraph 2 of the Regulations, a new paragraph 3 is added, which reads as follows:

(3) „The public discussion may also be organised with the remote participation of some members of the Commission using available information technologies, whereby absolute majority of the members of the Commission for accepting the doctoral thesis proposal physically attend the public discussion. The president of the Commission for accepting the topic of the doctoral thesis, the doctoral candidate's supervisor and the doctoral candidate are required to physically attend the public discussion.

Article 8

In Article 45, after paragraph 15 of the Regulations, a new paragraph 16 is added, which reads as follows:

(16) Exceptionally, when a member of the Commission for defending the doctoral thesis is unable to attend the defence of the doctoral thesis, the defence of the doctoral thesis may be organised with the remote participation of some of the members of the Commission using available information technologies, whereby absolute majority of the members of the Commission for defending the doctoral thesis physically attend the defence of the doctoral thesis. The president of the Commission for defending the doctoral thesis, the doctoral candidate's supervisor and the doctoral candidate are required to physically attend the defence of the doctoral thesis.

Current paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Regulations become paragraphs 17 and 18.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 9

The Dean of the Faculty is authorised to draft a consolidated text of the Regulations.

Article 10

These Regulations on Amendments to the Regulations shall enter into force on the eighth day from the date of publication on the Faculty's website.

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