
Special Rules of Study at Charles University

Under sections 9 (1) (b) and 17 (1) (g) of Act No. 111/1998 Sb., to regulate higher education institutions and to change and amend other laws (the Higher Education Act), as amended, the Academic Senate of Charles University has adopted the following Special Rules for Study at Charles University as an internal regulation of the University:

Article 1 Scope of regulation

The regulation is to govern special rules for study in the academic year 2019/2020 in relation to the national emergency declared by the Government of the Czech Republic on 12 March 2020 as a result of the coronavirus epidemic and special measures adopted by the Government and ministries of the CR.

Article 2 Teaching

1. Teaching within programmes of study can be implemented in distance form irrespective of the form of teaching stipulated in the approved accreditation documents of the respective programmes or branches of study (“programme of study”) or set by the resolution of the Internal Evaluation Board of Charles University regarding the implementation of the programme of study within the institutional accreditation system.
2. The Dean or Director of a respective University unit may order that teaching in life-long education courses may be carried out in distance form irrespective of the original form of the respective course.

Article 3 Forms of assessment of study

1. The forms of assessment of study of an individual subject may be implemented in distance form irrespective of the form of assessment stipulated in the approved accreditation documents of the respective programmes or set by the resolution of the Internal Evaluation Board regarding the implementation of the programme of study within the institutional accreditation system and irrespective of whether such possibility is missing in the Rules of Study of the respective Faculty. The Dean is to decide whether the system of distance form of assessment should be launched in the respective Faculty; the guarantor of a respective programme of study, upon agreement with the guarantor of a respective subject, is to decide that the respective distance form of assessment be carried out.
2. Final state examinations, state rigorosum examinations, or parts thereof, state doctoral examinations and the defence of doctoral dissertations (“state examinations”) may be carried out in distance form. The Dean of a respective Faculty upon agreement with the guarantor of their programme of study is to decide whether distance form is applicable to the state examinations.
3. The period during which final state examinations may be held must be published at least one month in advance; exact dates must be published at least 15 days in advance. The period for final state examinations may be longer than two weeks. Where a Faculty in its Rules of Study regulates a minimum period to lapse between regular sittings and resits for final state examinations, such period must be at least one month long.
4. The Faculty should, in a relevant way, observe the requirement of the public nature of state examinations held in distance form.
5. The Dean may, to the extent necessary, determine rules for the assessment of study of a subject or state examinations in a way different from that set in the respective internal regulation of the Faculty; however, the Dean is obliged to respect students’ rights to the maximum extent possible.
6. Should it be necessary the Dean of a Faculty may allow the guarantor of a subject to change the requirements for the completion of the subject in a way different from that stipulated by Article 8 (4) and (8) of the Code of Study and Examination of Charles University (“CSECU”).

Article 4 Maximum period of study

1. Should the maximum period of study of a student under Article 4 (12) and Article 20 (2) of the CSECU expire between the beginning of the emergency and the end of the calendar year 2020 the maximum period of such student is extended until the end of the calendar year 2021.
2. The period between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020 is not included in the period of interruption nor the maximum period of study of individuals who have their study interrupted.

Article 5 Details relating to the rules of study at individual faculties

Details to implement Articles 2 and 3 are to be determined by respective Deans.

Article 6 Final provisions

1. These Rules were adopted by the Academic Senate of Charles University on April 4, 2020.
2. These Rules come into force on the date of registration thereof by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.¹
3. These Rules become operative on the date of force thereof.

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¹ Section 36 of the Higher Education Act. Registration was done on April 24, 2020.