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# Rector's Directive No. 9/2024

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Title	Details on provision for the possibility to continue studies in an identical or similar programme of studying case of termination of accreditation and right to offer a programme of study under institutional accreditation.
To implement	Sections 80 (5) and 81b (4) of Act No. 111/1998 Sb., to regulate higher education institutions and to change and amend other laws ("the Higher Education Act"), as amended
Lead Office	Student Affairs Department, the Rectorate
Date of effect:	1st March 2024

## **Details on provision for the possibility to continue studies in an identical or similar programme of studying case of termination of accreditation and right to offer a programme of study under institutional accreditation**

### **Article 1 Introductory Provision**

Under sections 80 (5) and 81b (4) of Act No. 111/1998 Sb., to regulate higher education institutions and to change and amend other laws ("the Higher Education Act"), as amended, this Rector's Directive addresses organisational issues related to providing for the possibility to continue studies in an identical or similar programme of study in the same or another faculty of Charles University in the case of termination of accreditation of a programme of study or withdrawal of the right to offer a programme of study within the framework of institutional accreditation ("termination of accreditation").

### **Article 2 Determination of the Successor Programme of Study**

1. A faculty provides students of a programme of study whose accreditation has been terminated and persons whose study of the programme has been interrupted ("the students") with a possibility to continue studies in a programme of study having identical or similar content to the programme of study whose accreditation has been terminated ("the successor programme").
2. The successor programme is approved by the Internal Evaluation Board of Charles University usually at the same time as granting the right to offer the programme.
3. The successor programme may contain a completion-of-study curriculum. The completion-of-study curriculum is, in terms of temporal and content sequence, identical to the curriculum within the programme of study whose accreditation has been terminated. If the successor programme contains a completion-of-study curriculum, the students are assigned to this curriculum.
4. If the Internal Evaluation Board approves two or more successor programmes, the Dean of the faculty which offered the programme whose accreditation has been terminated:
  - a. Chooses a successor programme matching the focus of the programme whose accreditation has been terminated from the approved successor programmes upon consultation with the guarantor of the study programme; or
  - b. Determines a deadline by which the students of the study programme whose accreditation has been terminated must choose between two or more successor programmes:
    - i. If a student makes a choice within the deadline given, such choice cannot be changed and is final;
    - ii. If a student fails to make a choice within the deadline given, the successor programme is chosen for the student by the Dean to match the focus of the programme whose accreditation has been terminated; such choice is final.
5. If it is necessary to take additional steps related to the choice of successor programme the parties proceed by analogy under paragraph 4.

## Article 3 Transfer to the Successor Programme of Study

1. The faculty decides via Dean's Directive on the transfer of students to the successor programme.
2. The Dean issues the directive usually no later than four months before the date on which the accreditation is to be terminated.
3. The Dean's Directive identifies the successor programme of study and the programme whose accreditation has been terminated, and states the date of assignment to the successor programme. If the procedure under Article 2 (4) (b) is applied, the directive also states the deadline for choosing between two or more successor programmes listed, and the choice of successor programme if a student fails to make a choice within the deadline.
4. If students are transferred between faculties, the faculty offering the programme whose accreditation has been terminated and the faculty offering the successor programme agree on the details in writing; the result of such agreement forms part of the Dean's Directive under paragraph 1. The Dean's Directive is issued by the Dean of the faculty offering the programme of study whose accreditation has been terminated.
5. A model directive forms Appendix No. 1 to this Directive.

## Article 4 Uninterrupted Study

1. For the below-listed purposes in particular, study in the programme of study whose accreditation has been terminated and study in the successor programme is considered as a single uninterrupted study:
  - a. Determination of the fee for longer study;
  - b. Awarding of a scholarship for outstanding academic achievement and doctoral bursary;
  - c. Membership in the academic community and membership in related bodies, providing it does not contradict the rules for the composition of such bodies, unless the procedure under Article 3 (4) is concerned;
  - d. Assessment of study of subjects (including the study requirements for which the students registered and have not yet satisfied them and all attempts to pass the assessment of study of the subject), state final examination and its parts, state doctoral examination, and defence of the dissertation;
  - e. Interruption of study and the overall period of study;
  - f. Assignment of the topic of a bachelor's, diploma, or dissertation thesis;
  - g. Determination of the conditions of individual curriculum in the case of students of bachelor's and master's programmes of study,
  - h. Assignment of supervisor, individual curriculum and regular evaluation thereof, and subjects registered for and completed in the case of students of doctoral programmes of study; and
  - i. Determination of the overall period of study.
2. Such uninterrupted study will be registered in the Study Information System of Charles University as a single study, and the date on which the student was transferred to the successor programme of study will be recorded. The maximum period of study equals the maximum period of study in the programme having a longer standard period of study.

## Article 5 Final Provisions

1. Rector's Directive No. 12/2019, to provide for the possibility to continue studies in an identical or similar programme of study is hereby repealed.
2. This Rector's Directive comes into force on the date of its signature and becomes effective on 1 March 2024.

Prague, 27 February 2024

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## Appendix No. 1 – Model Dean's Directive

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