



Ph.D. study – III. degree of study

PRINCIPLES FOR CREDIT EVALUATION OF Ph.D. STUDENTS

**Art. 1
General**

1. Regulations for application of credit system for evaluation of Ph.D. studies are based on § 62 paragraph 1 of Law no. 131/2002 Z.z., decree 614/02 Z.z. about credit based studies and Rector's decree REK0000498/2019-UPA/2201 which issues [Study regulations for doctoral studies](#) at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (UPJŠ hereafter).
2. Criteria for credit evaluation of doctoral studies, method of obtaining credits, point amount of credits for individual activities are based on the Recommended method of allocating credits to subjects in the creation of doctoral study programmess at UPJŠ ([Appendix No. 1](#) to the Study Regulations for Doctoral Studies at UPJŠ in Košice), in clarifications of this document, which is issued by the Faculty of Medicine in cooperation with the [Board of Study Programs](#) and [the Study Program Commissions](#), which are responsible for the professional level of doctoral study programs.

**Art. 2
Receiving credits during Ph.D. studies**

1. Student of III. degree of higher education (Ph.D. student) receives credits for completion of study part, research activities and results, pedagogical-educational activities and for preparation of the dissertation thesis.
 - a) Study part of Ph.D. studies consists of lectures and seminars of compulsory (C) subjects according to the Ph.D. study plan and compulsory optional (CO) or elective (E) subjects which the student has not yet completed and are provided by Faculty of Medicine or other faculties, including other universities and research facilities accredited for this level of education. Study part is closed by completion of Ph.D. examination.
 - b) Research activities include individual or team experimental work along with the presentation of obtained results on seminars, conferences and symposia on national or international level, publishing results in journals published in Slovakia or abroad, participation in preparation and solution of scientific projects, taking part in organization of scientific events and presentation of results of internship abroad.
 - c) Pedagogical-educational activities are registered as a part of study results of Ph.D. study and includes active participation and teaching of seminars, exercises, lectures and preparation of study materials.
 - d) Ph.D. student receives credits for preparation of dissertation thesis after its acceptance for defence.
2. Different activities listed above cannot be substituted with each other.



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3. Number of credits for individual activities of Ph.D. student in are listed below.

Activity	Credits
A) Study part	
Completion of compulsory (C) subjects (<i>according to the study plan</i>)	10
Completion of compulsory optional (CO) and elective (E) subjects (<i>according to the study plan</i>)	5
Individual study of scientific literature (<i>evaluation is carried out by the supervisor based on knowledge of the Ph.D. presented on seminars at the department</i>)	1 - 5
Internship (<i>Ph.D. student has to present specific results which bring benefits for preparation of dissertation thesis on seminar</i>)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a study stay abroad of less than 30 days 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a study stay abroad lasting more than 30 days 	10
B) Dissertation examination	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and submission of the thesis for dissertation examination 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful defence of the thesis for dissertation examination and completion of the examination part 	15
C) Research activities	
Scientific work published in the journal registered in the Web of Science or Scopus databases	
as the 1st author in the journal which is included in category:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 (according SJR or JCR) 	40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q2 (according SJR or JCR) 	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q3 (according SJR or JCR) 	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 (according SJR or JCR) 	20
as a co-author in the journal which is included in category:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 (according SJR or JCR) 	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q2 (according SJR or JCR) 	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q3 (according SJR or JCR) 	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q4 (according SJR or JCR) 	10
Scientific work as a monograph , published in:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publishers Elsevier, Springer, WileyBlackwell or Taylor & Francis 	40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • another publisher 	20
Scientific work published in a foreign journal:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as the 1st author 	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as a co-author 	10
Scientific work published in in a national magazine, respective in in a peer-reviewed foreign or national proceeding:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as the 1st author 	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as a co-author 	5



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Scientific work published in an unreviewed foreign or national proceeding :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as the 1st author • as a co-author 	6 3
Active presentation of results at:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an international conference abroad • a national conference with international participation • the national conference 	10 5 2
Responses to the scientific work in which the doctoral student is:	
as the 1st author registered in:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • databases SCI or Scopus • a foreign scientific journal • a national scientific journal 	20 10 5
as a co-author registered in:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • databases SCI or Scopus • a foreign scientific journal • a national scientific journal 	10 5 3
Grants:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtaining an internal grant UPJŠ (VVGS) or scientific project for young researchers by Faculty of Medicine - as a responsible solver • co-solver of internal grant (VVGS) • co-solver of an international project • co-solver of a national project (VEGA, KEGA, APVV ...) 	10 3 15 10
Lecture on research seminar at the department or clinic	2
Supervision of bachelor or diploma thesis	8
Review of bachelor or diploma thesis	3
Consultation of ŠVOČ (<i>applicable for consultation during supervision of student research project, presentation of results is evaluated separately in research part</i>)	8
Work in the conference organizing committee	3
The direct pedagogical activity (maximum 4 semester hour)	2/semester hour max. 8
Prevention and treatment activities per semester (<i>eligible only for Ph.D. students in external form of study participating in treatment and prevention</i>)	10
D) Dissertation thesis	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and submission of dissertation thesis (<i>credits are received after acceptance of the thesis for defence</i>) • Successful defence of dissertation thesis 	10 20



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Art. 3

Criteria for credit evaluation during Ph.D. studies

1. Standard work of a Ph.D. student in full-time study during one academic year should include activities equal to 60 credits and in the external form of study it corresponds to 48 credits (reported in the [annual report](#) on the doctoral student's activities).
2. Ph.D. student in both internal and external form of study needs to acquire a minimum of 40 credits during first year and minimum of 90 credits in second year to advance.
3. Ph.D. student can apply for dissertation examination after acquiring a minimum of 90 credits.
4. Ph.D. student can apply for dissertation thesis defence after acquiring a minimum of 210 credits.
5. A total of 240 credits has to be reached in both internal and external form of study, including credits for successful defence of dissertation thesis.

Art. 4

Revision of credit system

1. Supervisor must inform the Study program commission (SPC) and the [chairman of the SPC](#) about the total number of credits as well as structure of credits in respective parts of Ph.D. studies received by their student as a part of their Doctoral Annual Report.
2. Ph.D. student has to acknowledge the SPC with the number of credits received upon application for the dissertation examination and defence of the dissertation thesis.
3. The chairman of the SPC together with members of SPC have a full right to recommend amendments in case that discrepancies in receive of credits and their number exists.
4. The chairman of the SPC together with members of SPC have to inform the head of educational base in case of any wrongly assigned credits or failure to fulfil requirements for receiver of credits according to the points no. 2 or insufficient number of credits.

Art. 5

Final provision

The principles for credit evaluation of Ph.D. students were discussed and approved by Scientific Board of UPJŠ, Faculty of Medicine, they come into force on the day of their approval by AS UPJŠ, Faculty of Medicine and take effect on 01.09.2022.

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