

# The Pan-European University in Bratislava

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## **Rules for the Establishment, Implementation and Modification of Study Programs of the Pan-European University**

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# **RULES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND MODIFICATION OF STUDY PROGRAMS OF THE PAN-EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY**

## **Part I Basic Provisions**

### **Article 1 Introductory Provisions**

1. This Internal Regulation governs the rules for the application of the authorization to independently establish, implement and modify the specified type/s of study programs in the specified field/s of education pursuant to Sections 24 to 32 of the Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education, and amendments and supplementation to the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Quality Act”).
2. The set of internal requirements binding on the granting of authorization to implement a study program in cases pursuant to Sections 23 to 25 of the Quality Act is defined by the Internal Regulations of the Pan-European University (hereinafter referred to as “PEU”), on which the Board of the Internal Quality System Evaluation at the PEU (hereinafter referred to as “Quality Board”) comments.
3. This Internal Regulation establishes requirements for the implementation and establishment of the study programs, specification of requirements for individual types and forms of the study programs, and other specific requirements for, and changes in, the study programs, during the implementation hereof.

## **Part II Independent Authorization to Establish and Implement a Study Program**

## Article 2 Introductory Provision

1. The authorization to independently establish, modify and implement the specified type/s of study programs in the study fields and degrees (hereinafter referred to as “Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs”) is granted upon a written request by the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education Institutions (hereinafter referred to as “SAAHEI”) after the internal higher education quality system is reviewed by the SAAHEI or an external agency.
2. The application for independent establishment and implementation of study programs for the field/s of education shall contain:
  - a) Designation of the field/s of education, in which the PEU plans to operate;<sup>1</sup>
  - b) The Report on the Internal Quality Evaluation of the of educational, creative and related activities;<sup>2</sup> the preparation and discussion thereof shall be set forth by an internal regulation<sup>3</sup>;
  - c) A self-evaluation report describing and evaluating the fulfillment of the requirements arising from the individual accreditation standards.<sup>4</sup>
  - d) Other requirements established by the law.<sup>3</sup>
3. Faculties that implement, or plan to implement, the study program/s in the given field/s of education participate in the preparation of a part of the application for the independent establishment and implementation of the study programs as listed in Section 3 (a) and (c).

## Article 3 Proposal for the Fields of Education

1. The Rector shall invite the Deans of the faculties to submit proposals for the field/s of study programs, in which the faculty is conducting/will implement the study program/s for the purpose of preparing the field/s of education, in which the PEU will operate, based on the independent establishment and implementation of study programs.<sup>3</sup>
2. The proposal pursuant to Section 1 is approved by the Rector.
3. The submitter/s of the proposal for the field of education is/are:
  - a) The Dean of the faculty, when proposing a field of education, within which the study programs are, or are to be, implemented at one faculty;

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<sup>1</sup> The Act No. 269/2018 on Ensuring the Quality of the Higher Education, and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on the Public Procurement, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended;

<sup>2</sup>The PEU Internal Regulation No. 2/2022 “Internal Quality Assurance System of the Higher Education at the PEU”;

<sup>3</sup>The PEU Internal Regulation No. 1/2022 “Statute of the Board for Internal Quality Evaluation”;

<sup>4</sup> Section 23 of the ActNo. 269/2018 on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education, and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

- b) Deans of faculties, when proposing a field of education, within which the study programs are, or are to be, implemented at several faculties of the PEU or at another higher education institution. In that case, one of the faculties is the coordinator of the preparation and discussion of the proposal for the field of education.
4. The Rector submits the proposals of the presented fields of education to the Scientific Council of the PEU, the Administrative Board of the PEU, and the Quality Board for comments.
5. In case of material objections to the proposal for the field of education, the Scientific Council of the PEU and the Quality Board will return the proposal for the field of education through the Rector to the submitters thereof for a new discussion.

#### Article 4 Preparing a Self-Evaluation Report

1. After the proposal for the fields of education has been approved by the PEU Scientific Council and the Quality Board, the Rector will invite the submitter to provide documents for the purpose of preparing a Self-Evaluation Report<sup>5</sup>.
2. In the event that the documents are incomplete or show other deficiencies, the Rector will invite the submitter to complete and eliminate the discrepancies. The Rector sets a deadline for the submitter to supplement or eliminate discrepancies.

#### Article 5 Approval of the Intention to Submit a Request for the Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs

1. The intention to submit a request for the independent establishment and implementation of study programs for the field/s of education is approved by the Quality Board on the proposal of the Rector.
2. In justified cases, the Quality Board can interrupt the discussion of the intention to submit a request for the independent establishment and implementation of study programs and ask the Rector to supplement/revise the documents.

#### Article 6 Submission of the Application for Institutional Accreditation

1. Once the intention to submit an application for institutional accreditation was approved by the Quality Board, the Rector will submit the application for independent establishment and implementation of study programs to the SAAHEI.

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<sup>5</sup> Section 23 of the Act No. 269/2018 on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education, and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on the Public Procurement, and on amendments to the certain acts, as amended, and the related internal regulations of the PEU

Article 7  
Cooperation with Other Persons

1. If the decision to grant the right to independently establish and implement the study programs is to be based on the right to implement a study program in cooperation with workplaces having the status of a public research institution, such a workplace also becomes a participant in the application process for granting the right to independently establish and implement the study programs.

Article 8  
Termination of Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs

1. The independent establishment and implementation of study programs ceases upon expiry of the period, for which the accreditation was granted, withdrawal of accreditation under the law, or notification by the PEU to SAAHEI that the PEU is renouncing the institutional accreditation for the field/s of education<sup>3</sup>.
2. The intention to renounce the independent establishment and implementation of study programs is approved by the Quality Board at the proposal of the Rector. Prior to approval, the intention to renounce the independent establishment and implementation of study programs for the field/s of education shall be expressed by the scientific councils and academic senates of the faculties and, in the case of habilitation and inauguration proceedings, also by the Scientific Council of the PEU, which are/have been involved in the implementation of study programs in the given field/s of education.

**Part III**  
**The Right to Implement Study Programs within the Framework of Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs**

Article 9  
Introductory Provision

1. The independent establishment and implementation of study programs for the fields of study entitles the PEU to implement the study programs under the conditions established by the Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education, and on amendments and supplementation of the Act on Higher Education.
2. Based on the independent establishment and implementation of the study programs for the field/s of education, the Quality Board grants the faculty/faculties the authorization to implement the study program.

Article 10  
Submission of Study Program Proposal

1. The faculty Dean/s will notify the Rector of the intention to submit a proposal for a study program that has not yet been implemented at the faculty. The Rector informs the other



Deans of this interest and, together with their possible comments, submits a proposal to the Quality Board for approval.

2. The proposal for the study program shall be submitted to the Rector, who submits it to the Quality Board for discussion, by
  - a) The Dean of the faculty after approval by the scientific council of the faculty, in case of a study program implemented by one faculty under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute of the PEU (hereinafter referred to as “Statute”), or
  - b) The Deans of faculties in case of study programs implemented by several faculties, or with a participation by a higher education institute under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute.
3. Before the proposal was approved by the scientific council/s of the relevant faculty/faculties, the academic senate/s of the relevant faculty/faculties express their opinion on the proposal.
4. The requirements of the proposal are based on the legal regulation (law) and the internal regulations of the PEU. The details are governed by the PEU internal regulation, which is commented on by the Quality Board.
5. If the proposal is not complete or shows other deficiencies, the Quality Board will invite the submitter to complete and eliminate the deficiencies. The Quality Board can set a deadline for the submitter to supplement or eliminate deficiencies.

#### Article 11

##### Cooperation with the Public Research Institutions

1. Studies in the study program can also take place in cooperation with the public research institutions, if this results from the independent establishment and implementation of study programs.
2. Together with the proposal of the study program, the faculty Dean/s submit/s an agreement on mutual cooperation in the implementation of the study program.
3. The agreement with the public research institutions is signed by both, the Dean after the academic senate of the faculty gave opinion thereon and the scientific council of the faculty discussed it, and statutory body of the PEU.

#### Article 12

##### Cooperation with a Foreign Higher Education Institution

1. Pursuant to the regulations<sup>6</sup>, the study in the study program can also take place in cooperation with a foreign higher education institution that implements a content-related or supplementary study program.
2. The conditions of cooperation will be adjusted in line with the amendments to the Act of Higher Education Institutions, and pursuant to the legislation of the domicile state of the cooperating foreign higher education institution, in the agreement of the participating higher education institutions.

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<sup>6</sup> Section 54a of the Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on the Higher Education Institutions as amended.

3. The Dean submits the proposal for the agreement with the foreign higher education institution, after it was discussed by the faculty's scientific council, and after the faculty's academic senate gave its opinion thereon, to the Rector and the statutory body for approval and signature.

### Article 13 Discussion of the Proposal

1. The Quality Board assesses, whether the proposal meets the requirements arising from legal regulations and internal quality system regulations for the study programs of the PEU, and whether it is in accordance with the long-term objective of the educational and scientific, research, development, artistic or other creative activities of the PEU (hereinafter referred to as "Strategic Objective of the PEU").<sup>7,8</sup>
2. The working group of the Quality Board expresses its opinion on the proposal; the Quality Board can establish a working group or request the opinion of consultants.<sup>9</sup>
3. After the relevant working group offered its opinion, the Quality Board discusses the proposal and decides whether or not to grant authorization to implement the study program.
4. In justified cases, the Quality Board can interrupt the discussion and ask the submitter to supplement/modify the proposal. The Board sets a deadline for the submitter to supplement/modify the proposal. This period can be extended.
5. The Quality Board will decide, whether or not to grant authorization to implement the study program, within ninety (90) days of receiving the proposal of the submitter/s. This period does not include the time for deficiency elimination under the Article 11 (5), and the interruption period negotiated pursuant to Section 4.

### Article 14 Granting the Authorization to Implement a Study Program in the Regime of Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs

1. The Quality Board will grant authorization to implement a study program in the regime of independent establishment and implementation of study programs for a maximum period of ten (10) years. Authorization to implement a study program may be granted for a period of less than ten (10) years, if:

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<sup>7</sup> ActNo. 269/2018 on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education, and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

<sup>8</sup>Section 1 (2) to (4), Section 2 (10) of the Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on the Higher Education Institutions, as amended.

<sup>9</sup>The PEU's Internal Regulation No. 2/2022 "Statute of the Board for the Internal Quality Evaluation".

- a) The authorization is granted by the study program to implement the study program with regard to the fulfillment of the need to provide students with a possibility of completing their studies;
  - b) The study program does not provide sufficient guarantees of proper provision and development, especially in terms of staffing and fulfillment of the standards of the PEU study programs for a period of ten (10) years;
  - c) It is a study program that has not yet been implemented; or
  - d) The faculty will ask for it.
2. The resolution of the Quality Board on the granting of the authorization to implement the study program pursuant to Point 1 contains:
    - a) The name and type of study program;
    - b) The standard period of study;
    - c) The form of study;
    - d) In case of a study program with specializations, also the names of the specializations;
    - e) In case of a study program that serves to acquire comprehensive knowledge and skills also from other study program, the specified type of the study plan;
    - f) In case of a Bachelor's or Master's study program, the profile of the study program;
    - g) The focused field/s of education. In case of a combined study program, also a share of fields of education in teaching;
    - h) The period, during which the study program can be implemented;
    - i) For study programs under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute, the name of the faculty or, for study programs under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute, the names of faculties or possibly collaborating institutes or foreign higher education institutions (Article 13);
    - j) Language of teaching;
    - k) Or the granting of authorization to hold the state rigorous examination with the indication of the relevant title.
  3. In case of the authorization granted pursuant to Section 1 (b), the resolution of the Quality Board imposes possible corrective measures or requirements of the Inspection Report.
  4. The resolution of the Quality Board on granting the authorization to implement the study program is signed by the Chairman of the Board. The signed resolution will be delivered to the Rector of the PEU.
  5. The resolution on granting the authorization to implement the study program, together with information on the availability of studies to the persons with specific needs, is published without undue delay in the public part of the PEU website.

#### Article 15

#### Failure to Grant Authorization to Implement Study Programs in the Regime of Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs

1. The Quality Board will decide by resolution on non-granting the authorization to implement a study program in the regime of independent establishment and implementation of study programs, if the proposal

- a) does not comply with the legal regulations and the internal regulations;<sup>10</sup>
  - b) Does not meet the standards of the PEU study programs;
  - c) Is not in line with the Strategic Plan of the PEU;
  - d) Failed to contain all the details necessary for its approval and, as of the date of the discussion or the date of expiry and deadlines under the Article 14 (4), these deficiencies have not been eliminated.
2. If concerning the resolution pursuant to Section 1, the Quality Board informs the applicant through the Rector about the reasons for their decision.

#### Article 16 Review of the Resolution of the Quality Board

1. The submitter/s of the proposal may, through the Rector, request a review of the resolution of the Quality Board on non-granting, withdrawing or limiting the authorization to implement a study program in the regime of independent establishment and implementation of study programs. The request for review of the resolution of the Quality Board must be submitted within thirty (30) days from the notification of the resolution to the Chairman of the Board.
2. The Quality Board will re-review the compliance of the Quality Board's resolution and its justification with the legal and internal regulations.
3. The submitter/s of the proposal may request an opinion from the Scientific Council of the PEU.
4. The resolution on non-granting the authorization to implement a study program in the regime of independent establishment and implementation of study programs is
  - a) Confirmed by Quality Board, or
  - b) Cancelled by Quality Board and returned to the Quality Board for a new discussion under the Article 13. In this case, the subsequent decision of the Quality Board is final.

#### Article 17 Extension of the Authorization to Implement the Study Program and Changes Thereto in the Mode of Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs

1. In the extension of the authorization to implement a study program and changes thereto in the regime of independent establishment and implementation of study programs during the implementation of the study program, the submitter/s can apply for:
  - a) The extension by another form of study;
  - b) The extension with specialization;
  - c) The extension of the study plan of the study program, which serves to acquire comprehensive knowledge and skills also from another study program;

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<sup>10</sup>The Act No. 269/2018 on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education, and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on the Public Procurement, and on the amendments to certain acts, as amended

- d) The extension to an allocated workplace;
  - e) The extension of cooperation with the foreign higher education institution (Article 12);
  - f) The extension of the authorization to conduct state rigorous examinations;
  - g) The granting of the authorization to implement this study program also in another language of teaching.
2. The faculty Dean/s will notify the Quality Board in advance of the serious changes to the study program in the course of its implementation, determined by the internal regulations of the PEU, on which the Quality Board comments.
  3. In cases as referred to in Sections 1 and 2, it shall be proceeded under the Article 13 and following articles.

#### Article 18

##### Limitation/Withdrawal of Authorization to Implement a Study Program in the Regime of Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs

1. If the Quality Board discovers serious deficiencies in the implementation of the study program in the regime of independent establishment and implementation of study programs, it will invite the submitter, within fifteen (15) days at the latest, to correct it within a reasonable period of time.
2. If serious deficiencies in the implementation of the study program in the mode of independent establishment and implementation of study programs persist, the Quality Board will decide pursuant to the nature of the matter
  - a) On the restriction of the authorization to implement a study program, consisting in the prohibition to admit other applicants to study the given study program;
  - b) On withdrawal of the authorization to implement the study program.
 The Quality Board will state the reasons in their resolution.

#### Article 19

##### Termination of the Right to Implement a Study Program in the Regime of the Independent Establishment and Implementation of Study Programs

1. The authorization to implement a study program in the regime of independent establishment and implementation of study programs shall expire:
  - a) Upon withdrawal of the authorization to implement a study program under the Article 18 (2) (b);
  - b) By announcing the PEU on the cancellation of the study program based on the proposal of the faculty Dean/s pursuant to Section 2 in the public part of the PEU website;
  - c) Upon expiration of the period, for which the authorization to implement the study program was granted; or
  - d) Upon other reasons pursuant to the legal regulations.
2. The Rector submits the proposal to cancel the study program pursuant to Section 1 (b) to

the Quality Board; he/she receives the request from the faculty Dean after it was discussed by the scientific council and the academic senate of the faculty, or from faculty Deans after it was discussed by the scientific councils and academic senates of the faculties. The authorization to implement the study program is canceled by the announcement of the Quality Board in the public part of the PEU website.

## **Part IV Accreditation of Study Programs**

### Article 20 Introductory Provisions

1. If the authorization to establish, implement and modify a study program of a given type in the given field/s of study does not result from the granted authorization to independently establish and implement the study programs, the PEU can obtain this authorization by granting the accreditation to the given study program to SAAHEI.

### Article 21 Intention to Submit the Application for Study Program Accreditation

1. The faculty Dean/s shall notify the Rector of the intention to submit the application for accreditation of the study program.
2. If it is a study program that has not yet been implemented at the faculty, the Rector will notify other Deans of this intention and submits it to the Quality Board for approval, along with their possible comments.
3. If the relevant study program belongs exclusively to the field/s of education, in which the PEU is authorized to implement the study program on the basis of the independent establishment and implementation of study programs, the Rector will invite the submitter to submit a study program proposal under the Article 10.
4. The intention to submit the application for the study program accreditation to the Rector, who submits it to the Quality Board for discussion, shall be presented by;
  - a) The faculty Dean after approval by the scientific council of the faculty in case of a study program implemented by one faculty under the Articles 8 to 8b of the Statute;
  - b) Faculty Deans after approval by the academic councils of the faculties in the case of a study program implemented by several faculties, or with a participation of the higher education institutes of the PEU under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute.
5. The academic senate/s of the faculty give/s their opinion on the proposal before the intention to submit the application for accreditation of the study program is approved by the scientific council/s of the faculty.

6. The intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program contains the requirements established by the legal regulations.<sup>11</sup>
7. If the intention to submit the application for accreditation of a study program is incomplete or shows other deficiencies that prevent its submission to the SAAHEI, the Rector will invite the submitter to eliminate the deficiencies. The Rector can set a deadline for the submitter to supplement/eliminate deficiencies.

#### Article 22 Cooperation with Other Legal Entities

1. The intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program can also be submitted by the PEU together with a legal entity pursuant to the legal regulations.<sup>12</sup>
2. Along with the intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program, the submitters submit an agreement on mutual cooperation in the implementation of the study program.
3. The agreement with the legal entity is signed by the Dean after the faculty's academic senate gave its opinion thereon, and the faculty's scientific council and the statutory body of the PEU discussed it.
4. The requirements of agreements with other legal entities will be regulated by the Rector's internal regulation, in accordance with the Internal Quality System at the PEU.
5. Along with the PEU, a competent legal entity is also a participant in managing the matter of submitting the application for accreditation of a study program.<sup>13</sup>

#### Article 23 Cooperation with a Foreign Higher Education Institution

1. The intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute can submit, together with the PEU, also a foreign higher education institution.
2. The conditions of cooperation are regulated, in line with the provisions of the Act on Higher Education Institutions and the legal regulations of the domicile state of the cooperating foreign higher education institution, by the agreement of the participating higher education institutions (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement on Inter-University Studies").
3. The requirements of the Agreement on Inter-University Studies with a foreign higher education institution are governed by the internal regulations of the PEU.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>11</sup>Section 23 of the Act No. 269/2018 on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

<sup>12</sup>The Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Ensuring the Quality of the Higher Education and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on the Public Procurement, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended, and the Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on the Higher Education Institutions, as amended.

<sup>13</sup>Section 35 to Section 39a, and Section 54 (12) of the Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on the Higher Education Institutions, and on amendments and supplementation of the certain regulations.

<sup>14</sup>Article 26 of the Study Regulations and Examination Regulations.

## Article 24

### Discussion of the Intention to Submit the Application for the Accreditation of a Study Program

1. The Quality Board assesses the compliance of the intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program with the legal regulations, internal regulations, the PEU study program standards, and with the Strategic Plan of the PEU.
2. The relevant working groups of the Quality Board express their opinion on the intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program, which may request the opinion of consultants.<sup>15</sup>
3. In justified cases, the Quality Board can interrupt the discussion of the intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program and ask the submitter to supplement/modify the intention to have the study program accredited. The Quality Board sets a deadline for the submitter to complete/modify the application for the accreditation of a study program.
4. The Quality Board will decide on the referral of the intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program within ninety (90) days from the receipt of the intention to have the study program accredited from the submitter/s. This period does not include the time for deficiency elimination under the Article 22 (6), and the interruption period pursuant to Section 3.
5. The resolution of the Quality Board on the referral of the intention to submit application for the accreditation of a study program shall contain:
  - a) The name and type of study program;
  - b) The standard period of study;
  - c) The form of study;
  - d) In the case of a study program with a specialization, the name of the specialization;
  - e) In case of a study program that serves to acquire comprehensive knowledge and skills also from another study program, indication of the type of the study plan;
  - f) In case of a Bachelor's or Master's/Engineering study program, the profile of the study program;
  - g) The field/s of education, to which the study program belongs. In case of a combined study program, also the participation of the fields of education in teaching;
  - h) In the study programs under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute, the name of the faculty; in the study program under the Article 8 to 8b of the Statute, the names of faculties or public scientific institutions (Article 11) or foreign higher education institutions (Article 12); in case of the application for the accreditation of a study program pursuant to the applicable legislation, also the name and registered office of the cooperating institution (Article 22), including a foreign higher education institution (Article 23);
  - i) The language of teaching.

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<sup>15)</sup> The Internal Regulation of the PEU No. 2/2022 "Statute of the Board for Internal Quality Evaluation".



## Article 25

### Submitting the Application for the Accreditation of the Study Program

1. After the intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program was approved by the Quality Board, the Rector submits the application for accreditation of the study program to SSAHEI.
2. If the Quality Board did not approve the intention to submit the application for the accreditation of a study program, it will return it to the faculty/faculties for a new discussion with justification. Depending on the circumstances, the submitter/s either insist on the wording of the presented intention to accredit the study program, supplement it, or otherwise change it, or take it back. Insistence on the original wording of the intention of accreditation of the study program needs to be justified separately.

## Article 26

### Extension and Elongation of the Study Program Accreditation and Changes Thereto During its Implementation

1. When negotiating the intention to extend the validity of the accreditation of the study program, or the intention to extend the current accreditation of the study program<sup>16</sup>, it shall be proceeded appropriately under the Articles 21 to 25 hereof.
2. Major changes in the study program in the course of its implementation, determined by the Rector's internal regulation, shall be notified in advance by the faculty Dean/s to the Quality Board. The Quality Board will assess or discuss it under the Article 24, and reports the result to SAAHEI.

## Article 27

### Termination of the Accreditation of a Study Program

1. Accreditation of a study program expires upon withdrawal of accreditation, notification of the higher education institution canceling the study program, or expiration of the period, for which the accreditation was granted.<sup>13</sup>
2. The proposal to cancel the study program is submitted to the Rector by the faculty Dean after it was discussed by the scientific council and the academic senate of the faculty, or by the Deans of the faculties, after it was discussed by the scientific councils and the academic senates of the faculties. The study program is canceled upon the announcement of the Quality Board in the public part of the PEU website, once it was approved by the Scientific Council of the PEU.

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<sup>16)</sup> The ActNo. 269/2018 on Ensuring the Quality of Higher Education and on amendments and supplementation of the Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement, and on amendments to certain acts, as amended.

**Part V**  
**Accreditation of the Habilitation Procedure and Inauguration Procedure**

Article 28  
Application for Accreditation

1. The proposal for submitting the application for the accreditation of the habilitation procedure or inaugural procedure in a given field (hereinafter referred to as the “Procedure”) is submitted to the Quality Board by the Rector, to whom the request was sent by the Dean of the relevant faculty after the scientific council of the faculty gave its opinion thereon.
2. The proposal for submitting the application for the Procedure shall contain:
  - a) Requirements established by the legal regulation<sup>13</sup>;
  - b) Data on the academic staff providing the relevant department.
2. If the proposal for submitting the application for the Procedure is not complete or shows other deficiencies that prevent its discussion or submission of the application, the Quality Board, through the Rector, will invite the relevant Dean to eliminate the deficiencies.
3. If it is a procedure that has not been implemented at the faculty so far, the Quality Board informs the Rector of this intention, who then informs other Deans. Their possible statements are the basis for further discussion of the application.

Article 29  
Reviewing the Application for Accreditation

1. The Scientific Council of the PEU expresses its opinion on proposals for submitting the application for accreditation procedure pursuant to Section 28.
2. If doubts arise from the statement of the Scientific Council of the PEU about the appropriateness of carrying out procedure in the proposed field, the Rector will provide this statement to the Dean, who submitted the proposal, for consideration, or will request additional documents.
3. In case of substantive objections to the original proposal, the Dean will request a new statement from the faculty’s scientific council. Depending on the circumstances, the Dean insists on the wording of his proposal, supplements it or otherwise changes it, or withdraws it. Insistence on the original wording of the proposal needs to be justified separately.

Article 30  
Submission of the Application for Accreditation

1. In case of a positive opinion of the PEU Scientific Council and the Quality Board, the Rector will submit the application for the accreditation procedure to SAAHEI no later than four (4) months from the date of approval of the application by the Quality Board.

This period does not include the time, during which deficiencies were eliminated under the Article 29 (3).

**Part VI**  
**Final Provisions**

Article 31  
Final Provisions

1. This Internal Regulation was approved by the PEU Scientific Council on 14 February 2022.
2. This Internal Regulation enters into force on 01 March 2022.
3. This Internal Regulation takes effect on 01 April 2022.

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