



REGULATION ON THE APPLICATION OF THE EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS) WITHIN THE “VICTOR BABEȘ” UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY OF TIMIȘOARA

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Order of the Ministry of National Education no. 5146/2019 on approving the general application of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

Order of the Ministry of National Education no. 5140/2019 for the approval of the Methodology regarding the academic mobility of students

Specific standards regarding the external evaluation of the academic quality for bachelor's and master's degree study programs related to the specialised committee no. 12 Medical sciences

Charter of the "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara

Regulation for the organisation and conduct of the teaching activity within the bachelor's degree studies at the "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara

CHAPTER I. General provisions

Art. 1.

(1) The regulation establishes the application of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) in the "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara (UMFVBT) for all bachelor's and master's degree cycles.

(2) The ECTS system is an instrument of the European Higher Education Area designed to ensure the transparency of courses and curricula, and to improve the quality of higher education.

(3) The ECTS system is used:

- to record students' professional results,
- to calculate the individual performances of students and their classification,
- to operate the transfer of professional results obtained by students as a result of attending and passing tests in the disciplines included in the curriculum of other universities in the country and abroad or of other faculties within the UMFVBT.

(4) Under this system, the mobility of students and the flexibility of their professional training are ensured.

(5) The credits are defined as numerical values, allocated to all forms of didactic activity: courses, project assignments, internships, seminars, etc., which assess the average workload done by the student to assimilate a discipline.

Art. 2. The application and monitoring of the ECTS system in the UMFVBT falls within the duties of the office of the Vice-Rector for didactic activities, and, for each faculty (Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy), within the duties of a coordinator within the Quality Assurance Department.



CHAPTER II. Records of professional results of students through ECTS – bachelor's degree studies

Art. 3.

(1) The allocation of credits is made in accordance with the methodology of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, according to which 60 credits represent the numerical equivalent of the normal workload specific to an academic year, and 30 credits usually correspond to a higher education semester.

(2) The allocation of credits refers to all disciplines in the curriculum, including internships.

(3) The mandatory and optional core disciplines chosen are credited within the limit of the 60 credits related to the academic year, usually distributed equally over the two semesters.

(4) Once selected, the optional core discipline becomes mandatory.

(5) Obtaining credits over the allocated number is possible by attending and passing optional disciplines included in the curriculum of each year/semester of university studies.

(6) The optional core and optional disciplines followed additionally during an academic year benefit from additional credits, they being recorded only in the diploma supplement. These disciplines are not taken into account when calculating the weighted average of the student.

(7) If several optional disciplines are offered within the same semester or year of study, the number of credits may exceed the minimum threshold referred to in paragraph (1).

(8) The bachelor's degree examination is credited separately with 10 credits, which will be added to the 180-240 ECTS credits (for bachelor's studies lasting 3-4 years) / 300-360 ECTS credits (for bachelor's studies lasting 5-6 years) accumulated until the bachelor's degree defence.

Art. 4.

(1) For each discipline, the number of credits allocated is determined according to the workload required by that discipline in relation to the total workload required to pass the entire year of study.

(2) The workload refers to the number of hours of courses, seminars, laboratories, but also the number of hours of individual study, drafting of papers, etc., necessary for learning and passing the discipline.

(3) The credit allocation system is established by the University's management, following the proposal made by the Faculty's management, in accordance with the specific didactic activity.

(4) One credit is granted for the workload that a full-time student should carry out over 25 hours of instruction for the learning outcomes:

- university training - 10-12 teaching hours allocated for attending courses, seminars/laboratories, projects, examinations and other activities to ensure the university training of the student;
- individual training/study – the remaining hours until 25 (hours related to sessions and internships will also be considered).

(5) The number of credits allocated to a discipline does not reflect its importance, this being regulated by the classification of disciplines into compulsory, optional core and optional.



- (6) Credits do not assess students' competencies, and should not be confused with the grade.
- (7) Credits do not measure the working time of the teaching staff, but only that of the student.
- (8) In the UMFVBT, only credit units are used, without fractions. A discipline cannot have less than one credit unit allocated.
- (9) Credits to a discipline cannot be obtained in stages.
- (10) The mandatory discipline "Physical Education" is allocated 1 credit, granted in addition to the mandatory ones, and cannot be transferred to attain the number of mandatory credits. Passing the discipline Physical Education is mandatory.
- (11) A maximum of 2 credits may be allocated to an optional core discipline.

Art. 5.

- (1) The granting of credits is done when the discipline is passed (passing a discipline means to obtain the minimum grade of five or 'passed'). The granting of credits certifies that, for the result obtained in the evaluation, the workload defined by the number of credit units has been carried out.
- (2) An examination passed in a previous academic year is recognised as passed even if the number of credits allocated for that discipline changed.
- (3) This provision will apply accordingly also if, following the modification of the curriculum, a one-year discipline is divided into two semester disciplines, or a two-semester discipline is merged into a one-year discipline.
- (4) During a study cycle, the credits obtained by a student remain valid, unless the student waives the grade obtained, at his or her own risk, in order to modify the grade in the re-examination session.

Art. 6.

- (1) In order to pass a year of studies within a cycle, a student must obtain a minimum of 45 credits out of the total of 60 allocated/year, noting that the number of outstanding credits is a maximum of 15 credits/year of study, but not more than 20 outstanding credits in a cycle (years I and II for the first cycle, and years IV and V for the second cycle).
- (2) In the years within the cycles, the school record may be:
 - student who completed all credits successfully – if the student obtained all 60 credits;
 - passed with credits to be retaken – if the student obtained a minimum of 45 credits from the total of the 60 credits allocated/year, noting that the number of outstanding credits is a maximum of 15 credits/year of study, but not more than 20 outstanding credits in a cycle;
 - repeater – if the student did not obtain a minimum of 45 credits/year, or if the number of outstanding credits in a cycle exceeds 20 credits. The student has the right to enrol in the complementary year; complementary year means a repeat year with the possibility of obtaining a maximum of 30 credits in advance;
 - expelled with the right to reenrol;
 - expelled, without the right to reenrol – if the student did not pass the same year of study for the second consecutive time.



(2) Passing a study cycle involves passing all disciplines and the total number of credits provided for each study program. At the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, students have the obligation to accumulate the 180 credits/cycle at the end of a study cycle, namely years III and VI. At the Faculty of Pharmacy, students have the obligation to accumulate 120 credits/cycle, at the end of a study cycle, namely year II, and 180 credits at the end of year V, for the second cycle.

(3) Students who passed the first cycle of studies, years I - III, at the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Dentistry, and years I and II at the Faculty of Pharmacy, respectively, by eliminating the barrier between cycles in the academic year 2019-2020, according Decision of the Senate, no. 2/5351/07.05.2020, have the obligation to pass all the remaining examinations from the first cycle of studies at the end of year IV (for the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Dentistry), and at the end of year III (for the Faculty of Pharmacy), respectively. Otherwise, the student will be declared a repeater.

(4) For the study programs with 180-240 ECTS credits within the UMFVBT faculties, the curriculum implies a single study cycle.

CHAPTER II. Records of professional results of students through ECTS – master's degree studies

Art. 7.

(1) The allocation of credits for the activities in the curricula of the master's degree programs is made according to the methodology of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, according to which 60 credits represent the numerical equivalent of the normal workload specific to an academic year, and 30 credits correspond to a higher education semester.

(2) Master's degree studies have a duration of 2-4 semesters, the total number of credits being established depending on the duration of the curriculum (60, or 120 ECTS, respectively).

Art. 8.

(1) Each subject in the curriculum is allocated a number of credits proportional to the workload required to be carried out by the student to acquire knowledge and pass the exam.

(2) The credits corresponding to a discipline are granted only when it is passed by obtaining the minimum grade of 5 (five) or 'passed'.

Art. 9.

(1) A master's student will pass a year of study if he or she has accumulated a minimum of 50 ECTS credits.

(2) The graduation of a study program is conditioned by the accumulation of all the credits related to the program.



CHAPTER III. Ranking of students by applying the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

Art. 10. The ranking of students by applying the ECTS European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System is made in accordance with the UMFVBT regulations on the performance criteria and standards for the annual reranking of students.

Art. 11.

(1) ECTS credits are used to calculate the weighted average (M_p) according to the formula $M_p = \frac{\sum N_n C_n}{58}$ (the sum of the products of the grades obtained (N) for the mandatory disciplines and the credits related to the disciplines (C), related to the total number of credits of that year, except for Physical Education and summer internship.

(2) When calculating the weighted average of the study year, all the mandatory disciplines and the optional core disciplines selected promoted by the student and their number of credits are taken into account after the end of the retake session or the re-examination session.

CHAPTER IV. Use of ECTS credits for the equivalence of studies carried out in other higher education institutions in the country and abroad

Art. 12.

(1) The ECTS credit system is also used to assess studies carried out in other higher education institutions, both in the country and abroad, through the function of transferring ECTS credits.

(2) UMFVBT uses a system of equivalence and recognition of those credits obtained in its own faculties or in other accredited universities in the country or abroad, which are compatible in terms of curricula and syllabi.

Art. 13. Academic mobility is the right of students to have their transferable credits acquired recognised, in accordance with the law, by other higher education institutions accredited/provisionally authorised in the country or abroad or by other study programs within the UMFVBT.

Art. 14. The recognition of transferable credits of students who transfer from other education institutions in the country or abroad to UMFVBT or between UMFVBT faculties is made by the Study Equivalency Committee organised in each faculty, based on documents issued by the higher education institution that the student attended.

Art. 15. Only students who have completed all credits successfully may transfer to the UMFVBT from other education institutions/between UMFVBT faculties or between study programs with the same total number of compulsory transferable study credits. Students with outstanding credits are not accepted for permanent internal mobility.

Art. 16.



(1) For the recognition of studies by the UMFVBT, it is necessary to cumulatively fulfil the following conditions:

- a) the content of the studied disciplines (attested by the syllabus) and the duration of the studied disciplines (attested by the curriculum) must correspond to the UMFVBT equivalent syllabus and curriculum in proportion of at least 70%, observing the minimum number of hours of theoretical activity;
 - b) the amount of transferable credits related to some disciplines that are differences, due to not studying some disciplines from the curriculum of the UMFVBT study programs, and which will be validated by difference examinations, may not exceed 20 credit units in the cycle and 15 credit units/academic year; optional core disciplines are not included;
 - c) only disciplines for which the applicant passed the examinations in the education institution he/she attended are taken into account;
 - d) project assignments and clinical internships carried out, but which were not also followed by passing the related examination, are not recognised;
 - e) studies that have been passed more than 5 years ago are not equated.
- (2) Only studies completed in institutionally accredited higher education institutions, in study programs with the same level of qualification in the European Qualifications Framework and in the same fundamental field and leading to similar competences/learning outcomes may be recognised.

Art. 17. Periods of study conducted based on agreements concluded between accredited higher education institutions in Romania and accredited higher education institutions abroad or international programs are recognised by the University in accordance with the provisions of those agreements or mobility programs.

Art. 18. The “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara reserves the right to refuse recognition of studies conducted in other institutions with which there are no agreements for the recognition of studies or which do not apply the ECTS system. In these cases, the decision is taken by the Commission for the Recognition of Faculty Studies, and approved by the Dean of the Faculty.

CHAPTER V. Final provisions

Art. 19. The Senate of the “Victor Babeș” University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara approved this regulation in the meeting dated 28.04.2021, the date on which it enters into force.

Rector,
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