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## **DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDENT STANDARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH BOHEMIA IN ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE**

### **Article 1 Introductory provisions**

1) Studies in the doctoral degree programme (hereinafter referred to as 'DDP') are conducted under the supervision of a supervisor according to the student's individual study plan. The fulfilment of the individual study plan is carried out in cooperation between the student and the supervisor, and this cooperation presupposes an active and responsible approach of the student to his/her studies and a high-quality, professional, and responsible guidance of the student by the supervisor. The supervisor rightly places high demands on the doctoral student and expects high commitment from the student.

2) The DDP student is always enrolled at the faculty of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (hereinafter 'USB') where the DDP is being implemented. The supervising department is the department or institute of the relevant faculty, which is determined for the student by the departmental board of the relevant DDP.

### **Article 2 Responsibilities of a DDP student at USB**

1) The student duly fulfils the obligations arising from the DDP and the individual study plan and follows the rules and principles given by the USB Study and Examination Regulations and other relevant internal regulations and standards of USB and the faculty at which he/she is enrolled for study.

2) The research related to the studies is carried out by the student effectively and in appropriate quality, according to the rules set for the given DDP and in accordance with the general principles of research integrity at USB (see the USB Code of Ethics).

3) The student strives to successfully complete the course of study within the standard length of study.

4) The student attends mutually agreed meetings with the supervisor, on average twice a month.

5) The student completes the study, research, and administrative tasks on time and within the agreed deadlines, among other things to allow the supervisor sufficient time for quality feedback and discussion.

6) In agreement with the supervisor, the student continuously presents his/her work in doctoral seminars and at appropriate (depending on the circumstances also international) conferences or workshops.

7) The student shall consult and report in a timely manner any interruption of studies, preparation for a study stay at another facility, or any problems that may interfere with the successful course of his/her studies or research.

8) It is the student's responsibility to take into account the supervisor's opinion as to whether the dissertation is ready for submission and subsequent defence and to ensure that the supervisor has the opportunity to see and comment on the latest version of the dissertation before it is submitted.

9) To a reasonable and appropriate extent, the student participates in the educational process and thus acquires pedagogical experience, which is one of the important competencies that a doctoral student should acquire during his/her studies.

10) If the student believes that the supervisor is not fulfilling his/her role as defined by the USB Doctoral Degree Supervisor Standard, he/she is obliged to communicate this fact with the supervisor and may request support in this communication from his/her supervising department. In the event that the student's reservations about the supervisor's work persist, the student is obliged to draw the attention of the disciplinary board to these facts without undue delay; the student also has the right to request a change of supervisor in accordance with the provisions of Article 36(2) of the SER USB.

11) It is the student's responsibility to avoid any harassment, coercion, violence or hate speech; USB has a zero-tolerance policy towards harassment, coercion, violence or hate speech of any nature (see USB Code of Ethics).

### **Article 3**

#### **Other provisions**

1) Although the doctoral student, the supervisor, and any advisor are partners in the preparation of the dissertation and the quality and success of the studies and creative activity are their shared responsibility, the primary responsibility for the course, results, and proper and timely completion of the studies always rests with the student.

2) The resolution of possible conflict situations between a doctoral student and his/her supervisor is assisted by the chair of the relevant disciplinary board, the vice-dean of the relevant faculty with the agenda of doctoral studies, the dean of the relevant faculty, and also the ombudsman of the relevant faculty; if the faculty does not have an ombudsman, then the USB Ethics Committee or the USB ombudsman assist.

3) The obligations of a DDP student listed in Article 37(3) of the USB Study and Examination Regulations remain unaffected by this standard.

4) Recognising that individual faculties may have some issues specific to those faculties in relation to doctoral studies, the faculty may, by its own action, modify the relevant points of this standard for its own purposes if they remain consistent with this standard.

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