

Amendments to the Rules and regulations on doctoral study at the University of Ljubljana

Dear Doctoral Students,

We would like to inform you that on May 28th, 2019 the University of Ljubljana Senate adopted the Amendments to the Rules and regulations on doctoral study at the University of Ljubljana, available at the University of Ljubljana's website: <https://www.uni-lj.si/study/doctoral/rules-regulation/> .

The most important changes introduced are connected with the transition of three-year program students who have not or will not advance regularly through the program to the four-year program (from the 2020/2021 academic year onward) and the possibility to complete the program after the expiry of the dissertation topic's validity.

The following applies in accordance with the amendments adopted:

- **Dissertation topic registration (Article 35)**
Doctoral students may register a dissertation topic in the same doctoral program area at most twice.
- **Continuation or completion of the doctoral program if doctoral students fail to submit their dissertations in due time or the possibility of continuing or completing the doctoral program after the expiry of the dissertation topic (Article 45a)**
If doctoral students fail to submit their dissertations in due time or the validity of their dissertation topic has already expired, they can file a request at the faculty for continuing or completing their doctoral programs. If their request is granted, the responsible faculty authority issues a decision specifying the requirements the doctoral students must fulfill to continue or complete the program, including the deadline for registering the dissertation topic, which must not be longer than two years, and the deadline for completing the program. Doctoral students register the topic within the deadline set by the faculty and submit their dissertation no later than two years from the date their dissertation topic was approved by the University of Ljubljana Senate.
- **Transitional and final provisions (Article 65)**
Students enrolled in three-year doctoral programs that have now been converted into four-year programs have the right to complete their three-year programs if they have advanced regularly through the program; their dissertation topic is valid for four years from the date it was approved by the University of Ljubljana Senate, but they can extend it for another year.
Students who were or are enrolled in three-year doctoral programs and have not or will not advance regularly through the program and meet the conditions for continuing or completing these programs shall complete their studies according to the currently applicable doctoral program. If the faculty grants the students' request to continue or complete their programs, the students shall complete their studies according to the currently applicable academic program and in accordance with Article 45a of these Rules.

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- University of Ljubljana's notification for students

NOTIFICATION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

During the 2019/2020 academic year, the University of Ljubljana will begin offering twenty four-year doctoral programs: Architecture; Biomedicine; Biosciences; Built Environment; Chemistry Sciences; Computer and Information Science; Economics and Business; Electrical Engineering; Environmental Protection; Humanities and Social Sciences; Kinesiology; Law; Maritime Studies and Transport; Materials Science and Engineering; Mathematics and Physics; Mechanical Engineering; Statistics; Teacher Education and Educational Sciences; Textiles, Graphic Arts, and Design; and Theology. The exception is the joint doctoral program Public Sector Governance and Economics, which remains a three-year program.

The main purpose of extending the doctoral programs to four years is to provide students an additional year for in-depth individual research and to increase the quality of doctoral dissertations. In addition to extending the doctoral program duration, further changes refer to the curriculum (a fourth year is added with a total of 60 ECTS credits), conditions for advancing to the third and fourth years, and conditions for completing the program.

The following applies in accordance with the amendments adopted:

1. Enrolling in the first year during the 2019/2020 academic year

Students who enroll in the first year of any of the revised doctoral programs during the 2019/2020 academic year will be enrolled in a four-year program.

The [Fee Schedule](#) for the doctoral students who began their programs in 2019/2020 applies to them.

2. Enrolling in the next year during the 2019/2020 academic year: regular advancement and extended status for legitimate reasons

Doctoral students who will enroll **in the next year** in the 2019/2020 academic year and have advanced regularly through the program shall continue and complete their studies in accordance with the conditions that applied when they first enrolled in the program.

In this case, they shall pay the tuition for the program or an individual year of the program that was approved during the academic year of their first enrollment. In accordance with the Higher Education Act and the University of Ljubljana Statute, a student status extended for legitimate reasons also counts as regular advancement.

3. Enrolling in the next year during the 2019/2020 academic year: non-regular advancement (taking a leave of absence or repeating the year)

Doctoral students who will enroll in the next year during the 2019/2020 academic year after taking a leave of absence or repeating the year shall continue and, if they have advanced regularly through the program, complete their program in accordance with the conditions of the three-year program that apply during this academic year (2018/2019).

In this case, tuition is charged in accordance with the fee schedule for the doctoral students who began their programs in 2018/2019.

4. Continuing the program after taking a leave of absence or repeating a year from the 2020/2021 academic year onward

Doctoral students who, during the 2019/2020 academic year, repeat the year or take a leave of absence in any of the programs that were extended to four years will be able to continue and complete their studies in accordance with the conditions that apply for the revised (i.e., four-year) programs.

Any students who continue their studies during the 2020/2021 academic year after having taken a leave of absence or having repeated the year shall pay tuition in accordance with the applicable fee schedule for those who began their doctoral program in 2020/2021.

The amendments adopted are posted on the websites of individual faculties and the University of Ljubljana as part of the presentation material for individual doctoral programs. Doctoral students can obtain further information, including information on the conditions for continuing their studies and advancing to the next year, at the graduate studies offices of their faculties.

We wish you great success in your studies and research.