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# Study Rules

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## Article 1 Introductory Provisions

1. The purpose of the Study Rules of the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov (Študijný poriadok Vysokej školy technickej a ekonomickej v Prešove; hereinafter the "Study Rules") is to define the basic rights, obligations and rules governing the educational process at the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov (hereinafter "VŠTE in Prešov").

2. These Study Rules are issued by VŠTE in Prešov in accordance with Section 31(1)(c) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act) (hereinafter the "Act"). The Study Rules are approved, on the proposal of the Rector, by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov (hereinafter the "Board of Trustees") after the prior opinion of the Academic Senate of VŠTE in Prešov (hereinafter the "Senate") pursuant to Section 31(2)(a) of the Act.

3. The rules of the admission procedure, the organisation of the individual levels, forms and methods of study, the rules for the verification of students' knowledge and the scope of rights and obligations of university teachers and students are governed by the Act and by Decree of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic No. 205/2026 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Higher Education Act (hereinafter the "Decree"). These Study Rules specify certain important provisions of the Act for the needs of VŠTE in Prešov.

## Article 2 Definitions of Basic Terms

1. Academic freedoms are a set of values and rights derived from them of the members of the academic community, which guarantee freedom of thought, research, development, teaching, learning and other creative activities and the publication of their results, as well as freedom of public expression and the right to elect the bodies of academic self-government and the right to be elected to them; the exercise of these entitlements is conditional upon compliance with the principles of academic integrity, without external political or other interference.

2. Academic integrity is a set of academic principles and ethical principles, the observance of which ensures honesty, responsibility, credibility and transparency in the academic environment, in particular in educational activities and in the field of science, technology or the arts (Section 2(b) of the Act).

3. A field of study means an area of knowledge in which higher education institutions in the Slovak Republic may provide higher education, or a combination of such areas, defined by content characterised in particular by the areas of knowledge, skills and competences that shape the profile of the graduate.

4. A study programme means a set of courses consisting of educational activities and a set of rules composed in such a way that the successful completion of these educational activities, while observing the stated rules, makes it possible to obtain higher education. A study programme is composed so as to make it possible to undertake academic mobility or to obtain equivalent learning outcomes within it.

5. A course is a component of a study programme consisting of educational activities, the successful completion of which earns the student a specified number of credits. These may be activities such as a lecture, seminar, tutorial, final thesis, project work, laboratory work, internship, final internship, field trip, work placement, state examination or combinations thereof.

6. The student compiles their study plan by enrolling in courses. VŠTE in Prešov accepts the study plan if it is consistent with the learning outcomes of the relevant study programme.

7. A credit is defined as a numerical unit of workload assigned to a course. This unit expresses the amount of work, in terms of the volume of time, which the student must expend in order to demonstrably achieve the relevant learning outcomes. One credit represents, as a standard, 25 hours of study workload including self-study (Section 2(j) of the Act).

8. Each course of a study programme has a specified number of credits. A student may obtain credits for the same course only once during the study of the relevant study programme.

9. The academic information system AiS2 (hereinafter "AiS2") is a comprehensive electronic information system of VŠTE in Prešov intended for the management and administration of all levels of higher education, for electronic enrolment, for the electronic service of documents and receipt of students' submissions pursuant to Section 95 of the Act, and for keeping documents of study in electronic form.

10. The e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov is the electronic environment through which educational activities are carried out by the distance method and the blended method, online examinations are held and study outputs are submitted, and through which VŠTE in Prešov communicates with students; the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov forms part of it. AiS2 and the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov are electronic information systems of VŠTE in Prešov pursuant to Section 95(2) of the Act (hereinafter jointly the "information system of VŠTE in Prešov"). Details are governed by Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning (Smernica VŠTE č. 26/2026 o dištančnej metóde a e-learningu).

11. An online examination is an examination, course credit, continuous assessment, state examination, rigorosum examination or defence of a final thesis held by means of information and communication technologies without the physical presence of the person being examined, in particular through the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov and the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov. Details of online examinations and identity verification are governed by Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026 on Online Examinations and Identity Verification (Smernica VŠTE č. 27/2026 o online skúškach a overovaní totožnosti).

## Article 3 Basic Conditions for Admission to Study

1. The basic condition for admission to study in a study programme of the first level or in a study programme combining the first and second levels is complete secondary education or complete secondary vocational education.

2. The basic conditions for admission to study in a study programme of the second level are higher education of at least the first level, or higher education of the second level, whereby the sum of the number of credits obtained for the previous higher education studies by which higher education was obtained and the number of credits required for the due completion of the second-level study programme to which the applicant applies must be at least 300 credits.

3. The basic condition for admission to doctoral studies is higher education of the second level.

4. Other basic conditions for admission to higher education studies, in addition to those stated above, are determined by the Act (Section 68 of the Act).

5. The number of students admitted to study in a given study programme is determined by the Board of Trustees after consultation with the Rector.

## Article 4 Further Conditions for Admission to Study

1. VŠTE in Prešov may determine further conditions for admission to study (Section 69 of the Act). The conditions determined and the method of verifying their fulfilment must make it possible to select applicants who demonstrate the highest degree of aptitude for study. The conditions for admission to study submitted by the Rector are approved by the Senate, unless the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov provides otherwise (Section 23(1)(b) of the Act). Details of the admission procedure are governed by Directive VŠTE No. 18/2026 on the Admission Procedure (Smernica VŠTE č. 18/2026 o prijímacom konaní).

2. The conditions for admission of foreign applicants for study are the same as for citizens of the Slovak Republic.

## Article 5 Publication of the Conditions for Admission to Study

1. VŠTE in Prešov shall publish the conditions for admission to study in good time, at the latest two months before the last day set for the submission of applications, namely the deadline for submitting applications for study, the conditions for admission, the date and method of verifying their fulfilment, as well as the method of evaluating the results if an entrance examination forms part of the verification of aptitude for study.

2. VŠTE in Prešov shall publish information on the number of applicants it plans to admit to study in the relevant study programme, and information on the method of service of documents relating to the admission procedure; within the same period it shall also publish the tuition fees and fees associated with studies for the following academic year (Section 99(2) of the Act).

3. The information under paragraphs 1 and 2 must be published on the website of VŠTE in Prešov (www.vste.sk) and on the website designated by the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter the “Ministry”) (Section 69(6) of the Act). Information on study programmes which VŠTE in Prešov provides by the distance method under the trade name EUVERSA (Article 12(8)) is also published on the EUVERSA website.

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## Article 6 Admission Procedure

1. The admission procedure for an applicant for study begins upon delivery of their application for study to VŠTE in Prešov, either through the information system for central electronic applications pursuant to Section 70(2) of the Act or in the manner set out in paragraph 2.

2. VŠTE in Prešov accepts applications for study in electronic form without a guaranteed electronic signature through the information system for central electronic applications pursuant to Section 70(2) of the Act and, up to and including the academic year 2028/2029, also through the e-application of VŠTE in Prešov (e-prihlaska.vste.sk) (Section 145(8) of the Act); both systems enable the applicant to verify the registration of the application from the day of its submission until the day the admission procedure ends. VŠTE in Prešov does not accept applications in paper form; the Study Department assists an applicant who cannot submit the application on their own. VŠTE in Prešov informs about the manner of submitting an electronic application for study on its website. VŠTE in Prešov may not refuse an application submitted through the information system for central electronic applications.

3. VŠTE in Prešov may process other personal data stated in the application beyond the data under Section 70(3) of the Act only with the prior consent of the data subject, which forms an integral part of the application.

4. The application must be delivered within the deadline set by VŠTE in Prešov. The Rector decides on the acceptance of an application delivered after the deadline.

5. The applicant shall attach to the application, in electronic form (scan or PDF) together with a declaration of honour on their authenticity:

a) the school-leaving (maturita) certificate if applying for study in a first-level study programme, or the diploma on the attainment of higher education and the diploma supplement (and the state examination certificate, if one was issued),

b) the diploma awarding at least the academic degree of Bachelor and the diploma supplement (and the state examination certificate, if one was issued), if applying for study in a second-level study programme and the applicant completed first-level studies at another higher education institution;

c) proof of payment of the fee for the material provision of the admission procedure (Section 69(7) of the Act), unless the fee was paid through the payment gateway or VŠTE in Prešov can verify its payment otherwise.

Documents that VŠTE in Prešov already has at its disposal are not attached to the application (Section 3 of the Decree). The original or an officially certified copy of the document of education under point a) or b), or its guaranteed conversion (zaručená konverzia) pursuant to Act No. 305/2013 Coll. on the Electronic Form of the Exercise of Powers of Public Authorities and on Amendments to Certain Acts (e-Government Act), as amended, shall be submitted by the applicant at the latest before enrolment in study. Documents and data other than those required by the Act (Section 70(3) of the Act) and by this paragraph, in particular a birth certificate, a marriage certificate, or data on marital status or on the employer, are not required; a document evidencing a change of name is submitted only if the applicant’s name differs from the name stated on the document of education.

6. If the application does not contain all the required data or documents, VŠTE in Prešov shall call upon the applicant to remedy the deficiencies within a set deadline.

7. After receipt, the application must be officially registered by VŠTE in Prešov.

## Article 7 Decision on Admission to Study

1. The Rector decides on admission to study (Section 70(5) of the Act).

2. The decision on the outcome of the admission procedure must be drawn up in writing within 30 days of the verification of the fulfilment of the conditions for admission to study. It must contain the operative part, the reasoning and information on the possibility of submitting a request for review of the decision.

3. The decision is served on the applicant in person, by post or by electronic means in the manner pursuant to Section 95 of the Act which VŠTE in Prešov has published pursuant to Article 5(2) of the Study Rules. An applicant whose place of residence is unknown is served by posting the decision on the official notice board of VŠTE in Prešov for 15 days. The last day of this period is deemed to be the day of service.

3a. The decision on the outcome of the admission procedure is, as a rule, served on the applicant electronically in the manner published in the conditions of admission to study (Section 69(6)(e) of the Act), namely through the information system of VŠTE in Prešov or to the electronic address stated in the application, in a manner enabling confirmation of service (Section 95 of the Act). The second and third sentences of paragraph 3 apply if electronic service cannot be demonstrably effected.

4. A student of another higher education institution may be admitted to study in a study programme of the relevant level in the same field of study, or a student of a recognised higher education institution established under the legal regulations of another state who was admitted to study at the relevant level in a similar area of knowledge (Section 72(5) of the Act).

## Article 8 Review of the Decision on Admission to Study

1. An applicant may submit a request for review of the decision on the outcome of the admission procedure.

2. The request is submitted to the Rector within eight days of the day of service of the decision (Section 70(6) of the Act).

3. The request is decided by the Rector. The Rector grants the request and amends the decision if he or she finds that the decision was issued in conflict with the Act, with an internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov or with the conditions laid down under Article 4(1) of the Study Rules; otherwise the Rector rejects the request and confirms the original decision. Details are governed by Directive VŠTE No. 18/2026 on the Admission Procedure.

4. The reply to the person requesting the review of the decision must be dispatched within 30 days of the delivery of the request for review of the decision on non-admission to VŠTE in Prešov.

5. An applicant who has received a decision on non-admission to study has the right, upon request, to inspect the documentation of their admission procedure, within 30 days of service of the decision (Section 70(9) of the Act).

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## Article 9 Enrolment in Study and Change of the Form of the Study Programme

1. Upon notification of the decision on admission to study pursuant to Article 7(2) and (3) of the Study Rules and payment of the set tuition fee, the applicant acquires the right to enrol in study (Section 72(1) of the Act). VŠTE in Prešov determines the date, place and method of enrolment for the admitted applicant and notifies them thereof.

2. A student of another higher education institution may apply for a transfer by enrolment at VŠTE in Prešov (Section 72(5) to (7) of the Act). An applicant for transfer must:

a) apply for the transfer and enrolment in writing (on the prescribed form),

b) attach to the application a transcript of records certified by the higher education institution,

c) submit the course information sheets of the completed courses if VŠTE in Prešov so requests.

The Rector decides on the request for transfer within 30 days of its delivery. The previous studies are deemed to have been abandoned on the day preceding the day of enrolment at VŠTE in Prešov; VŠTE in Prešov shall notify the original higher education institution thereof within three working days of enrolment.

3. An applicant admitted to study becomes a student of VŠTE in Prešov from the day of enrolment in study (Section 90 of the Act). Enrolment takes place under the conditions determined in advance by VŠTE in Prešov. Enrolment in the next part of study may also be carried out electronically through AiS2 (Section 72(3) of the Act).

3a. VŠTE in Prešov may determine that enrolment in study or enrolment in the next part of study is carried out electronically through the information system of VŠTE in Prešov without the personal presence of the student (Section 72(3) of the Act); electronic enrolment in study includes identity verification pursuant to Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026, unless the identity has been verified otherwise. Before enrolment in study, the applicant shall submit the document of education pursuant to Article 6(5).

4. Upon enrolment, the student determines which part of the obligations prescribed by the study programme they wish to complete in the following period of study to which the enrolment relates. The student consults any questions related to enrolment with the Study Department of VŠTE in Prešov (hereinafter the “Study Department”).

5. The applicant’s right to enrol in study lapses if, in reply to the question of VŠTE in Prešov as to whether they will enrol in study, they answer in the negative, or do not reply within the set deadline, or do not submit credible proof of payment of the tuition fee (Section 70(8) and Section 72(4) of the Act).

6. A condition of enrolment is the settlement of the student’s financial obligations towards VŠTE in Prešov for the relevant period of study.

7. The documents of study are the student card, the transcript of records and the practice logbook (Section 88(1) of the Act); they may also be issued and kept in electronic form through AiS2 (Section 88(2) of the Act). A record of study (index) is not issued.

8. A change of the form of the study programme concerns students enrolled in a study programme provided at VŠTE in Prešov.

9. On the basis of a written application, the Rector may permit a change of the form of study upon fulfilment of the following conditions:

a) the written application for a change of the form of study must be submitted no later than 31 August of the relevant calendar year,

b) the student must have fulfilled their study obligations at the check following the relevant stage of study.

10. Administrative consent to the change of the form of the study programme, upon fulfilment of the conditions stated in paragraph 9, is issued by the Rector. The change is implemented at the latest by the day of enrolment in the forthcoming academic year.

## Article 10 Rights of the Student

1. The rights of the student are governed by the Act (Section 91 of the Act), the Statute and these Study Rules.

2. The student has the right in particular:

a) to study the study programme to which they were admitted; if VŠTE in Prešov has made modifications to the study programme, the student continues their study of that study programme according to the courses and rules after the modification, unless the rules of the study programme provide otherwise,

b) to compile their study plan according to the rules of the study programme,

c) to enrol in the next part of the study programme if they have fulfilled the obligations laid down by the study programme or the Study Rules,

d) while respecting the time and capacity limitations set by the Study Rules and the study programme, to choose the pace of study, the order of completing courses while maintaining their prescribed sequence, and to choose the teacher for a course taught by several teachers,

e) within their studies, to apply also for study at another higher education institution, including abroad,

f) to participate in the research, development or artistic and other creative activities of VŠTE in Prešov,

g) to participate in the founding and activities of independent associations operating on academic grounds (societies, unions, professional associations) in accordance with legal regulations,

h) at least once a year, to have the opportunity to express their views on the quality of teaching and on teachers by means of an anonymous questionnaire,

i) to freely express opinions and comments on higher education,

j) to information and counselling services related to study and to the possibilities of employment of graduates of study programmes in practice,

k) to appropriate access to the support services provided by VŠTE in Prešov (Section 91(2)(b) and Section 120 of the Act),

l) under the conditions determined by the Study Rules, to change the study programme within the same field of study.

## Article 11 Obligations of the Student

1. The study obligations of the student arise from the study programme in which they are enrolled and from the Study Rules (Section 93(1) of the Act).

2. The student is obliged to comply with the internal regulations of VŠTE in Prešov.

3. The student is further obliged in particular (Section 93(3) of the Act):

a) to behave in accordance with the principles of academic integrity, to observe generally recognised ethical principles and to refrain from conduct that could compromise the safety of the academic grounds,

b) to protect and use economically the property, resources and services of VŠTE in Prešov,

c) to fulfil the obligations arising from practical training, work placement, the final internship or credit mobility, if these form part of the study programme,

d) to truthfully state that they have used artificial intelligence in the preparation of the final thesis or other study outputs, in the manner set out in Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026 on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence by Students and Academic Staff (Smernica VŠTE č. 23/2026 o využívaní generatívnej umelej inteligencie študentmi a akademickými pracovníkmi) (Section 8 of the Act),

e) to pay the tuition fee and the fees associated with studies in accordance with the internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov on tuition fees and fees associated with studies (Section 99 of the Act), exclusively and directly to VŠTE in Prešov in the manner pursuant to Article 24(11), and to truthfully state the facts decisive for their determination,

f) to notify VŠTE in Prešov of a change of the address designated for the service of documents, a change of e-mail address or telephone number and any change of name, surname or acquisition of a degree,

g) to communicate with VŠTE in Prešov in matters relating to study primarily by means of the electronic communication tools of VŠTE in Prešov and, for this purpose, to actively use the electronic information system of VŠTE in Prešov (AiS2, the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov and the assigned institutional e-mail address),

h) upon a written summons of the Rector or an employee of VŠTE in Prešov authorised by the Rector, to appear in person or, if the Rector or the authorised employee so permits, to participate via the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov, to discuss matters relating to the course or termination of their studies or related to their rights and obligations.

4. A student taking part in practical training, including work placement and the final internship, is subject to the general regulations on occupational health and safety (Section 75(4) of the Act).

## Article 12 Levels of Study, Forms of Study and Methods of Study

1. VŠTE in Prešov provides education only in accredited study programmes entered in the register of study programmes, which may be provided at three levels:

a) a bachelor’s study programme as a first-level study programme,

b) a master's or engineering study programme as a second-level study programme, or a study programme combining the first and second levels,

c) a doctoral study programme as a third-level study programme.

2. A study programme is provided in the full-time form of study or in the part-time form of study (Section 74 of the Act).

3. The full-time form of study of the first and second levels is characterised by the student's daily participation in educational activities. Part of the full-time form of study of the third level is the performance of teaching activities pursuant to the Act.

4. The part-time form of study of the first and second levels is characterised predominantly by independent study and consultations. Part of the part-time form of study of the third level may be the performance of teaching activities.

5. A study programme of the first, second and third levels may be provided:

a) by the face-to-face method, which consists in direct contact between the teacher and the student,

b) by the distance method, where direct contact is replaced by communication through information and communication tools (in particular through the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov and the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov),

c) by the blended method, as a combination of the face-to-face method and the distance method.

6. A study programme or its language version may also be provided in a language other than the state language, in particular in English, if this has been approved under the procedure pursuant to Directive VŠTE No. 4/2026 on the Creation, Modification, Approval and Cancellation of Study Programmes and the Submission of Applications for Accreditation (Smernica VŠTE č. 4/2026 na vytváranie, úpravu, schvaľovanie, zrušenie študijných programov a podávanie žiadostí o udelenie akreditácie), either as a modification of the study programme or as a new study programme, depending on the outcome of the consultation with the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education. In such a case, study, including examinations, the final thesis and its defence, state examinations and acts in relation to the student, takes place in the language in which the study programme is provided; this is without prejudice to the provisions of the Act on documents of study and documents of completion of study (Sections 88 and 89 of the Act).

7. The distance method and the blended method are carried out through the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov and the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov pursuant to Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026. Study materials for courses provided by the distance method or the blended method are created and maintained in English, Slovak and Czech; the version in the language in which the study programme in which the student is enrolled is provided prevails. The distance method may not be used for an educational activity in which it would preclude verification of the achievement of the learning outcomes (Section 74(6) of the Act).

8. VŠTE in Prešov also provides education by the distance method under the trade name "EUVERSA" (in full "Euversa — European University of Applied Sciences") pursuant to the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov. Study programmes provided under this trade name are study programmes of VŠTE in Prešov; these Study Rules

apply to their students, and documents of study and documents of completion of study are issued to them by VŠTE in Prešov.

## Article 13 Courses and the Study Plan

1. A study programme is divided into courses. A course is identified by a code and a name. Data on the nature of the course, its credit and hour allocation, the guarantor and the teacher(s) providing it, the conditions for its enrolment, completion and assessment, its objectives, content and recommended literature are stated in the course information sheet (Section 7 of the Decree). The course guarantor is responsible for updating the data in the course information sheet at the beginning of each semester.

2. The courses of a study programme also include the final thesis together with its defence and the final internship together with its defence. The defence of the final thesis and the defence of the final internship are state examinations (Section 56(2) of the Act).

3. According to the compulsoriness of their completion, the courses included in a study programme are divided into:

a) compulsory – their successful completion is a condition for the successful completion of a part of study or of the entire study programme. Compulsory courses are intended only for students of the relevant study programme. Students of other study programmes may enrol in them only as elective courses;

b) compulsory elective – a condition for the successful completion of a part of study or of the entire study programme is the successful completion of courses chosen by the student in the structure determined by the study programme so as to obtain the required number of credits. Compulsory elective courses are intended primarily for students of the relevant study programme, but students of other study programmes may also enrol in them, unless this possibility is excluded or limited by prerequisites. Students of other study programmes may enrol in them only as elective courses. VŠTE in Prešov may set a minimum number of students enrolled in a compulsory elective course as a condition for its teaching;

c) elective – other courses which the student has the opportunity to enrol in to supplement their studies and to obtain a sufficient number of credits in the relevant part of study. Unless other reasons preclude it, the student may enrol as an elective course in a course offered by any study programme of their own or another higher education institution (Section 79(7) of the Act).

4. According to their sequence, the courses included in a study programme are divided into:

a) courses conditional upon the successful completion of other courses – enrolment in such a course is conditional upon the successful completion of another course (prerequisite) or other courses,

b) courses without sequence – enrolment in such a course is not conditional upon the successful completion of another course.

5. On the basis of the study programme, the student compiles their study plan themselves, or in cooperation with the Study Department. The study plan defines the temporal and content sequence of the courses of the study programme, the list of compulsory, compulsory elective and elective courses, their credit and hour allocation, the recommended stages of their completion and the definition of their sequence, including the

recommended part of study for undertaking academic mobility (Section 77 of the Act). The study plan is compiled so that, by completing it, the student fulfils the conditions for the successful completion of study within the standard length of study corresponding to the study programme. The student may update their study plan at the beginning of each academic year.

6. VŠTE in Prešov provides its students with free counselling, including psychological counselling, career counselling and counselling in effective learning (Section 120 of the Act). In connection with study matters, study advisers operate at VŠTE in Prešov. The study adviser is an adviser to students in matters of study. The study adviser is in contact with the group of students entrusted to them. The study adviser (together with the heads of the scientific and pedagogical units) provides counselling and assistance in resolving students' study problems. This concerns above all:

a) the provision of counselling services in compiling study plans,

b) explaining the principles of credit-based study,

c) assistance in understanding and interpreting the Study Rules and other internal regulations of VŠTE in Prešov,

d) the provision of basic information on the functioning of the academic environment of VŠTE in Prešov for first-year students of the bachelor's level of study at the beginning of the academic year (Section 120(6) of the Act),

e) assistance in resolving practical problems connected with study, or other contentious situations.

## Article 14 The Academic Year and its Organisation

1. The academic year begins on 1 September of the current year and ends on 31 August of the following year (Section 73(1) of the Act).

2. In the case of a joint study programme with a higher education institution having its seat outside the territory of the Slovak Republic whose academic year is organised differently, the cooperating higher education institutions may arrange the beginning and end of the academic year differently.

3. The academic year is, as a rule, divided into two semesters of study and holidays.

4. Bachelor's studies, master's studies and engineering studies begin at the beginning of the first semester of the academic year. Doctoral studies may also begin at the beginning of the second semester of the academic year. A study programme delivered by the distance method may also begin at the beginning of the second semester of the academic year if its study plan allows it and the admission conditions set a separate application deadline for this purpose.

5. VŠTE in Prešov publishes the schedule of the academic year on its website, as a rule by 30 April of the preceding academic year, and in any case before the beginning of the academic year (Section 73(3) of the Act).

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## Article 15 Credits, their Accumulation and Transfer

1. The organization of all levels and forms of higher education studies is based on a credit-based study system (Section 78 of the Act and Section 7 of the Decree).

2. The credit-based study system utilizes the accumulation and transfer of credits. Students are required to earn the necessary number of credits within their study program.

3. The standard student workload for both full-time and part-time forms of study over the course of one academic year is defined as 60 credits (Section 78, Paragraph 4 of the Act).

4. In study programmes, each course is assigned a certain number of credits, which express the quantitative measure of the student's workload in studying the given course. A particular course has the same credit value for all students.

5. The student obtains credits upon successful completion of a course. Credits for a given course may be obtained only once during study.

6. The accumulation of credits is the obtaining of credits for the successful completion of courses of the study programme. One of the conditions for continuing in study is the obtaining of the required sum of credits in the structure laid down by the study programme, namely after the end of each period of study.

7. The minimum number of credits for continuing study in the next academic year (having regard to the student's right to an extended length of study) is set in both the full-time and part-time forms as follows:

a) for a study programme with a standard length of 3 years – 36 credits,

b) for a study programme with a standard length of 2 years – 30 credits.

The above minimum numbers of credits do not apply to a student who is studying beyond the standard length of study and needs a smaller number of credits in the academic year to complete their studies.

8. Credits obtained for completed courses are added together. The total number of credits, the attainment of which is a condition for the due completion of study, is determined at VŠTE in Prešov depending on the given study programme as follows (Section 56(8) of the Act):

a) first-level study programme – bachelor's study programme – at least 180 credits,

b) second-level study programme – master's/engineering study programme – at least 120 credits,

c) third-level study programme – doctoral study programme – at least 180 or 240 credits depending on the standard length of study.

9. Credit transfer is the recognition of credits at VŠTE in Prešov on the basis of the completion of a part of study at a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic or abroad or of other education or learning (Sections 80 and 81 of the Act).

10. VŠTE in Prešov may, as a rule at the request of the student, recognise credits for the successful completion of courses completed within another study programme, courses which the student has already completed within the study programme in which they have re-enrolled, parts of higher vocational education and of a short-cycle study programme, educational programmes leading to a micro-credential, educational programmes leading to a micro-credential under the legal regulations of another state, and other non-formal education and informal learning, with further requirements being determined by the Act (Section 81(1) of the Act). Recognised credits replace credits for compulsory and compulsory elective courses of the study programme. Credits for parts of higher vocational education and of a short-cycle study programme may be recognised up to a maximum of 60 % of the credits required for the due completion of a first-level study programme (30 % in the case of a study programme combining the first and second levels); credits for educational programmes leading to a micro-credential, other non-formal education and informal learning may be recognised together up to a maximum of 30 % (15 % in the case of a study programme combining the first and second levels); in total, at most 60 % (30 %) of the credits required for the due completion of study may be recognised (Section 81 of the Act).

11. Transferred credits are recognised by the head of the relevant department, where necessary after assessment by the person responsible for the study programme (guarantor). Transferred courses may also be recognised by the Rector of VŠTE in Prešov. A credit may be recognised if it was obtained within the last 10 years (Section 81(6) of the Act).

12. The student must complete the prescribed state examination or its parts at the higher education institution at which they are enrolled.

13. The maximum number of courses in which a student may enrol in one academic year, except for students in the 1st year of study, corresponds in credit terms to 150 % of the total number of credits expressing the standard workload of a student of the given study programme for the entire academic year, excluding credits for courses in which the student enrols for the second time, excluding credits for the final thesis and its defence or the final internship and its defence, and excluding credits for state examinations. In the 1st year of study at the 1st level of study, a student may enrol only in such a maximum number of courses as corresponds in credit terms to 100 % of the total number of credits expressing the standard workload of a student of the given study programme for the entire academic year. In the 1st year of study at the 2nd level of study, a student may enrol in such a maximum number of courses as corresponds in credit terms to 125 % of the total number of credits expressing the standard workload of a student of the given study programme for the entire academic year. This does not apply to recognised courses.

14. The student may apply for the recognition of courses and the award of credits, as a rule, within 7 days after enrolment in the relevant academic year.

15. The application for recognition of a course and award of credits for the relevant course is submitted by the student to the Study Department, including electronically through AiS2 or from the institutional e-mail address (Section 95(4) of the Act).

16. The student is obliged to attach to the application for recognition of a course and award of credits for the relevant course proof of having passed the examination (transcript) and, if VŠTE in Prešov so requests, also

the course information sheet or syllabus of the relevant course or another document proving the attainment of learning outcomes (Section 81(7) of the Act).

17. Credits may be recognised and awarded only for a course or parts of several courses or other learning outcomes where there is a minimum content overlap of 60 % with a course of the current study programme. This recognition is carried out by the head of the relevant department, where necessary after assessment by the person responsible for the study programme. Recognition may also be carried out by the Rector of VŠTE in Prešov.

18. A course may not be recognised and credits may not be awarded for a course of higher education studies which the student completed in a previous period of study in a study programme which they duly completed and for which they were awarded the relevant academic degree.

19. The number of credits may be recognised within the number of credits set by the current study programme. This applies to all courses (compulsory, compulsory elective and elective).

20. Recognition of state examination courses is not possible.

21. Details of the recognition of credits obtained by completing educational programmes leading to a micro-credential and other non-formal education and informal learning (paragraph 10) are governed by a separate internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov. The credits recognised under paragraph 10 may not in total exceed 60 % of the total number of credits required for the due completion of study in the relevant study programme (30 % in the case of a study programme combining the first and second levels); the partial limits under paragraph 10 and Section 81 of the Act remain unaffected. Recognition of state examination courses is not possible (paragraph 20). The condition of minimum content match under paragraph 17 applies to recognition.

## Article 16 Academic Mobility

1. Academic mobility is a part of study which the student completes at a host higher education institution or another foreign institution (Section 71 of the Act). The academic mobility of students of VŠTE in Prešov is carried out in accordance with Directive No. 3/2025 on the Implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme (Smernica č. 3/2025 o realizácii programu Erasmus+); the transfer of credits from credit mobility is carried out pursuant to Section 80 of the Act.

2. VŠTE in Prešov may admit a student of another higher education institution, including a higher education institution with its seat outside the territory of the Slovak Republic, for a part of study even without an admission procedure, in accordance with the conditions of an exchange programme or on the basis of an agreement between the host higher education institution and the sending higher education institution.

3. A student admitted to study under paragraph 1 has the rights and obligations of a student of VŠTE in Prešov, taking into account the conditions of the exchange programme or the agreement between the host higher education institution and the sending higher education institution.

4. VŠTE in Prešov shall issue the student with confirmation that they are a student of VŠTE in Prešov and shall state the period for which their study is to last. VŠTE in Prešov shall issue the student with a student

card if it cannot be replaced by a similar document of study issued by the sending higher education institution.

5. VŠTE in Prešov may admit under paragraph 1 only a student of the sending institution who, by their study at VŠTE in Prešov, will continue the study begun at the sending institution and who, after completing the study stay at VŠTE in Prešov, will return and complete their study at the sending higher education institution.

6. A student admitted to study under paragraph 1 is not counted in the number of students under Article 3(5) of the Study Rules.

7. Paragraphs 1 to 6 do not apply to students who, during their study, complete only some courses at another higher education institution in the relevant part of the academic year and complete the other courses in the relevant academic year at the higher education institution to which they were admitted.

8. To ensure student mobility, the Rector appoints a mobility coordinator from among the university teachers or other employees of VŠTE in Prešov (Section 120(5) of the Act).

9. The task of the coordinator for student mobility is in particular participation in the preparation and implementation of programmes of international cooperation in the field of education, dealing with tasks connected with the sending and receiving of students, and the provision of counselling services to students on the possibilities of study at other higher education institutions in the Slovak Republic and abroad.

## Article 17 Rules for and Enrolment in the Completion of Courses and Individual Parts of Study

1. Enrolment in study and enrolment in the next period of study consist in the creation of an enrolment sheet in AiS2 and the performance of administrative enrolment, which may also be carried out electronically through AiS2 (Section 72(2) and (3) of the Act).

2. The student is obliged to enrol in courses for each period of study. By enrolling in courses, the student determines which part of the obligations prescribed by the study programme they will complete in the following period of study in accordance with their study plan.

3. If the student does not obtain the minimum prescribed number of credits set for the given period of study, the student is excluded from study pursuant to Article 23(5)(c) of the Study Rules.

4. The number of credits required for the due completion of study from compulsory, compulsory elective and elective courses is in total at least:

a) 180 credits in bachelor’s study programmes,

b) 120 credits in master’s or engineering study programmes,

c) 180 in doctoral study programmes.

5. If a student who has fulfilled the conditions for continuing in study does not enrol in the next part of study within the set deadline, VŠTE in Prešov shall call upon them in writing to enrol within ten working days of the service of the call. If the student does not enrol within this period and does not request its extension for serious reasons, this is deemed to be abandonment of study as of the day on which they were due to enrol (Section 72(8) of the Act).

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## Article 18 Organisation, Form of Assessment and Evaluation of Study Results

1. The main forms of assessment of study are continuous assessments during the semester, tests, written and practical assignments, course credit (zápočet), graded course credit and examination (Section 79 of the Act and Section 8 of the Decree).

2. A course may be completed by one of the following: course credit, graded course credit or examination.

3. The requirements for the award of course credit and the successful passing of the examination, including the time schedule of assigned tasks and continuous assessment of study, are announced by the teacher teaching the relevant course in the first week of teaching at the beginning of the semester.

4. Course credit or graded course credit is awarded upon fulfilment of the prescribed obligations, as a rule in the last week of the relevant semester. The teacher may also set a date during the examination period for the award of course credit or graded course credit.

5. According to the recommended study plan, a student takes at most 10 examinations in one academic year of study.

6. The examiner, after consultation with the students and at the latest one week before the end of the semester, sets the examination dates so as to enable students to register for examinations. The examiner sets a sufficient number of examination dates with adequate capacity (Section 79(8) of the Act), spread over the examination period so that at least one date is announced in each week of the examination period regardless of the number of students in the year, without restricting these examination dates to regular or resit dates. The examiner must announce at least one date on a Saturday for students in the part-time form of study. For the announcement of dates for the part-time form of study, dates set on Friday afternoons and Saturdays take priority. The examiner may limit the number of candidates examined on a given examination date.

7. The examiner announces examination dates through AiS2 and students register for the examination through AiS2. The examiner may also examine a student who is not registered for the given date if the student so requests and duly justifies this to the examiner. The examiner is obliged to enter the examination results in AiS2 within 3 working days. If a registered student does not attend the examination, they must excuse themselves within 7 calendar days. Otherwise the examination is graded as fail.

8. The student has the right to one regular date and one resit date for taking an examination.

9. An extraordinary resit examination date may be permitted by the Rector, on the basis of a written application by the student, at the latest by the end of the relevant academic year. This examination is held before a committee appointed by the Rector. The student shall apply for such a date at the latest within one week after the end of the examination period. In a given period of study, a student may apply for an extraordinary resit examination date in at most two courses.

10. If the student has justified doubts about the impartiality of the assessment by the examiner, they have the right to ask the Rector for an alternative form of re-examination. The Rector determines the form, method and date of the re-examination. At the same time, the Rector entrusts a designated examiner or a designated examination committee with the re-examination and with drawing up a record of the

examination in the form of a brief verbal evaluation and a grade. On the basis of this record, the Study Department enters the grade in AiS2.

11. The evaluation of the student's results is carried out using six grades (Section 8 of the Decree):

a) excellent (1; A) – percentage score 91 – 100,

b) very good (1.5; B) – percentage score 81 – 90,

c) good (2; C) – percentage score 71 – 80,

d) satisfactory (2.5; D) – percentage score 61 – 70,

e) sufficient (3; E) – percentage score 51 – 60,

f) fail (4; FX) – percentage score 50 – 0.

12. The student obtains credits for a course if their results were graded at least with the grade sufficient (3, E). With the grade fail (4, FX) the student does not obtain credits for the course. A student who has not been awarded course credit, not even on an alternative date, cannot obtain credits for the course.

13. VŠTE in Prešov may decide, for selected courses, that they will not be evaluated by a grade and may determine other criteria for their successful completion as conditions for obtaining credits.

14. The weighted grade average is used to evaluate the student's overall study results in a defined period. It is calculated by adding up, for the evaluated period, the products of the number of credits and the numerical grade under paragraph 11 for all courses in which the student enrolled, and dividing the result by the total number of all credits the student could have obtained in the defined period. For courses in which the student enrolled and did not complete, grade 4 is counted in the weighted grade average. Courses that are not evaluated by a grade (paragraph 13) are not included in the calculation of the weighted grade average.

15. If the student has not obtained credits for a compulsory course but may continue in study, they must complete the given course once more, at the latest in the following academic year. If the student fails to obtain the required credits even on repetition, they are excluded from study (Section 79(4) of the Act).

16. The student may also re-enrol in a compulsory elective course which they failed to complete, or may choose another compulsory elective course instead. If the student fails to obtain the required credits even on repetition, they are excluded from study (Section 79(5) of the Act).

17. The student may re-enrol in an elective course which they failed to complete, or may choose another elective course. If the student has obtained a sufficient number of credits by completing compulsory and compulsory elective courses, they need not enrol in any elective course. If the student has not obtained a sufficient number of credits, they are excluded from study after the second unsuccessful attempt to complete the chosen elective course (Section 79(6) of the Act).

18. For the successful completion of study in the credit system of study, the student must complete all compulsory courses and the prescribed number of compulsory elective courses and elective courses, obtain during their study the prescribed number of credits set for the relevant level of study, successfully pass the final state examination prescribed by the study programme and defend the final thesis or the final internship (Section 56(2) of the Act).

19. Grounds for exclusion from the assessment of a course by examination or by continuous assessment are in particular:

a) the use of unauthorised materials and aids,

b) obtaining information from other persons during the examination,

c) providing information to other candidates during the examination,

d) cheating, including the unauthorised or undisclosed use of artificial intelligence tools in breach of Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026.

20. The system of monitoring of study may be regulated by further internal regulations, in particular by Directive VŠTE No. 5/2026 on the Criteria and Rules for the Assessment of Students (Smernica VŠTE č. 5/2026 o kritériách a pravidlách hodnotenia študentov), and by a directive of the Rector.

21. Examinations, course credits and continuous assessment may be held online pursuant to Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026. In study programmes provided by the distance method, the examination dates under paragraph 6 are announced with regard to the asynchronous nature of study and the students' time zones; in such a case, the obligation to announce a date on a Saturday and the priority given to dates on Friday afternoons and Saturdays do not apply. In these study programmes, examination dates may also be announced, registration for examinations carried out and results recorded in the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov; the results are entered in AiS2.

22. In preparing assignments, in the preliminary assessment of study outputs and in providing feedback to students (for example, an AI tutor or an AI assessor), only an artificial intelligence tool approved by the Rector may be used, and exclusively as a supporting tool pursuant to Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026 (Section 8 of the Act). The output of an artificial intelligence tool prepares supporting materials and feedback, is labelled as an output of artificial intelligence and is not binding; the decision on the assessment, and responsibility for it, lies with the examiner. Artificial intelligence may not be used to decide on the assessment, to infer the emotions of the person being examined or to evaluate their behaviour automatically (Article 5(1)(f) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council). The student is informed in advance of the use of an artificial intelligence tool and has the right to have their study output assessed by the examiner and the right to an explanation of the assessment. The inputs, outputs and interventions of the examiner are recorded; after the expiry of the periods pursuant to Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026, the records are reduced to metadata.

## Article 19 Individual Study Plan

1. The Rector decides on permitting an individual study plan on the basis of a prior written application by the student.

2. The prerequisites for permitting an individual study plan are:

a) sporting or cultural activity recognised at least at the regional level,

b) parallel study at two higher education institutions,

c) parallel study abroad,

d) particularly serious and demonstrable health and family reasons and other reasons deserving special consideration, in particular the pregnancy of a female student or a student's permanent care of a child (Section 118 of the Act) and the special needs of a student (Section 119 of the Act).

3. A student whose individual study plan has been approved is obliged to contact the teachers and agree the conditions for completing the course by the date specified in the decision on the individual study plan.

## Article 20 Interruption of Study

1. Study of a study programme may be interrupted at the request of the student (Section 85 of the Act). Interruption of study is permitted by the Rector.

2. The student may apply in writing for an interruption of study for a total of at most three years:

a) for health or other serious personal reasons, upon submission of credible documents, at most twice at each level of study,

b) without stating a reason, only once at each level of study.

3. The period of interruption of study is not counted towards the standard length of study.

4. Pregnant female students may have their study interrupted six weeks before the expected date of childbirth, but no later than the day of childbirth. The period of interruption of study during maternity or parental leave is proposed by the student themselves. This period may not, however, exceed three years. Interruption of study for this reason does not preclude a further interruption of study for other reasons stated in paragraph 2 (Section 118 of the Act).

5. An application for interruption of study may be submitted before the beginning of a period of the academic year upon proof of fulfilment of the obligations for the preceding period of study. For serious, in particular health, reasons, the Rector may interrupt a student's study even if the above conditions are not met.

6. On the day of interruption of study, the student loses the status of student under the Act (Section 90(3) of the Act). The student may not obtain course credits, take examinations and may not be awarded credits. The interruption is recorded in the student's file and in the register of students.

7. The right to re-enrol arises for the student upon expiry of the period for which the study was interrupted. After the expiry of the period of interruption of study, the student is obliged to enrol, including electronically pursuant to Article 9(3a). If they fail to do so within the time set for enrolment in the next period of study, VŠTE in Prešov shall call upon the student in writing to enrol within ten working days of the service of this call (Section 72(8) of the Act). If, after service of the call, the student does not enrol within the set period and does not request an extension of this period, in particular for health reasons preventing them from enrolling, the procedure under Article 23 of these Study Rules applies. The day by which the student was due to re-enrol in the next period of study is deemed to be the day of abandonment of study.

8. If the reasons for the interruption of study cease to exist, the Rector may, on the basis of a written application, end the interruption of study even before the expiry of the period of interruption.

If, during the interruption of study, there is a legislative change in the conditions of study, the new legal regulations apply to the student after their re-enrolment in study. If, during the interruption of study, there is a change in the study programme according to which the student studied, the Rector shall determine, in accordance with the relevant study programme, which study obligations the student must fulfil and shall set deadlines for their fulfilment. The Rector may require the student to take differential examinations within the given deadline.

9. Study may be interrupted at the earliest after completion of the first year of study.

10. The Rector may permit an interruption of study also for a 1st-year student in the case of:

a) serious and demonstrable health and family reasons and other reasons deserving special consideration,

b) study abroad, upon submission of an application and confirmation of admission and enrolment in study at a foreign higher education institution. In this case, study is interrupted for the expected duration of the study abroad.

## Article 21 Final State Examinations and Rigorosum Examinations

1. Every study programme includes the passing of a state examination as one of the conditions for its successful completion (Section 84(1) of the Act). The state examination is, as a rule, divided into parts. The regular date for the holding of the individual parts is set annually in the schedule of the academic year.

2. The state examination is taken before an examination committee for the state examination (hereinafter the “examination committee”). The course of the state examination and the announcement of its results are public. The decision of the examination committee on the results of a part of the state examination is taken at a closed session of the examination committee on the day of the holding of that part of the state examination. The same conditions and procedure also apply to the holding of rigorosum examinations (Section 84(2) of the Act).

3. The examination committee has at least four members.

4. Only university teachers holding the academic positions of professor and associate professor and other experts approved by the Scientific Board of VŠTE in Prešov (hereinafter the “Scientific Board”) have the right to examine at the state examination and at rigorosum examinations; in the case of bachelor’s study programmes, also university teachers holding the academic position of assistant professor with third-level higher education (Section 84(3) of the Act).

5. The Rector may grant the right to examine at the state examination of a bachelor’s study programme also to teachers who have not obtained the PhD. degree, after their approval by the Scientific Board as other experts under paragraph 4.

6. The composition of the examination committees for state examinations and rigorosum examinations is determined by the Rector from among persons entitled to examine, so as to ensure a professional and transparent verification of learning outcomes (Section 84(4) of the Act). As a rule, prominent experts in the given field of study from other higher education institutions, from legal entities carrying out research and

development in the territory of the Slovak Republic or from practice are also included in the examination committees.

7. The chair of the examination committee is appointed by the Rector. The chair of the examination committee directs the course of the state examination and is responsible for the activities of the examination committee.

8. At least two members of the examination committee are university teachers holding the academic positions of professor or associate professor; in the case of bachelor's study programmes, at least one university teacher holding the academic position of professor or the academic position of associate professor.

9. Several examination committees may be established for one study programme.

10. The state examination consists of the parts laid down by the accredited study programme and of the defence of the final thesis or the final internship (Section 56(2) of the Act). Each part of the state examination is graded with a separate grade and credits are assigned to each part.

11. A student who has fulfilled all the prescribed obligations may take the state examination or its parts on the regular date.

12. The student has the right to one regular date and two resit dates for taking a part of the state examination.

13. The student registers for the state examination through AiS2, and in study programmes provided by the distance method also through the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov, within the period set by the schedule of the academic year.

14. A student who has registered for a regular or resit date of the state examination and has not withdrawn their registration within seven working days before it is held, and who has not attended the state examination for serious demonstrable reasons, shall excuse their absence to the chair of the examination committee within three working days after the date of the state examination. The examination committee may, according to the seriousness of the reason for absence, decide to accept the excuse, which the chair of the examination committee shall record in the record of state examination results with the entry "excused". An unexcused absence, or an absence for which the examination committee did not accept the student's excuse, is treated as if the student had been graded "FX" (4). The student may appeal against the decision of the examination committee to the Rector. The decision of the Rector is final.

15. The student must successfully pass the state examination or its last part without exceeding the standard length of study of the relevant study programme by more than two years in the full-time form and by more than three years in the part-time form (Section 86(2) of the Act); otherwise their study ends pursuant to Article 23(5)(b) of the Study Rules.

16. The state examination or its parts may not be taken by a student against whom disciplinary proceedings are being conducted and the Disciplinary Committee has proposed exclusion from study as the disciplinary measure, unless the Rector decides to impose a more lenient disciplinary measure or refers the matter back

to the committee, or unless the Senate has annulled the Rector's decision (Section 94 of the Act and Directive VŠTE No. 16/2026 Disciplinary Rules (Smernica VŠTE č. 16/2026 Disciplinárny poriadok)).

17. Each part of the state examination is graded separately. The individual parts of the state examination are graded with grades A to FX. The overall grade of the state examination is "passed with distinction", "passed" or "failed". The state examination is graded "passed with distinction" if the student was graded in the individual parts of the state examination only with grades A or B, and the number of A grades is not lower than (may be equal to) the number of B grades. If the student did not meet these conditions and was not graded fail (FX) in any part, the state examination is graded "passed". If any part of the state examination was graded fail (FX), the overall grade of the state examination is "failed".

18. If the committee grades any part of the state examination as fail (FX), the student has failed the state examination and may repeat that part of the state examination twice. In the event of repeated failure, the study ends for failure to fulfil the conditions of the study programme.

19. In connection with paragraph 10, the bachelor's thesis is the final thesis of a bachelor's study programme. A bachelor's thesis may be supervised by a university teacher who has education at least one level higher than the level which the author of the bachelor's thesis will attain upon its defence, and by other experts approved by the Scientific Board. The master's thesis is the final thesis of a master's or engineering study programme. A master's thesis may be supervised by a university teacher who has education one level higher than the academic degree which the author of the master's thesis will attain upon its defence, and by other experts approved by the Scientific Board (Section 82(4) of the Act). The form and requirements of the final thesis are determined by Directive No. 4/2025 on the Requirements for Final Theses (Smernica č. 4/2025 o náležitostiach záverečných prác) (Section 82(1) of the Act).

20. In connection with paragraph 10, the final internship is a set of activities carried out only with the prior consent of VŠTE in Prešov to the place of performance of the final internship and to the person responsible for the internship from the host entity, the completion of which enables the student to demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge, skills and competences in the performance of work at the workplace in accordance with the learning outcomes of the relevant study programme. The final internship is carried out under the supervision of a consultant, who is a university teacher of VŠTE in Prešov. During the internship, the consultant provides professional guidance to the student and monitors its course (Section 83(1), (3) and (4) of the Act).

21. Topics of bachelor's theses are announced by the scientific and pedagogical unit in agreement with the person responsible for the study programme and the supervisors of bachelor's theses. The list of recommended topics of bachelor's theses is published by the scientific and pedagogical units for students in the second year of the first level, as a rule by 30 October of the given academic year, in AiS2, and students are obliged to register their topic in this system by 31 January of the given academic year.

22. Topics of master's theses are announced by the scientific and pedagogical unit in agreement with the person responsible for the study programme and the supervisors of master's theses. The list of recommended topics of master's theses is published by the scientific and pedagogical units for students in the first year of the second level, as a rule by 30 October of the given academic year, in AiS2, and students are obliged to register their topic in this system by 31 January of the given academic year.

23. VŠTE in Prešov actively cooperates with entities at which the final internship may be carried out, supports the creation of opportunities for its performance and determines the requirements and conditions for completing the final internship (Section 83(1) and (2) of the Act and Section 16 of the Decree).

24. The final thesis (bachelor's, master's, engineering) is assessed by the thesis supervisor and one reviewer. The supervisor and the reviewer enter their reports in the final thesis records in AiS2 (hereinafter "EZP") at the latest 7 days before the defence of the final thesis. The reports, which contain an evaluation and a grade, must take into account aspects reflecting the overall handling of the set topic, the use of representative literature, the independence of the student's work, the functionality of the chosen method and the functionality of its application, an appropriate standard of language, and the supervisor's opinion on the originality check report and on the declared use of artificial intelligence. In study programmes provided by the distance method, the reports may also be entered in the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov. The reports are drawn up in the language pursuant to paragraph 44; a draft prepared by an artificial intelligence tool may be used in their preparation pursuant to paragraph 43.

25. After completing the final internship, the student is obliged to prepare a final internship record in which they record in particular the course of the final internship and the activities carried out, and demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge, skills and competences (the requirements of the record are determined by Section 16 of the Decree). Reports on the final internship record are prepared by the consultant and by the person responsible for the performance of the final internship from the host entity, who confirms in the report the activities carried out by the student (Section 83(5) of the Act). The reports are entered in EZP at the latest 5 days before the defence of the final internship.

26. In second-level study programmes and in professionally oriented bachelor's study programmes, the student chooses whether to complete the final thesis or the final internship; in other bachelor's study programmes this applies if the study programme contains both the final thesis and the final internship (Section 58(5) and (6) and Section 60(6) of the Act). The final thesis and the final internship carry the same number of credits in the study programme. The student notifies their choice through AiS2 within the period set by the schedule of the academic year, as a rule at the same time as registering the topic of the final thesis under paragraphs 21 and 22. A placement abroad completed within academic mobility and a work placement completed under Directive VŠTE No. 2/2026 may be recognised as the final internship if they meet the requirements of the final internship; credits for them are awarded only once (Section 16 of the Decree). VŠTE in Prešov shall bring its study programmes into line with this choice at the latest from the academic year 2027/2028 (Section 145(2) of the Act).

27. The overall result of study is determined as follows:

a) Passed with distinction – if the student achieved a weighted grade average of up to and including 1.50 during the entire study, if they were graded in all courses only with grades A or B, or C, and the overall grade of the state examination was passed with distinction, and if no part of the state examination was taken on a resit date. If the student obtained grade D once during the entire study, they may, in writing, within three working days of the end of the examination period for final-year students, ask the Rector for a correction of the course grade. The examination must be taken at least 10 calendar days after the submission of the

student's application, in a manner determined by the Rector. If the student obtained grade E, a correction of the grade is not possible in this case.

b) Passed – if the student passed all parts of the state examination but did not fulfil all the conditions under point a).

28. A record is drawn up of the holding of the state examination or its part, signed by the chair of the examination committee or another member of the committee authorised by the chair, and by all members of the committee present. The record is, as a rule, drawn up in electronic form in the information system of VŠTE in Prešov; in such a case, each member of the examination committee present confirms its correctness by an act in the information system of VŠTE in Prešov after logging in with multi-factor authentication, and the chair of the examination committee or the member authorised by the chair signs the resulting document with a qualified electronic signature (Article 25(2) of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council); this replaces the signatures of the members of the examination committee present. If the record cannot be signed in this way within five working days of the state examination, it is drawn up in paper form and signed by the chair and the members of the examination committee present. If the state examination was held online, the record also contains the type of document used for identity verification, the result of the verification and details of any interruption pursuant to paragraph 39.

29. The result of the state examination is entered in the register of students (Section 133 of the Act).

30. Graduates of a bachelor's study programme are awarded the academic degree of "bachelor" (abbreviated "Bc."), which is placed before the name (Section 58(7) of the Act).

31. Graduates of a master's study programme are awarded the academic degree of "master" (abbreviated "Mgr."), which is placed before the name (Section 60(8) of the Act).

32. Graduates of an engineering study programme are awarded the academic degree of "engineer" (abbreviated "Ing."), which is placed before the name (Section 60(8) of the Act).

33. Graduates of a doctoral study programme are awarded the academic degree of "doctor" ("philosophiae doctor", abbreviated "PhD."), which is placed after the name (Section 64(10) of the Act).

34. Graduates of study programmes who have obtained the degree of "master" may take at VŠTE in Prešov a rigorosum examination, which also includes the defence of a rigorosum thesis, in the field of study in which they obtained their higher education or in a related field of study, provided that VŠTE in Prešov has an accredited master's study programme in that field (Section 61(1) and (2) of the Act). Upon passing it, VŠTE in Prešov awards them the corresponding academic degree within the meaning of the Act (Section 61(3) of the Act). The rigorosum procedure is governed by a separate internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov (Directive VŠTE No. 38/2026 on the Rigorosum Examination, revised version 2026 (Smernica VŠTE č. 38/2026 o rigoróznej skúške)); the fee for the rigorosum procedure is determined by the internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov on tuition fees and fees associated with studies (Section 99 of the Act).

35. VŠTE in Prešov does not recognise a defended master's thesis or a defended dissertation thesis as a rigorosum thesis (Section 61(1) of the Act). A successfully passed dissertation examination, or the academic degree "philosophiae doctor" obtained, may be recognised as the oral part of the rigorosum examination;

the conditions and details of such recognition are determined by Directive VŠTE No. 38/2026 on the Rigorosum Examination.

36. The state examination, including the defence of the final thesis or of the final internship, is an educational activity (Section 2(i) of the Act) and may be held online, i.e. by the distance method through the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov integrated into its e-learning environment (Section 74 of the Act), pursuant to this Article and Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026. In a study programme which, according to the description of the study programme, is provided by the distance method, the online form is the regular manner of holding the state examination; the student has the right to request that it be taken face-to-face at the seat of VŠTE in Prešov on a duly announced date. In other study programmes, the state examination may be held online with the consent of the Rector. A state examination taken online has the same effects as a state examination taken face-to-face; the public nature of its course, the composition of the examination committee, the assessment and the drawing up of the record are governed by this Article. Special procedures during a state of crisis pursuant to Section 143 of the Act remain unaffected. Paragraphs 37 to 44 apply mutatis mutandis to a rigorosum examination, including the defence of the rigorosum thesis, held online.

37. Before the start of a state examination held online, the identity of the student is verified by the chair of the examination committee or a member authorised by the chair, in that the student presents to the camera an official identity document with a photograph, which is compared with the photograph in the student's profile in the information system of VŠTE in Prešov. Only the type of document presented and the result of the verification are recorded; the document number is not recorded, no copy or image of the document is made and no biometric means are used. If the identity of the student cannot be verified, or the course of the state examination cannot be ensured in such a way that the achievement of the learning outcomes can be reliably verified (Section 74(6) of the Act), the chair of the examination committee shall not start the state examination or its part online, or shall interrupt it, and the student shall be given a substitute date, which does not count towards the number of dates under paragraph 12.

38. In a state examination held online, the examination committee has a quorum if at least four of its members are present, i.e. connected with camera and microphone switched on, throughout the entire part of the state examination (paragraph 3). The examination committee decides on the assessment by a majority vote of the members present; in the event of a tie, the chair has the casting vote. The examination committee deliberates and votes in a separate closed (non-public) room of the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov accessible only to its members; the closed session is neither broadcast nor recorded, and no automatic transcription tools or other tools processing its course are used. The written part of the state examination is supervised in real time by a member of the examination committee; automated proctoring is not used in the state examination.

39. If, during a state examination held online, the connection with the student is interrupted or the number of connected members of the examination committee falls below four, the chair of the examination committee shall interrupt the proceedings and, depending on the nature and duration of the interruption, decide on continuation, on repetition of the part concerned or on a substitute date; the reason for and the duration of the interruption are stated in the record. An interruption demonstrably not caused by the student is not considered an unsuccessful attempt or an absence, and the substitute date does not count

towards the number of dates under paragraph 12. Directive VŠTE No. 19/2026 applies mutatis mutandis to students with special needs.

40. The public nature of the course of a state examination held online and of the announcement of its results (Section 84(2) of the Act) is ensured by online public access to the public part (Section 140(12) of the Act). The guest link is published in the schedule of state examinations, without the names of students, on the website of VŠTE in Prešov (www.vste.sk) and, for study programmes provided under the trade name EUVERSA, also on the EUVERSA website. Guests are admitted to the public part by a member of the examination committee; guests join without microphone and camera and without the possibility of using the chat. A guest who disrupts the course of the state examination shall be excluded by the chair of the examination committee. The result of each part of the state examination is announced publicly by the chair after the end of the closed session; at the same time, the result is made available to the student in the information system of VŠTE in Prešov. Lists of results are not published.

41. The public part of a state examination held online is recorded (audiovisual recording) after the verification of the student's identity for study purposes, which also include demonstrating the regularity of the proceedings and the review under paragraph 42 (Section 140(11) of the Act); the student is informed in advance that the recording will be made. The identity verification and the closed session of the examination committee are not recorded. The recording is accessible only to the Study Department and the Rector, for the purposes of the review. The recording is kept for three months from the expiry of the period for submitting a request for review under paragraph 42 or, if a request was submitted, for three months from its settlement; it is then deleted automatically.

42. Within five working days of the day on which the result was announced, the student may submit to the Rector a request for review of the course of the state examination or its part if they object to a breach of the rules on its course, in particular on the composition or quorum of the examination committee, the public nature, identity verification, technical interruption, the selection of questions or the use of artificial intelligence. The expert assessment of the examination committee is not subject to review. The Rector decides within 15 working days on the basis of the record, the recording and the records of the information system of VŠTE in Prešov. If the Rector finds a breach which may have affected the result, the Rector annuls the assessment of the part concerned and orders its repetition before an examination committee of different composition; the repetition does not count towards the number of dates under paragraph 12. The decision of the Rector is final. Paragraph 14 and Article 22 remain unaffected.

43. Article 18(22) also applies to the preparation of reports on the final thesis and on the final internship record, to the preliminary assessment of the written part of the state examination and to the preparation of summaries of supporting materials for the examination committee. A draft report prepared by an artificial intelligence tool is merely a supporting material; the report is drawn up and signed by the assessor who has studied the thesis or record personally, has reviewed and edited the draft and is responsible for the content of the report; a report prepared with the support of an artificial intelligence tool contains a declaration to that effect. The draft reports of the supervisor and of the reviewer are processed separately. The assessor of the written part of the state examination records their own preliminary assessment before the output of the artificial intelligence tool is displayed to them. The assessment of each part of the state examination is

decided exclusively by the examination committee at a closed session; artificial intelligence may not be used as an examiner or to ask questions during the state examination.

44. In a language version of a study programme provided in a language other than the state language, the final thesis is written in the language in which the study programme is provided (Article 12(6)); details are governed by Directive No. 4/2025 on the Requirements for Final Theses. The reports are drawn up in the language of the final thesis; for a thesis in Slovak, a report may also be drawn up in Czech and vice versa. The defence and the other parts of the state examination are held in the language in which the study programme is provided; another language may be used only with the consent of the student. The record of the state examination in a language version of a study programme provided in a language other than the state language is drawn up in Slovak and in the language in which the study programme is provided; the Slovak version prevails.

## Article 22 Declaration of Invalidity of the State Examination or its Part and Renunciation of an Academic Degree

1. The Rector shall decide on the invalidity of the state examination or its part (Sections 103 and 104 of the Act) if:

a) the graduate of the relevant study programme was finally convicted of an intentional criminal offence and, by committing that criminal offence, obtained an advantage which affected the due completion of study or the fulfilment of the conditions for admission to that study,

b) the graduate, as a student, committed academic fraud,

c) the graduate unlawfully used an object of intellectual property protection of another person and, by this conduct, obtained an advantage which affected the due completion of study or the fulfilment of the conditions for admission to that study,

d) the graduate, as a result of a decision on the invalidity of the state examination or its part in a study programme of a lower level, or as a result of the renunciation of an academic degree of a lower level, ceased to meet the basic condition for admission to study in the relevant completed study programme of a higher level.

Proceedings on the declaration of invalidity of the state examination or its part are conducted pursuant to Sections 103 and 104 of the Act; details of the activities of the committee under Section 104 of the Act are governed by a separate internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov (Section 104(9) of the Act).

2. A natural person may irrevocably renounce an academic degree as of the day of delivery of a written notification with an officially certified signature to the Rector of the higher education institution which awarded the academic degree to the person concerned (Section 105 of the Act). This act declares that the person did not duly complete the study of the study programme, and as of the day of delivery of the written notification of renunciation of the relevant degree, the documents of completion of that study become invalid.

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## Article 23 Termination of Study

1. Study is duly completed by completing the study according to the relevant study programme (Section 86 of the Act). The day of completion of study is the day on which the last of the conditions prescribed for the due completion of study of the given study programme is fulfilled.

2. Study according to a study programme may not exceed its standard length by more than two years in the full-time form and by more than three years in the part-time form (Section 86(2) of the Act).

3. The documents of completion of study in a field of study, which are public documents, are (Section 89 of the Act):

a) the higher education diploma,

b) the diploma supplement.

A state examination certificate is not issued. VŠTE in Prešov shall issue the documents of completion of study within 30 days of the due completion of study, unless the graduate agrees to their later issue; the documents may also be issued in electronic form, and the paper form is always issued (Section 89(7) and (11) of the Act). Documents in electronic form are issued as authorised electronic documents pursuant to Act No. 305/2013 Coll. and are made available to the graduate through the information system of VŠTE in Prešov. Documents in paper form are handed over to the graduate in person, as a rule at the graduation ceremony, attendance at which is voluntary for the graduate, or at the Study Department; if handing over in person is not possible, they are sent to the graduate by post as an insured (valuable) consignment for delivery into the addressee's own hands to the address the graduate specifies. Other documents are served electronically under Article 24(7); where their authorisation is required, they are served as authorised electronic documents.

4. VŠTE in Prešov ensures the issue of the higher education diploma at least in a combination of the state language and English. If the higher education diploma is issued in two languages, the diploma supplement is also issued in those languages, either as one document in two languages or as two documents in the individual languages (Section 89(4) of the Act, Sections 4 and 5 of the Decree).

5. In addition to the due completion of study, study ends (Section 87(1) of the Act):

a) by abandonment of study,

b) by failure to complete study within the period stated in paragraph 2,

c) by exclusion from study for failure to fulfil the requirements arising from the study programme and from the Study Rules of VŠTE in Prešov,

d) by exclusion from study for a disciplinary offence,

e) upon a decision on the invalidity of the state examination or its part within study of a lower level becoming final, if the relevant education is a condition for admission to the ongoing study of a study programme of a higher level,

f) by renunciation of the academic degree awarded upon completion of a study programme of a lower level, if the relevant education is a condition for admission to the ongoing study of a study programme of a higher level,

g) by cancellation of the study programme, if the student does not accept the offer to continue studying in another study programme,

h) by the death of the student or by the student being declared dead.

6. The day of termination of study is (Section 87(2) of the Act):

a) under paragraph 5(a) and (f), the day on which the relevant written declaration of the student was delivered to VŠTE in Prešov,

b) under paragraph 5(b), the end of the academic year in which the student was due to complete their higher education studies,

c) under paragraph 5(c) to (e), the day on which the relevant decision became final,

d) under paragraph 5(g), the day as of which VŠTE in Prešov announced the cancellation of the study programme,

e) under paragraph 5(h), the day of death or the day on which the declaration of death became final.

7. In the case of termination of study under paragraph 5(b), (c), (d) and (g), the Rector shall state in their decision the reasons for which the study was terminated.

8. VŠTE in Prešov shall issue a student who has terminated study under paragraph 5(a), (b), (c), (d) and (g) with a transcript of records in Slovak and, if the student so requests, also in English. VŠTE in Prešov charges a handling fee for its issue in accordance with the internal regulation on tuition fees and fees associated with studies.

## Article 24 Common Provisions

1. The exercise of rights and obligations arising from the Act must be in accordance with good morals.

2. Plagiarism is considered an offence and is subject to disciplinary proceedings. Academic fraud is committed by a person who, as a student, a participant in a rigorosum procedure or a participant in a habilitation procedure, submits a final, rigorosum or habilitation thesis which, as a result of their culpable conduct, is not at least in part the result of their own independent work; this is without prejudice to the right of the student, the participant in a rigorosum procedure or the participant in a habilitation procedure to use information, materials and other items whose origin or source they identify in the relevant thesis (Section 101 of the Act). The use of artificial intelligence tools must likewise be indicated in accordance with citation standards and with Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026 (Section 8 and Section 93(3)(d) of the Act).

3. The use of text generators without citing them is unethical and constitutes a breach of academic integrity.

4. Final and qualification theses (bachelor's, master's, rigorosum, dissertation) and final internship records are archived in accordance with the applicable regulations (Section 137 of the Act and the Records Management Rules of VŠTE in Prešov (Registratúrny poriadok VŠTE v Prešove)).

5. The student is obliged to upload the electronic version of the final thesis or the final internship record and to complete the abstract, texts and properties of the thesis by entering the data in EZP within the deadline according to the schedule determined by VŠTE in Prešov. The final thesis, the final internship record and the rigorosum thesis are submitted exclusively in electronic form in PDF format allowing conversion to plain text (Section 17 of the Decree); a paper copy is not required. Before admission to the defence, VŠTE in Prešov shall send the thesis or record to the central register of final theses, rigorosum and habilitation theses and final internship records (hereinafter the "register of final theses") and verify their originality. By submitting the thesis or record for the defence, the author consents to their publication in the register of final theses; no licence agreement is concluded (Section 137(2) of the Act). The Rector decides on the postponement of publication for at most 36 months; at the request of the author, publication may be postponed by 12 months and repeatedly by at most a further 12 months (Section 137(9) and (10) of the Act). The rights to a work created by a student in the fulfilment of study obligations belong to the student, unless otherwise agreed (Section 93(3) of Act No. 185/2015 Coll. the Copyright Act).

6. The rules of doctoral studies are governed by a separate internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov (Directive No. 1/2025 on Doctoral Studies (Smernica č. 1/2025 o doktorandskom štúdiu)).

7. Documents are served on students in person, by post or by electronic means (Section 95 of the Act); as a rule, they are served electronically. A document served through the information system of VŠTE in Prešov is deemed to have been served at the moment when the student logs in to the information system of VŠTE in Prešov after the document has been made available; if the student does not log in within ten days of the document being made available, the document is deemed to have been served on the last day of that period. A document served through the information system of VŠTE in Prešov need not be served in any other manner. VŠTE in Prešov also accepts students' submissions electronically through the information system of VŠTE in Prešov or from the e-mail address assigned to the student.

8. Where these Study Rules refer to the Chancellor of VŠTE in Prešov, this means the Bursar pursuant to Section 29 of the Act to the extent determined by the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov. Students' suggestions and complaints relating to study are examined in accordance with the procedure under the Internal Quality System of VŠTE in Prešov (Vnútorný systém kvality VŠTE v Prešove) and Directive VŠTE No. 10/2026.

9. Where these Study Rules require the written form of a submission or application of a student, the submission may also be made electronically through the information system of VŠTE in Prešov or from the student's e-mail address registered by VŠTE in Prešov (Section 95(4) of the Act). Where these Study Rules presuppose action in person, it is possible, with the consent of VŠTE in Prešov, to act also via the videoconferencing system of VŠTE in Prešov; for the state examination, the rigorosum examination and the defence of the final thesis, the procedure under Article 21(36) to (44) applies.

10. Documents which a student or applicant submits under these Study Rules are, as a rule, submitted in electronic form (scan or PDF) together with a declaration of honour on their authenticity; the original, an officially certified copy or a guaranteed conversion pursuant to Act No. 305/2013 Coll. may be required only where this is laid down by the Act or by these Study Rules, or where there are reasonable doubts as to the authenticity of the document. Documents and data which VŠTE in Prešov already has at its disposal are not

submitted; only data and documents necessary for the given purpose are required (Article 5(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council).

11. Tuition fees, fees associated with studies and other payments are paid exclusively to VŠTE in Prešov, either to the bank account of VŠTE in Prešov published on the website of VŠTE in Prešov (www.vste.sk) or through the payment gateway on the website of VŠTE in Prešov or in the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov; the variable symbol and other payment details are stated there. The amount of tuition fees and fees is determined by Directive VŠTE No. 24/2026 and Directive VŠTE No. 25/2026 and, for study programmes provided under the trade name EUVERSA, also by the Price List and Terms and Conditions approved by the Board of Trustees and published on the website.

## Article 25 Related Regulations

These Study Rules build in particular on the following legal regulations and internal regulations of VŠTE in Prešov:

– Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act), as amended by Act No. 121/2026 Coll. (in particular Sections 2, 8, 31, 56–61, 67–95, 99, 101–105, 118–120, 137, 140, 143 and 145),

– Decree of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic No. 205/2026 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Higher Education Act (in particular Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17 and 18),

– Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and on Amendments to Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended,

– Act No. 292/2024 Coll. on Adult Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts,

– Act No. 185/2015 Coll. the Copyright Act, as amended,

– Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on the Recognition of Documents of Education and on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended,

– Act No. 124/2006 Coll. on Occupational Health and Safety and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended,

– Act No. 305/2013 Coll. on the Electronic Form of the Exercise of Powers of Public Authorities and on Amendments to Certain Acts (e-Government Act), as amended,

– Act No. 18/2018 Coll. on the Protection of Personal Data and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended,

– Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation),

– Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market,

– Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act),

– the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov (Štatút VŠTE v Prešove),

– the Internal Quality System of VŠTE in Prešov,

– Directive VŠTE No. 2/2026 Guidelines for the Performance of Work Placements (Smernica VŠTE č. 2/2026 Pokyny k vykonávaniu odbornej praxe),

– Directive VŠTE No. 4/2026 on the Creation, Modification, Approval and Cancellation of Study Programmes and the Submission of Applications for Accreditation,

– Directive VŠTE No. 5/2026 on the Criteria and Rules for the Assessment of Students,

– Directive VŠTE No. 10/2026 on the Involvement of Students in the Internal Quality System (Smernica VŠTE č. 10/2026 o zapojení študentov do vnútorného systému kvality),

– Directive VŠTE No. 16/2026 Disciplinary Rules,

– Directive VŠTE No. 18/2026 on the Admission Procedure,

– Directive VŠTE No. 19/2026 on Support for Students with Special Needs (Smernica VŠTE č. 19/2026 o podpore študentov so špecifickými potrebami),

– Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026 on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence by Students and Academic Staff,

– Directive VŠTE No. 24/2026 Determination of Tuition Fees and Fees Associated with Studies (Smernica VŠTE č. 24/2026 Určenie školného a poplatkov spojených so štúdiom) and Directive VŠTE No. 25/2026 Determination of Tuition Fees and Fees Associated with Studies for Foreign Students (Smernica VŠTE č. 25/2026 Určenie školného a poplatkov spojených so štúdiom pre zahraničných študentov),

– Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning,

– Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026 on Online Examinations and Identity Verification,

– the Price List and Terms and Conditions approved by the Board of Trustees and published on the website (Cenník a obchodné podmienky),

– Directive No. 1/2025 on Doctoral Studies,

– Directive No. 3/2025 on the Implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme,

– Directive No. 4/2025 on the Requirements for Final Theses,

– Directive No. 5/2025 Code of Ethics (Smernica č. 5/2025 Etický kódex),

– Directive VŠTE No. 38/2026 on the Rigorosum Examination,

– the Records Management Rules of VŠTE in Prešov.

## Article 26 Repealing Provisions

Directive VŠTE No. 21/2026 of 20 April 2026 repealed the Study Rules of the College of International Business ISM Slovakia in Prešov (Študijný poriadok Vysokej školy medzinárodného podnikania ISM Slovakia v Prešove) of 7 May 2020. This version does not repeal any other internal regulation; it replaces the original version of Directive VŠTE No. 21/2026 of 20 April 2026.

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## Article 27 Final Provisions

1. These Study Rules have no annexes. The templates of applications and forms referred to in the Study Rules are published by VŠTE in Prešov on its website (www.vste.sk) and in the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov and are updated together with the Study Rules.

2. The Senate expressed a favourable opinion on this regulation on 17 April 2026.

3. This regulation was approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 April 2026.

4. This regulation enters into force and takes effect on 20 April 2026.

5. The Academic Senate of VŠTE in Prešov expressed its opinion on this version on 9 October 2026. This version was approved and issued by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov on the proposal of the Rector after the prior opinion of the Academic Senate (Section 31(2)(a) of the Act) on 29 October 2026. Effective from 29 October 2026.

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