

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered the Study and Examination Regulations for the Doctoral Degree Study Programmes of the University of Economics, Prague (under reference No. 7 814/2011-30), on July 1, 2011, in accordance with Article 36 (2) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education and amending other Acts (the Higher Education Act).

Amendments to the Study and Examination Regulations of the University of Economics, Prague were registered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports in accordance with Article 36 (2) of the Higher Education Act on November 26, 2013, under reference number MSMT-47240/2013.

Full Text of the Study and Examination Regulations for the Doctoral Degree Study Programmes of the University of Economics, Prague as of November 26, 2013

Article 1

System of Studies and Doctoral Degree Study Programmes

- (1) These Study and Examination Regulations for the Doctoral Degree study programmes of the University of Economics, Prague (hereafter: the “Study and Examination Regulations for the DDSP”) apply to students on the doctoral degree study programmes organised by the faculties of the University of Economics, Prague (hereafter: the VŠE) in collaboration with the Office for Science and Research of the VŠE, unless otherwise stipulated by another VŠE internal regulation.
- (2) The studies are organized within the framework of the Act 111/1998 Coll. (Amended and Consolidated) on Higher Education Institutions, and on Amendments and Supplements to some other acts (hereafter: “the Act”).

Article 2

Doctoral Studies Board

- (1) A doctoral studies board for the doctoral degree study programmes (hereafter: the Doctoral Studies Board”) is the principal professional, supervisory and evaluation body for the doctoral studies (§47, paragraph 6 of the Act). It is accountable to the dean.
- (2) The doctoral studies board members are appointed, and recalled, by the dean, upon the approval of the faculty’s Scientific Board. The doctoral studies board members elect the chair from among their number. The chair is elected, or recalled, by a simple majority of the board members in attendance.
- (3) The doctoral studies board consists of at least seven members, of whom at least two are not members of the VŠE’s staff.
- (4) The doctoral studies board has a quorum if more than half of its members are in attendance. The quorum necessary for the adoption of resolutions is a simple majority of members in attendance.
- (5) The doctoral studies board meets as often as is necessary, but not less than once a year. The meetings are run by the chair. The minutes of the meeting are presented to

the vice-dean for science and research, the dean and the vice-rector for science and research.

- (6) The doctoral studies board is responsible primarily for the following:
 - a) updating and developing the study field within the accredited doctoral degree study programme; making proposals for adjustments to the study programmes or constituting new fields of study within the doctoral degree study programme;
 - b) supervising and assessing the on-going studies in the given study programme;
 - c) together with the guarantor and supervisors, they deal with the professional and organizational issues of the doctoral degree study programme.

Article 3 Field Guarantor

- (1) The field guarantor is a professor, associate professor or other, distinguished, specialist with the scientific degree of DrSc.
- (2) The field guarantor is appointed, and recalled, by the dean upon the approval of the faculty's scientific board.
- (3) The field guarantor is primarily responsible for the following:
 - a) developing the field of study in the doctoral degree study programme;
 - b) together with the doctoral studies board and supervisors, he/she deals with the professional and organizational issues of the doctoral degree study programme;
 - c) proposing to the dean the remuneration for thesis supervisors;
 - d) overseeing the supervisors' professional activities;
 - e) approving students' individual study plans, and presenting them to the dean for signature.

Article 4 Supervisor

- (1) The supervisor is a professor, associate professor or other, distinguished, specialist with a scientific degree of DrSc; or in exceptional cases, another distinguished expert with a scientific rank, or academic degree of "doctor".
- (2) The supervisor is appointed, and recalled, by the dean upon the field guarantor's recommendation.
- (3) The supervisor is primarily responsible for the following:
 - a) in collaboration with the students, drafting their individual study plans and entering it in the electronic information system;
 - b) supervising students' professional development – recommending literature for study, collaborating in the preparation of scientific articles, incorporating the student into scientific projects at the department, or workplace, relevant to the thesis topic (hereafter: the "department") and other projects, facilitating networking with foreign institutions and supervising the fulfilment of the individual study plan;
 - c) carrying out the annual attestation (i.e., reviewing the student's fulfilment of the individual study plan, as well as preparing a report on the Progress of Studies in the information system;

- d) making proposals to the dean regarding the granting of extraordinary scholarships to students.

Article 5 Consultant

- (1) If the thesis topic requires specific supervision, or professional consultation, it is possible to appoint a consultant, who, together with the supervisor, ensures the agreed part of the student's professional development. The consultant is usually a specialist within the field.
- (2) The consultant is appointed, and recalled, by the dean, upon the supervisor's recommendation.

Article 6 Studies

- (1) The studies are organized in the on-site, distance or combined modes.
- (2) The doctoral degree study programmes, accredited and taught in Czech, can be taken by both Czech and foreign students who study (i.e. undertake courses, take exams, write and defend a thesis) in the Czech or Slovak languages. The supervisor can allow, or prescribe, the completion of selected courses in a foreign language within the individual study plan. The submission of a thesis in a foreign language may be permitted by the dean upon request, and after consultation with the field guarantor. All other details of the thesis defence remain in the Czech or Slovak languages.
- (3) The doctoral degree study programmes accredited and taught in a foreign language, are undertaken by Czech and foreign students who must study (i.e., undertake courses, take exams, write and defend a thesis) in the given language only. In accordance with the individual study plan, a student can study and take the exam in a language different from the language in which the programme is accredited.
- (4) The question of study-related fees and scholarships for students on doctoral degree study programmes are set out by the Statute of the VŠE and the Scholarship Regulations of the VŠE.
- (5) During his/her course of studies, the student shall immediately notify the competent person at the Students' Affairs Office informing of any changes in their contact details (especially a change of first name and surname, address and/or telephone number). Should the student fail to do so, the VŠE, or any of its branches, is not liable for the consequences which such omissions should have for the student.

Article 7 Enrolment in Studies

- (1) Admitted applicants become VŠE students as from the date of their enrolment in their programme of studies. Upon enrolment, students are required to take their academic matriculation oath.
- (2) By enrolment is meant that the students are enrolled in their first year of studies. The year means two consecutive semesters of a student's studies; the first being odd, the second being even.

- (3) Upon enrolment, each student is allocated to a department where he belongs with respect to the thesis topic; usually it is the department of his/her supervisor.

Article 8

Individual Study Plan

- (1) The individual study plan states the conditions which the student of a particular doctoral degree study programme must fulfil; both during the course of studies, and in the final completion of studies.
- (2) The individual study plan is drafted by the supervisor, together with the student at the beginning of studies; it is then approved by the field guarantor in the information system, and upon his recommendation, by the dean. The plan contains a list of the doctoral degree study programme's subjects, the timetable, a plan of the student's scientific and pedagogical activities, as well as the working title of the thesis.
- (3) The individual study plan consists usually of a study section, which specifies the general and specialisation-specific orientation of the student's education; and the science and research section, which is related to the solution of a particular scientific or research project, as well as the preparation of the thesis and the expected publication activity.
- (4) The student fulfils the individual study plan under the supervisor's guidance. Within the individual study plan the student shall mainly:
 - a) pass the prescribed exams;
 - b) carry out scientific, research and publication activity under the supervisor's guidance, the results of which are regularly presented at departmental meetings, or other similar occasions;
 - c) engage in the scientific, research and pedagogical activities of the department concerned to the extent set out by that faculty's regulations;
 - d) always record the publication activity, which is the result of the scientific and research activity within the studies in the doctoral degree study programme at VŠE in the information system;
 - e) at the end of each year present the prescribed documents to the supervisor to enable a review of the study plan, to ensure its fulfilment by the date set by the dean,
 - f) if necessary, the individual study plan can be updated.

Article 9

Conditions of Studies

- (1) Teaching in the doctoral degree study programme is organized within the academic year, the schedule of which is set by the Rector.
- (2) The teaching in the doctoral degree study programme takes the form of lectures, seminars, group or individual consultations. The taught courses are completed with exams.
- (3) The courses must be accredited at the VŠE, or one of its faculties. The accreditation file of the course is publicly available and any changes to it must be publicised before the start of the registration period.

- (4) The content and form of the exam are set out in the course accreditation. Exams are assessed on the grading scale: “Excellent” – 1; “Very good” – 2; “Good” – 3 and “Failed” – 4. The grade “Failed” is also awarded if the student fails to attend the exam. The student is told the grade immediately after the oral part of the examination, or within 5 working days if the exam has no oral part. The grade is recorded in the information system immediately by the examiner.
- (5) It is possible to retake the exam once. The retake is possible no sooner than four weeks after the student failed the exam.
- (6) If the student passed an exam in a comparable subject during previous similar studies in a doctoral degree study programme which was offered at another higher education institution, and providing no more than 24 months have passed since the exam; it is possible to recognize this exam at the VŠE upon the student’s request. The recognition of the exam is carried out by the dean of the faculty at which the student is enrolled upon the recommendation of the supervisor and the relevant course supervisor.
- (7) If the student has passed the state doctoral examination under Art. 17 (hereafter: “SDE”) in previous studies in the same field at VŠE, and if the preliminary defence of the thesis presented in the given field of study took place; the dean may recognize this exam, unless more than 24 months have passed from the date of the defence. If the dean recognizes the SDE, he/she therefore recognizes also all courses, the completion of which was a prerequisite for taking the SDE. The recognition of the SDE is carried out by the dean of the faculty at which the student is enrolled upon the recommendation of the supervisor and the field guarantor concerned.
- (8) Transfer within the fields of study must be approved by the dean, or deans of the faculties concerned, upon the recommendation of the guarantors of both fields of study. The dean of the faculty within which the transfer is realized, or to which the student wants to be transferred, must appoint a supervisor who will draft a new individual study plan, and determine the department to which the student will be allocated. The day of the transfer is always the beginning of the semester. The transfer within the fields of study is not possible after completing the SDE.

Article 10

Review of Studies

- (1) Attestation (review of fulfilment) of the study plan is carried out annually, on the date set by the dean for all doctoral degree students at the faculty. The attestation results are recorded in the Report on the Progress of Studies, which contain the evaluation of the current course of studies, publication activity and the student’s participation in the science, research and pedagogical activities of the department, as well as binding conclusions regarding further studies.
- (2) The attestation is carried out by the supervisor in collaboration with the head of the department and the field guarantor. The supervisor presents the attestation results; as recorded in the Report on the Progress of Studies; to the dean for approval. A positive assessment of the student in the Report on the Progress of Studies, approved by the dean, is a prerequisite for the student’s enrolment into a higher year of studies (Art 11). A negative assessment of the student in the Report on the Progress of Studies may be a reason for the termination of studies under Article 24.

Article 11

Progressing to a Higher Year

- (1) A student may enrol in the second year after he has passed at least two of the required examinations in the previous academic year, and has fulfilled other tasks set by the individual study plan and the faculty's regulations.
- (2) A student may enrol in the third year after he has passed all required exams, fulfilled other assignments set by the individual study plan and the faculty's regulations.
- (3) A student may enrol in the fourth year after he has passed the SDE.
- (4) A student may enrol in the fifth year after he has completed the preliminary defence.
- (5) The maximum length of study is five years. The time for which the student would be taking her maternity leave shall not be included in the maximum duration of studies.
- (6) In the on-site mode of study, a student may study for the standard period of time only; afterwards the student will be transferred to a combined, or distance, mode of study by the dean. The maximum length of study shall be as stated in paragraph 5.
- (7) The enrolment in a higher year is effective as of the day of the approval given by the dean, based on the Report on the Progress of Studies.
- (8) A student who does not meet the conditions for enrolment in a higher year may apply to the dean for a conditional enrolment, provided he applies immediately after the failure to meet the conditions becomes known to him.
- (9) The enrolment in a higher year is carried out in the study record book and the information system.

Article 12

Conditions for Taking the State Doctoral Examination

- (1) The SDE is a comprehensive assessment of the student's knowledge of the discipline within the doctoral degree study programme. During the SDE the student demonstrates the degree to which he has mastered the broader theoretical knowledge, methods of independent research activity and the ways of applying the new knowledge within the discipline. The content of the SDE is determined by topics set in advance.
- (2) The SDE is taken before an examination board, open to the public and oral.
- (3) The SDE must be taken prior to the defence of the thesis, so that the result of the SDE can be included in the application for the defence.
- (4) A student may apply for the SDE after he has successfully completed all study requirements set by Art. 11, para. 2.
- (5) The SDEs are held usually once a semester. It is necessary to apply in writing not less than one month before the supposed date of the SDE. The student will be notified about the exact date and venue of the SDE by the doctoral degree studies counsellor well in advance, and in writing (paper or electronic).
- (6) With the application for the SDE, the candidate shall submit an overview of publications verified by the supervisor, as well as the supervisor's report on the candidate's research activities, confirmed by the guarantor of the field of study.

Article 13

The SDE Committee and the SDE Examining Board

- (1) Members of the SDE committee are professors, assistant professors and other distinguished experts in the given field, appointed by the dean upon approval by the faculty's scientific board.
- (2) No later than two weeks before the date of the SDE the dean, upon a proposal from the guarantor of the study field, appoints the SDE examining board, including the chair, from among the SDE committee members. The SDE examining board has at least three members (the chair and two members). Other members of the examining board may be appointed by the Ministry of Education.

Article 14

Conducting the SDE and Classification

- (1) The chair of the examining board (exceptionally: the vice-chair, appointed by the dean), is responsible for conducting the SDE, as well as the examining board's activity on the given date. The examining board has a quorum if the chair (or the vice-chair, appointed by the dean), and at least two other members appointed under Art. 13 para. 2 are present.
- (2) The SDE is classified with the grades: "Excellent – 1"; "Very good – 2"; "Good – 3" and "Fail – 4". The grade "Fail" is also used if the student fails to attend the SDE.
- (3) The result of the classification of the SDE is decided by the SDE examining board in a closed meeting, by vote on the day of the SDE. If the vote ends in a tie, the chair, or the vice-chair, according to para. 1, casts the deciding vote. The classification result is announced to the student immediately after the vote.
- (4) The conducting and classification result of the SDE are recorded in the SDE Record, which is signed by all committee members and entered in the information system, or as the case may be, also in the study record book and signed by the chair, or the vice-chair.
- (5) A grade of Fail means the student may apply to retake the SDE. Retaking the SDE is possible no sooner than four months after the unsuccessful sitting. The SDE can be re-taken only once.

Article 15

Thesis

- (1) At the end of the his/her studies, the student demonstrates his/her ability to conduct independent research activity in the area set by the topic.
- (2) The supervisor and the student inform the department concerned of the progress of the thesis.
- (3) New findings obtained in the course of the work on the thesis must be published.
- (4) The structure of the thesis must meet the topic requirements and lead to the presentation of new findings.

Article 16

Thesis Defence Committee and Thesis Defence Examining Board

- (1) The thesis defence committee members are professors, associate professors and other distinguished experts in the field, appointed by the dean upon the approval of the scientific board concerned. The same procedures apply to the appointment of the thesis defence examining board chair and the vice chair of the thesis defence examining board (hereafter: “examining board), or the chairs and vice-chairs (if there are more than one examining board) from among the members of the thesis defence committee.
- (2) The examining board, which has at least six members, is appointed by the dean from among the thesis defence committee members no later than three weeks before the defence date. At least two examining board members must not be members of the academic community of the VŠE. The chair and the vice-chair of the examining board are professors (exceptionally associate professors) of the given, or the closest related field, appointed earlier on by the dean upon approval by the faculty’s scientific board.

Article 17

Preliminary Defence

- (1) Preliminary defence is the defence of the first draft of the thesis, before the staff of the department where the student conducts research, or where he belongs by virtue of the thesis topic. In case of doubt the department can be determined by the dean.
- (2) The student submits the thesis to the head of the department, who organizes the preliminary defence without delay. The aim of the preliminary defence is to evaluate whether the thesis meets the requirements for such work. For this purpose, the head of the department can ask the opinion of other experts, including those from outside the VŠE.
- (3) The record of the preliminary defence is kept, stating whether the thesis is recommended for defence or must be revised. The head of department presents the record immediately to the doctoral degree studies counsellor.

Article 18

Thesis Defence

- (1) The application for the thesis defence is submitted by the student, in writing, to the dean through the doctoral degree studies counsellor. The student may submit the application for the thesis defence after he has passed the SDE, and preliminary defence.
- (2) Together with the application the student shall submit:
 - a) A structured, professional, curriculum vitae,
 - b) At least three bound copies of the thesis,
 - c) At least ten copies of the thesis abstract; an abstract is a brief summary of the whole thesis, usually up to 20 pages, stating the objectives, content, results of the thesis and the characteristics of the original research methodology, the literature used and concluded with an English, or other foreign language, summary,

- d) A list of all works by the student, both published and unpublished, specifically reviewed articles, presentations at seminars, professional conferences, confirmed by the guarantor and the supervisor. Work published during the studies must be indicated.

The doctoral degree studies counsellor will enclose the confirmation of the SDE passed along with a record of the preliminary defence with the student's application.

- (3) The dean appoints the examining board, under Art. 16, and together with the field guarantor refers the items listed in para. 2 to the chair. The chair judges mainly whether the thesis is of sufficient length, and whether the topic corresponds with the field of study; he/she also judges whether the formal requirements have been met. In the case of an interdisciplinary topic, the chair recommends the dean's appointing other experts to the examining board.
- (4) If the thesis suffers from serious formal shortcomings, the chair of the examining board asks the student to make improvements to it, and sets a reasonable deadline. After the improvements have been made, the defence continues. If the student insists on defending the original work, the defence continues without interruption.
- (5) The chair of the examining board proposes to the dean at least two opponents of the thesis, at least one of whom must be a professor or associate professor, and at least one must not be a member of the academic community of the faculty at which the defence takes place. The dean appoints the opponents without undue delay, or asks the chair to propose somebody else.
- (6) The opponents review the submitted thesis in writing, and refer the review to the chair of the examining board in both paper and electronic form. The chair will ensure that the reviews are posted in the information system, and stored in paper form in the student's file. Each review shall conclude with a statement: "I recommend the thesis for defence before the examining board concerned" ,or, "I do not recommend the thesis for defence before the examining board concerned".
- (7) The reviews must be available to the student no later than two weeks before the scheduled defence.
- (8) The student is notified of the date and venue of the defence in writing, no later than three weeks in advance.

Article 19

Publication of the Theses

- (1) The database of theses (hereafter: "the database"), the defence of which has taken place at the VŠE, or the defence of which is scheduled to take place at the VŠE, is kept in the information system.
- (2) The student shall upload the electronic version of his/her thesis in the database by the date set by the department at which the defence takes place.
- (3) The supervisor will review the entered data and confirm their completeness, and make the thesis publicly accessible in the information system.
- (4) In the case of shortcomings, the supervisor will enable the student to make corrections. Before the student has entered all the required data correctly in the database, the thesis is not considered submitted.
- (5) If the thesis topic requires collaboration with subjects outside the VŠE and the student will work with sensitive data, it is possible to replace the sensitive data in the version

available to the public with different data, or to omit a part of the thesis. The scope of the omissions must be approved by the dean upon recommendation by the supervisor. In the publicly available version the fact that some data have been replaced, or that a part of the work has been omitted must be indicated.

- (6) The omitted, or replaced, data shall be stated in an enclosure, which will not be publicly available.
- (7) The supervisor is obliged to inform the collaborating subjects outside the VŠE of the facts that the thesis defence is open to the public, that the thesis is publicly available before the defence for a period of time set by the law, and that anybody can make notes, transcriptions or copies of the thesis at their own expense.

Article 20

Conducting and Evaluating the Thesis Defence

- (1) The thesis defence is open to the public and can be repeated once.
- (2) The responsibility for conducting the defence, and the activity of the examining board, lies with the chair, or, in his/her absence, with the vice-chair.
- (3) The examining board has a quorum if at least five of its members are present, including the chair or the vice-chair. One of the members must not be a member of the VŠE academic community (Art. 16, para. 2). At least one of the opponents must be present at the defence.
- (4) The supervisor must also take part in the thesis defence. If the supervisor cannot, for some serious reason, attend the defence, the guarantor will propose to the dean a substitute from among the members of the department where the thesis belongs according to its topic. The supervisor (or the substitute, or the consultant) has the right to attend the closed session of the examining board; he is not a member of the examining board and does not vote on the result of the defence.
- (5) The thesis defence shall take place even if the opponents' reviews are negative in the event of the student's insisting on defending the submitted work.
- (6) The defence consists of the student's introductory presentation, the supervisor's and opponents' opinions, the candidate's responses to the questions raised in the reviews and a scientific debate. After the defence, the examining board vote on the result in a session closed to the public. During the defence a record is kept, stating the name of the student's study programme, the names of the examining board members and opponents present, along with all significant facts of the defence. At the end of the record the outcome of the vote is shown. The record is signed by the chair, or the vice-chair if the chair is absent.
- (7) The examining board's vote is taken by secret ballot. On the ballot paper all voters mark one of the options: "Defended" or "Did not defend" the thesis. The result "Did not defend" is also granted to a student who has failed to attend the defence. The opponents have the right to attend the non-public session of the examining board, but they cannot vote unless they are members of the examining board. The outcome of the vote is announced to the student publicly immediately after the defence is finished.
- (8) The result "Defended" is accepted if a simple majority of voters present voted for it. Otherwise the student did not defend the thesis.
- (9) The chair forwards the record of the thesis defence to the dean, who, after reviewing the procedural details of the defence, confirms by his/her signature the validity of the defence.

- (10) If the student fails to defend the thesis, the examining board may recommend the method, scope and form of revision. In this case, the examining board sets a deadline by which it is necessary to submit the revised thesis for a new defence. The new defence may take place no sooner than four months after the unsuccessful defence, in compliance with Art. 18.

Article 21

Excuses

- (1) If a student, for some serious reason, fails to attend an examination, he/she must submit an excuse for the absence to the examiner no later than ten calendar days after the exam date and arrange a new date. If the student fails to provide an excuse in this period, the exam is classified with grade "Failed". If the excuse is sent by mail, the postmark date will be taken into consideration.
- (2) If a student, for some serious reason, fails to attend the SDE or the thesis defence, he/she must submit a written excuse for the absence to the dean no later than ten calendar days of the date of SDE, or the defence. If the excuse is sent by mail, the postmark date will be taken into consideration.
- (3) If the dean finds the reasons presented in the excuse to be adequate, he/she will allow the SDE, or the thesis defence, to take place on a new date, which is set by agreement with the Chair of the SDE, or thesis defence examining boards. This must be done in writing.
- (4) The student, who has failed to attend the SDE without an excuse, may apply in writing for a retake of the SDE. The retake can take place no sooner than four months after the original date of the SDE. The student who failed to attend the thesis defence may apply in writing for the retake of the defence. The retake can take place no sooner than four months after the original date of the defence.

Article 22

Interruption of Studies

- (1) The student is obligated to submit a request for the interruption of studies immediately after becoming aware of the serious reasons which warrant this course of action. The dean may interrupt the student's studies repeatedly upon the student's request, and the supervisor's opinion. During the period of interruption the person ceases to be a student of the VŠE.
- (2) After the interruption period has elapsed, the person has the right to re-register for the study programme. If the person whose studies were interrupted uses this right, and comes to re-register, the re-registration date is the first day after the end of the interruption period. If the person does not use of the right to re-register for the study programme within 14 days after the end of the interruption period, his/her studies are terminated in compliance with Art. 24, para. 2, letter c).
- (3) The interruption period is usually one semester. The maximum period for which studies can be interrupted is 24 months in total.

Article 22a

Interruption of Studies on the Grounds of Parenting

1. The dean shall upon the student's request interrupt the student's studies, also repeatedly, always in connection with pregnancy, childbirth or parenting, namely for the whole acknowledged parental time, i.e. the period for which the person would otherwise be taking her/his maternity or parental leave.
2. Persons whose studies were interrupted on the grounds of pregnancy, childbirth or parenting can, upon their request, resume their studies before the interruption period has elapsed.
3. If the person fails to use her/his right to re-enrol in the studies within 14 days after the expiry of the interruption period, their studies will be terminated in compliance with Art. 24, para 2, letter c).
4. The interruption period for the acknowledged parental time is not included in the total interruption period.

Article 23

Proper Completion of Studies

- (1) The studies are completed by fulfilling all the requirements of the individual study plan, passing the SDE and successfully defending the thesis.
- (2) The university degree certificate confirming the right to use the academic degree of "Doctor"; abbreviated as Ph.D., and used after the name, along with the diploma supplement are awarded to the student usually at a graduation ceremony.

Article 24

Other Ways to Terminate Studies

- (1) Reasons other than those stated in Art. 23 are shown in §56 of the Act.
- (2) The dean may decide to terminate the student's studies due to the student's failure to fulfil the requirements of the study programme in compliance with §56 para.1 letter b) of the Act, if the student :
 - a) Without a sound reason, did not collaborate with the supervisor or the department, or did not submit by the due date the required materials for the review of the progress of studies to the supervisor.
 - b) In the on-site mode of study, repeatedly failed to fulfil the duties and tasks set by the head of department, upon agreement with the supervisor and faculty's internal regulations.
 - c) Failed to arrive, without presenting a reasonable excuse, at the re-registration for the study programme after the expiry of the period of interruption,
 - d) Was not enrolled in a higher year due to his failure to fulfil the conditions stated in Art. 11
 - e) Failed the SDE repeatedly, or repeatedly failed to defend the thesis
 - f) Exceeded the maximum period allowed for the course of studies.

- (3) The date of the termination of studies in compliance with Art. 24, para 2, is the day on which the decision to terminate the course of studies came into force.
- (4) The dean's decision is made in accordance with §68 of the Act.

Article 25

Alternative Delivery

If the decision under §50 para.5, and §68 para. 3, letters a) to f), could not be delivered into the student's own hands, to the last known contact address or to the student's place of residence, it is deemed to have been delivered by being displayed on the faculty's official notice board for a period of 14 days. The day of delivery is the last day of the decisions display.

Article 26

Temporary and Final Provisions

- (1) The Study and Examination Regulations of the VŠE in Prague, for studies in the doctoral degree study programmes, registered at the Ministry of Education on June 21, 2006, under the registration number 15 004/2006-30 have been revoked.
- (2) The students who were enrolled in the studies in the doctoral degree programme in the academic year 2010/2011, and earlier, have the right to enrol:
 - a) in the fourth year, provided they passed all exams set by the individual study plan in the past academic year, fulfilled all other prescribed tasks, and can submit in writing the results of their research, as well as their publication activity so far; Art. 11 para. 3 does not apply to these students;
 - b) in the fifth year, provided they passed the SDE and completed the preliminary defence; Art. 11 para. 4 does not apply to these students.
- (3) These Study and Examination Regulations were approved under § 9 para.1, letter b) of the Act by the VŠE Academic Senate on June 14, 2011.
- (4) These Study and Examination Regulations come into force under §36 para 4 of the Act on the date of their registration at the Ministry of Education.
- (5) These Study and Examination regulations come into effect at the beginning of the academic year 2011/2012.

The Academic Senate of the University of Economics, Prague approved the amendments to the Study and Examination Regulations for the Doctoral Degree Study Programmes of the University of Economics, Prague on November 11, 2013 under Art. 9 para 1 letter b) of the Act.

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