

**Information for applicants and
students in doctoral study
programmes at Faculty of Business
and Economics
2026/2027**

1. Doctoral studies

Doctoral study programmes are the highest level in the hierarchy of higher education programmes, which can be progressively attained by completing a Bachelor's degree and a follow-up Master's degree programme. In contrast to Bachelor and Master university studies, doctoral studies are not only based on the study of specialist areas, but on the implementation research activities and active participation in the international research community through co-authorship, participation in projects or presentations at renowned international scientific conferences.

The aim of studying in doctoral programmes is primarily the scientific preparation of the student supported by their professional training in a relatively narrowly specialised field. The content of the study is based on the recommended curriculum of the doctoral study programme and, above all, on the individual study plan (hereinafter referred to as "ISP") of each student. The ISP defines the student's study obligations, especially in research activities and involvement in the international research community, based on the individual student's prerequisites.

The standard period of study in doctoral degree programmes at FBE MENDELU is three or four years depending on the chosen study programme. In the first years of the doctoral studies, the student passes the Board exam, presents and defends the individual stages of the dissertation development, publicly publishes the results of their scientific work and gains the necessary experience in the implementation of international activities and cooperation. In the last year, the student is mainly focused on completing the dissertation using the results of their own research and its defending. After a successful defence, the graduate receives the academic title "Doctor", abbreviated as Ph.D. after their name.

The study can be carried out in full-time or combined form. In the full-time form of study, the student regularly attends their department according to the instructions of the supervisor and the head of the department and actively participates in the processes taking place at this department, especially research and project activities. In addition to fulfilling the obligations arising from their study plan, he/she is usually entrusted with other activities. Within the framework of the combined form of study, the student is not obliged to attend the training centre regularly, but he/she participates in organised teaching, consultation and other events related to the fulfilment of the study plan in accordance with the instructions of the supervisor and the ISP. The degree of involvement of full-time and combined students in research activities and international activities is the same.

1.1 Regulations

The basic regulations governing studies in doctoral study programmes (hereinafter referred to as "DSP") are the relevant provisions of Act No.111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (hereinafter referred to as "law"), the Study and Examination Regulations of Mendel University in Brno, Code of Conduct for employees, students and graduates, the Dean's Ordinance On Specifying the Rules and Organisation of Study in Doctoral Study Programmes of the Faculty of Business and Economics, the Dean's Ordinance On Specifying the Conditions for Awarding a Scholarship, the Rector's Guidelines on Study-Related Fees, and Dean's Decree on Schedule of the Faculty of Business and Economics.

1.2 Organisation of studies

The study content of doctoral study programmes is based on compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and optional courses. The individual courses are focused on professional knowledge, research activities, international activities, project activities, presentation competences, and the dissertation in its various stages of preparation. Studies are organised by year.

The student enrolls in courses to achieve fulfilment of all requirements set by the degree program and its ISP. In order to successfully fulfil the study plan, it is necessary to fulfil the obligations set out in the Study and Examination Regulations of Mendel University in Brno. The study is properly completed after fulfilling all study requirements, including successful defence of the dissertation.

1.3 Doctoral study programmes

The Faculty of Business and Economics offers doctoral studies in the following study programmes:

- Economics and Management
- Finance
- Open Informatics

2 Nature of doctoral studies

Doctoral studies are conducted under the supervision of a supervisor appointed by the Dean on the proposal of the board, and it is assumed that discussion with the supervisor by the student usually takes place before the start of the admission procedure. Profiles of potential supervisors, their scientific expertise, publications and project activities are available to those interested in doctoral studies via the faculty's website (Contacts - People at MENDEL). The role of a supervisor is crucial for a student of a doctoral programme.

2.1 Student

A student of the doctoral study programme is a member of the academic community of the faculty and the academic community of Mendel University in Brno. He/she is subject to the rights and obligations arising from the law and the internal regulations of the University and the Faculty for the relevant form of study. The basic duties of a student include the following:

- to enrol in studies and each subsequent year by the specified date,
- cooperate with the supervisor in the preparation of the ISP,
- provide the supervisor with materials for the report of the progress of the doctoral studies,
- continuously fulfil the obligations arising from the ISP,
- to keep regular records of their studies in the University Information System (hereinafter referred to as "UIS") and university e-mail,
- keep track of the terms and conditions of completion of enrolled courses in the UIS,
- complete part of one's studies at a foreign institution,
- carry out publishing and other research activities,
- regularly present research results at the department, as well as at national and international scientific conferences, and incorporate the feedback received to enhance the quality of research outcomes,
- complete the studies properly within the maximum period of study.

2.2 Supervisor

The role of the supervisor is crucial; the study takes place under their guidance. The supervisor is actively involved in research and project activities in the field of the respective doctoral study program. Together with the student, they draw up their individual study plan and regularly monitor and evaluate its implementation. The supervisor consults the student on the preparation of the dissertation, ensures the student's involvement in research, pedagogical and project activities and

comments on the student's requests concerning their studies. The supervisor regularly prepares a report on the progress of the doctoral studies, which, together with information from the student's records, is the basis for the deliberations of the board.

2.3 Board

Studies in the DSP are regularly reviewed and evaluated by the board appointed by the Dean for each study programme. The board evaluates the reports submitted to the supervisor on the progress of doctoral studies and recommends to the dean decisions on the continuation of studies, interruption of studies and termination of studies, proposes adjustments to the amount of the scholarship and formulates specific recommendations leading to the successful completion of studies. The chair of the board is the guarantor of the respective study program.

2.4 Individual study plan

The ISP includes a schedule of study obligations within the standard period of study, the topic and basic content of the dissertation, and a plan for other activities directly related to the study. Basic study obligations are represented by individual courses. In practice, the ISP consists of a study plan of required courses, a selection of elective courses, the dissertation assignment, publishing, project and other research activities, participation in conferences, international activities, and other engagements not only within the department, faculty, and university, but also outside the university and abroad.

2.5 Interruption of studies

A student's studies may be interrupted at their request for serious reasons specified in the Study and Examination Regulations of Mendel University in Brno or ex officio. The decision to interrupt studies is made by the Dean on the basis of the opinion of the supervisor and the chairperson of the board. The maximum study period is set at twice the standard study period set by the study programme. If the student does not complete the study properly within the maximum study period, the study ends. A student may only take actions and fulfil their study obligations during the academic year when he/she is a student, not during the period of interruption of studies. Publications that are published during the period of interruption of studies may be accepted.

2.6 Board exam

The first and second year of doctoral studies is completed in May and June with the Board exam, the content of which is the defence of the current state of the dissertation and the verification of knowledge from compulsory and/or compulsory elective courses. The student applies for the Board exam after fulfilling all the intermediate obligations of the professional courses that are part of the Board exam, completing the presentation of the current state of the dissertation in progress, usually in the February term, or in one alternative term. Before the Board exam, the student submits the current version of the dissertation in progress.

The individual parts of the Board exam are graded with grades A to F. If the student is graded F in one or more parts, he/she has the option of taking these parts of the Board exam in one make-up period, which is usually held in August.

2.7 Research activity

The results of research activities are repeatedly presented by the student at workshops, colloquia, departmental seminars and at national and international scientific conferences. Through the presentations, he/she discusses their results with the scientific community and continuously incorporates the comments into a paper which is usually published in the form of

Working Paper. After completing the research and incorporating the comments, the student publishes the finished text in the form of a scientific article in journals indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science. For the recognition of a publication output, the student, after the publication of the output and its entry into the OBD system via the "The Report of Research and Development Result", documents in accordance with the course syllabus and applies for recognition of the relevant course in the UIS. It is necessary that the research carried out and the subsequent publications are related to the dissertation topic. Publication outputs should be carried out on an ongoing basis in accordance with the conditions of the study programme and the ISP. An important milestone in most doctoral programmes is the obligation to publish the first article in a journal indexed at least in the Scopus database before applying for the second-year Board exam. All publication obligations must be fulfilled before applying to defend the dissertation.

Publication outputs are also expected in the case of the production of other types of research activities (software, patent, dataset). Each research activity contains new knowledge that is expected to be disseminated within the scientific community through scientific articles.

2.8 Project activity

The project activity of a student of the doctoral study programme includes solving projects of university and faculty internal grant agencies or involving the student in external and international research projects (especially in cooperation with the supervisor). For the recognition of project activities, the student after successful completion of the project documents the necessary documents in accordance with the course syllabus and applies for recognition of the relevant course in the UIS.

2.9 International activity

International activities are part of the ISP and must be completed by the student throughout the doctoral studies at the latest before the application for the dissertation defence. They include mainly a foreign internship at the university or research institute of the duration specified by the individual study programmes (with a minimum duration of one month), but also a study abroad, international cooperation (joint publications, preparation and implementation of projects, organisation of conferences, consultations on professional topics related to the study and dissertation), foreign courses, training, summer schools. Other international activities are not excluded, several different international activities can be recognised, the individual assessment of the fulfilment of the study conditions is not only quantitative but above all qualitative. Slovakia is not considered a foreign country, and activities cannot be carried out while studies are interrupted.

The student is provided with a list of foreign partner institutions allowing internships and other international activities, from which he/she should choose the one that best matches the student's DSP profile and the topic of their dissertation.

The student typically consults the conditions of recognition of international activities before starting the given activity with the supervisor and the guarantor of the course which covers international activities. For the recognition of international activities, the student applies for the registration and recognition of the relevant course in the UIS and documents the necessary documents through 000_Z: in accordance with the course syllabus: General application (related contracts, certificates, description of activities, confirmation of cooperation from foreign partners together with a cover letter from the student describing the importance of the activities for the quality of their doctoral studies, level of dissertation, publication outputs, project activities, and general current and future foreign cooperation.

2.10 Presentation competences and pedagogical activities

Presentation competences may be acquired by the student through the optional course Pedagogical Competences, which includes the fundamentals of didactics, pedagogy, and modern teaching instruments and methods. Any pedagogical activities of the student beyond the scope of this course may only be carried out based on an employment-legal relationship.

2.11 State Final Exam

The state final exam consists of the defence of the dissertation.

2.12 Dissertation

The creation of a dissertation is a long-term process throughout the doctoral studies. The gradual development of the dissertation is continuously monitored through consultations with the supervisor and presentations of the different stages of the dissertation development, which are:

- the dissertation intent, which the student presents at the entrance examination,
- the developed dissertation intent and its basic characteristics in the student's ISP, which is created by the supervisor in cooperation with the student,
- presentation of the dissertation thesis in the first year of study,
- the thesis of the dissertation defended at the end of the first year of study in the framework of the board exam,
- presentation of the semi-finished dissertation at the department in the second year of study,
- semi-finished dissertation defended at the end of the second year of study in the framework of the board exam,
- semi-finished dissertation presented during the next years of the studies,
- dissertation for internal defence presented at the department,
- final dissertation defended in front of the examination board for the dissertation defence.

The successive phases of dissertation development should also be presented outside the above-mentioned milestones, particularly within the supervisor's department or as part of the faculty's research institute.

The internal defence of the dissertation takes place at the department with the participation of academic staff of this department, research institute members, or one or more of the potential dissertation opponents and other experts of the faculty or university. The outcomes of the internal defence are the minutes of the defence, reviews and attendance list. For the purposes of internal defence, at least two reviews are drawn up, of which at least one is drawn up by an external opponent.

The student receives feedback during the individual presentation. The comments received and recommendations are incorporated and considered in the further development of the dissertation as well as in their own research activities.

The dissertation is submitted in English.

The dissertation shall be submitted either as a thematically and methodologically coherent monograph or as a collection of original published results, or results accepted for publication.

A monographic dissertation is understood as a text that thoroughly addresses a single topic, is written by one author, follows the standard structure of a scientific work, and paraphrases and consistently cites the author's own publications. A collection of articles consists of an introductory chapter identifying the overarching research problem, at least three articles addressing

a common research issue, an explicit definition of the student's substantial contribution to each article, including the student's impact on current knowledge, and a concluding summary of results relevant to the specific research problem addressed in the dissertation. Articles included in the dissertation should be published or accepted for publication with an assigned active DOI in journals indexed in the Scopus database or in the Web of Science Core Collection. Student shall provide the Research Centre with a list of publications intended for inclusion in the dissertation. The student will then receive an official University statement specifying the conditions under which the publications may be used in the dissertation, including compliance with licensing agreements and copyright regulations.

The dissertation must be submitted at least four months before the end of the maximum period of study so that all the administrative steps that must be taken before the actual defence, such as the appointment of opponents, the deadline for the preparation of their reports, and the publication of the date of the defence, can be fulfilled.

2.13 Defence of dissertation

A student who has fulfilled all study requirements, including international activities and publications, and has obtained the prescribed number of credits in a study programme with an established credit system (180 credits for a three-year programme and 240 credits for a four-year programme) may apply to defend their dissertation. The dissertation defence verifies the ability of independent research. The scientific discussion focuses on the broader context of the issues addressed in the dissertation.

The application for the dissertation defence shall be submitted electronically by the candidate via the General Application 170_Z in the UIS Contact Centre and printed to the Dean through the Research Centre. At the same time, the candidate shall submit the following as electronic attachments:

- the dissertation in the UIS system,
- a list of publications including full texts, or other research results, with a justification of their relation to the dissertation,
- proof of publication of the original results of the dissertation or of results accepted for publication, in cases where the publication is not fully recorded in the OBD system; this proof shall include, in particular, an assigned functional DOI, online-first publication, listing in the forthcoming issues section of the journal, or direct confirmation from the journal editor of the future publication of the article,
- a professional CV.

The dissertation defence is conducted in the language in which the study programme is accredited.

After a successful defence of the dissertation, the student receives the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and receives the diploma at the next graduation ceremony of graduates of doctoral study programmes of the Faculty of Business and Economics of Mendel University in Brno, or at the specified date in case the student does not attend the graduation ceremony.

3. Admission

Admission to study is governed by the Conditions for Admission to Study in Doctoral Degree Programmes at the Faculty of Business and Economics. The application for admission to study must be submitted by 31 May. The entrance examination will take place in June. If the applicant submits all required documents, particularly a dissertation intent with the potential to achieve high-research results, the exact date of the entrance examination will be communicated via an invitation letter. The

entrance examination is based on a professional discussion in English of the dissertation intent prepared in advance. The professional debate verifies the student's aptitude for independent scientific work, possible publication results and language aptitude. The admissions committee considers the recommendations, capacity and professional level of the potential supervisor. The maximum number of students admitted is specified in the conditions of admission and the capacity of the department is also taken into account.

Electronic application is available via the UIS. The dissertation topics from which the student chooses are available within the application form. After selecting an available topic, direct contact with a potential supervisor is expected before the actual submission of the application to study. The following documents must be supplied to the application:

- a dissertation intent in English in the structure given in the form,
- an officially certified copy of the diploma (a plain copy is sufficient for graduates of the Faculty of Business and Economics); if necessary, an extension of the deadline for delivery of this document can be requested in writing,
- a structured CV.

4. Timetable

The timetable of doctoral studies for a particular academic year is determined by the relevant Dean's Ordinance published on the Official Board of the Faculty. Dates of regular Board exams and all regular partial presentations are announced usually one month in advance, and alternative or corrective dates one week in advance. Dates for the completion of the obligations of other courses are given by their supervisors and the syllabi of the respective courses.

Date / period	Event / milestone
1 September 2026	Enrolment in studies – 1st-year students
1 September 2026	Introduction to studies – 1st-year students
1–11 September 2026	Enrolment in higher years of doctoral studies
22 September – 19 December 2026	Scheduled courses –events are published continuously on the PhD website
by 9 October 2026	ISP proposal in UIS – prepared by supervisors of 1st-year students; the student actively cooperates with the supervisor in preparing the ISP; the proposal is approved by the study programme guarantor by the end of November
by 31 October 2026	Submission of Internal Grant Agency project applications
by 18 December 2026	Approval of the dissertation assignment in UIS – entered in UIS by the Research Centre, which also ensures approval
by 10 February 2027	Submission of draft dissertation theses for presentations by 1st-year students
by 10 February 2027	Submission of the semi-finished dissertation for presentations by 2nd-year students
by 26 February 2027	Presentations of draft dissertation theses by 1st-year students
by 26 February 2027	Presentations of the semi-finished dissertation by 2nd-year students
28 February 2027	Review of fulfilment of study obligations of full-time students for determining the scholarship for the period from March to August
by 5 May 2027	Submission of dissertation theses for Board Exam 1 by 1st-year students
by 5 May 2027	Submission of the semi-finished dissertation for Board Exam 2 by 2nd-year students

17 May – 11 June 2027	Board exams
by 31 July 2027	Submission of the report on the progress of doctoral studies – prepared by the supervisor; the student actively cooperates with the supervisor
31 July 2027	Review of fulfilment of study obligations of full-time students for determining the scholarship amount for the period from September to February
by 13 August 2027	Review of fulfilment of study obligations in the academic year 2026/2027
16–27 August 2027	Resit Board Exams 1 and 2
by 31 August 2027	Evaluation of students by the board – the board recommends continuation of studies, interruption of studies or termination of studies, or formulates corrective measures and proposes an adjustment to the amount of the awarded scholarship for the next period

5. Scholarships, tuition fees and evaluation of study progress

The list, description and conditions of the different types of scholarships can be found in Dean's Ordinance On Specifying the Conditions for Awarding a Scholarship and the Scholarship Regulations of Mendel University in Brno. A full-time student is awarded a regular monthly doctoral scholarship during the standard period of their studies. This scholarship may be reduced or withdrawn in accordance with applicable regulations based on the results of the regular evaluation of the study progress. The student applies for the scholarship via the General Request in the Contact Centre after each evaluation period, i.e. twice a year. Based on a General Application in the Contact Centre and submission of the required documentation, the student may also be granted one-time scholarships, primarily for achieved research results.

There is a zero-tuition fee for PhD students at the Faculty of Business and Economics. This is based on the Rector's Guidelines on Study-Related Fees, published on the Official Board of Mendel University in Brno in the section Internal Regulations.

Regular comprehensive evaluation of study progress is conducted twice a year based on the study evidence and report of the progress of the doctoral studies of the individual student. The report is prepared by the supervisor in cooperation with the student within the deadline set by the academic year schedule. The report includes fulfilment of study obligations, research activities, involvement in activities at the supervisor's department, international internships and other international activities, the current state of dissertation development, participation in events for doctoral students published on the faculty's website, participation in conferences, involvement in project activities, and the resulting recommendation. When evaluating the report, the board provides a final recommendation regarding the continuation of studies (or under what conditions), or termination of studies. It also provides a recommendation concerning the amount awarded of scholarship for full-time students within the standard period of study, in accordance with Article 6 and Annex 2 of the valid Dean's Ordinance on Specifying the Conditions for Awarding a Scholarship. The student is obliged to provide the supervisor with the necessary cooperation in preparing all evaluation reports and to supply the required materials.

A. First Evaluated Period of the First Year of Doctoral Study

Criterion for awarding the full amount of the scholarship: obtaining at least 55 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Criterion for awarding 50% of the scholarship amount: obtaining at least 40 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Activities and Results	Points
Presentation of the dissertation thesis concept	10
Fulfilment of continuous obligations in enrolled courses	10
Participation in educational and other events for PhD students as listed on the Faculty web	5
MENDELU PhD School	5
Regular consultations and continuous work on the dissertation	5
Presentation of research results at the department (research seminar / workshop)	5
Participation in departmental activities	5
Submission of an internal project proposal (principal investigator)	5
Award of an internal project (principal investigator)	5
Participation in a national external project proposal (at least as a team member)	5
Participation in a national external project	5
Participation in a foreign external project proposal (at least as a team member)	5
Participation in a foreign project	10
Working paper	10
Submitted publication to Jsc, Jimp	5
Publication in Jsc	20
Publication in Jimp	30
Publication in Jimp above the AIS median	60
Software, patent, industrial design, dataset	30
PEFnet conference (active personal participation)	5
National external conference (active personal participation)	5
Foreign conference (active personal participation)	10

B. Second Evaluated Period of the First Year of Doctoral Study

Criterion for awarding the full amount of the scholarship: obtaining at least 55 points in the previous evaluated period and obtaining at least 125 points in total from the activities listed below in the evaluated period and the previous evaluated period.

Criterion for awarding 50% of the scholarship amount: obtaining at least 40 points in the previous evaluated period and obtaining at least 100 points in total from the activities listed below in the evaluated period and the previous evaluated period.

Activities and Results	Points
All parts of board exam 1 graded B or better	10
Fulfilment of continuous obligations in enrolled courses	5
Fulfilment of the requirements of the course Pedagogical Competences	5
Participation in educational and other events for PhD students as listed on the faculty web	5
Regular consultations and continuous work on the dissertation	10
Presentation of research results at the department (research seminar / workshop)	5
Participation in departmental activities	5

Participation in a national external project proposal (at least as a team member)	5
Participation in a national external project	5
Participation in a foreign external project proposal (at least as a team member)	5
Participation in a foreign project	5
Working paper	10
Submitted publication to Jsc, Jimp	10
Publication in Jsc	5
Publication in Jimp	20
Publication in Jimp above the AIS median	30
Software, patent, industrial design, dataset	60
ECOS conference (active personal participation)	30
National external conference (active personal participation)	5
Foreign conference (active personal participation)	5
All parts of board exam 1 graded B or better	10

C. First Evaluated Period of the Second Year of Doctoral Study

Criterion for awarding the full amount of the scholarship: obtaining at least 80 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Criterion for awarding 50% of the scholarship amount: obtaining at least 50 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Activities and Results	Points
Presentation of the semi-finished dissertation thesis	10
Fulfilment of continuous obligations in enrolled courses	10
Participation in educational and other events for PhD students as listed on the Faculty web	5
Regular consultations and continuous work on the dissertation	5
Presentation of research results at the department (research seminar / workshop)	5
Participation in departmental activities	5
Award of an internal project	5
Participation in a national external project	5
Participation in a foreign external project proposal (at least as a team member)	5
Participation in a foreign project	10
Working paper	10
Publication in Jsc	20
Publication in Jimp	30
Publication in Jimp above the AIS median	60
Software, patent, industrial design, dataset	30
PEFnet conference (active personal participation)	5
National external conference (active personal participation)	5
Foreign conference (active personal participation)	10

D. Second Evaluated Period of the Second Year of Doctoral Study

Criterion for awarding the full amount of the scholarship: obtaining at least 70 points in the previous evaluated period and obtaining at least 140 points in total from the activities listed below in the evaluated period and the previous evaluated period.

Criterion for awarding 50% of the scholarship amount: obtaining at least 50 points in the previous evaluated period and obtaining at least 105 points in total from the activities listed below in the evaluated period and the previous evaluated period.

Activities and Results	Points
Successful completion of board exam 2	10
All parts of board exam 2 graded B or better	5
Fulfilment of continuous obligations in enrolled courses	5
Participation in educational and other events for PhD students as listed on the Faculty web	10
Regular consultations and continuous work on the dissertation	5
Presentation of research results at the department (research seminar / workshop)	5
Participation in a national external project	5
Participation in a foreign external project proposal (at least as a team member)	5
Participation in a foreign project	10
Working paper	10
Publication in Jsc	20
Publication in Jimp	30
Publication in Jimp above the AIS median	60
Software, patent, industrial design, dataset	30
ECOS conference (active personal participation)	5
National external conference (active personal participation)	5
Foreign conference (active personal participation)	10

E. First Evaluated Period of the Third Year of Doctoral Study

Criterion for awarding the full amount of the scholarship: obtaining at least 70 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Criterion for awarding 50% of the scholarship amount: obtaining at least 45 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Activities and Results	Points
Presentation of the semi-finished dissertation thesis	10
Fulfilment of continuous obligations in enrolled courses	10
Participation in educational and other events for PhD students as listed on the Faculty web	5
Presentation of research results at the department (research seminar / workshop)	5
Participation in a national external project	5

Participation in a foreign project	10
Working paper	10
Publication in Jsc	20
Publication in Jimp	30
Publication in Jimp above the AIS median	60
Software, patent, industrial design, dataset	30
Foreign conference (active personal participation)	10

F. Second Evaluated Period of the Third Year of Doctoral Study

Criterion for awarding the full amount of the scholarship: obtaining at least 60 points in the previous evaluated period and obtaining at least 175 points in total from the activities listed below in the evaluated period and the previous evaluated period.

Criterion for awarding 50% of the scholarship amount: obtaining at least 45 points in the previous evaluated period and obtaining at least 145 points in total from the activities listed below in the evaluated period and the previous evaluated period.

Activities and Results	Points
Internal defence of the dissertation thesis	10
Completion of an internship	20
Fulfilment of continuous obligations in enrolled courses	5
Participation in educational and other events for PhD students as listed on the Faculty web	10
Presentation of research results at the department (research seminar / workshop)	5
Participation in a national external project	5
Participation in a foreign project	10
Working paper	10
Publication in Jsc	20
Publication in Jimp	30
Publication in Jimp above the AIS median	60
Software, patent, industrial design, dataset	30
ECOS conference (active participation)	5
Foreign conference (active personal participation)	10

G. First Evaluated Period of the Fourth Year of Doctoral Study

Criterion for awarding the full amount of the scholarship: obtaining at least 40 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Criterion for awarding 50% of the scholarship amount: obtaining at least 30 points from the activities listed below for the evaluated period.

Activities and Results	Points
Participation in a national external project	5

Participation in a foreign project	10
Publication in Jsc	20
Publication in Jimp	30
Publication in Jimp above the AIS median	60
Software, patent, industrial design, dataset	30
Foreign conference (active personal participation)	10

Notes:

The creative output must be related to the dissertation topic and may be claimed by only one student (typically the first listed author if multiple students are involved).

If the student is not the first author, only outputs with a maximum of five authors may be recognised. If the student is the first author, the total number of authors may be higher.

The definitions of software and datasets follow Dean's Ordinance on Financial Support for Creative Activity.

A foreign conference is held outside the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

An unlimited number of points may be obtained for publication outputs of types Jimp, Jsc; other activities may be awarded points only once per evaluated period.

Three-year study programmes are covered by evaluation periods A to E, while four-year study programmes are covered by points A to G.

6. Study programme Economics and Management

6.1 Graduate profile

The graduate will acquire general, professional and special knowledge and skills for independent scientific and professional research work with the possibility of employment in research and development, highly qualified professional consulting, or managerial positions at the middle and higher management level. The graduate will acquire competencies for systematic problem-solving in the chosen area of focus of the dissertation - business economics, sector economics, specifics of the agricultural and food sector, management and marketing - using knowledge of economic theory, quantitative methods and the business environment.

The graduate's profiling will be guided in the direction of independent research work and teamwork and the ability to comprehensively or in an interdisciplinary manner analyse and subsequently synthesize the acquired knowledge and transform it into the form of qualified decisions. A comprehensive spectrum of knowledge and skills will enable graduates to competently address complex situations not only from the perspective of the current situation, but also in terms of predicting future developments in the relevant area of expertise.

The affiliation of the faculty to the university, which has great potential to solve problems of agriculture and forestry, to process agricultural products with high quality for consumers, provides the potential to solve the economic efficiency of production and conceptual management, for example in the agricultural sector but also related areas of the affected product chains. The importance of these and other sectoral links is also reflected in the context of new research on sustainable development, in particular the links between the consumption and production of water, energy and food.

6.2 Study plan

The main areas of study in the Economics and Management programme are based on three compulsory courses, which are Economics, Management and Methodology of Science. The student completes international activities and publishes research results related to the dissertation.

Courses related to publications, international activities and projects are not enrolled by the student, but after fulfilling the course requirements set out in the course syllabus, the student proves the fulfilment of the requirements and applies through the General Application in the Contact Centre for registration and recognition of the fulfilment of the requirements of this course.

The study in the Economics and Management programme is spread over three years. The student is required to obtain a minimum of 180 credits.

In addition to the basic study obligations, the student engages in further activities that contribute to the quality of their studies, the level of the dissertation, and excellence in research. Throughout the entire study period, the student participates in events organized for doctoral students. An up-to-date list of these events is available to students on the faculty's website. Typically, in the first year, the student participates in the MENDELU PhD School. The student also regularly presents the ongoing results of their research at research seminars and workshops organized by the department or research institute. Student activities also include the submission and implementation of internal projects aimed at developing competencies in this area, followed by involvement in the submission and implementation of external domestic and international grants. In the area of publication activity, it is desirable to progress from outputs indexed in the Scopus database to outputs published in journals indexed in the Web of Science, and especially to excellent outputs published in journals with an AIS above the median of the relevant field according to the Web of Science. The scholarship motivation system is aligned with these activities and goals, as specified in the Dean's Ordinance on Specifying the Conditions for Awarding a Scholarship.

1st year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-OTE	Defence of Thesis of Dissertation	Board Exam	10
EDA-EKON	Economics	Board Exam	15
EDA-MV	Methodology of Science	Board Exam	15

The student enrolls in studies on September 1. The supervisor, in collaboration with the student, will formulate the ISP within the timeframe specified in the faculty's schedule. Throughout the year, the student carries out regular consultations with his/her supervisor.

In the first year of study, there are comprehensive group consultations within the courses of Economics and Methodology of Science in the scope of 16 hours in each of these courses.

The first year ends in May with the Board exam 1, which includes defending dissertation theses and evaluating proficiency in Economics and Methodology of Science.

A student can register for the board exam only after fulfilling the requirements outlined in Economics and Methodology of Science courses, and after submitting the dissertation thesis to the designated submission in UIS and presenting it in the February term. In case of valid reasons for missing the regular term, the student may avail of one substitute term within 5 working days. A designated discussant is assigned to review the submitted dissertation thesis, providing feedback that the student will incorporate.

The student is obliged to submit a dissertation thesis of at least 20 standard pages, supplemented by prior publication, project and other activities related to fulfilling the requirements of the doctoral studies, no later than two weeks before the date of Board exam 1, via the designated submission in UIS.

2nd year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-ORDE	Defence of Semi-finished Dissertation	Board Exam	10
EDA-MAN	Management	Board Exam	15
A group of elective courses (min. 1 course)			
EDA-FM	Financial Management	Board Exam	10
EDA-ZK	Horticultural Commodities	Board Exam	10
EDA-OEK	Industry Economics	Board Exam	10
EDA-IS	Information Systems	Board Exam	10
EDA-MO	Marketing and Trade	Board Exam	10
EDA-VZZK	Production and Processing of Agricultural Commodities	Board Exam	10
EDA-KM	Quantitative Methods	Board Exam	10
EDA-SM	Strategic Management	Board Exam	10

In the second year, the student continues the research, which is reflected in the dissertation. Throughout the year, the student maintains regular consultations with his/her supervisor.

Group consultations on the course Management totalling 16 hours, aim to guide students in self-study and understanding essential topics. Within the selected compulsory elective course individual consultations occur.

The second year is concluded in May with Board exam 2, which includes defending the semi-finished dissertation and the evaluating proficiency in Management and the selected compulsory elective course.

A student can apply for the board exam only after successfully completing the consultations on the course Management and the chosen compulsory elective course, and after submitting the semi-finished in UIS and presenting it in the February term. If unable to meet the regular term, the student may use one substitute term, provided they provide a valid apology within 5 working days. The presentation is coordinated by the supervisor at the department. A discussant is assigned to review the submitted semi-finished dissertation, offering feedback for the student's incorporation.

The student is obliged to submit a completed semi-finished dissertation comprising a minimum of 40 standard pages, complemented by prior publications, projects and other activities relevant to fulfilling the requirements of the doctoral studies. This submission should occur no later than two weeks before the date of Board exam 2, through the UIS.

Before registering for Board exam 2, it is necessary to have at least one article published in a journal indexed in the Scopus or Web of Science database. Other professional and scientific publications, as well as active participations at conferences, contribute to the evaluation of the student's publishing activity.

3rd year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-ODIS	Defence of Dissertation	Defence	0
EDA-DIS	Dissertation	Pass credit	20
EDA-IODIS	Internal Defence of Dissertation	Pass credit	10

In the third year of study, the primary emphasis is on completing the dissertation and preparing for its defence. The student undertakes the research part of the project, publishes the achieved research findings in scientific articles, completes an internal defence of the dissertation at the department and schedules regular consultations with their supervisor.

During this year, or earlier, the student engages in international activities, such as a minimum one-month stay at a foreign university or research institute or in other forms of participation in international cooperation. This activity is part of the ISP and it must be fulfilled no later than prior to the submission of the dissertation defence application.

Groups of courses for the entire plan

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDC-AUK1	Active Participation in a Conference 1*	Pass credit	10
EDC-AUK2	Active Participation in a Conference 2*	Pass credit	10
EDC-MA	International Activities*	Pass credit	10
EDC-JADS1	Journal Article in Scopus Database 1*/**	Pass credit	15
EDC-JADS2	Journal Article in Scopus Database 2*/**	Pass credit	15
A group of elective courses (min. 15 credits)			
EDC-OPIGA1	Defended IGA Project 1*	Pass credit	10
EDC-EP	External Grant*	Pass credit	10
EDC-IJA1	Impacted Journal Article 1*	Pass credit	20
EDC-IJA2	Impacted Journal Article 2*	Pass credit	20
EDC-IJA3	Impacted Journal Article 3*	Pass credit	20
EDC-OPIGA2	Defended Project IGA2*	Pass credit	10
EDA-PK	Pedagogical Competences	Pass credit	5

* The course will be enrolled and recognized based on the General Application 000_Z, which the student submits in the Contact Centre after meeting all conditions set out in the syllabus of the course. The student attaches the required documents as well.

** EDC-IJA1, resp. EDC-IJA2 courses can be replaced. The course EDC-JADS1 or EDC-IJA1 must be completed before the student registers for Board Exam 2.

To meet the minimum publication requirement, the student must have authored at least one article published in scientific journal indexed in the Web of Science database and one article published in scientific journal indexed in the Scopus database or Web of Science database before applying to defend the dissertation. Among these, the student must be the primary author of at least one article, and all articles should be closely aligned with the dissertation's subject matter. Additionally, the student is required to present at least two papers at international scientific conferences. Other professional and scientific publications, as well as research results, contribute to the qualitative evaluation of the student's research activities.

7. Study programme Finance

7.1 Graduate profile

The profiling of the graduate will be directed towards independent research work and the ability to comprehensively and on the interdisciplinary level analyse and subsequently synthesize acquired knowledge and transform it into qualified decisions in the financial sector.

A comprehensive spectrum of knowledge and skills will enable graduates to competently address specific situations not only from the perspective of the current state but also in terms of predicting market developments to achieve economic benefits from personally or institutionally framed financial transactions. In these activities, they will utilize not only knowledge from the field of finance but also from financial management and accounting, tax theory and systems, methodology of science, and other specified areas offered by the range of compulsory elective subjects.

Graduates will find research opportunities in research and development, in highly qualified professional consulting, and possibly also in managerial positions at the highest level of management in entities operating in the financial sector of the economy, as well as in public administration and self-government or in the business sphere.

7.2 Study plan

The main areas of study in the Finance programme are based on three compulsory courses, which are Economics, Methodology of science, Theory of finance and Economic policy and public administration. The student completes international activities and publishes research results related to the dissertation.

Courses related to publications, international activities and projects are not enrolled by the student, but after fulfilling the course requirements set out in the course syllabus, the student proves the fulfilment of the requirements and applies through the General Application in the Contact Centre for registration and recognition of the fulfilment of the requirements of this course.

The study in the Finance programme is spread over four years. The student is required to obtain a minimum of 240 credits.

In addition to the basic study obligations, the student engages in further activities that contribute to the quality of their studies, the level of the dissertation, and excellence in research. Throughout the entire study period, the student participates in events organized for doctoral students. An up-to-date list of these events is available to students on the faculty's website. Typically, in the first year, the student participates in the MENDELU PhD School. The student also regularly presents the ongoing results of their research at research seminars and workshops organized by the department or research institute. Student activities also include the submission and implementation of internal projects aimed at developing competencies in this area, followed by involvement in the submission and implementation of external domestic and international grants. In

the area of publication activity, it is desirable to progress from outputs indexed in the Scopus database to outputs published in journals indexed in the Web of Science, and especially to excellent outputs published in journals with an AIS above the median of the relevant field according to the Web of Science. The scholarship motivation system is aligned with these activities and goals, as specified in the Dean's Ordinance on Specifying the Conditions for Awarding a Scholarship.

1st year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-EKON	Economics	Board Exam	15
EDA-MV	Methodology of Science	Board Exam	15
EDA-OTE	Defence of Thesis of Dissertation	Board Exam	10

The student enrolls in studies at the beginning of the academic year. The supervisor, in collaboration with the student, will formulate the ISP within the timeframe specified in the faculty's schedule. Throughout the year, the student carries out regular consultations with his/her supervisor.

In the first year of study, there are comprehensive group consultations within the courses of Economics and Methodology of Science in the scope of 16 hours in each of these courses.

The first year ends in May with the Board exam 1, which includes defending dissertation theses and evaluating proficiency in Economics and Methodology of Science.

A student can register for the board exam only after fulfilling the requirements outlined in Economics and Methodology of Science courses, and after submitting the dissertation thesis to the designated submission in UIS and presenting it in the February term. In case of valid reasons for missing the regular term, the student may avail of one substitute term within 5 working days. A designated discussant is assigned to review the submitted dissertation thesis, providing feedback that the student will incorporate.

The student is obliged to submit a dissertation thesis of at least 20 standard pages, supplemented by prior publication, project and other activities related to fulfilling the requirements of the doctoral studies, no later than two weeks before the date of Board exam 1, via the designated submission in UIS.

2nd year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-TF	Theory of Finance	Board Exam	15
EDA-HPS	Economic Policy and Administration	Board Exam	15
EDA-ORDE	Defence of Semi-finished Dissertation	Board Exam	10
EDC-AUK1	Active Participation in a Conference 1*	Pass credit	10
A group of elective courses (min. 1 course)			
EDA-VF	Public Finance	Board Exam	10
EDA-TKF	Theory of Corporate Finance	Board Exam	10
EDA-KM	Quantitative Methods	Board Exam	10

EDA-FUMUS	Financial Accounting and International Accounting Standards	Board Exam	10
EDA-MZDS	International Taxation and Tax Systems	Board Exam	10

* Note: The course will be enrolled and recognized based on General Application 000_Z, which the student submits in the Contact Centre after meeting all the conditions set out in the syllabus of the course. The student attaches the required documents as well.

In the second year, the student continues the research, which is reflected in the dissertation. Throughout the year, the student maintains regular consultations with his/her supervisor.

Group consultations on the course Theory of finance, Economic policy and administration and compulsory elective course totalling 16 hours, aiming to guide students in self-study and understanding essential topics.

The second year is concluded in May with Board exam 2, which includes defending the semi-finished dissertation and evaluating proficiency in Theory of finance, Economic policy and administration and the selected compulsory elective course.

A student can apply for the board exam only after successfully completing the consultations on the courses Theory of finance, Economic policy and administration and the chosen compulsory elective course, and after submitting the semi-finished in UIS and presenting it in the February term. If unable to meet the regular term, the student may use one substitute term, provided they provide a valid apology within 5 working days. The presentation is coordinated by the supervisor at the department. A discussant is assigned to review the submitted semi-finished dissertation, offering feedback for the student's incorporation.

The student is obliged to submit a completed semi-finished dissertation comprising a minimum of 40 standard pages, complemented by prior publications, projects and other activities relevant to fulfilling the requirements of the doctoral studies. This submission should occur no later than two weeks before the date of Board exam 2, through the UIS.

Before registering for Board exam 2, it is necessary to have at least one paper in conference proceedings. Other professional and scientific publications, as well as contributions presented at conferences, contribute to the evaluation of the student's publishing activity.

3rd year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-IODIS	Internal Defence of Dissertation	Pass credit	10
EDC-MA	International Activities*	Pass credit	10
EDC-JADS1	Journal Article in Scopus Database 1*/**	Pass credit	15

* The course will be enrolled and recognized based on the General Application 000_Z, which the student submits in the Contact Centre after meeting all conditions set out in the syllabus of the course. The student attaches the required documents as well.

**Can be replaced by EDC-IJA1. The course EDC-JADS1 or EDC-IJA1 must be completed before the student registers for Board Exam 2.

During the third year of study, the student continues with research that will be reflected in their dissertation. The student conducts regular consultations with their supervisor throughout the year and completes an internal defence of the dissertation at the department. It is also assumed that the student will participate in international activities during this year, such as a minimum one-month stay at a foreign university or research institution with a focus corresponding to the topic of the dissertation or participation in an international research project with results published or presented abroad, or another form of direct participation in international cooperation. These activities are part of the ISP and must be completed no later than before applying to defend the dissertation.

4th year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDC-IJA1	Impacted Journal Article 1	Pass credit	20
EDA-DIS	Dissertation	Pass credit	20
EDA-ODIS	Defence of Dissertation	Defence	0

The fourth year of study focuses on finalizing the dissertation, creating scientific publications, and defending the dissertation. The student schedules regular consultations with their supervisor throughout the year.

Recommended elective courses

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of elective courses (min. 65 credits)			
EDC-AUK2	Active Participation in a Conference 2*	Pass credit	10
EDC-AUK3	Active Participation in a Conference 3*	Pass credit	10
EDC-JADS1	Journal Article in Scopus Database 1*	Pass credit	15
EDC-JADS2	Journal Article in Scopus Database 2*	Pass credit	15
EDC-IJA2	Impacted Journal Article 2*	Pass credit	20
EDC-IJA3	Impacted Journal Article 3*	Pass credit	20
EDA-PK	Pedagogical Competences	Pass credit	5
EDC-OPIGA1	Defended IGA Project 1*	Pass credit	10
EDC-OPIGA2	Defended IGA Project 2*	Pass credit	10
EDC-EP	External Grant*	Pass credit	10

* Note: The course will be enrolled and recognized based on General Application 000_Z, which the student submits to the Contact Centre after meeting all the conditions set out in the syllabus of the course. The student attaches the required documents as well.

A requirement of the doctoral study program Finance is the publication of at least one conference paper, at least one article in a journal indexed in the Scopus database (or a higher quality publication), and the publication of one article in a journal indexed in the Web of Science database, of which the student is the first author. Other professional and scientific publications and contributions presented at conferences are also part of the evaluation of publishing activity.

8. Study programme Open Informatics

8.1 Graduate profile

The graduate will acquire general, professional, and specialized knowledge, skills, and competencies for independent scientific and professional research in the field of modern informatics. This includes the application of intelligent information and communication technologies, particularly in support of modern management of economic and social processes and technological systems, including advanced analysis of data from various sources.

Graduates of the programme will find employment in research and development departments in both corporate and academic sectors. They will work as highly qualified specialists solving complex research, development, and conceptual

problems, especially in the deployment of information and communication technologies to support the activities of various types of organizations and in selecting appropriate methodological tools for analyses preceding such decisions.

8.2 Study plan

The main areas of study in the Open Informatics programme are based on compulsory courses, including Methodology of Science and Advanced Machine Learning, and two compulsory elective courses. The student participates in international activities and publishes research results related to the dissertation topic.

Courses related to publication activities, international activities, and projects are not enrolled in directly. Instead, after fulfilling the course requirements as defined in the syllabus, the student submits evidence of completion and applies via the General Application in the Contact Centre for course registration and recognition.

The study is structured over four years. The student must earn at least 240 credits during the entire study period.

In addition to the basic study obligations, the student engages in further activities that contribute to the quality of their studies, the level of the dissertation, and excellence in research. Throughout the entire study period, the student participates in events organized for doctoral students. An up-to-date list of these events is available to students on the faculty's website. Typically, in the first year, the student participates in the MENDELU PhD School. The student also regularly presents the ongoing results of their research at research seminars and workshops organized by the department or research institute. Student activities also include the submission and implementation of internal projects aimed at developing competencies in this area, followed by involvement in the submission and implementation of external domestic and international grants. In the area of publication activity, it is desirable to progress from outputs indexed in the Scopus database to outputs published in journals indexed in the Web of Science, and especially to excellent outputs published in journals with an AIS above the median of the relevant field according to the Web of Science. The scholarship motivation system is aligned with these activities and goals, as specified in the Dean's Ordinance on Specifying the Conditions for Awarding a Scholarship.

1st year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-MV	Methodology of Science	Board Exam	15
EDA-PSU	Advanced Machine Learning	Board Exam	20
EDA-OTE	Defence of Thesis of Dissertation	Board Exam	10

The student enrolls in studies at the beginning of the academic year. The supervisor, in collaboration with the student, will formulate the ISP within the timeframe specified in the faculty's schedule. Throughout the year, the student carries out regular consultations with his/her supervisor.

In the first year of study, there are comprehensive group consultations within the courses Advanced machine learning and Methodology of Science in the scope of 16 hours in each of these courses.

The first year ends in May with Board exam 1, which includes defending dissertation theses and evaluating proficiency in Advanced machine learning and Methodology of Science.

A student can register for the board exam only after fulfilling the requirements outlined in Advanced machine learning and Methodology of Science courses, and after submitting the dissertation thesis to the designated submission in UIS and

presenting it in the February term. In case of valid reasons for missing the regular term, the student may avail of one substitute term within 5 working days. A designated discussant is assigned to review the submitted dissertation thesis, providing feedback that the student will incorporate.

The student is obliged to submit a dissertation thesis of at least 20 standard pages, supplemented by prior publication, project and other activities related to fulfilling the requirements of the doctoral studies, no later than two weeks before the date of Board exam 1, via the designated submission in UIS.

2nd year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-ORDE	Defence of Semi-finished Dissertation	Board Exam	10
EDC-AUK1	Active Participation in a Conference 1*	Pass credit	10
A group of elective courses (min. 2 course)			
EDA-GIT	Geographic Information Technologies	Board Exam	15
EDA-ICT	ICT for Supporting Sustainability	Board Exam	15
EDA-IUR	Intelligent User Interfaces	Board Exam	15
EDA-MPR	Modeling and Working with Large and Complex Data Structures	Pass credit	15
EDA-SPR	Decision Support Systems	Board Exam	15
EDA-TEE	Technological, Environmental, and Energetic Aspects of Intelligent Systems	Board Exam	15
EDA-USS	Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing	Board Exam	15
EDA-VES	Environmental and Social Changes Visualization	Pass credit	15
EDA-VKIS	Building Complex ICT Systems	Board Exam	15
EDA-ZIS	Intelligent Systems Security	Board Exam	15
EDA-ZPJ	Natural Language Processing	Pass credit	15

* Note: The course will be enrolled and recognized based on General Application 000_Z, which the student submits in the Contact Centre after meeting all the conditions set out in the syllabus of the course. The student attaches the required documents as well.

In the second year, the student continues the research, which is reflected in the dissertation. Throughout the year, the student maintains regular consultations with his/her supervisor.

Consultations on the compulsory elective course totalling 16 hours, aim to guide students in self-study and understanding essential topics.

The second year is concluded in May with Board exam 2, which includes defending the semi-finished dissertation and the evaluating proficiency in the selected compulsory elective courses.

A student can apply for the board exam only after successfully completing the consultations on the chosen compulsory elective courses, and after submitting the semi-finished in UIS and presenting it in the February term. If unable to meet the regular term, the student may use one substitute term, provided they provide a valid apology within 5 working days. The presentation is coordinated by the supervisor at the department. A discussant is assigned to review the submitted semi-finished dissertation, offering feedback for the student's incorporation.

The student is obliged to submit a completed semi-finished dissertation comprising a minimum of 40 standard pages, complemented by prior publications, projects and other activities relevant to fulfilling the requirements of the doctoral studies. This submission should occur no later than two weeks before the date of Board exam 2, through the UIS.

Before registering for Board exam 2, it is necessary to have at least one paper in conference proceedings. Other professional and scientific publications, as well as contributions presented at conferences, contribute to the evaluation of the student's publishing activity.

3rd year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDA-IODIS	Internal Defence of Dissertation	Pass credit	10
EDC-MA	International Activities**	Pass credit	10
EDC-JADS1	Journal Article in Scopus Database 1*/**	Pass credit	15

*The course will be enrolled and recognized based on the General Application 000_Z, which the student submits in the Contact Centre after meeting all conditions set out in the syllabus of the course. The student attaches the required documents as well

** Can be replaced by EDC-IJA1.

In the third year, the student continues research, participates in regular consultations, completes an internal defence of the dissertation at the department, and publishes research results. It is expected that the student will also participate in international activities, such as a minimum one-month internship at a foreign educational or research institution related to the dissertation topic or study field. Alternatively, participation in international research projects with results published or presented abroad may fulfil this requirement. These activities are part of the ISP and must be completed before applying for the dissertation defence.

4th year

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of required courses			
EDC-IJA1	Impacted Journal Article 1	Pass credit	20
EDA-DIS	Dissertation	Pass credit	20
EDA-ODIS	Defence of Dissertation	Defence	0

The fourth year of study focuses on finalizing the dissertation, creating scientific publications, and defending the dissertation. The student schedules regular consultations with their supervisor throughout the year.

Recommended elective courses

Code	Course title	Mode of completion	Credits
A group of elective courses (min. 70 credits)			
EDC-AUK2	Active Participation in a Conference 1*	Pass credit	10
EDC-AUK3	Active Participation in a Conference 3*	Pass credit	10
EDC-JADS2	Journal Article in Scopus Database 2*	Pass credit	15
EDC-IJA2	Impacted Journal Article 2*	Pass credit	20

EDC-IJA3	Impacted Journal Article 3*	Pass credit	20
EDC-PJSC	Journal Article in Scopus Database – Next Author	Pass credit	5
EDC-PIMP	Impacted Journal Article – Next Author	Pass credit	10
EDA-PK	Pedagogical Competences	Pass credit	5
EDC-OPIGA1	Defended IGA Project 1*	Pass credit	10
EDC-OPIGA2	Defended IGA Project 2*	Pass credit	10
EDC-OPIGA3	Defended IGA Project 3*	Pass credit	10
EDC-EP	External Grant*	Pass credit	10
EDC-ZSR	Advanced International Internship	Pass credit	15

* Note: The course will be enrolled and recognized based on General Application 000_Z, which the student submits in the Contact Centre after meeting all the conditions set out in the syllabus of the course. The student attaches the required documents as well.

A requirement of the doctoral study program Open Informatics is the publication of at least one conference paper, at least one article in a journal indexed in the Scopus database (or a higher quality publication), and the publication of one article in a journal indexed in the Web of Science database, of which the student is the first author. Other professional and scientific publications and contributions presented at conferences are also part of the evaluation of publishing activity.

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