

CHARLES UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

RULES FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE RIGOROUS EXAMINATION

AT THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY

The Academic Senate of the Faculty of Social Sciences, pursuant to § 27 para 1 letter b) and § 33 para 2 letter f) of Act no. 111/1998 coll., on universities and on amendment and supplementation of other acts (hereinafter referred to as the "act on universities") and pursuant to Article 21 of the Statutes of the Faculty of Social Sciences, has ruled on the following Rules for the Organization of State Rigorous Examination at the Faculty of Social Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the "rules") as its internal rules

Article 1

Introductory Provisions

These rules govern the details of the organization of state rigorous examination, which is not part of the studies (hereinafter only "state rigorous examination"), at the Faculty of Social Sciences (hereinafter only the "faculty").

Article 2

Holding of State Rigorous Examination

The state rigorous examination can be performed at the faculty; after it has been successfully completed and in compliance with Article 2 para 1 letter b) of the Rigorous Regulations of Charles University (hereinafter only "rigorous regulations"), the academic title of "Doctor of Philosophy" is being awarded (abbreviated as "PhDr." before the name). The state examination may be held at the faculty if it is stipulated in the accreditation of the Master's degree program.

Article 3

Submission of Application Forms

The Dean's Provision determines the submission of application forms in accordance with the Rigorous Regulations.

Article 4

Requirements of Rigorous Thesis and State Rigorous Examination

1. Rigorous thesis demonstrates the ability of independent creative activity. The extent of rigorous thesis is at least 80 standard pages (the standard page is defined by the number of 1800 characters with spaces per page) without abstract, attachments, and the list of literature.
2. Part of the rigorous thesis is the statement of the applicant that the rigorous thesis or its substantial part has not been used to obtain another academic title. This condition does not apply if the thesis is submitted to an examination commission (hereinafter referred to as the "commission") with a request for recognition as the rigorous thesis in accordance with Article 8 para 1 of these rules or if the commission recognizes the dissertation thesis as the rigorous thesis in accordance with Article 8 para 2.
3. Within 30 days upon the submission of the rigorous thesis, the faculty will send the applicant a notification of the date of holding the state rigorous examination.

Article 5
Awarding of Diploma

Upon completion of the state rigorous examination, the university will award the applicant with the diploma in the manner governed by the Regulations of the Immatriculation and Graduation Ceremonies of Charles University.

Article 6
Fee for Operations Associated with Acceptance of Application Form for State Rigorous Examination and Payment for Use of Equipment and Information Technology

1. The amount of the fee connected with the acceptance of an application form for the state rigorous examination and with the holding of this examination will be determined by the Dean's Provision.
2. Dean's Provision also stipulates the payment associated with the use of equipment and information technology necessary for preparation for the state rigorous examination; the applicant makes such a payment only when s/he uses the services.

Article 7
Rigorous Theses Made Public

1. Rigorous thesis intended to undergo defense proceedings will be submitted by the applicant in electronic form within the time limit set by the Dean's Provision. For further details, see Article 7 of the Rigorous Regulations.
2. Viewing of the successfully defended thesis is possible through an electronic database of final theses.

Article 8
Common Provisions

1. The diploma thesis defended according to the Act no. 172/1990 coll., or according to the Act on universities and in compliance with the requirements stated in Article 4 of these rules and in Article 4 para 3 of the Rigorous Regulations may be recognized by the commission as a rigorous thesis. In this case, a defended diploma thesis is presented within the rigorous examination, which states that it is a diploma thesis that is to be recognized as a rigorous thesis.
2. Dissertation thesis defended according to § 22 para 2 of Act no. 172/1990 coll., on universities, or according to the Act on universities, or the rigorous examination carried out in accordance with § 22 para 2 of Act no. 172/1990 coll., on universities, or the state doctoral examination carried out according to the Act on universities may be recognized by the commission as a rigorous thesis, or verbal examination, according to the Rigorous Regulations. If the dissertation thesis under the first sentence underwent defense proceedings within the doctoral study program started before 29 May 1998 as postgraduate studies (§ 98 para 1 letter c) of the Act on universities), it is recognized as a rigorous thesis under the Rigorous Regulations; in this case, reimbursement of costs is not required. The provision of the second sentence also applies to the recognition of a rigorous examination or the state doctoral examination as a verbal examination in accordance with the Rigorous Regulations.
3. The deadline for recognition or non-recognition of the thesis as a rigorous thesis is determined by the Dean's Provision.

Article 9
Final and Transitional Provisions

1. The state rigorous examination can be held according to these rules on the basis of an application form submitted prior to them coming into effect.

2. The Rigorous Regulations of the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University, approved by the Academic Senate of Charles University on 15 May 2015, are canceled.
3. These rules were approved by the Academic Senate of the faculty on 2 May 2017 and come into force on the date of approval by the Academic Senate of the University¹.
4. These rules come into effect on 1. 10. 2017.

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¹ § 9 para 1 letter b) of the Act on universities. The Academic Senate of the University approved these rules