

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered the Rules Governing the Creation, Approval, Implementation of and Alterations to Degree Programmes Carried Out at Tomas Bata University in Zlín in compliance with § 36 Paragraph 2 of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Alterations and Amendments to Other Acts (Higher Education Act) under Ref. No. MSMT-18488/2017 on 28 June 2017.

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FULL VERSION OF THE RULES GOVERNING THE
CREATION, APPROVAL, IMPLEMENTATION OF AND
ALTERATIONS TO DEGREE PROGRAMMES CARRIED OUT
AT TOMAS BATA UNIVERSITY IN ZLÍN
as of 19 May 2022

The Academic Senate of Tomas Bata University in Zlín has agreed to adopt the following Rules Governing the Creation, Approval, Implementation of and Alterations to Degree Programmes Carried Out at Tomas Bata University in Zlín in compliance with § 9 Paragraph 1 Letter b) Clause 3 and § 17 Paragraph 1 Letter k) of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Alterations and Amendments to Other Acts (Higher Education Act), as amended:

PART ONE
FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
Introductory provisions

(1) The Rules Governing the Creation, Approval, Implementation of and Alterations to Degree Programmes Carried Out at Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as “Rules”) are internal regulations issued by Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as “TBU”) in compliance with § 17 Paragraph 1 Letter k) of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Alterations and Amendments to Other Acts (Higher Education Act), as amended, (hereinafter referred to as “Act”), and in compliance with Article 5 Paragraph 1 Letter o) of the Statute of Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as “Statute”) and shall specify:

- a) formal requirements concerning institutional accreditation for an area or areas of education (hereinafter referred to as “institutional accreditation”),
- b) rules for the creation, approval of and alterations to degree programmes within the institutional accreditation,
- c) rules for the creation, approval of and alterations to degree programme proposals prior to their submission for accreditation to the National Accreditation Bureau for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as “Accreditation Bureau”),
- d) formal requirements of degree programmes and course units,
- e) rules for the implementation of degree programmes at TBU Faculties and directly at TBU,
- f) obligations of degree programme guarantors and course unit guarantors,
- g) principles of quality assurance of degree programmes.

(2) If the term “Dean” is referred to in the text of the Rules, the Dean’s competences shall be assumed by the Head of the relevant University department in case of degree programmes carried out directly by TBU in cooperation with the University department. The competences shall be assumed by the Rector in case of degree programmes carried out directly by TBU.

(3) Within these Rules, the term “internal regulation issued by the Faculty” refers also to an internal regulation issued by a University department and regulating particular requirements in a degree programme carried out at TBU in cooperation with the relevant University department, or an internal regulation issued by TBU and regulating particular requirements and the process of study in a degree programme carried out by TBU.

(4) If the term “scientific board” is used in the text of the Rules, it refers to the scientific board of the relevant Faculty (Scientific and Artistic Board in case of the Faculty of Multimedia Communications) in case of degree programmes carried out at the Faculty, to the scientific board of the relevant University department in case of degree programmes carried out by TBU in cooperation with the University department, provided that such a scientific board has been established, and to the TBU Scientific Board in case of degree programmes carried out by TBU.

(5) If the term “academic senate” is used in the text of the Rules, it refers to the academic senate of the relevant Faculty in case of degree programmes carried out at the Faculty, or to the TBU Academic Senate in case of degree programmes carried out directly by TBU in cooperation with the University department and in case of degree programmes carried out by TBU.

PART TWO

FORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Article 2

Degree programmes carried out at TBU

(1) In compliance with Article 4 Paragraph 2 of the Statute, a degree programme is usually carried out at a TBU Faculty that is in charge of its implementation, or directly at TBU. A degree programme that is carried out also by a University department or by more TBU component parts shall adhere to the relevant internal regulation issued by TBU. In compliance with § 2 Paragraph 8 and § 81 of the Act, also other higher education institutions and legal entities may participate in the implementation of degree programmes on the basis of contractual cooperation.

(2) The entitlement of TBU to carry out a degree programme under conditions specified by the Act ensues from:

- a) approval of the degree programme by the TBU Internal Evaluation Board (hereinafter referred to as “TBU Board”) in accordance with the institutional accreditation granted for the relevant area of education, or
- b) accreditation of the degree programme granted by the Accreditation Bureau.

(3) The list of degree programmes carried out at TBU shall be posted on the publicly accessible section of the TBU website.

Article 3 Degree programme board

The degree programme board is defined in Article 4 of the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

Article 4 Doctoral programme board

The doctoral programme board is defined in Article 34 of the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

Article 5 Degree programme documentation

(1) Degree programme documentation shall include the following:

- a) title of the degree programme and its code,
- b) type of the degree programme (Bachelor’s, Master’s or doctoral),
- c) profile of the degree programme according to Paragraph 2 (only in case of a Bachelor’s or a Master’s programme),
- d) language of instruction,
- e) mode of study (full-time or part-time),
- f) subject authorized to implement the degree programme in compliance with Article 2 Paragraph 1,
- g) period for which the accreditation of the degree programme has been granted in compliance with Article 2 Paragraph 2,
- h) name of the degree programme guarantor,
- i) specification of the area or areas of education within which the degree programme is implemented, in case of a combined degree programme also the share of basic topics belonging to relevant areas of education expressed as a percentage,
- j) aims of the studies presenting basic information about the degree programme,
- k) academic degree to be awarded,
- l) graduate profile that includes expert knowledge, professional skills and general qualifications that graduates are expected to acquire during their studies with respect to the degree programme type and profile; the graduate profile must be in accordance with the overall graduate profile in the given area of education in compliance with the Government Decree No. 275/2016 Coll., on Areas of Education in Higher Education,
- m) description of the professions for the performance of which graduates are expected to be prepared, and description of the sector or employers where they are expected to find employment; in the event that the degree programme is designed to prepare graduates for the performance of a regulated profession, a list of the regulated professions shall be included,

- n) requirements which the student has to meet in the course of his/her studies and for proper completion of the studies, including description of the content of the final state examinations,
- o) standard length of studies with average study load expressed in academic years,
- p) curriculum in compliance with Article 3 of the TBU Study and Examination Regulations, or more curricula that correspond to particular specializations of the degree programme in compliance with Paragraph 4,
- q) rules and requirements for the creation of curricula or individual curricula in case of doctoral studies,
- r) duration of practical training, if its forms part of the studies,
- s) documentation of course units included in the curriculum,
- t) information on the accessibility to studies for persons with a physical disability,
- u) continuity between the degree programme and other types of degree programmes in the same or related area or areas of education,
- v) in case of a degree programme by whose completion professional qualifications for the performance of regulated professions are gained, statement by the relevant body in charge of the recognition in compliance with Act No. 18/2004 Coll., on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Competences of Nationals of Member States of the European Union and Nationals of Other Countries and on Alterations to Some Other Acts (Act on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications), as amended.

(2) The degree programme profile may be:

- a) profession-oriented, focusing on mastering practical skills required for the performance of a profession and supported by essential theoretical knowledge, or
- b) academically oriented, focusing on the acquisition of theoretical knowledge required for the performance of a profession including engagement in R&D and creative activities, and allowing enough space for the acquisition of essential practical skills.

(3) A degree programme pertains only to one area of education, if the state examinations or the doctoral thesis defence test profiling knowledge or skills concerning basic thematic subjects from the same area of education. A degree programme is a combined degree programme, if the state examinations or the doctoral thesis defence test profiling knowledge or skills concerning basic thematic subjects from more areas of education.

(4) A specialization refers to such a form of study in a degree programme that enables the student to focus – besides the common base of the degree programme – also on specialized studies within the degree programme connected with the acquisition of comprehensive knowledge and skills. Each specialization has its separate curriculum that includes both the common base identical for all specializations within the given degree programme and the specific part which is characteristic of the given specialization.

(5) The documentation of a degree programme shall be filed in the study agenda information system (hereinafter referred to as “IS/STAG”), and made available via public section of the TBU website to the extent specified by the Act, and in the language in which the relevant degree programme has been accredited to be taught, and in the English language. The information shall be certified as correct by the degree programme guarantor.

Article 6

Course unit and its documentation

- (1) The basic teaching module of the curriculum of a Bachelor's or a Master's programme is a one-semester course unit. The characteristics of the course unit, its classification into groups and blocks and formal requirements of documentation of the course unit are specified in Article 3 and 8 of the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.
- (2) A profile core course unit of a Bachelor's or Master's programme refers to a compulsory or compulsorily-optional course unit whose completion enables students to gain knowledge or skills that are fundamental for the acquisition of expert knowledge or skills specified in the graduate profile, and that correspond to, are connected with or are prerequisite for the knowledge of and skills in basic topics tested in the final state examination.
- (3) A basic theoretical profile core course unit of a Bachelor's or Master's programme refers to such a profile core course unit, which is connected with the methodological base of the relevant area of education.
- (4) Compulsory specialist course units offered within doctoral programmes do not correspond to compulsory course units offered within Bachelor's or Master's programmes in terms of their content.
- (5) Course unit documentation (syllabus) shall be posted via the IS/STAG system on the publicly accessible section of the TBU website in the language in which the relevant degree programme has been accredited to be taught, and in the English language. The information shall be certified as correct by the course unit guarantor.

Article 7

Staffing of the degree programme

- (1) A degree programme guarantor shall be appointed for each degree programme. A degree programme guarantor is an academic who is responsible for the quality and proper implementation of the degree programme he/she is the guarantor of by virtue of his/her professional competences and his/her name.
- (2) A guarantor of a doctoral programme or a Master's programme carried out at TBU may be a Professor, a TBU Adjunct Professor, an Associate Professor who is a TBU academic and complies with the requirements specified by the Act and the Government Decree No. 274/2016 Coll., on Standards for Accreditation in Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as "government decree").
- (3) A guarantor of a Bachelor's programme carried out at TBU may be a Professor, a TBU Adjunct Professor, an Associate Professor or an employee with the scientific degree of "candidatus scientiarum" (abbreviated as "CSc.") or education acquired by completion of a doctoral programme who is a TBU academic and complies with the requirements specified by the Act and the government decree.
- (4) Staffing of the classes:
 - a) Classes in particular course units are taught by the academic staff or by other experts with relevant qualifications.
 - b) Besides the academic staff, also students of doctoral programmes (hereinafter referred to as "doctoral students") may participate in teaching in seminars, practical classes and laboratory classes to the extent specified in the individual curriculum in compliance with

Article 36 of the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

(5) A teacher in a Bachelor's programme or a supervisor of Bachelor's theses must have at least university education acquired by due completion of studies in a Master's programme; teachers and supervisors of Bachelor's theses in degree programmes from the area of arts may be granted an exception after authorization by the Dean, if they prove sufficient expert knowledge. Teachers in a Master's programme and supervisors of Master's theses must have the scientific degree of "candidatus scientiarum" (abbreviated as "CSc.") or education acquired by completion of a doctoral programme; if authorized by the Dean and approved by the degree programme board also the following persons:

- a) teachers, lecturers and supervisors of Master's theses in degree programmes from the area of arts, provided that they can prove sufficient expert knowledge,
- b) supervisors of Master's theses, doctoral students in at least 3rd year of their studies.

(6) The senior executive at the relevant department is obliged to arrange staffing and organize the classes provided by the relevant department and pay attention to its quality. The results arising from the evaluation of the classes by students also serve as background material for the evaluation of the quality of classes. The senior executive at the department is obliged to inform the degree programme guarantor about the results of the evaluation of classes by students.

Article 8 Degree programme guarantor

(1) A proposal by the degree programme guarantor shall form part of the proposal for approval of the degree programme by the TBU Board in accordance with the granted institutional accreditation in compliance with Article 22 or the plan to submit an application for the granting of accreditation of the degree programme in compliance with Article 32. The degree programme guarantor who has met all the requirements specified under Article 7 shall be proposed by the Dean after consultation with:

- a) the degree programme board in case of a Bachelor's and Master's programme,
- b) the doctoral programme board (provided that such a board has been established) in case of a doctoral programme.

(2) After the accreditation of the degree programme has been granted by the Accreditation Bureau, or after the degree programme has been approved by the TBU Board on the basis of the granted institutional accreditation, the Dean shall appoint the degree programme guarantor to his/her office and that for the period for which the accreditation has been granted.

(3) The Dean may remove the degree programme guarantor from office after consultation with the scientific board in the event that:

- a) the guarantor has failed to fulfil his/her responsibilities to the required extent, and/or
- b) the guarantor no longer fulfils the requirements in terms of the standards set by the government decree.

(4) The office of the degree programme guarantor shall be terminated by the Dean in case of:

- a) revocation of the degree programme accreditation,
- b) a written request for the termination of his/her office submitted by the guarantor,
- c) termination of employment relationship between the guarantor and TBU,
- d) death of the guarantor.

The Dean shall inform the scientific board about the termination of the office of the guarantor.

(5) A guarantor of a Bachelor's or Master's programme shall particularly:

- a) coordinate the preparation of the degree programme in terms of its content,

- b) assume responsibility for the degree programme to be carried out in accordance with the accreditation file,
 - c) supervise the quality of the implementation of the degree programme,
 - d) provide student guidance and counselling to students in the degree programme,
 - e) approve the selection of course units to be studied abroad and their recognition,
 - f) recommend the recognition of a part of studies in compliance with Article 24 of the TBU Study and Examination Regulations,
 - g) approve the topics of Bachelor's or Master's theses,
 - h) develop the degree programme as regards the content and methodology in accordance with the current standards of knowledge and the needs of practical applications,
 - i) submit proposals for alterations to degree programmes to the degree programme board,
 - j) participate in the meetings held by the degree programme board,
 - k) collaborate with Vice-Deans, Heads of departments and guarantors of other degree programmes carried out at the given component part,
 - l) assess the content and implementation of the degree programme, while relying on feedback processes, mainly questionnaires and quantitative and qualitative surveys conducted among students, employees, professional chambers and professional associations,
 - m) prepare the evaluation report on the degree programme as background material for the evaluation of the quality of the implemented degree programme,
 - n) assume responsibility for the findings of the evaluation report, approved by the TBU Board, to be reflected in the degree programme during its further implementation or in the preparation of the request for renewal or extension of accreditation of the degree programme.
- (6) A doctoral programme guarantor shall particularly:
- a) coordinate the preparation of the degree programme in terms of its content,
 - b) assume responsibility for the degree programme to be carried out in accordance with the accreditation file,
 - c) supervise the quality of the implementation of the degree programme,
 - d) provide student guidance and counselling to students in the degree programme,
 - e) submit doctoral thesis topics for approval to the doctoral programme board,
 - f) develop the degree programme as regards the content and methodology in accordance with the current standards of knowledge and the needs of practical applications,
 - g) chair the doctoral programme board,
 - h) submit proposals for replacement of supervisors to the doctoral programme board,
 - i) submit proposals for alterations to the degree programme to the doctoral programme board,
 - j) collaborate with Vice-Deans, Heads of departments and guarantors of other degree programmes carried out at the given component part,
 - k) assess the content and implementation of the degree programme, while relying on feedback processes, mainly questionnaires and quantitative and qualitative surveys conducted among students, employees, professional chambers and professional associations,
 - l) prepare the evaluation report on the degree programme as background material for the evaluation of the quality of the implemented degree programme,
 - m) assume responsibility for the findings of the degree programme evaluation report, approved by the TBU Board, to be reflected in the degree programme during its

further implementation or in the preparation of the request for renewal or extension of accreditation of the degree programme.

(7) The degree programme guarantor shall report directly to the Dean about his/her activities.

(8) The activities carried out by the degree programme guarantor shall be included in the evaluation of teaching activities.

Article 9 Course unit guarantor

(1) All course units have their guarantors who usually participate in the classes. Guarantors of the basic theoretical profile core course units of the degree programme shall substantially participate in the classes, particularly by giving lectures.

(2) Qualification requirements imposed on the course unit guarantors must meet the conditions specified by the Act and the government decree.

(3) The course unit guarantor shall be appointed and removed from office by the senior executive at the department who provides classes taught within the relevant course unit. The senior executive at the department shall discuss the appointment and removal from office of the course unit guarantor with the guarantors of all the degree programmes in which the relevant course unit is included.

(4) A course unit guarantor shall particularly:

- a) supervise the quality of classes taught within the given course unit,
- b) be responsible for updating of the information specified in the documentation of the course unit in compliance with the TBU Study and Examination Regulations,
- c) monitor the results of the evaluation of classes taught within the course unit and propose relevant measures to the senior executive at the department,
- d) monitor the current development in his/her field, follow latest trends and innovate classes in terms of their content as well as the didactic approach,
- e) propose to the Head of the department replacement of teachers after consultation with the degree programme guarantor,
- f) if the classes within the course unit are taught by more teachers, he/she shall coordinate their activities,
- g) cooperate during his/her activities with Faculty bodies, senior executives at departments and guarantors of degree programmes within which the relevant course unit is taught.

PART THREE INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Article 10

(1) The institutional accreditation for an area or areas of education and within their framework for the relevant type or types of degree programmes is granted to TBU by the Accreditation Bureau on the basis of a written application submitted by TBU in compliance with § 81a of the Act.

(2) The institutional accreditation entitles TBU to autonomously create and implement the specified type or types of degree programmes in the given area or areas of education.

Article 11
Degree programme standards

- (1) Degree programmes carried out at TBU must meet requirements specified by the Act and by the government decree.
- (2) The set of internal requirements mandatory for granting of entitlement to implement degree programmes within institutional accreditation is defined by an internal regulation issued by TBU, on which the TBU Board shall express its opinion.

Article 12
Formal requirements of the application for the granting of institutional accreditation

- (1) The application for the granting of institutional accreditation for an area or areas of education shall include:
 - a) specification of the area or areas of education in which TBU intends to implement degree programmes on the basis of the accreditation, and the type or types of degree programmes,
 - b) the report on internal evaluation of the quality of educational, R&D, innovation, artistic or other creative activities (hereinafter referred to as “R&D and creative activities”) and related activities and/or amendments to the report,
 - c) self-evaluation report describing and evaluating the fulfilment of particular requirements ensuing from the relevant standards for accreditations, including requirements relating to the financial, material and other arrangements of TBU activities and its development,
 - d) other formal requirements specified in § 81a of the Act and the government decree.

Article 13
Submission of proposals of areas of education

- (1) The Rector shall ask the Deans of Faculties or the Head of the University department to submit the proposal of the area or areas of education in which the Faculty implements or plans to implement a degree programme or degree programmes. The proposal must include the formal requirements specified in Article 12 Paragraph 1 Letter a) together with the basic description of activities carried out by the Faculty within the educational and R&D and creative activities in the proposed area of education.
- (2) The submitter of the proposal of the area of education is:
 - a) Dean of the relevant Faculty in case of proposal of the area of education within which the degree programmes are or are planned to be implemented at the Faculty,
 - b) Deans of Faculties or Head of the University department in case of proposal of the area of education within which the degree programmes are or are planned to be implemented at more Faculties, or in cooperation with the University department.
- (3) In case of a submitter of the proposal of the area of education specified under Paragraph 2 Letter b), it is the person authorized by the Rector who shall coordinate the preparations and discuss the proposal of the area of education.
- (4) The proposal of the areas of education specified under Paragraph 1 shall be submitted by the submitter to the Rector after receiving the opinion of the academic senate and approval from the scientific board.

Article 14

Approval of the proposal of the area of education

- (1) The Rector shall notify other Deans of the proposal of the area of education, and after discussing the matter at the meeting of the Rector's Advisory Council he shall submit the proposal together with eventual statement by other Deans for approval to the TBU Scientific Board.
- (2) In the event that relevant objections are raised against the proposal of the area of education, the TBU Scientific Board shall refer the proposal back via the Rector for further consideration to the proposal submitter.

Article 15

Preparation of a self-evaluation report

- (1) After the proposal of the area of education has been approved by the TBU Scientific Board, the Rector shall ask the submitter to provide supporting documents for the purpose of preparation of the self-evaluation report.
- (2) In the event that there are deficiencies in the supporting documents, the Rector shall ask the submitter to supply the supporting documents with additional information, or to remove the deficiencies. A deadline shall be set for the abovementioned activities.

Article 16

Approval of the plan to submit an application for the granting of institutional accreditation

- (1) The plan to submit an application for the granting of institutional accreditation for an area or for areas of education shall be approved by the TBU Scientific Board upon proposal by the Rector and after the TBU Academic Senate have expressed their opinion on the plan.
- (2) In justified cases, the TBU Scientific Board may discontinue the consideration of the plan to submit an application for the granting of institutional accreditation, and request that the Rector supply the supporting documents with additional information or rewrite the documents.

Article 17

Submission of the application for the granting of institutional accreditation

After the plan to submit the application for the granting of institutional accreditation has been approved by the TBU Scientific Board, the Rector shall submit the application for the granting of institutional accreditation to the Accreditation Bureau.

Article 18

Cooperation with other persons

If the decision to grant the institutional accreditation shall give rise to an entitlement to implement a degree programme in cooperation with the constituent parts of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic with the status of a public research institution, the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic is also a party to the proceedings concerning the application for the granting of institutional accreditation.

Article 19
Extension of institutional accreditation

- (1) In the course of the validity period of the institutional accreditation, TBU may apply for its extension for another area or other areas of education or for another type or other types of degree programmes within the area of education for which it has already been granted the institutional accreditation.
- (2) The validity period of the institutional accreditation shall not be renewed by its extension.
- (3) The provisions of Article 12 to Article 18 shall apply likewise to the preparation of the application for the extension of the institutional accreditation.

Article 20
Cessation of institutional accreditation

- (1) The institutional accreditation shall cease on the day when the period for which the accreditation was granted expires, by withdrawal of accreditation or by announcing to the Accreditation Bureau that TBU wishes to relinquish the institutional accreditation for an area or areas of education.
- (2) The plan to relinquish the institutional accreditation shall be approved by the TBU Scientific Board upon proposal by the Rector.
- (3) Before the plan to relinquish the institutional accreditation is submitted to the TBU Scientific Board, the scientific boards and academic senates of the Faculties that have participated or participate in the implementation of degree programmes in the given area or areas of education, or the scientific board of the University department and the TBU Academic Senate shall express their opinion on the plan.

PART FOUR
GRANTING OF AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITHIN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Article 21

On the basis of the institutional accreditation, the TBU Board shall grant a Faculty or Faculties or directly TBU the authorization to implement a degree programme within the institutional accreditation (hereinafter referred to as “internal accreditation”).

Article 22
Submission and formal requirements of a degree programme proposal for internal accreditation

- (1) The submitter of the degree programme proposal for internal accreditation (hereinafter referred to as “proposal for internal accreditation”) is:
 - a) the Dean, if the degree programme is to be implemented by a single Faculty,
 - b) Deans of Faculties or Head of the University department, if the degree programme is to be implemented by more Faculties or in cooperation with the University department. In such a case, it is the person authorized by the Rector who shall coordinate the preparations and discuss the proposal for internal accreditation.

- (2) The proposal for internal accreditation shall include particularly:
- a) degree programme documentation in the prescribed structure in compliance with Article 5, specifying facts that were known when the creation of the degree programme was at the stage of plan preparation,
 - b) proposal of a candidate to be appointed the degree programme guarantor, including the grounds for the decision and explaining professional and organizational predispositions for the office of guarantor and information about the fulfilment of the requirements ensuing from the Act, the government decree and standards for accreditations.

The details concerning the proposal for internal accreditation shall be specified in an internal regulation issued by TBU, on which the TBU Board shall express its opinion.

(3) In compliance with Paragraph 1, the submitter shall submit the proposal for internal accreditation to the Rector after receiving the opinion of the academic senate and approval from the scientific board, together with a covering letter. In the covering letter, he/she shall substantiate the proposal for internal accreditation and present documents certifying its conformity with the strategic plan for educational, scientific, R&D, artistic and other creative activity carried out at TBU (hereinafter referred to as “TBU strategic plan”). In the event that there are more TBU component parts at which the degree programme is to be implemented, the submitter shall submit the opinion of all the affected academic senates and the approval granted by all the affected scientific boards.

(4) The Rector shall notify other Deans of the proposal for internal accreditation and shall discuss the proposal at the meeting of the Rector’s Advisory Council. Minutes shall be taken from the discussion.

(5) The Rector shall submit the proposal for internal accreditation for consideration to the TBU Board together with the minutes from the discussion of the proposal for internal accreditation in compliance with Paragraph 4.

(6) If the proposal for internal accreditation is incomplete, or has other deficiencies, the TBU Board shall ask the submitter to supply the proposal with additional information and remove the deficiencies. A deadline for the submitter to supply the proposal with additional information or remove deficiencies shall be set by the TBU Board.

Article 23

Cooperation with constituent parts of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

(1) Studies in a degree programme may be carried out also in cooperation with the constituent parts of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic with the status of a public research institution, if this arises from the institutional accreditation. In such a case, an agreement on mutual cooperation on the implementation of the degree programme concluded between TBU and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and with the constituent part of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic shall form part of the proposal for internal accreditation.

(2) The academic senate shall express its opinion on the agreement, and the scientific board of the relevant Faculty shall discuss the agreement prior to its conclusion.

Article 24

Consideration of the degree programme proposal for internal accreditation

(1) The TBU Board shall consider whether the proposal for internal accreditation meets the requirements ensuing from the Act and the internal regulation issued by TBU in compliance with Article 11, and whether it is in conformity with the TBU strategic plan.

(2) In justified cases, the TBU Board may discontinue the consideration of the proposal for internal accreditation and ask the submitter to supply the proposal with additional information or to rewrite the document. The TBU Board shall specify a deadline for to submitter to supply the proposal for internal accreditation with additional information or to rewrite it. The deadline may be extended.

(3) The TBU Board shall adopt a resolution concerning the proposal for internal accreditation within 90 days of receipt of the proposal for internal accreditation submitted by the submitter. The period required for the removal of deficiencies in compliance with Article 22 Paragraph 6 and the period for which the consideration was discontinued in compliance with Paragraph 2 shall not be included in the abovementioned deadline.

(4) The resolution adopted by the TBU Board shall include:

- a) name, type of the degree programme or degree programme profile,
- b) standard length of studies,
- c) mode of study,
- d) area or areas of education to which the degree programme pertains; in case of a combined degree programme also the share of the areas of education in the classes expressed as a percentage,
- e) name of the Faculty, or names of the Faculties, or name of the University department, or names of the cooperating department or departments of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Article 23),
- f) language of instruction,
- g) eventually granting of the authorization to hold advanced Master's state examination with the specification of the relevant academic degree,
- h) decision issued by the TBU Board to grant or not to grant internal accreditation,
- i) in the event that the TBU Board have agreed to grant the accreditation, also the period for which the degree programme may be carried out,
- j) brief grounds for the decision issued by the TBU Board, including the imposition of eventual corrective measures or a request for an inspection report.

Article 25

Granting of the internal accreditation

(1) Internal accreditation shall be granted by the TBU Board for a period of 10 years at a maximum. Internal accreditation may be granted for a period shorter than 10 years provided that:

- a) the degree programme has not been implemented so far,
- b) the degree programme is granted internal accreditation with respect to the fulfilment of the need to offer students the possibility to complete their studies,
- c) the degree programme does not give reliable guarantee of due assurance and development, particularly in terms of staffing and fulfilment of degree programme standards at TBU for a period of 10 years.

(2) After the internal accreditation has been granted, it is considered that by approving of the proposal for internal accreditation by the scientific board, the scientific board also approved of the degree programme guarantor (Article 8 Paragraph 2).

(3) The resolution adopted by the TBU Board to grant the internal accreditation shall be signed by the Rector.

(4) The resolution adopted by the TBU Board to grant the internal accreditation shall be posted together with the information on the accessibility of studies to persons with a physical disability on the publicly accessible section of the TBU website without undue delay.

Article 26

Not granting of internal accreditation

(1) The TBU Board shall adopt the resolution not to grant the internal accreditation, if the proposal for internal accreditation:

- a) is not in conformity with legal regulations and internal regulations issued by TBU,
- b) does not meet standards set for degree programmes at TBU,
- c) is not in conformity with the TBU strategic plan,
- d) does not include all formal requirements decisive for the approval thereof, and these deficiencies were not removed as of the day of consideration or as of the day when the deadline specified under Article 24 Paragraph 2 expired.

(2) The submitter shall be informed by the Rector about the resolution not to grant internal accreditation adopted by the TBU Board. A legal remedy may be taken against this resolution in compliance with Article 27.

(3) In the event that the TBU Board does not grant the internal accreditation, the new proposal for internal accreditation of the same or a similar degree programme may be submitted to the TBU Board no earlier than 2 years of the receipt of the decision issued by the TBU Board. A similar degree programme is a degree programme with a predominantly identical graduate profile.

Article 27

Review of the resolution adopted by the TBU Board

(1) The submitter of the proposal for internal accreditation may request that the Rector should review the resolution adopted by the TBU Board on not granting, withdrawal or imposition of limitations on the internal accreditation. The request for a review of the resolution adopted by the TBU Board must be submitted within 30 days of delivery of the decision.

(2) The Rector shall review whether the resolution adopted by the TBU Board and the grounds for decision are in conformity with legal regulations and internal regulations issued by TBU; he may also request the opinion of the TBU Scientific Board.

(3) The Rector shall:

- a) confirm the original resolution not to grant, to withdraw or to impose limitations on the internal accreditation, or
- b) cancel the resolution and refer the matter back to the TBU Board for further consideration in compliance with Article 24. In such a case, the subsequent decision issued by the TBU Board is final.

Article 28

Extension of internal accreditation and alterations to a degree programme

(1) In the course of the implementation of a degree programme, the holder of the internal accreditation may request:

- a) extension by another mode of study,

- b) extension of the degree programme by another curriculum,
- c) extension by cooperation with a constituent part of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, and that under conditions specified in Article 23,
- d) extension by the authorization to hold advanced Master's state examinations,
- e) granting of the internal accreditation also in another language of instruction,
- f) permission for major alterations to a degree programme in the course of its implementation,
- g) extension of the internal accreditation.

(2) In the cases specified under Paragraph 1 the documents from the internal evaluations of the degree programme carried out over the last 5 years also form part of the proposal in compliance with Article 45.

(3) After the proposal has been discussed by the degree programme board, the arrangements shall proceed in compliance with Article 22 to Article 27.

(4) The degree programme guarantor shall alter the documentation of the degree programme in the IS/STAG system in accordance with the result of the decision issued by the TBU Board.

Article 29 Limitation on internal accreditation

(1) If major deficiencies are detected by the TBU Board in the course of the implementation of the degree programme, the Board shall ask the internal accreditation holder to remedy the deficiencies, for which it shall specify an adequate deadline. Major deficiencies include the following cases:

- a) a degree programme is carried out in contradiction with the granted internal accreditation,
- b) a degree programme is carried out in contradiction with the TBU degree programme standards specified under Article 11,
- c) the accreditation holder does not carry out an internal evaluation of the degree programme in compliance with Article 45.

(2) The TBU Board shall discuss the detected deficiencies with the Dean and the degree programme guarantor.

(3) If the deficiencies were not removed before the specified deadline, the TBU Board shall – according to the nature of the deficiencies – adopt the following resolutions:

- a) limitation on the internal accreditation consisting in the prohibition to admit other applicants for study, or
- b) withdrawal of the internal accreditation; the proposal for this corrective measure may only be submitted by the Rector.

(4) The resolution adopted by the TBU Board to impose a limitation on or to withdraw the internal accreditation in compliance with Paragraph 3 shall be signed by the Rector.

(5) In compliance with Paragraph 3, the TBU Board shall inform the internal accreditation holder about the resolution including the grounds for the decision through the Rector.

Article 30 Termination of internal accreditation

(1) The internal accreditation of a degree programme shall terminate by:

- a) withdrawal of the internal accreditation in compliance with Article 29,

- b) cancellation of the degree programme on the basis of a proposal submitted by the internal accreditation holder in compliance with Paragraph 2,
- c) expiry of the period for which the internal accreditation was granted,
- d) withdrawal of the institutional accreditation for an area or areas of education in compliance with the Act; degree programmes implemented on the basis of the institutional accreditation shall be considered as degree programmes accredited for a period of 3 years as of the date of withdrawal.

(2) The proposal for the cancellation of a degree programme shall be submitted to the Rector by the internal accreditation holder. The proposal shall be discussed by the degree programme board, scientific board and the academic senate of the internal accreditation holder.

(3) A degree programme shall be cancelled after the proposal has been approved by the TBU Scientific Board, and the information on its cancellation shall be posted on the publicly accessible part of the TBU website.

PART FIVE ACCREDITATION OF A DEGREE PROGRAMME BY THE ACCREDITATION BUREAU

Article 31

Cooperation with a foreign higher education institution

(1) In compliance with § 47a of the Act, studies in a degree programme may also be carried out in cooperation with a foreign higher education institution that implements a degree programme related in terms of its content.

(2) The agreement between the participating higher education institutions shall specify the conditions of the cooperation in accordance with the provisions of the Act and legal regulations of the country in which the higher education institution has been constituted.

(3) After being discussed by the scientific board and commented on by the academic senate, the agreement proposal shall be submitted by the Dean for approval and signing to the Rector.

Article 32

Proposal of the plan to submit an application for accreditation of a degree programme

(1) After being discussed by the degree programme board or by the doctoral programme board, the proposal of the plan to submit an application for accreditation of a new degree programme or its extension by a specialization or renewal of the validity period of the accreditation (hereinafter referred to as “plan proposal”) in the following layout:

- a) title of the degree programme and relevance to the area or areas of education,
- b) graduate profile,
- c) proposal of the degree programme guarantor,
- d) proposal of the degree programme,
- e) staffing of the degree programme,

together with a covering letter, shall be submitted to the Rector by the Dean of the relevant Faculty. In the covering letter, the Dean shall substantiate the plan proposal and present documents certifying its conformity with the TBU strategic plan. In case of extension of the

present accreditation of the degree programme by a new mode of study, the plan proposal shall not be submitted.

(2) The Rector shall notify other Deans of the plan proposal and shall discuss it at the meeting of the Rector's Advisory Council. Minutes shall be taken from the discussion.

(3) After the plan proposal has been discussed in compliance with Paragraph 2, the Rector shall impose on the Dean the obligation to implement the plan to submit an application for the granting of accreditation of a new degree programme or for its extension by another type of degree programme, or by a profile or specialization, or for the renewal of the accreditation validity period (hereinafter referred to as "plan") in accordance with the requirements of the Act in compliance with § 44 Paragraph 2, government decree and other recommendations by the Accreditation Bureau. The plan shall be specified in detail by an internal regulation issued by TBU, which shall be approved by the TBU Board.

(4) After receiving the opinion of the academic senate and approval from the scientific board, the Dean shall submit the plan to the Rector in the electronic and printed version.

(5) If the plan is incomplete or it has other deficiencies, the Rector shall ask the submitter to supply the plan with additional information and remedy the deficiencies. A deadline may be specified by the Rector for the submitter to provide additional information or remove the deficiencies.

(6) The Rector shall submit the plan for approval to the TBU Board together with the minutes from the discussion of the plan proposal as specified in Paragraph 2.

Article 33

Discussion of the plan to submit an application for the granting of accreditation of a degree programme

(1) The TBU Board shall examine whether the plan meets the requirements ensuing from § 44 of the Act, the government decree, internal rules and regulations issued by TBU, and whether it is in conformity with the TBU strategic plan.

(2) In justified cases, the TBU Board may discontinue the consideration of the plan and ask the submitter to supply it with additional information or to alter the plan. The TBU Board shall specify a deadline for the submitter to provide additional information or rewrite the plan. The deadline may be extended.

(3) The TBU Board shall adopt a resolution regarding the plan within 60 days of receipt of the plan proposal from the submitter or submitters. The period required for the removal of deficiencies as specified in Paragraph 2 shall not be included in the deadline.

(4) In the event that the TBU Board does not approve of the plan, it shall refer it back together with the grounds for the decision to the submitter for further consideration. According to the circumstances, the submitter or submitters either adhere to the presented plan, supply it with additional information or make other alterations to it, or take it back. If the submitter or the submitters decide to adhere to their original plan, substantiation for the decision must be provided.

Article 34

Submission of an application for the granting of accreditation of a degree programme

(1) After the plan has been approved by the TBU Board, the Rector shall submit the application for the granting of accreditation to the Accreditation Bureau.

(2) After the accreditation of the degree programme has been granted by the Accreditation Bureau, it is considered that by approving of the plan proposal by the scientific board, the scientific board also approved of the degree programme guarantor (Article 8 Paragraph 2).

Article 35

Termination of accreditation of a degree programme

(1) Accreditation of a degree programme shall terminate in compliance with § 80 Paragraph 5 of the Act by the withdrawal of the accreditation, a notification by the higher education institution of the cancellation of the degree programme or by expiry of the period for which the accreditation has been granted.

(2) The plan to cancel a degree programme shall be submitted to the Rector by the Dean after it has been discussed by the scientific board and the academic senate. A degree programme shall be cancelled after the plan has been approved by the TBU Scientific Board, and the information on its cancellation shall be posted on the publicly accessible part of the TBU website.

PART SIX

IMPLEMENTATION OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Article 36

Implementation of Bachelor's and Master's programmes

(1) Degree programmes shall be implemented in accordance with the decision to grant accreditation of the degree programme, or in accordance with the internal accreditation, and also in accordance with the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

(2) In order to ensure classes in relevant course units offered within the degree programme, the Faculty shall use its human resources and material capacities. In the event that the Faculty has not built a sufficient personnel and material structure to provide some course units, it shall provide the classes by means of interfaculty classes at other TBU Faculties. If the classes of the relevant course unit cannot be provided by means of interfaculty classes, the classes within the course unit may be taught by a teacher who is not a TBU academic, provided that the provisions of Article 7 are observed. In case of a course unit that is concurrently taught at more Faculties, the Faculty that provides classes within the relevant course unit must provide a proof of sufficient R&D and creative activities in the form of publication outputs, research and project activities of the teachers and sufficient teaching facilities, equipment and instrumentation in order to guarantee a high quality education.

Article 37

Implementation of doctoral programmes

(1) Degree programmes shall be implemented in accordance with the decision to grant accreditation of the degree programme, or in accordance with the internal accreditation, and also in accordance with the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

(2) Studies take the form of individual studies carried out in accordance with the individual curriculum. The doctoral student is obliged to design an individual curriculum in cooperation with the supervisor in accordance with the conditions specified in the relevant internal regulation issued by the Faculty. The individual curriculum shall be approved by the doctoral programme board.

Article 38
Master's and Bachelor's theses

(1) Posting of topics, content of the assignment, preparation of a Master's or a Bachelor's thesis (hereinafter referred to as "thesis") and all its formal requirements, preparation of reviews, thesis defence and publication of the thesis including the review by the supervisor and the external examiner are specified in the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

(2) The supervisor of the thesis is a TBU academic or a researcher or a non-academic expert in the area of education to which the degree programme within which the thesis was written has been classified, who meets requirements specified under Article 7 Paragraph 5.

(3) The task of the thesis supervisor is to:

- a) propose a thesis topic,
- b) formulate the thesis assignment,
- c) provide counselling and methodological guidance to the doctoral student during the preparation of his/her thesis,
- d) check and assess the originality of the thesis,
- e) write a review of the submitted thesis.

(4) The maximum number of theses a supervisor may supervise shall be specified in an internal regulation issued by the Faculty.

(5) The external examiner of the thesis is an academic or a researcher or a non-academic expert in the area of education to which the degree programme within which the thesis was written has been classified. External examiners of Bachelor's theses must have at least university education acquired by due completion of studies in a Master's programme. External examiners of Master's theses must have the scientific degree of "candidatus scientiarum" (abbreviated as "CSc.") or education acquired by completion of a doctoral programme. External examiners of theses in degree programmes from the area of arts may be granted an exception after authorization by the Dean, if they prove sufficient expert knowledge, and also non-academic experts in the area of education to which the degree programme within which the thesis was written has been classified, who have been approved by the degree programme board.

(6) The standard layout of Master's and Bachelor's theses, their storage and provision of access thereto shall be specified in an internal regulation issued by TBU.

Article 39
Advanced Master's (rigorosum) thesis

(1) The content of the assignment, preparation of the advanced Master's thesis and all its formal requirements, preparation of reviews, thesis defence and its publication including the reviews by external examiners are specified in the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

(2) The external examiner of the thesis is an academic or a researcher or a non-academic expert in the area of education to which the degree programme within which the thesis was written has been classified. External examiners of the theses must have the scientific degree of "candidatus scientiarum" (abbreviated as "CSc.") or education acquired by completion of a doctoral programme.

(3) The standard layout of advanced Master's theses, their storage and provision of access thereto shall be specified in an internal regulation issued by TBU.

Article 40
Doctoral thesis

(1) Posting of topics, content of the assignment, preparation of a doctoral thesis and all its formal requirements, preparation of reviews, doctoral thesis defence and publication of the thesis including the review by the supervisor and the external examiner are specified in the TBU Study and Examination Regulations.

(2) Supervisors of doctoral students may be Professors, TBU Adjunct Professors, Associate Professors, or other experts with the scientific degree of “candidatus scientiarum” (abbreviated as “CSc.”) or education acquired by completion of a doctoral programme after being approved by the relevant scientific board. An expert in the given field of education from TBU or another institution may be authorized by the Dean upon proposal by the relevant degree programme board to act as a tutor and offer counselling regarding issues from the area related to the topic of the thesis of the doctoral student.

(3) The supervisor is an academic who has been appointed Professor or Associate Professor in the field corresponding to the relevant degree programme or to a degree programme similar or related in terms of its content, and who has carried out research or artistic activities in the last five years. The supervisor is also a TBU Adjunct Professor appointed for an area of education to which the degree programme has been classified. Exceptionally, the supervisor may be an academic or a researcher with the scientific degree of “candidatus scientiarum” (abbreviated as “CSc.”) or education acquired by completion of a doctoral programme, who has professional qualification related to the relevant doctoral programme or to a degree programme similar or related in terms of its content, and who has carried out research or artistic activities in the last five years.

(4) The tutor is an academic or a researcher with the scientific degree of “candidatus scientiarum” (abbreviated as “CSc.”) or education acquired by completion of a doctoral programme, who has professional qualification related to the relevant doctoral programme or to a degree programme similar or related in terms of its content, and who has carried out research or artistic activities in the last five years. The tutor may also be a non-academic expert who has completed university education at the level of a Master’s programme and who has professional qualification related to the relevant doctoral programme or to a degree programme similar or related in terms of its content.

(5) The supervisor’s task is to:

- a) propose the doctoral thesis topic,
- b) formulate the doctoral thesis assignment,
- c) provide counselling and methodological guidance to the doctoral student during the preparation of his/her doctoral thesis,
- d) support research, development and creative activities of the doctoral student, particularly publications,
- e) assess the fulfilment of study-related responsibilities of the doctoral student in compliance with Article 39 of the TBU Study and Examination Regulations,
- f) check and assess the originality of the doctoral thesis,
- g) write a review of the submitted doctoral thesis.

In general, the supervisor or the tutor shall participate in the examinations taken by the doctoral student.

(6) The maximum number of theses a supervisor may supervise shall be specified in an internal regulation issued by the Faculty.

(7) The external examiner of a thesis is a Professor, TBU Adjunct Professor, Associate Professor or a non-academic expert in the area of education to which the degree programme within which the thesis was written has been classified. The non-academic expert must have at least university education acquired by proper completion of studies in a Master's programme and must prove significant contribution to the given area. External examiners of doctoral theses shall be approved by the relevant doctoral programme board.

(8) The standard layout of doctoral theses, their storage and provision of access thereto shall be specified in an internal regulation issued by TBU.

Article 41

Corrective measures to remove deficiencies in the implementation of a degree programme

(1) Major deficiencies detected in the course of the implementation of a degree programme shall be discussed by the TBU Board in cooperation with the Dean and the degree programme guarantor in such a manner as to adopt corrective and preventive measures to remove deficiencies detected in the course of implementation of the degree programme before the specified deadline.

The following cases are considered major deficiencies:

- a) a degree programme is carried out in contradiction with the granted accreditation,
- b) a degree programme is carried out in contradiction with the granted internal accreditation,
- c) a degree programme is carried out in contradiction with the Act and the government decree, or
- d) internal evaluation of a degree programme has not been carried out in compliance with Article 45.

(2) If the deficiencies listed under Paragraph 1 Letter a), c) and d) were not removed before the specified deadline, the TBU Board shall – according to the nature of the deficiencies – agree to adopt a proposal to submit via the Rector a plan to cancel the degree programme to the TBU Scientific Board. The degree programme is cancelled after the proposal to cancel the degree programme has been approved by the TBU Scientific Board, and the information on its cancellation shall be posted on the publicly accessible part of the TBU website.

(3) If the deficiencies listed in Paragraph 1 Letter b) were not removed in the specified period, arrangements shall proceed in compliance with Article 29.

(4) A member of the TBU academic community may lodge a complaint with the TBU Board about major deficiencies detected in the course of the degree programme implementation.

PART SEVEN

ALTERATIONS TO DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Article 42

Procedure for making alterations to degree programmes

(1) Alterations to a degree programme in relation to the accreditation or internal accreditation requirements shall be discussed by the degree programme board or the doctoral programme board upon proposal by the degree programme guarantor.

(2) Alterations specified in Paragraph 1 shall be approved by the Dean in the event that they are only modifications of minor importance and not having impact on the graduate profile and the content of the state examination.

(3) In case of major alterations having impact on the graduate profile and the content of the state examination, the Dean shall submit a request for alterations to the Rector. The Rector shall submit the request for consideration to the TBU Board. When approving of major alterations to a degree programme carried out on the basis of internal accreditation, the TBU Board shall proceed in compliance with Article 28. In case of a degree programme carried out on the basis of accreditation granted by the Accreditation Bureau, the request – after being discussed and approved by the TBU Board – shall be referred to the Rector for signing and subsequently sent to the Accreditation Bureau.

(4) If the Dean in compliance with Paragraph 2, or the TBU Board or the Accreditation Bureau in compliance with Paragraph 3 approve of the alterations to a degree programme, the degree programme guarantor shall modify the documentation of the degree programme in the IS/STAG system and shall – after discussion with the Dean – inform all the relevant concerned entities, particularly with respect to the interfaculty classes.

(5) The proposal for the replacement of the degree programme guarantor shall be discussed by the Dean with the degree programme board or with the doctoral programme board, and after the proposal has been approved by the scientific board, he/she shall submit a request for the replacement to the Rector. The Rector shall submit the request for approval to the TBU Board that shall adopt a resolution regarding the proposal. In case of a degree programme carried out on the basis of accreditation granted by the Accreditation Bureau, the request – after being discussed and approved by the TBU Board – shall be referred to the Rector for signing and subsequently sent to the Accreditation Bureau.

PART EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF QUALITY ASSURANCE OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Article 43 Quality of degree programmes

(1) Degree programme quality assurance at TBU is a continuous process that aims to meet standards, to achieve long-term sustainable results and to continuously enhance quality.

(2) Evaluation of the quality of degree programmes is based on internal regulations issued by TBU and on methodological materials approved by the TBU Board, and relies on the mechanisms of feedback from students, academic staff, researchers, graduates and employers.

(3) Measures to remedy the detected deficiencies form an inseparable part of each evaluation of the quality of degree programmes.

(4) The basic entities in charge of quality assurance of degree programmes are degree programme guarantors, Heads of departments and course unit guarantors.

(5) Detailed rules governing the degree programme quality assurance are embedded in the Rules Governing the System of Quality Assurance of Educational, R&D, Creative and Related Activities and Internal Evaluation of Quality of Educational, R&D, Creative and Related Activities at TBU.

Article 44
Degree programme quality assurance processes

- (1) The aim of the degree programme quality assurance processes is to ensure that the newly prepared as well as the current degree programmes meet the requirements specified by the Act and the government decree.
- (2) The degree programme quality assurance processes form part of the internal system of quality assurance at TBU.
- (3) The quality assurance processes include in particular:
 - a) processes of the creation, alterations to, extension, renewal and the cancellation of the authorization to implement a degree programme,
 - b) processes of corrective measures to remove deficiencies detected in the course of implementation of a degree programme,
 - c) processes of internal evaluation of degree programmes.

Article 45
Internal evaluation of degree programmes

- (1) Degree programmes are subject to regular internal evaluations that are carried out at least once in the period for which the accreditation or the internal accreditation of a degree programme was granted, unless the Dean or the TBU Board decides that such an evaluation should take place earlier.
- (2) Internal evaluation of a degree programme shall be carried out by the TBU Board in compliance with Article 5 of the Rules Governing the System of Quality Assurance of Educational, R&D, Creative and Related Activities and Internal Evaluation of Quality of Educational, R&D, Creative and Related Activities at TBU.

PART NINE
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 46
Transitional provisions

The provisions of these Rules regulating the implementation of degree programmes shall apply likewise to the implementation of degree courses for the duration of the accreditation validity period of degree courses.

Article 47
Final provisions

- (1) These Rules have been approved by the TBU Academic Senate in compliance with § 9 Paragraph 1 Letter b) Clause 3 on 20 June 2017.
- (2) In compliance with § 36 Paragraph 4 of the Act, these Rules shall come into force on the day when registered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.
- (3) These Rules shall come into effect on the day when registered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

The Alterations to the Rules Governing the Creation, Approval, Implementation of and Alterations to Degree Programmes Carried Out at Tomas Bata University in Zlín were approved in compliance with § 9 Paragraph 1 Letter b) of the Higher Education Act by the Academic Senate of Tomas Bata University in Zlín on 6 March 2018, on 5 March 2019, on 18 June 2019 and on 22 February 2022.

The Alterations to the Rules Governing the Creation, Approval, Implementation of and Alterations to Degree Programmes Carried Out at Tomas Bata University in Zlín shall come into force in compliance with § 36 Paragraph 4 of the Higher Education Act on the day when registered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

The Alterations to the Rules Governing the Creation, Approval, Implementation of and Alterations to Degree Programmes Carried Out at Tomas Bata University in Zlín registered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports on 28 March 2018 under Ref. No. MSMT-8587/2018 (Alterations No. 1) shall come into effect on the day when registered, the Alterations registered on 11 March 2019 under Ref. No. MSMT-8436/2019 (Alterations No. 2) and the Alterations registered on 25 July 2019 under Ref. No. MSMT-25205/2019 (Alterations No. 3) shall come into effect on 1 September 2019, the Alterations registered on 19 May 2022 under Ref. No. MSMT-13038/2022-3 (Alterations No. 4) shall come into effect on the day when registered.

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