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**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION OF PERSONS WHO WERE STUDENTS OF ANOTHER HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN LITHUANIA OR ABROAD AND WISH TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Description of the Procedure for Admission of Persons Who Were Students of Another Higher Education Institution in Lithuania or Abroad and Wish to Continue Their Studies at Vilnius University (hereinafter – Description) shall establish the conditions and procedures according to which persons who were students of a first cycle, second cycle or integrated study programme in another higher education institution in Lithuania or abroad (if this institution is recognized in accordance with the procedures of the legal acts established by that country) will be admitted to continue their studies at Vilnius University (hereinafter – University).

2. Terms used in this Description:

2.1. Students of a respective study flow – a flow of students of a specific core academic unit (hereinafter – Unit) admitted in the same year to study the same study programme in the same study form.

2.2. Course unit (module) difference – the ratio between the share of the study programme completed by the person during previous studies, and the study programme to which the person is admitted to continue the studies. The differences in course units (modules) are not considered to be academic or other debts.

2.3. Unclassified student agreement – an agreement entered into by the University and a person whereby for an established fee the person is granted the right and provided the conditions to study individual course units (modules).

2.4. Weighted average of learning outcomes – the average of learning outcomes depending on the number of the studied course unit (module) credits and received grades; the grades of freely chosen course units are not considered when calculating the weighted average of learning outcomes.

**CHAPTER II  
ADMISSION CONDITIONS**

3. Persons shall be allowed to continue their studies at the University according to the previously studied or another university study programme without changing the study programme type after they have completed the first semester of a first cycle, second cycle or integrated study programme and have no academic debts.

4. The learning outcomes of persons who wish to continue their studies at the University shall be recognized after assessing their compliance with the formal (study field group, study field, study programme type, study form, etc.) and course unit (course unit (module) study objectives, developed skills, content, scope, etc.) requirements in accordance with the procedure for recognition of learning

outcomes at the University. Not more than 75% of the scope of the preferred first cycle, second cycle or integrated study programme may be recognized.

5. The specific semester of the studies from which the student is allowed to continue to study shall depend on the ratio between the portion of the study programme completed by the student during the previous studies, and the course units (modules) of the study programme to which the student is admitted to continue the studies; the ratio shall be established according to the Study Regulations of the University. A person shall be admitted to continue his studies from the beginning of the semester.

6. A person who was expelled from another institution of higher education or from an institution of higher education abroad due to gross violation of academic ethics may submit a request regarding continuation of studies at the University not earlier than one year after the date of expulsion, and only after eliminating all the course unit (module) differences under a life long student agreement.

7. Studies may be continued if the course unit (module) credit difference between a student's previous and intended study programme does not exceed 15 credits.

8. The course units (modules) of an insignificantly changed study programme whose examinations or fail/pass evaluations must be passed (retaken) when continuing the studies are determined by the head of the Unit at the proposal of the Study Programme Committee.

9. The course unit (module) difference resulting from a minor change in the study programme can be eliminated within one year from the admission to continue studies. Such differences are not considered to be academic debts. If the person has more than 15 credit differences in course units (modules), the person shall eliminate the differences before the admission to continue studies.

10. All course unit (module) differences are eliminated by concluding a life long student agreement.

11. Unit Councils may establish additional conditions for the continuation of studies, however they cannot contradict the Description. Additional conditions shall be approved by the Senate of the University.

### **CHAPTER III ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

12. A person who wishes to continue his studies at the University must apply in writing, no later than until the beginning of a new study semester, to the Unit where the desired study programme is implemented.

13. The application regarding admission to continue studies at the University must indicate the previously studied study programme and the study programme that the person wishes to study, as well as provide documents necessary to recognize the learning outcomes according to the Procedure for Recognition of Learning Outcomes at Vilnius University.

14. If more than one person who studied in another recognized institution of higher education or an institution of higher education abroad wish to continue their studies at the University and assume the same study position, priority shall be given (in a descending order of priority) to a candidate:

14.1. with a higher weighted average grade of all previously received final study achievements;

14.2. whose weighted average of the grades of the last completed session is higher;

14.3. whose date of submission of an application for the continuation of studies was the earliest.

15. If there is competition between a person who studied in another recognized institution of higher education or an institution of higher education abroad and wishes to continue his studies at the University, and a person who previously studied at the University and wishes to renew his studies at the University according to the Description of the Procedure for Renewing Studies at Vilnius University, priority shall be given to the person who previously studied at the University in accordance with each priority specified in paragraph 14 of the Description.

16. Applications regarding admission to continue the studies at the University shall be examined by the Pro-Dean for Studies of the Unit. Decision shall be taken by the head of the Unit at the proposal of the Pro-Dean for Studies.

17. The Unit shall inform the person seeking to continue his studies at the University of the consent or objection to admit the applicant not later than before the beginning of the new semester.

18. After a decision is passed to admit the person to continue his studies at the University, admission shall be formalized under the order of the Rector and a study agreement shall be concluded (as well as an unclassified student agreement if there are any course unit (module) differences). A person who is admitted to continue his studies in a non-state-funded place shall be subject to the same studies' financing conditions that are applied to other students of the respective study flow studying in non-state-funded places.

19. A person who wishes to continue his studies at the University may compete for a vacant state-funded place (if available) according to the procedures specified in the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania and the Description of the Procedure for Student Rotation and Ranking based on their Learning Outcomes at Vilnius University.

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