

Pursuant to Section 36(2) of Act No. 111/1998 Sb., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered, under Ref. No. MSMT-13285/2026-7, the Accreditation Regulations of the University of Pardubice on the date on which the registration was signed.



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ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARDUBICE

Part I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

- (1) The Accreditation Regulations of the University of Pardubice (hereinafter referred to as the “Accreditation Regulations”) are based on the conditions for the delivery of degree programmes at the University of Pardubice (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) laid down by Act No. 111/1998 Sb., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Higher Education Act”), applicable legislation, and the recommended procedures issued by the National Accreditation Bureau for Tertiary Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Accreditation Bureau”) and the Internal Evaluation Board of the University of Pardubice (hereinafter referred to as the “Internal Evaluation Board”).
- (2) For the purposes of these Accreditation Regulations, the accreditation procedure is a process in which the Accreditation Bureau or the Internal Evaluation Board assesses whether the conditions for granting or approving authorisation to deliver a degree programme have been met. The outcome of the assessment is the granting or refusal of authorisation to deliver a degree programme, i.e. accreditation. Without the relevant accreditation, applicants may not be admitted to study, teaching and examinations may not be conducted, and academic degrees may not be awarded.
- (3) These Accreditation Regulations lay down details concerning the preparation, submission and consideration of proposals relating to institutional accreditation, accreditation of degree programmes, accreditation of habilitation procedures, and procedures for the appointment of professors at the University.
- (4) The preparation and approval of degree programmes at the University are organised so as to ensure that completion of a degree programme results in the achievement of learning outcomes comprising specific professional knowledge and skills and general competencies corresponding to the relevant qualification level of learning outcomes, as generally defined for individual types of degree programmes within the qualifications framework for higher education.
- (5) Institutional accreditation grants a higher education institution the authority to independently establish and deliver a specified type or specified types of degree programmes in the relevant field or fields of education. On the basis of institutional accreditation, a higher education

institution is authorised to deliver a combined degree programme provided that it holds institutional accreditation for all fields of education to which the degree programme belongs. Institutional accreditation is granted to the University by the Accreditation Bureau.

- (6) Accreditation for a degree programme of a particular type or types and, where applicable, profile, falling within a field of education for which the University does not hold institutional accreditation, is granted by the Accreditation Bureau.
- (7) Authorisation for the University or one of its constituent parts to conduct habilitation procedures or procedures for the appointment of professors in a particular field is granted by the Accreditation Bureau.

Part II

BASIC TERMS

- (1) For the purposes of the accreditation process, a distinction must be made between a proposal to apply for accreditation (hereinafter referred to as the “proposal”), a draft application for accreditation (hereinafter referred to as the “draft application”), and an application for accreditation (hereinafter referred to as the “application”). The minimum requirements for the proposal and the draft application for accreditation are laid down in an internal University standard.
- (2) A proposal means a simplified draft application serving as the basis for decision-making at the initial stage of the approval process.
- (3) A draft application means a document submitted for consideration by the relevant faculty bodies.
- (4) An application means the final document, following the resolution and incorporation of comments, which is submitted to the approving body (the Internal Evaluation Board or the Accreditation Bureau).

Part III

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Article 1

Granting of Institutional Accreditation

- (1) Institutional accreditation is granted to the University by the Accreditation Bureau on the basis of a written application submitted by the University. Institutional accreditation is granted to the University for a particular field or fields of education and, within those fields, for the relevant type or types of degree programmes. The conditions for granting institutional accreditation for a field or fields of education are laid down in particular by the Higher Education Act, Government Regulation No. 274/2016 Sb., on Standards for Accreditation in Higher Education, and Government Regulation No. 275/2016 Sb., on Fields of Education in Higher Education.
- (2) An application for institutional accreditation at the University is initiated by:
 - a) the Dean of a faculty, in the case of an application for accreditation for a field of education within which degree programmes are or are to be delivered at a single faculty;
 - b) the Deans of the faculties, in the case of an application for accreditation for a field of education within which degree programmes are or are to be delivered at more than one faculty. During the subsequent preparation and consideration of the proposal, draft

application and application, one of the Deans of the faculties concerned acts as coordinator.

Article 2

Proposal to Apply for Institutional Accreditation

A proposal to apply for institutional accreditation for a particular field of education is prepared at faculty level. Following consideration by the Academic Senate of the faculty and approval by its Scientific Board or Arts Board, the Dean of the relevant faculty submits the completed proposal to the Rector for consideration and approval by the Extended Executive Board of the University of Pardubice (hereinafter referred to as the “Extended Executive Board”). Once the proposal has been approved, the faculty prepares its respective part of the draft application.

Article 3

Draft Application for Institutional Accreditation

- (1) A written draft application for institutional accreditation comprises a common part prepared uniformly for the University as a whole and separate parts corresponding to the field or fields of education for which the University is applying for institutional accreditation. The separate parts are prepared by the relevant faculties.
- (2) The common part of the draft application contains:
 - a) the name of the higher education institution;
 - b) identification of the field or fields of education in which the higher education institution intends to operate on the basis of the accreditation and the type or types of degree programmes concerned;
 - c) the Internal Quality Evaluation Report and any addenda thereto;
 - d) a self-evaluation report demonstrating compliance with the individual requirements arising from the relevant accreditation standards, including requirements concerning the financial, material and other resources for the activities and development of the higher education institution;
 - e) other particulars prescribed by legislation and the recommended procedures of the Accreditation Bureau.
- (3) The Vice-Rector responsible for education forwards the common part of the draft application to the Chair of the Internal Evaluation Board.
- (4) The separate part of the draft application demonstrates compliance with the requirements applicable to the field of education, particularly those concerning the scope and structure of educational activities in the relevant field of education and the provision of the conditions necessary for their delivery.
- (5) The Dean of the relevant faculty submits the separate part of the draft application to the Chair of the Internal Evaluation Board.
- (6) The draft application for institutional accreditation – comprising the common institutional part for the University and the separate parts for the individual fields of education – is submitted by the Chair of the Internal Evaluation Board for consideration and approval by the Internal Evaluation Board and subsequently by the Scientific Board of the University.

- (7) Once any comments have been incorporated, the draft becomes an application for institutional accreditation, which is submitted by the Rector to the Accreditation Bureau.
- (8) The University may also attach to the application an evaluation of its activities conducted by a generally recognised evaluation agency that is listed in EQAR (the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education) or is a member of ENQA (the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education).

Article 4

Extension of Institutional Accreditation

- (1) During the period of validity of its institutional accreditation, the University may apply for its extension to an additional field or fields of education or to an additional type or types of degree programmes within a field of education for which institutional accreditation has already been granted to the University (hereinafter referred to as an “extension of institutional accreditation”); the period of validity of the institutional accreditation is not extended as a result of such extension.
- (2) The provisions of Articles 2 and 3 of these Accreditation Regulations apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the preparation of an application for an extension of institutional accreditation. The common part of the original application for institutional accreditation is supplemented only by information on aspects of the institutional environment specific to the additional field or fields of education.
- (3) Where institutional accreditation is extended to an additional type or types of degree programmes within a field of education for which the University already holds institutional accreditation, the proposing faculty prepares a supplement to the separate part.

Article 5

Expiry of Institutional Accreditation

- (1) Institutional accreditation expires upon the expiry of the period for which it was granted, upon its withdrawal on grounds laid down by law, or upon notification to the Accreditation Bureau that the University relinquishes its institutional accreditation for a particular field or fields of education.
- (2) A proposal to relinquish institutional accreditation is considered and approved, upon a proposal from the Rector, by the Internal Evaluation Board and subsequently by the Scientific Board of the University. The Rector's proposal must be accompanied by a statement from the Dean or Deans of the faculties that have participated or currently participate in the delivery of degree programmes in the relevant field or fields of education.

Part IV

ACCREDITATION OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES UNDER INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION – INTERNAL ACCREDITATION

Article 6

Proposal to Apply for Internal Accreditation of a New Degree Programme

- (1) Following consideration by the faculty Degree Programme Board, a proposal to apply for internal accreditation of a new degree programme, i.e. a degree programme or specialisation not previously delivered at the University, is submitted by the Dean of the faculty concerned to the Extended Executive Board at its meeting. In particular, its alignment with the University's strategic objectives is verified and any links with other degree programmes being prepared or delivered at the University's faculties are assessed.
- (2) The proposal is prepared by the faculty at which the majority of teaching in the proposed degree programme will be delivered (more than 50%, expressed in terms of ECTS credits or the proportion attributable to the field of education).
- (3) The degree programme leader is responsible for the content and structure of the proposal and cooperates with the relevant Vice-Dean on the technical and organisational aspects of its preparation.
- (4) The requirements for the proposal are laid down in an internal University standard.
- (5) The opinion of the Extended Executive Board on the proposal to apply for internal accreditation of a new degree programme forms part of the minutes of the meeting of the Extended Executive Board.

Article 7

Draft Application for Internal Accreditation of a Degree Programme

- (1) Once any comments from members of the Extended Executive Board have been incorporated, the faculty prepares a draft application for internal accreditation of the degree programme.
- (2) The formal structure of the draft application and its minimum required particulars are laid down in an internal University standard. Additional particulars may be laid down in an internal standard of the relevant faculty.
- (3) Before the draft application is considered, the faculty may send it to the Education Office for a review of its formal compliance. The review of the formal compliance of the draft application is governed in greater detail by an internal University standard.
- (4) Following consideration by the management of the faculty or faculties responsible for preparing the degree programme, the draft application is submitted:
 - a) to the Academic Senate of the faculty for consideration;
 - b) to the Scientific Board or Arts Board of the faculty for approval.
- (5) In the case of a degree programme whose completion directly fulfils the professional requirements for practising a regulated profession, the faculty applies to the relevant recognition authority for approval.

Article 8

Application for Internal Accreditation of a Degree Programme

- (1) Once comments from the Academic Senate and the Scientific Board of the faculty have been incorporated, the faculty prepares an application for internal accreditation of the degree programme. The minimum required content of the application is laid down in an internal University standard. Additional particulars may be laid down in an internal standard of the relevant faculty.

- (2) The faculty sends the completed application to the Education Office for a review of its formal compliance. The review of the formal compliance of the application is governed in greater detail by an internal University standard.
- (3) Once any formal deficiencies in the application have been remedied, the application is finalised and submitted by the Dean of the faculty, through the Education Office, to the Internal Evaluation Board. The Secretary of the Internal Evaluation Board registers the application in the Accreditation Information System (hereinafter referred to as “ISAK”) without undue delay and forwards it to the relevant Expert Committee of the Internal Evaluation Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Expert Committee”).
- (4) Expert Committees are established at the University for the following groups of fields of education and academic disciplines:
 - a) technical and natural sciences;
 - b) social sciences;
 - c) health sciences, humanities and arts.
- (5) The allocation of fields of education to individual Expert Committees is governed by an internal University standard. Where fields of education overlap or new fields of education are concerned, the Chair of the Internal Evaluation Board decides which Expert Committee is to consider the degree programme.
- (6) The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Expert Committee makes the complete application available to all members of the Expert Committee and appoints:
 - a) one internal reviewer from among the members of the Expert Committee;
 - b) for each field of education to which the degree programme belongs, one external reviewer from among cooperating experts from other higher education institutions, the Czech Academy of Sciences, and professional practitioners.
- (7) Where additional information is required during consideration of the application by the Expert Committee, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Expert Committee requests the degree programme leader, through the relevant Vice-Dean, to provide the additional information and sets a deadline for the applicant to do so. This deadline may be extended upon the applicant's written request.
- (8) After reviewing the materials, each reviewer issues a written opinion on the application submitted. The online forms prescribed by the Internal Evaluation Board, which are based on the methodologies of the Accreditation Bureau, must be used for the review.
- (9) The reviewers' opinions form the basis for the preparation of the Expert Committee's opinion on the application for internal accreditation of the degree programme, which serves as a supporting document for consideration by the Internal Evaluation Board. The Expert Committee's opinion is provided to the submitting faculty before the application is considered at a meeting of the Internal Evaluation Board.
- (10) The Internal Evaluation Board assesses whether the application submitted meets the requirements arising from legislation, internal regulations and the University's degree programme standards and whether it is consistent with the University's Strategic Plan for Educational and Creative Activities.
- (11) In justified cases, the Internal Evaluation Board may suspend consideration of the application and request that the applicant supplement or, where appropriate, revise the application. The Internal Evaluation Board sets a deadline for the applicant to supplement or revise the application. This deadline may be extended upon the applicant's written request.

- (12) The faculty may withdraw its application at any time before the application is considered by the Internal Evaluation Board. The Dean of the faculty notifies the Chair of the Internal Evaluation Board of the withdrawal in writing.
- (13) Representatives of the faculty at which the degree programme is to be delivered (the degree programme leader, the Dean or the relevant Vice-Dean) are invited to the meeting of the Internal Evaluation Board concerning the granting of internal accreditation for the degree programme.
- (14) The Internal Evaluation Board adopts a resolution on the application within 90 days of receiving it from the applicant, i.e. from the date on which it is registered in ISAK.
- (15) The resolution of the Internal Evaluation Board contains:
 - a) the title, type and profile of the degree programme;
 - b) the standard period of study;
 - c) the mode of study;
 - d) the field or, where applicable, fields of education to which the degree programme belongs;
 - e) identification of the faculty delivering the degree programme;
 - f) the decision of the Internal Evaluation Board;
 - g) where the decision is favourable, the period for which the degree programme may be delivered;
 - h) a brief statement of reasons for the decision, including any corrective measures imposed or any requirement to submit a follow-up report.
- (16) The Internal Evaluation Board may grant authorisation to deliver a degree programme under institutional accreditation for a maximum period of 10 years.
- (17) A resolution of the Internal Evaluation Board granting internal accreditation for a degree programme under institutional accreditation is signed by the Rector. The resolution, together with information on the accessibility of the programme to persons with disabilities, is published without undue delay on the publicly accessible part of the University website. Where the Internal Evaluation Board adopts a resolution refusing to grant internal accreditation, the Rector informs the Dean of the faculty of this fact in writing.

Article 9

Extension or Renewal of the Period of Validity of Internal Accreditation of a Degree Programme and Changes to the Delivery of Degree Programmes

- (1) During the delivery of a degree programme, the applicant may apply to the Internal Evaluation Board for the accreditation to be extended to include:
 - a) an additional faculty at which the degree programme is to be delivered;
 - b) an additional study plan for a new specialisation, an additional mode of study, an additional place of delivery, or an additional study plan delivered in cooperation with another legal entity or a foreign higher education institution pursuant to Section 81 or Section 47a of the Higher Education Act;
 - c) authorisation to conduct the State Rigorous Examination.
- (2) An application for an extension of internal accreditation is processed, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of these Accreditation Regulations.

- (3) An application for renewal of the period of validity of internal accreditation of a degree programme is processed, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with Articles 6 to 8 of these Accreditation Regulations.
- (4) Changes to a degree programme during its delivery are defined in an internal University standard. The internal standard lays down different procedures for changes according to their level of significance.

Article 10

Restriction, Withdrawal or Expiry of Internal Accreditation of a Degree Programme

- (1) Where the Internal Evaluation Board identifies serious deficiencies in the delivery of a degree programme, it requests the degree programme leader, through the Dean of the relevant faculty, to remedy them within a reasonable period.
- (2) Where serious deficiencies persist, the Internal Evaluation Board adopts, as appropriate, a resolution on:
 - a) restriction of the internal accreditation of the degree programme, consisting in a prohibition on admitting further applicants to the degree programme;
 - b) withdrawal of authorisation to deliver the degree programme.

The resolution of the Internal Evaluation Board includes a written statement of reasons.

- (3) Internal accreditation of a degree programme may also be restricted or terminated at the request of the faculty at which the degree programme is delivered. The faculty submits an application for restriction of internal accreditation where:
 - a) delivery of the degree programme is terminated at one of the faculties, where the degree programme is delivered at more than one faculty;
 - b) cooperation with a legal entity or a foreign higher education institution is terminated;
 - c) delivery of the degree programme under one of the study plans is terminated, in particular a study plan for a specialisation, mode of study or place of delivery.
- (4) An application for restriction or termination of internal accreditation of a degree programme is submitted to the Rector by the Dean of the faculty following consideration by the Scientific Board or Arts Board and the Academic Senate of the faculty. The Rector forwards the application to the Internal Evaluation Board for approval. Once the application has been approved, the Rector notifies the Accreditation Bureau of this fact in writing.
- (5) Internal accreditation of a degree programme expires:
 - a) upon expiry of the period for which authorisation to deliver the degree programme was approved;
 - b) upon withdrawal of authorisation to deliver the degree programme;
 - c) upon approval by the Internal Evaluation Board on the basis of a proposal from the Rector.

Article 11

Review of Resolutions of the Internal Evaluation Board

- (1) The applicant may request the Rector to review a resolution of the Internal Evaluation Board concerning internal accreditation of a degree programme. The request for review must be submitted within 30 days of notification of the resolution.
- (2) The Rector reviews the lawfulness of the resolution of the Internal Evaluation Board and its compliance with the University's internal regulations and standards. The Rector either upholds the resolution or annuls it and refers the matter back to the Internal Evaluation Board for reconsideration. In such a case, the subsequent decision of the Internal Evaluation Board is final.

Part V

ACCREDITATION OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES BY THE ACCREDITATION BUREAU

Article 12

Introductory Provision

Where authorisation to deliver a degree programme of a particular type and, where applicable, profile in a particular field or fields of education does not arise from the University's institutional accreditation, the University may obtain such authorisation through accreditation of the degree programme by the Accreditation Bureau.

Article 13

Proposal to Apply for Accreditation of a Degree Programme by the Accreditation Bureau

The procedure set out in Article 6 of these Accreditation Regulations for internal accreditation of a degree programme applies to the preparation, consideration and approval of a proposal to apply for accreditation of a degree programme by the Accreditation Bureau.

Article 14

Draft Application and Application for Accreditation of a Degree Programme by the Accreditation Bureau

- (1) Once any comments from members of the Extended Executive Board have been incorporated, the faculty prepares a draft application for accreditation of the degree programme. The draft application must be based on the current requirements and standards published on the website of the Accreditation Bureau or, as applicable, on the University intranet.
- (2) The formal structure of the draft application and its minimum required particulars are laid down in an internal University standard. Additional particulars may be laid down in an internal standard of the relevant faculty.
- (3) Before the draft application is considered, the faculty sends it to the Education Office for a review of its formal compliance. The review of the formal compliance of the draft application is governed in greater detail by an internal University standard.
- (4) Following consideration by the management of the faculty or faculties responsible for preparing the degree programme, the draft application is submitted:
 - a) to the Academic Senate of the faculty for consideration;
 - b) to the Scientific Board or Arts Board of the faculty for approval.

- (5) In the case of a degree programme whose completion directly fulfils the professional requirements for practising a regulated profession, the faculty applies to the relevant recognition authority for a favourable opinion.
- (6) Once comments from the Academic Senate and the Scientific Board of the faculty have been incorporated, the faculty prepares an application for accreditation of the degree programme. The minimum required content of the application is laid down in an internal University standard. Additional particulars may be laid down in an internal standard of the relevant faculty.
- (7) The faculty sends the completed application to the Education Office for a review of its formal compliance. The review of the formal compliance of the application is governed in greater detail by an internal University standard.
- (8) Once any formal deficiencies in the application have been remedied, the Dean of the faculty submits it, through the Education Office, to the Internal Evaluation Board. The Secretary of the Internal Evaluation Board registers the application in ISAK without undue delay and forwards it to the relevant Expert Committee.
- (9) Expert Committees are established at the University for the following groups of fields of education and academic disciplines:
 - a) technical and natural sciences;
 - b) social sciences;
 - c) health sciences, humanities and arts.
- (10) The allocation of fields of education to individual Expert Committees is governed by an internal University standard. Where fields of education overlap or new fields of education are concerned, the Chair of the Internal Evaluation Board decides which Expert Committee is to consider the degree programme.
- (11) The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Expert Committee makes the complete application available to all members of the Expert Committee and appoints one internal reviewer from among its members.
- (12) Where additional information is required during consideration of the application by the Expert Committee, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Expert Committee requests the degree programme leader, through the relevant Vice-Dean, to provide the additional information and sets a deadline for the applicant to do so. This deadline may be extended upon the applicant's written request.
- (13) After reviewing the materials, the internal reviewer issues a written opinion on the application submitted. The online forms recommended by the Internal Evaluation Board, which are based on the methodologies of the Accreditation Bureau, must be used for the review.
- (14) Following consideration of the preliminary conclusions by the Expert Committee, its Chair or Vice-Chair submits the Committee's opinion on the application for consideration at a meeting of the Internal Evaluation Board.
- (15) The Internal Evaluation Board assesses whether the application submitted meets the requirements arising from legislation, internal regulations and the University's degree programme standards and whether it is consistent with the University's Strategic Plan for Educational and Creative Activities.
- (16) In justified cases, the Internal Evaluation Board may suspend consideration of the application for accreditation of the degree programme by the Accreditation Bureau and request that the applicant supplement or, where appropriate, revise the application. The Internal Evaluation Board sets a deadline for the applicant to supplement or revise the application. This deadline may be extended upon the applicant's written request.

- (17) Representatives of the faculty at which the degree programme is to be delivered (the degree programme leader, the relevant Dean or, where applicable, Vice-Dean) are invited to the meeting of the Internal Evaluation Board concerning the forwarding of the application for accreditation of the degree programme to the Accreditation Bureau.
- (18) The Internal Evaluation Board adopts a resolution on the application within 90 days of receiving it from the applicant, i.e. from the date on which it is registered in ISAK.
- (19) Once the Internal Evaluation Board has adopted a resolution approving the application for accreditation of the degree programme by the Accreditation Bureau and any comments of the Internal Evaluation Board have been addressed, the faculty prepares the final application. The Rector submits the final application to the Accreditation Bureau through the Education Office. Where the Internal Evaluation Board issues an unfavourable opinion, the application, together with a written statement of reasons, is returned to the Dean of the faculty that submitted it for revision and reconsideration. Depending on the circumstances, the applicant may maintain the application for accreditation of the degree programme by the Accreditation Bureau as submitted, supplement or otherwise amend it, or withdraw it. Where the applicant maintains the original application, this must be justified separately in writing.

Article 15

Extension or Renewal of the Period of Validity of Accreditation of a Degree Programme and Changes to the Delivery of Degree Programmes Accredited by the Accreditation Bureau

- (1) During the delivery of a degree programme, the applicant for accreditation of the degree programme may apply to the Accreditation Bureau for the accreditation to be extended to include:
 - a) an additional faculty at which the degree programme is to be delivered;
 - b) an additional study plan for a new specialisation, an additional mode of study, an additional place of delivery, or an additional study plan delivered in cooperation with another legal entity or a foreign higher education institution pursuant to Section 81 or Section 47a of the Higher Education Act;
 - c) authorisation to conduct the State Rigorous Examination.
- (2) An application for an extension or renewal of the period of validity of accreditation is processed, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with Articles 13 and 14 of these Accreditation Regulations.
- (3) Changes to a degree programme during its delivery are defined in an internal University standard. The internal standard lays down different procedures for changes according to their level of significance.

Article 16

Restriction, Withdrawal or Expiry of Accreditation of a Degree Programme Accredited by the Accreditation Bureau

- (1) Where the Accreditation Bureau identifies serious deficiencies in the delivery of a degree programme accredited by the Accreditation Bureau, it requests the higher education institution to remedy them within a reasonable period.
- (2) Where serious deficiencies persist, the Accreditation Bureau adopts, depending on the nature of the deficiency, a resolution on:

- a) restriction of the accreditation of the degree programme, consisting in a prohibition on admitting further applicants to the degree programme;
 - b) withdrawal of authorisation to deliver the degree programme.
- (3) Accreditation of a degree programme accredited by the Accreditation Bureau may also be restricted or terminated at the request of the faculty at which the degree programme is delivered. The faculty submits an application for restriction of accreditation of the degree programme where:
 - a) delivery of the degree programme is terminated at one of the faculties, where the degree programme is delivered at more than one faculty;
 - b) cooperation with a legal entity or a foreign higher education institution is terminated;
 - c) delivery under one of the study plans is terminated, in particular a study plan for a specialisation, mode of study or place of delivery.
- (4) An application for restriction or termination of accreditation of a degree programme is submitted to the Rector by the Dean of the faculty following consideration by the Scientific Board or Arts Board and the Academic Senate of the faculty. The Rector forwards the application to the Internal Evaluation Board for approval. Once the application has been approved, the Rector notifies the Accreditation Bureau of this fact in writing.
- (5) Accreditation of a degree programme accredited by the Accreditation Bureau expires:
 - a) upon expiry of the period for which authorisation to deliver the degree programme was granted;
 - b) upon withdrawal of authorisation to deliver the degree programme;
 - c) upon approval by the Internal Evaluation Board on the basis of a proposal from the Rector.

Part VI

ACCREDITATION OF HABILITATION PROCEDURES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSORS

Article 17

Draft Application and Application for Accreditation of Habilitation Procedures and Procedures for the Appointment of Professors

- (1) The draft application must be based on the current requirements and standards published on the website of the Accreditation Bureau or, as applicable, on the University intranet.
- (2) Before the draft application is considered, the faculty sends it to the Education Office for a review of its formal compliance. The review of the formal compliance of the draft application is governed in greater detail by an internal University standard.
- (3) The draft application must be considered and approved by the Scientific Board or Arts Board of the faculty.
- (4) Article 14 of these Accreditation Regulations applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to the preparation, consideration and approval of the draft application and the application for accreditation of a habilitation procedure or procedure for the appointment of professors.

Article 18

Renewal of the Period of Validity of Accreditation of Habilitation Procedures and Procedures for the Appointment of Professors During Their Conduct

- (1) An application for renewal of the period of validity of accreditation of a habilitation procedure or procedure for the appointment of professors is processed, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with Article 17 of these Accreditation Regulations.
- (2) Changes to a habilitation procedure or procedure for the appointment of professors while it is being conducted are governed by an internal University standard.

Part VII

APPROVAL OF A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME LEADING TO A MICROCREDENTIAL

Article 19

Lifelong Learning Programme Leading to a Microcredential

- (1) The requirements for a proposal for a lifelong learning programme leading to a microcredential and the procedure for its approval by the Internal Evaluation Board are governed by an internal University standard.
- (2) Changes to a lifelong learning programme leading to a microcredential while it is being delivered are governed by an internal University standard.

Article 20

Final Provisions

- (1) Pursuant to Section 9(1)(b)(3) of the Higher Education Act, these Accreditation Regulations of the University of Pardubice were approved by the Academic Senate of the University on 28 April 2026.
- (2) Pursuant to Section 36(4) of the Higher Education Act, these Accreditation Regulations of the University of Pardubice come into force on the date of their registration by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.
- (3) These Accreditation Regulations of the University of Pardubice take effect on 1 September 2026.

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