

Faculty of Science, Masaryk University**Dean's Instruction No. 2/2020****Implementation of teaching, completion of courses and completion of studies in the 2020 spring semester**

Pursuant to Section 28, Paragraph 1 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., On Higher Education Institutions and to Amendments to Other Acts (Act on Higher Education Institutions), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Act on Higher Education Institutions”), I am issuing the following instruction:

(as amended effective from 14 May 2020)

Article 1
Introductory provisions

This instruction is based on the draft law on special rules for education and decision-making at universities in 2020, extraordinary measures of the Ministry of Health and decisions of the MU Rector No. 4/2020 (Special rules of study in the spring semester 2020) and No. 5/2020 (Special rules of study in the spring semester 2020) and uses their provisions.

Article 2
Teaching

- (1) Teaching in the form of lectures, seminars, and theoretical exercises will conclude on May 15, 2020. Until this date, teaching will take place exclusively in a contactless manner. The teacher will ensure adequate replacement of contact teaching by distance learning methods.
- (2) If the epidemiological situation allows it, replacement teaching of laboratory and practical exercises will take place in the period from 18 May to 30 June. A separate schedule will be compiled for this teaching. Detailed instructions for the implementation will be determined in accordance with hygienic recommendations published on the faculty's website. In legitimate cases, it will be possible to implement in person practical training till September 30.
- (3) Students will be allowed to visit the library solely for to borrow or return study materials. The operating hours of the library will be adjusted.

Article 3 Completion of subjects

(1) The examination period will take place from 18 May 2020 to 30 September 2020. Teachers will make appropriate use of the entire defined interval to offer students a sufficient number of examination dates. The date of completion of the study course will be published by the teacher in the IS MU at least 2 weeks before the date of the completion of the study course.

(2) Completion of the course will be carried out remotely throughout the period. If the epidemiological situation allows, it will be possible to finish the course in person. Detailed instructions for the implementation will be determined in accordance with hygienic recommendations published on the faculty's website. The form of completion of the course can be changed during the examination period. In legitimate cases, the form of completion of the course may be different in individual cases (for example, the in-person method for Czech students and the distance method for international students or students while in compulsory quarantine). Students must be informed of the possible variability of the form of completion of the course at least 3 weeks before the first regular date of completion of the course. The guarantor of the course decides the forms of completion of the course.

(3) No later than 15 May 2020, after discussions with the program guarantors, the pedagogical representative of the department will report to the study department a list of subjects for whom the "S" grade will be awarded. This assessment will only be made in isolated and duly justified cases. Completion with "S" will be recorded in the MU IS by the department of studies. In legitimate cases, a "S" rating can be at a later date.

Article 4 Graduation

(1) For bachelor and master studies, the submission of final theses and the state exams will take place in two periods (June / July; September). The student chooses the term arbitrarily. He/she will express his/her choice by registering for the given date in the IS MU no later than one week before the deadline for the submission of the final thesis. The September term SZZ can also be used as a corrective term.

(2) For bachelor and master studies, the final state exam will be carried out remotely and, if the epidemiological situation and the Regulation of the Czech Republic Government permit it, the final state exam can be also in the in-person form. It is also possible to change the original form of the written exam to the form of the oral exam and vice versa. The head of the board of

examiners will decide on the form of the exam, i.e. in-person/remote, or written/oral. The form of the exam must be announced at least three weeks before it takes place.

(3) For doctoral programmes, students sign-up for PhD defences or state doctoral exams continuously. The form of exam - present/remote - is announced at least three weeks in advance by the head of the doctoral board, and it must comply with all hygiene and regulatory requirements.

(4) In the in-person exams, it is necessary to respect the Extraordinary Preventive Measures posted on the Masaryk University website at <https://www.muni.cz/koronavirus>. Students must provide their individual [Declaration of Honor on the Absence of a Self-Quarantine Order and of the Absence of Symptoms of Viral Infectious Diseases](#) in the IS application (https://muni.islogin.cz/login/jWd3_pPIDsNPLh6uarg4p-rq?lang=en) It is also necessary to respect the Extraordinary Preventive Measures posted on the website: https://www.sci.muni.cz/do/sci/web/vzd/manualy/Mimoradna_preventivni_opatreni_prezenci_zk.pdf.

Article 5 Final Provisions

(1) The Vice-Dean for Studies is responsible for the interpretation of individual provisions of this instruction.

(2) The compliance with this instruction is carried out by the head of the study department.

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