

Ordinance of the Dean of the Faculty of Psychology

No. 3/2014 dated 29 September 2015

On the grounds of §4 item 6, §9, item 6 and 12, §12, §25 item 6, §28 item 2, §30 item 6, §33 of the Rules of Study at the University of Warsaw, which constitutes an annex to Resolution No 351 of the UW Senate of 22 April 2015 on enacting The Rules of Study at the University of Warsaw (Monitor UW 2015, item 71), the Dean of the Faculty of Psychology resolves as follows:

§ 1

General provisions

1. The present Ordinance defines:
 - a) rules of enrolment for courses;
 - b) rules for obtaining course credit, including annual and M.A. seminars;
 - c) rules for excusing absences from classes;
 - d) rules for conducting exams and excusing absences at exams, except for the diploma exam;
 - e) detailed rules for clearing a semester of studies;
 - f) rules for determining equivalence of courses and study terms;
 - g) rules for determining program differences related to resumption of studies, transfer to the University of Warsaw from another institution, completing a part of the study program at another university, or changing the form of studies;
 - h) rules for exempting a student from attending particular classes if participation in scientific activities ensures fulfilling the same learning outcomes.
2. The Ordinance concerns studies pursued within Warsaw International Studies in Psychology.

§ 2

On-line registration

Registration for courses offered by the Faculty of Psychology shall be conducted in the following manner:

- a) For obligatory courses divided into groups – through the UW central USOSweb registration system; for other obligatory courses – by the WISP office;
- b) For elective and specialization courses – through the token registration system.

§ 3

Class registration and allotment of tokens

1. In order to register for a course, a student must have an appropriate number of tokens in the token registration system. If the allotted pool of tokens has been used and the student wishes to enrol for a course, he/she may buy extra tokens. The price of 1 token is set each year by the Faculty Council.
2. Students are allotted each type of tokens only once:
 - 105 tokens to be used for elective courses are allotted before registration for the winter semester of the first year of studies
 - 78 tokens for specialization courses are allocated before registration for the winter semester of the fourth year of studies.
3. A student who is transferring to the UW from another institution is allotted a number of tokens which is proportional to the number of years needed for the planned completion of studies.
4. Students have a right to trade 15 tokens of one kind for 15 tokens of the other kind. Persons who wish to trade tokens should apply to the Dean of the Faculty.
5. The number of registration tokens needed to register for a course is equal to the number of ECTS points assigned to the course. An exception to this rule is obligatory courses, for which students register without spending their tokens.
6. Tokens are not assigned to a specific year of studies. They may be spent at any time and on any courses although priority in registration for specialization courses is given to the students who have formally chosen a given specialization.
7. If a student has spent his/her tokens on a class that has not been open for enrolment, the tokens are reimbursed.

§ 4

Registration for classes

1. Registration for courses of a given study cycle is divided into two rounds, in accordance with § 19 item 5 of the Rules of Study at the UW. The second round is divided into two series. In the first round and the first series of the second round, students can both register for classes and deregister, whereas in the second series of the second round it is possible to register for courses but not to deregister.
2. Registration dates are defined in § 19 item 6 of the Rules of Study at the UW.
3. The fact that a course is open for registration does not mean that it will be offered in a given semester. If during the first round of registration and the first series of the second round of registration the number of enrolments for a course falls below a set minimum, the course shall be cancelled. In such a case, the enrolled students shall be deregistered and tokens shall be reimbursed.
4. The minimum number of students needed for a course to be offered stands at:
 - a. 8 persons for classes;
 - b. 14 persons for seminars;
 - c. 20 persons for lectures.

§ 5

Registration for courses not offered by the Faculty of Psychology

1. There is a group of courses for which students register without spending their elective or specialization tokens. These include:
 - a) general academic courses,
 - b) foreign language courses and exams,
 - c) Physical Education classes,
 - d) courses for foreign students offered by the Centre of Polish Language and Culture for Foreigners "Polonicum".
2. Registration for general academic courses, foreign language courses and exams, and physical education classes requires special tokens, issued for this purpose.
3. All students receive 300 tokens for general academic courses, 240 tokens for foreign language courses, and 2 foreign language exam tokens. In addition, full time students receive 120 tokens to register for physical education classes. Registration for the above

mentioned classes is conducted through the token registration system during specified periods set by the university units running these classes. The limit of registration tokens for courses offered by Polonicum is determined by Poloniucum.

§ 6

Class limit

There is no maximum number of tokens that may be used for registration in a given semester; however a student must earn at least 60 ECTS points a year, counting together with obligatory courses. A surplus number of points earned (in excess of 60 ECTS points) may be used in the subsequent semesters if the student declares the surplus courses a part of the study curriculum.

§ 7

Registration for specializations

1. Third-year students are obliged to submit to the WISP office a declaration of the chosen specialization no later than one day before the start of the first round of registration for their fourth year classes.
2. Students who have formally chosen a given specialization have a priority of enrolment for classes offered within this specialization. If a student is unable to register for a course offered within the declared specialization due to the lack of places on the course, he/she is obliged to inform the WISP office about this fact. The student who has not declared a given specialization and has enrolled in the course as the last one to do so will be un-registered then.
3. In the event the number of students who have declared a given specialization is higher than the limit of students set for it, admission to this specialization shall be determined by the order in which students submitted their declarations to the WISP office.

§ 8

Registration for annual and MA seminars

1. Students register for annual and MA seminars directly with the tutors who offer them. Admission of a student to an annual or MA seminar implies the consent of the tutor to

act as the student's thesis supervisor. Annual and MA seminars can only be taught by teachers who are authorized to do so by virtue of separate provisions.

2. Admission to an annual or MA seminar is confirmed by the submission of a student tutor declaration, signed by the tutor, to the WISP office.
3. Students are obliged to submit the above mentioned declaration by the end of November of the academic year when an annual or MA seminar becomes obligatory.

§ 9

Course enrolment after commencement of classes

In exceptional circumstances, the Dean may add a student's name to the list of participants of a given course, provided the student has obtained a written consent of the course teacher.

§ 10

Registration for courses conducted in the Polish language

1. In exceptional cases a WISP student may enrol for a course offered in Polish, however this requires the consent of the WISP Director and the Dean of the Faculty.
2. Enrolment in a course taught in Polish implies that a suitable number of tokens shall be taken from the pool of tokens for elective or specialization courses that has been allotted to the student.

§ 11

Dates and rules for receiving course credit

1. Dates and conditions for receiving course credits are set by course teachers and included in the course syllabus, which should be presented to the students no later than at the first class session. The course teacher cannot change the rules during the semester.
2. Course credits have to be earned no later than during the main exam session of a given semester. The course teacher cannot set any later date as binding for the students.
3. If a student has failed to earn a course credit by the end of the main exam session or to pass an exam by the end of the re-sit exam session, the course teacher may allow the student to complete the course during the so-called extended exam session but no later than within 4 weeks from the last day of the re-sit exam session. Such an attempt to earn

a course credit shall be possible only in exceptional circumstances and shall require the Dean's consent.

§ 12

Rules for earning credit for annual seminars

1. Credits for annual seminars are earned on a semester basis. At the end of the winter semester students receive a pass ('zal'), which does not entail that an amount of ECTS points has been earned but merely confirms participation in the seminar. Students who have failed to get a pass ('zal') at the end of the winter semester have to apply for conditional registration for the next academic year. At the end of the main exam session of the summer semester the course teacher assesses students' performance in the course. A failure to receive a positive grade results in the need to apply for conditional registration for the next academic year.
2. The minimum conditions for receiving course credit for completing the first semester of an annual seminar include the submission of an outline of the course paper and its list of references or bibliography. Credit for the second semester is granted on the basis of the assessment of the final version of the student's seminar paper.
3. The final version of the seminar paper is assessed by the tutor as well as an independent reviewer. Projects supervised by doctoral students should be reviewed by persons employed at the Faculty of Psychology holding at least a doctoral degree. Projects supervised by tutors with at least a doctoral degree may be reviewed by persons from outside the Faculty, if these persons are authorized to supervise seminar papers and MA theses or conduct courses.
4. The final grade in an annual seminar is the mean average of the grades awarded by the tutor and the reviewer. Credit for the seminar project should be earned by the end of the main exam session of the summer semester. In exceptional circumstances this deadline may be extended to the end of the re-sit exam session upon the Dean's consent. An application for extension with the tutor's opinion has to be filled with the Deans' Office no later than a month before the end of the main exam session. A grade earned after the official deadline shall not be recognized by the Dean.
5. Each student is obliged to deliver a CD with a final version of the paper to the WISP office till the end of the main exam session (in the .doc format).

§ 13

Exam dates for obligatory lectures

1. Under §30 item 1 of the Rules of Study at the UW, students are entitled to two exam dates in obligatory lectures. The first exam date in a course is scheduled during the main exam session, and the second date is scheduled during the re-sit session of a given semester. The examiner may set an additional date before the re-sit session but this does not lift the obligation to conduct an exam during the re-sit session. The student can then choose between two dates for the re-sit exam.
2. Under §18 item 3 of the Rules of Study at the UW, in case of irregular courses, particularly those taught by guest professors, the arrangements regarding the organization of the academic year may be different from those applicable to regular classes.

§ 14

Excusing class absence

1. Rules for excusing class absences are determined by the course teacher.
2. These rules shall be presented to the students in the course syllabus and/or discussed during the first class session.

§ 15

Excusing absence at an exam from an obligatory lecture

1. In case of an illness falling at an exam date, the student should file a sick leave no later than on the day of the exam. If filing the sick leave by this deadline is not possible, the student shall inform the WISP office about his/her illness by telephone or e-mail and file the sick leave no later than within seven work days of the termination of the period for which it was issued.
2. The sick leave confirming the student's illness on the day of the exam must be written on a form entitled "zaświadczenie lekarskie," or on a ZLA form (for working students), or else entered in the students' health record book.
3. Failure to comply with the above obligations shall result in a loss of the exam date at which the student was absent.

§ 16

Filling in protocols and entering students' grades

1. Course teachers who have access to the USOSweb system shall promptly fill in an Internet protocol available in the system and set at least two dates when they will enter the grades into the students' academic index books. These dates cannot be any later than 7 days after the termination of the main exam session for class credits and 7 days after the termination of re-sit exam session for exam credits.
2. Course teachers who do not have access to the USOSweb system and cannot enter the students' grades themselves should immediately submit a completed and signed protocol to the WISP office. On the basis of this protocol, the personnel of the office shall enter the grades into the Internet exam protocol.
3. Internet protocols containing students' course grades shall be closed within two weeks of the deadlines set for obtaining course credits, and then no changes in these protocols shall be possible, except entering the grades of students who were granted extension of the exam session. Their grades shall be entered into the protocols by the personnel of the WISP office.

§ 17

Clearing a semester

1. Students are obliged to declare whether a course for which they have enrolled is a part of their curriculum by a deadline specified in the ordinance of the Rector concerning the organization of the academic year
2. Students are under the obligation to submit their study program for clearing in their USOSweb console by the end of the first week following the termination of the re-sit exam session.
3. Student who hold an academic index book ('indeks') have a duty to deposit it no later than within a week of the termination of the re-sit exam session of a given semester.
4. The academic index book deposited with the Dean's Office should contain a complete record of all courses taken by the student. The index book should include the names of course teachers as well as the titles and code names of courses written in their proper places, whether or not the grade earned has been entered by the course teacher.

5. A student, who has not obtained credit for a course by the set deadline but still has a chance to receive it, granted by the course teacher, shall file an application to the Dean for extension of the re-sit exam session before the deadline set for clearing the semester has elapsed (students who have academic index books file them with the application). The application should include a written consent of the course teacher. After the Dean has granted the extension, the student recovers his/her academic index book but should deposit it for clearing by the set deadline. If the student fails to receive course credit after the period of extension has elapsed, he/she is entitled only to conditional enrolment for further studies.

§ 18

Rules for determining the equivalence of courses

1. A course deemed equivalent shall be treated like any other course forming the student's curriculum at the Faculty of Psychology.
2. The student has a right to apply for the recognition as equivalent of courses completed at all faculties of the University of Warsaw, as well as other institutions of higher education.
3. Decisions regarding the equivalence of courses shall be made by the Dean.
4. Only courses in which the student has received a grade may be recognized as equivalent.
5. In case of core lectures and obligatory classes, only the grades received in courses completed as part of a curriculum in psychology pursued at another Polish institution may be accepted. In case of grades earned at a foreign institution, each such situation is considered by the Dean on an individual basis.
6. Prior to recognizing a given obligatory course as equivalent, the Dean may refer the student to the teacher conducting a corresponding course at the Faculty of Psychology in order to determine whether the course completed by the student had the same study content.
7. There are no restrictions regarding the theme or area of courses which may be deemed equivalent to elective or general academic courses (OGUNs).
8. If the unit running the course whose equivalence is sought by the student uses the ECTS system, the student shall receive the number of credit points assigned to the course. If the unit running the course does not use the ECTS system, the number of

credit points awarded shall depend on the duration of the course and its completion requirements (exam, simple credit, etc).

9. The student has a right to seek equivalence of general academic courses completed in all years of studies pursued at other institutions. An application for course equivalence should be filed no later than within 2 years of course completion.
10. Decisions about equivalence of elective courses and their assignment to a course category (thematic basket) shall be made by the Dean.
11. A student's application for course equivalence should include the following information about the course completed:
 - a) name of the institution and curriculum in which the course was completed;
 - b) name of the course teacher;
 - c) course title;
 - d) type of class (e.g. lecture, seminar);
 - e) number of hours per semester and number of ECTS points (if possible);
 - f) academic year and semester when the course was completed;
 - g) grade received.
12. The student should enclose a copy of the grade transcript or academic record book with the application for course equivalence, and, in case of obligatory courses, also a course syllabus.

§ 19

Rules for determining the equivalence of study term

1. Students have a right to seek equivalence of a study term completed at the Faculty of Psychology within studies of a different type than those currently pursued, as well as at another Polish institution of higher education in the field of psychology or in a foreign institution in an equivalent field of study.
2. Decisions regarding the equivalence of study terms shall be made by the Dean.
3. Equivalence of a study term shall be determined in a procedure involving a comparison of the obligatory courses completed during that study term with the curricula requirements set by the proper resolution of the Faculty Council, and transfer of the ECTS points earned.

4. Recognition of a study term as equivalent shall result in transferring the student to a higher study term.

§ 20

Rules for making up program (curricular) differences

1. Students resuming studies 2 years after being struck off from the list of students, transferring to the University of Warsaw from another institution, changing the type of studies, or students who have completed a part of their curriculum abroad are obliged to make up the courses indicated by the Dean as constituting program differences.
2. Identification of program differences shall be handled by comparing the program completed by the student with the current curriculum binding the students of the Faculty of Psychology.
3. The programs shall be compared with respect to:
 - a) obligatory courses completed at the former university/program which are mentioned in the resolution of the Faculty Council defining the curriculum;
 - b) the subject content of obligatory courses;
 - c) professional internships completed and their duration (in cases where internships are obligatory);
 - d) the number of ECTS points earned for elective courses in the areas (thematic baskets) mentioned in the resolution of the Faculty Council defining the curriculum (for students who started their studies in the academic year 2012/2013 and later);
 - e) the number of ECTS points and the subject content of courses forming a given specialization.
4. Making up program differences may involve the following obligations:
 - a) to obtain credits for obligatory courses that have not been completed;
 - b) to supplement the learning content of the completed obligatory courses;
 - c) to serve a professional internship or its missing part, stated in terms of hours;
 - d) to supplement the learning content defined in the study curriculum with respect to elective courses (i.e. thematic baskets);

- e) to obtain credit for specialization courses that have not been completed or to supplement the learning content of the specialization course completed.
5. Supplementing the learning content of a course may consist in re-taking the course or its part. The decision on this matter shall be made by the course teacher.
 6. In case of students who are resuming studies more than 5 years after being struck off, the making up of program differences includes re-completion of the obligatory courses indicated by the Dean.
 7. Persons who have resumed studies in order to complete the last semester of the master's seminar (on terms specified in the resolution of the Faculty Council on the rules of study) are exempt from the need to make up program differences.

§ 21

Rules for exempting a student from attending some classes if participation in scientific activities ensures fulfilling the same learning outcomes.

1. Student has the right to apply for exempting him/her from attending particular classes of obligatory, elective or specialization courses in case of their participation in scientific activities ensuring fulfilling the same learning outcomes as specified for that course.
2. The Dean takes a decision regarding exemption from attending given classes of a particular course on the basis of a note from the head of the scientific project the student took part in. The note shall describe the student's range of duties, acquired knowledge and learnt skills as well as it shall include the opinion of the course instructor.

§ 22

The Ordinance becomes effective on 1 October 2015.