RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STUDYING

at Lazarski University

The University operates in compliance with the Act of 20 July 2018: Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1668, as amended), hereinafter referred to as the Act, and the Statute of Lazarski University.

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

The provisions of *Rules and Regulations* laid down herein shall apply to the first-cycle, second-cycle and long-cycle master's studies, and validated first-cycle and second-cycle studies conducted in English as the language of instruction with respect to issues that are not governed by the rules and regulations for validated studies called "Rules and Regulations for English-Language Programmes".

- 1. The terms and mode of admission and the form of studies in particular fields shall be determined by the Senate of the University and shall be published on the University website.
- 2. The University shall enable disabled persons to study at the University.
- 3. Students are charged for the tuition at the University.
- 4. Classes provided by the University are restricted and designated exclusively for students of Lazarski University, subject to paragraph 5.

- 5. Classes provided by Lazarski University may be attended by exceptionally talented students of secondary schools under the conditions set out by separate rules of procedure.
- 6. The President of the University shall specify the tuition fees, terms of the tuition fee payment and payment dates in the form of a . directive.
- 7. The information on tuition fees and other charges, and the terms of their payment shall be publicized on the University website and the Bulletin of Public Information [Biuletyn Informacji Pubicznej (BIP)], and the Virtual Learning Environment website [Wirtualna Uczelnia].
- 8. The University can enter into written agreements with students concerning the terms of the tuition fee payment.

- 1. Students' rights and obligations shall be acquired upon matriculation and taking the oath, which is laid down in the Statute of Lazarski University.
- 2. Students' rights and obligations shall expire on the day when a student finishes studying or is struck off. Having completed the first-cycle study, a student retains student's rights until 31 October of the graduation year except for the right to financial support granted from the state budget.
- 3. The student shall receive a student ID.
- 4. In case of a student ID's damage or loss, a student is obliged to notify the University about the fact without delay.
- 5. A student ID shall be validated each semester by updating personal data in the electronic system and placing a hologram on the ID.
- 6. Students shall be entitled to possess a student ID until the date of completing studies, suspension of students' rights or being struck off, and in case of the first-cycle study graduates: until 31 October of the graduation year.
- 4. Having completed studies, graduates shall receive a diploma, together with a diploma supplement and two copies of them, including a copy in a foreign language issued at a graduate's request.
- 5. A student starting studies shall have the right to be trained on the rights and obligations of a student. The Student Government of the University in co-operation with the Students' Parliament of the Republic of Poland shall conduct the training.

- 1. The Rector shall be the superior of the students of the University.
- 2. The Dean of the Faculty shall be the immediate superior of students of each Faculty of the University.
- 3. Students may appeal against the Dean's decision to the Rector within 14 days from the date of its receipt.

- 1. Classes, tests of knowledge and skills, the diploma thesis and examination may be accomplished in a foreign language. The decision in this matter shall be made by the Dean who shall take into account the number of students who have demonstrated their foreign language competence at a level that allows for participation in such classes.
- 2. Preparation of the diploma thesis and conducting the diploma examination in a foreign language shall take place at a student's request and with the Dean's consent.

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- 1. The organs of the Student Government of the University shall be the sole representatives of all students of the University before the University authorities.
- 2. All students of the University shall form the Student Government of the University.
- 3. Rules and regulations of the Student Government of the University and amendments to them shall be adopted in the form of a resolution of the Council of the Student Government. They shall enter into force after the Rector confirms their compliance with the Act and the Statute of the University within 30 days from the date of their submission to the Rector of Lazarski University.

CHAPTER II ORGANISATION OF STUDIES

- 1. The academic year shall last from 1 October to 30 September of the following calendar year. For substantive and organizational reasons some classes may begin at a different time.
- 2. The academic year shall be divided into two semesters: autumn and spring ones.
- 3. The organisation of the academic year, divided into semesters with a detailed schedule specifying the beginning and end of semesters as well as classes, exams and holidays shall be determined by the Rector at least three months before the start of the academic year and shall be publicized on the University website and on the Virtual Learning Environment website.
- 4. During the academic year the Rector may establish extra days or hours off (Rector's days or hours). Information about Rector's days or hours shall be published on the University website and on the Virtual Learning Environment website.

- 1. The Senate, having consulted the Student Government, shall determine the curriculum and publish it on the University-dedicated site of the Bulletin of Public Information within 14 days from its adoption. The curriculum shall be determined in accordance with the Act and the regulations implementing the Act.
- 2. Studies shall be conducted in accordance with the curriculum that is obligatory in the academic year when a student started studying.
- 3. Should there be an obligation to study in accordance with a new curriculum, the Dean may impose an obligation to acquire the knowledge of the material resulting from the programme differences.

CHAPTER III ADJUSTMENT OF THE ORGANISATION OF TEACHING PROCESS TO DISABLED STUDENTS' NEEDS

- 1. The organisation and proper implementation of the teaching process and conditions of pursuing studies shall be individually adapted to the specific needs of each disabled student.
- 2. The adjustment of the organisation and implementation of the teaching process and the conditions of studies to the specific needs of each disabled student shall be done by the Dean of the Faculty at a student's request. A student's request shall include a description of their needs and expectations related to the type of disability.

CHAPTER IV STUDENT RIGHTS AND DUTIES

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A student has the right to:

- (1) pursue their own scientific interests and study one or more fields and one or more specialities,
- (2) change the mode, field and speciality of studies,
- (3) study according to an individual study plan and curriculum,
- (4) associate in learned societies,
- (5) associate in student organizations,
- (6) co-participate in the work of the University organs via the Student Government of the University,
- (7) receive prizes and awards in accordance with applicable by-laws,
- (8) receive financial assistance in accordance with applicable by-laws,
- (9) have a leave,
- (10) transfer to another university if he/she has fulfilled all commitments to the University,
- (11) transfer ECTS credits and have them recognised,
- (12) be excused for absence from classes.

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A student who participates in the meetings of the University organs shall be excused for being absent from classes conducted at the time of those meetings.

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A student is obliged to:

- (1) pursue the course of study,
- (2) acquire knowledge, skills and social competences in order to get prepared to their professional career and scientific work,
- (3) fully use the possibilities of studying offered by the University:
- (a) actively participate in classes and organisational activities,
- (b) timely obtain credits for classes, take examinations, serve internship and meet other requirements laid down in the curriculum,
- (4) proceed in accordance with the oath and provisions that are binding at the University,

- (5) take exams and end-of-semester tests in accordance with the schedule,
- (6) serve mandatory student internship,
- (7) timely pay tuition fees and settle other financial obligations,
- (8) notify the Dean in writing of the change of their surname, first name, marital status and address, and other data necessary to maintain contact between the University and a student under pain of recognition of efficient delivery of a decision or information concerning the course of studies to a student.
- (9) promptly notify the Dean in writing of resignation from studies,
- (10) respect the Code of Ethics, which is published on the Virtual Learning Environment website,
- (11) timely return books to the library,
- (12) take part in health and safety training,
- (13) comply with the internal order regulations that are in force at the University, in particular not to bring, use and distribute narcotic drugs, weapons and hazardous substances that may endanger life and health,
- (14) check marks on the Virtual Learning Environment website and notify of any potential discrepancies to the Dean's Office concerned within a month after the end of the exam session concerned,
- (15) comply with and implement the Rector's decisions concerning special requirements for studying; moreover, a student of the Medical Faculty is obliged to:
- (a) comply with the rules of medical deontology;
- (b) carry an identification badge during classes in a visible manner if it is required by the rules and regulations for the subject;
- (c) participate in training concerning post-exposition procedures;
- (d) keep all sensitive information in secrecy, especially information about patients and their state of health obtained in the course of study;
- (e) provide the University with the required up-to-date medical certificate issued by an occupational medicine specialist in case of its expiry and have periodical health checks and vaccination in accordance with other provisions;
- (f) buy insurance policy against accidents, the risk of being infected with HIV and/or viral hepatitis, and civil liability insurance covering incidents that may occur in connection with serving internship.

- (16) regularly check information provided by the University units via the electronic mail system and sent to the student's email address, and published on the Virtual Learning Environment website.
- (17) enter into a voluntary heathcare insurence contract with the National Health Fund covering the whole period of study, provided a student is not obliged to have healthcare insurence in accordance with Article 66 par. 1 (20) Act on the provision of healthcare services financed from public funds (Journal of Laws 2019.1373, consolidated text).

- 1. For conduct that violates the dignity of the student and for the infringement of the provisions biding at the University, a student shall be held accountable under the terms laid down in the Act and the Statute of Lazarski University as well as liable under the provisions of civil and criminal law.
- 2. A copy of a valid disciplinary judgement shall be attached to a student's personal files.

CHAPTER V TERMS AND MODE OF PURSUING CLASSES, METHOD AND MODE OF SERVING STUDENT INTERNSHIP AND PREPARATION OF DIPLOMA THESES

- 1. An academic teacher conducting classes shall document the completion of a course and the conduction of an examination by entering marks into the University record of marks. In case of an academic teacher's absence from the University, the Head of the department/the Director of studies concerned or the Dean shall appoint another Faculty teacher to conduct the examination or award end-of-semester credits.
- 2. A teacher who conducts the end-of-semester test or examination may ask a student to show a document with a photograph. The lack of an identification document authorises the teacher who conducts the test to refuse to conduct the examination of this student. The possession and use of electronic devices making distance

communication with other people possible during exams or tests is strictly prohibited.

- 3. The recognition that a student has and uses devices referred to in subsection 2 above during an exam or a test for purposes other than communication with the examiner or examiners shall result in discontinuation of the exam or test and failure to pass them.
- 4. A teacher who conducts the exam or awards credits shall enter the results of the exam and awarded end-of-semester marks into the Virtual Learning Environment website "Wirtualna Uczelnia" immediately after a student fulfils all the requirements specified in the subject syllabus.
- 6. In the case of written tests and examinations, a student shall have the right to view the test or examination papers after their assessment.
- 6. An academic teacher shall retain the documents that confirm learning outcomes achieved by the student for a period of at least two semesters.
- 7. An academic teacher conducting classes shall determine rules of awarding credits for classes from which a student was absent. Being absent from three or more classes in a semester may preclude a student from taking an end-of-semester test or examination (it is not applicable to the Medical Faculty). A student's absence from fewer than three classes shall not be a reason to preclude them from these tests or examinations (it is not applicable to the Medical Faculty).
- 8. A student of the Medical Faculty shall be required to submit all upto-date medical checks, an insurance policy against accidents, the risk of being infected with HIV and/or viral hepatitis in order to be admitted to take part in classes.
- 9. A student of the Medical Faculty should be present at all classes scheduled in the study curriculum. He/she shall provide explanation for his/her absence form classes to the teacher conducting those classes. In case of absence, he/she should participate in extra classes as laid down in the subject syllabus.
- 10. In case of the field of study: Aviation law with pilot training, in order to participate in aviation training practical classes, it is required to submit a certificate of an up-to-date Class I aviation-medical check performed in the Aeromedical Centre of the Military Institute of Aviation Medicine [Ośrodek Badań Orzecznictwa Lotniczo-Lekarskiego i Medycyny Pracy].

- 11. The curriculum of the practical study profile shall, and the curriculum of the general academic study profile may, lay down an obligation to serve vocational student internship.
- 12. The curriculum shall determine the length, the rules and forms of obtaining credits for student internship and terms of making a student exempt from it.
- 13. Credits for the compulsory vocational student internship should be obtained until the end of the last semester of study; however, another deadline may be set in the curriculum.
- 14. The serving of internship in the period set and the achieving of the learning outcomes planned shall constitute the conditions for being awarded credits for it.
- 15. Credits for internship shall be awarded based on documents issued by an internship tutor appointed by the institution where internship was served. The Dean shall award credits for internship.
- 16. Failure to obtain credits for compulsory internship shall be treated in the same way as failure to obtain credits for any other compulsory subject.
- 17. In case a student is removed from internship as a result of the violation of the rules and regulations of the workplace, he/she shall be deprived of the right to obtain credits for internship until the Dean takes a decision concerning the matter.

- 1. Delivering lectures and examinations shall be entrusted to academic teachers holding a scientific title of professor, a scientific degree of *doktor habilitowany* (higher doctoral degree) or *doktor* (PhD).
- 2. The Faculty Council may authorize an academic teacher with a master's degree to give lectures.
- 3. Foreign language teachers shall be authorised to examine students and determine their level of competence in foreign language skills.
- 4. Classes covering a medical field shall be conducted by academic teachers or other persons having competence laid down in educational standards for preparing to do a job of a physician that are issued by a minister in charge, in accordance with Article 68 subsection 3 (1) of the Act.
- 5. Classes covering a nursing field shall be conducted by academic teachers or other persons having competence laid down in educational

standards for preparing to do a job of a nurse that are issued by a minister in charge, in accordance with Article 68 subsection 3 (1) of the Act.

6. Classes in the field of Aviation and pilot training containing practical aviation training shall be conducted by training staff with qualifications, experience and specialist preparation and authorisation required by the regulations concerning those classes.

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1. The following marking scale shall be used at the University:

excellent 5.5

very good 5.0

good plus 4.5

good 4.0

satisfactory plus 3.5

satisfactory 3.0

unsatisfactory (fail) 2.0

- 2. Recognition of the student's unique knowledge of the subject shall be awarded the mark 'excellent'. 'Unsatisfactory' is a negative (fail) mark; the remaining marks listed in subsection 1 above are positive ones.
- 3. A student who passed classes at another university, including a foreign university, obtaining the academic learning outcomes laid down by that university, shall be awarded the following marks for the percentage rates as follows:

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2.0 (0% - 50% >
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3.0 (50% - 60% >

3.5 (60% - 70% >

4.0 (70% - 80% >

4.5 (80% - 90% >

5.0 (90% - 98% >

5.5 (98% -100% >

unless the ECTS marking table is attached to the transcript.

4. The curriculum may determine classes that can be concluded with awarding credits without a mark.

- 1. A student shall have the right to take exams in two terms: the basic and re-sit ones.
- 2. Failure to sit an exam on the prescribed examination session date shall result in the loss of one exam date and another appointed date shall be treated as a re-sit.
- 3. A student who failed to obtain a positive mark shall be entitled to one re-sit on the date set by the Dean.
- 4. A student who fails to take a re-sit on the prescribed date shall lose the right to take that exam, unless the Dean accepts the excuse for the absence.
- 5. In the medical and nursing felds of studies a student cannot repeat the first and second semester.
- 6. The Dean shall excuse a student for being absent from the end-of-semester test or exam if he/she submits a certificate of being in hospital within the period of the test or exam. The Dean may excuse a student for being absent from the end-of-semester test or exam on the prescribed date because of other documented reasons. In such cases, the Dean shall determine the new date of the end-of-semester test or exam.
- 7. A student shall submit documents justifying their failure to take the test or exam to the Dean's office no later than 3 days after the date prescribed for the exam.
- 8. In the fields of studies conducted at the Medical Faculty no more than one exam per day shall be held.

- 1. At a substantiated written request of a student who has received an unsatisfactory exam mark and questions the objectivity of the mark or the form of the exam, the Dean may decide to appoint a date for an examination before a board and specify its form.
- 2. A student shall submit the request referred to in subsection 1 herein within three working days from the announcement of the re-sit exam results.
- 3. The Dean,where appropriate, may order an exam before a board on his own initiative or at the request of an academic teacher who gave an unsatisfactory mark in case of an exam or credits with a mark awarded.

- 4. An examination before a examination board shall be carried out by a panel composed of the Dean of the Faculty, the Associate Dean of the Faculty or a person authorised by the Dean, an examiner appointed by the Dean of the Faculty and the academic teacher who awarded an unsatisfactory mark. A student shall have the right to appoint an observer for the examination before a board. A student may also apply for the recording of the examination.
- 5. Irrespective of the fact that the observer referred to in subsection 4 herein fails to appear, the exam shall be carried out on the prescribed day.
- 6. A student is obliged to take the examination before a board within the deadline set by the Dean.

- 1. A student's achievements shall be expressed with the use of ECTS (the European Credit Transfer System).
- 2. Registration for a higher semester shall be done after each examination session. In order to be promoted to the next semester, students should obtain credits for all classes and get 30 ECTS credit points for obtaining learning outcomes in compliance with the learning outcomes for the field, and at the Medical faculty students should obtain at least 30 ECTS points and credits for all classes scheduled in the plan of studies for this semester.
- 3. Students can obtain up to 45 ECTS credits per semester within one curriculum with the reservation of subsection 4 herein.
- 4. Students are obliged to complete all classes scheduled for the semester.
- 5. A student of the semester before last may apply to the Dean in writing to increase the ECTS limit of credits referred to in subsection 3 herein; it shall no be applicable to students of the Medical Faculty.

- 1. A diploma thesis means a bachelor's thesis or a master's thesis.
- 2. A diploma thesis shall be an independent development of a particular scientific or artistic problem or artistic accomplishment that presents the student's general knowledge and skills related to the field of study, the level and profile of education and skills of independent analysis and inference.

- 3. In the nursing field of studies, a diploma thesis shall be developed based on an individual case study.
- 4. In case of a practical profile, a diploma thesis may constitute, in particular, a project related work and development of a business or organisational project, with the exception of subsection 3
- 5. A student of the second-cycle and long-cycle master's studies shall develop a diploma thesis under the supervision of an academic teacher holding at least a doctoral degree.
- 6. In the nursing field of studies, a student shall develop a diploma thesis under the supervision of an academic teacher holding at least a master's or equivalent degree and has the right to do a job of a nurse.
- 7. The student shall have the right to choose a degree seminar. The Dean shall make lists of participants of seminars and shall first and foremost take into account the choice of a student, and if the number of applications exceeds the set limit, the Dean shall consider the criteria explicitly set before the announcement of the enrolment.
- 8. The deadline for submitting a diploma thesis shall be determined by the Dean not later than on the last day of classes in a semester in which the final examination shall take place. The Dean may, in justified cases, postpone the deadline at a student's written request.
- 9. Submission of a diploma thesis shall be a prerequisite for successfully completing the degree seminar.

CHAPTER VI CHANGES OF THE MODE OF STUDIES

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Students may apply to the Dean with a written request to be transferred from full-time studies to extramural studies or from extramural studies to full-time studies no later than seven days before the beginning of the semester. A student shall not be allowed to change the form of study from extramural to full-time mode during the last year of study.

CHAPTER VII

TRANSFER AND RECOGNITION OF ECTS CREDITS OBTAINED BY A STUDENT AT THE ORGANISATIONAL UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OR ANOTHER UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING A FOREIGN ONE

- 1. A student may change the field of study within the organisational units of Lazarski University or transfer from another university, including a foreign one, with the host Faculty's Dean's consent.
- 2. The Dean shall make the decision on admission based on the list of classes completed by a student at the previous university and their learning outcomes and shall define the conditions, terms and rules of completing programme differences with the reservation laid down in subsection 3.
- 3. The transfer of a student who has been admitted to the University as a result of their learning outcomes confirmation may take place only after prior confirmation of those outcomes by Lazarski University under the rules and in the mode that are in force at Lazarski University.
- 4. A student transferring classes credited at another university, including a foreign one, shall be awarded the ECTS credits prescribed for the learning outcomes obtained for such classes at the host Faculty.
- 5. The recognition of concurrence of the learning outcomes obtained shall be the requirement for transferring the ECTS credits obtained for classes completed at a different Faculty of the University or at another university, including a foreign one, for the credits assigned for classes determined in the curriculum.
- 6. The assessment of concurrence shall be carried out by comparing the internal documents concerning learning outcomes obtained by a student with the learning outcomes determined in the curriculum of the given field of study, and the level and profile of education at the host Faculty.
- 7. One ECTS credit point equals the learning outcomes resulting from an average of 25-30 hours of work providing that the number of hours of a student's work covers classes organised by the University in accordance with the curriculum and his/her individual work.

- 8. Classes credited outside the University shall be subject to recognition in case of learning outcomes concurrence of classes conducted at both universities.
- 9. The Dean shall take the decision on the transfer and recognition of classes based on and in accordance with the procedure referred to in subsection 10 herein.
- 10. Detailed requirements for transfer and recognition of classes are laid down in the procedure adopted by the Council of the Faculty.

CHAPTER VIII STUDIES OF ANOTHER FIELD / SPECIALITY

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- 1. Students may take courses in a few fields. Regulations concerning admission proceedings shall be applied by analogy.
- 2. If a student starts studying another field in the course of his/her study, the Dean in charge of the other field:
- (1) shall give consent to a student's admission to studies,
- (2) shall define which classes passed during the study of the first field and their learning outcomes may be recognized for the second field.
- 3. With the Dean's consent, a student may take courses in an additional speciality.

CHAPTER IX INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF STUDY

- 1. The student may study according to an individual plan of studies, which may include classes from other fields or other specialities.
- 2. An individual plan of study shall enable a student to achieve learning outcomes assigned to the main field of study.
- 3. A student may apply to the Dean for permission to pursue further studies in accordance with an individual plan of study if their average mark is at least 4.3.
- 4. In the application filed to the Dean, a student shall propose a plan of study and a person who will be their tutor. The following should be attached to the application:
- (1) the tutor's written consent;

- (2) the draft version of the individual plan of study approved by the tutor.
- 5. An academic teacher holding a doctoral or higher academic degree may be a tutor.

CHAPTER X INDIVIDUAL ORGANISATION OF STUDIES

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- 1. The Dean may give consent to an individual organisation of studies to a pregnant student or a student who is a parent at their written request.
- 2. A student who is in a particularly difficult life situation that makes his/her regular participation impossible may apply to the Dean for individual organisation of studies.
- 3. At the Medical Faculty, individual organisation of studies cannot mean being exempt from compulsory participation in classes.
- 4. The Deans of non-medical Faculties may exempt students pursuing individual organisation of studies from participating in the maximum of 50% of classes.
- 5. At a student's request, the Dean may determine an individual mode of obtaining credits for a semester or the entire academic year and give consent to individual organisation of studies.
- 6. The application should be substantiated and contain documents confirming a student's particular life situation.
- 7. Individual organisation of study shall not result in the shortening of the duration of a student's study.

CHAPTER XI

TERMS OF PURSUING STUDIES BY STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY AS A RESULT OF CONFIRMATION OF LEARNING OUTCOMES

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AN INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF STUDY AND SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION AT NON-MEDICAL FACULTIES

- 1. The provisions of the present *Rules and Regulations*, including the provisions of this Chapter, shall be applied to students admitted to the University as a result of the confirmation of learning outcomes.
- 2. Students admitted to studies as a result of the confirmation of learning outcomes by Lazarski University shall study in accordance with an individual plan of study, which shall enable them to achieve learning outcomes assigned to the given level, field and study profile.
- 3. The Dean shall determine the plan of study and appoint a tutor.
- 4. An academic teacher holding a doctoral degree or higher may be a tutor.
- 5. In the case of a student's transfer and enrolment in a different field at Lazarski University as a result of the confirmation of learning outcomes by Lazarski University, § 20 and § 21 hereof shall apply, and the Dean in charge of the newly chosen field shall verify and determine, adequately to learning outcomes of the new field chosen by a student, which part of the classes passed by a student was obtained as a result of the confirmation of learning outcomes and which is the result of the transfer of the ECTS credits.

CHAPTER XII LEAVES

- 1. A student, with the restriction laid down in subsection 2 herein, having obtained credits for a semester, may apply for a leave and a leave with a possibility of verifying their learning outcomes because of serious circumstances beyond their control.
- 2. At a written request of a student who is pregnant or a parent filed during the first year of the child's life, they may be granted a leave or a leave with a possibility of verifying their learning outcomes laid down in the curriculum. A leave may be granted to:
- (a) a pregnant student until she gives birth to a child, and if the delivery takes place during a semester, a leave may be granted until the end of the semester when a child was born;

- (b) a student who is a parent for a period of one year, and if the end of the leave takes place during a semester, it may be granted until the end of that semester.
- 3. A leave with a possibility of learning outcomes verification may be granted for a period shorter than a semester.
- 4. A leave without a possibility of learning outcomes verification may be granted for one semester or one year.
- 5. The total length of leaves in the course of study cannot exceed one year, except for leaves granted pursuant to subsection 2 (a) herein.
- 6. In case of disease, at a student's request the Dean shall grant a leave for the time of its duration, treatment and rehabilitation. The Dean shall take the decision on granting a leave based on medical documents submitted by a student. At the Medical Faculty, the Dean may ask a medical board to issue an opinion on a student's state of health. Having finished the leave, a student of the medical field of study shall submit a certificate issued by an occupational medicine specialist confirming that there are no health-related counterindications to continue studying. Failure to submit such a certificate after a leave within 14 days from the beginning of classes in the given semester constitutes grounds for refusal of admission to classes and as a result striking a student off.
- 7. During the leave, a student shall retain the status of a student and a valid student ID.
- 8. After a student's return from the leave, the Dean shall identify possible programme differences to complete and pass.
- 9. During a leave without a possibility of verifying learning outcomes, a student shall not pay tuition fees.
- 10. A student shall justify a short-term absence from classes in the manner agreed upon with the academic teacher who conducts classes.

CHAPTER XIII COMPLETION OF STUDIES

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1. The date of sitting a diploma exam shall be the date of study completion. In case of medical field of study, it shall be the date of sitting the last exam required in accordance with the curriculum.

- 2. Admission to the diploma examination shall be conditional upon:
- (1) the fulfilment of all requirements under the programme of study and obtaining an adequate number of ECTS credits in accordance with learning outcomes applicable to the given field of study, i.e. at least:
- 180 for the first-cycle studies,
- 120 for the second-cycle studies,
- 300 for the long-cycle studies;
- (2) being awarded positive marks for the thesis (if it is laid down in the curriculum):
- (3) serving internship specified in the programme of studies (if applicable);
- (4) submitting a student clearance form to the Dean's Office.
- 3. The diploma exam shall be held before the Faculty committee appointed by the Dean on the date set by the Dean.
- 4. A student shall be entitled to one re-sit of a diploma examination.
- 5. Failure to meet the deadline for submitting a thesis or passing a diploma exam shall be the reason for striking a student off.
- 6. At the Medical Faculty, a student must fulfil all the requirements laid down in the curriculum, obtain at least 360 ECTS credits and be awarded passes for all the classes included in the curriculum and plan of study for this field and submit a student clearance form to the Dean's Office.
- 7. The final result of studies shall be calculated as the sum of:
- 0.6 of an average of the marks awarded in the whole period of study,
- 0.2 of the mark awarded for the thesis,
- 0.2 of the mark awarded for the diploma examination.
- 8. The final result of studies in the nursing field shall be calculated as the sum of:
- 0.5 of an average of the marks awarded in the whole period of study,
- 0.125 of of the average of the marks for a thesis awarded by a supervisor and a reviewer,
- 0.125 of the average of the marks awarded for the theoretical part of the diploma exam,
- 0.25 of the mark awarded for the practical part of the diploma exam.
- 8. At the Medical Faculty, the result of studies shall be calculated as an arithmetic average of all the marks awarded during exams and end-of-semester tests required to obtain credits.

- 9. In case the curriculum does not require that a student should develop a diploma thesis, the final result shall be calculated as a sum of
- 0.7 of an average of marks awarded during the studies,
- 0.3 of the mark for a diploma exam.
- 10. The final result of studies shall be expressed in words on the Graduation Certificate and shall be aligned according to the following rules:

3.0 to 3.25 satisfactory

above 3.25 to 3.75 satisfactory plus

above 3.75 to 4.25 good

above 4.25 to 4.50 good plus

above 4.50 very good

- 11. In other documents, the exact result of studies shall be indicated.
- 12. At a student's request, the diploma exam may be an open one. Such an application must be put forward the moment a thesis is submitted. The decision to conduct an open exam shall be approved by the Dean of the Faculty. Participants of the open exam who are not members of the Faculty Committee must not ask questions to the student who sits a diploma exam and must not participate in the confidential part of the exam evaluation.
- 13. Before the diploma exam, every printed thesis shall be checked with the use of a uniform anti-plagiarism program in order to check the potential copyright infringement. In case of reasonable suspicion that a student claims authorship of someone else's work or part of work, there is an obligation to immediately notify the Dean, who shall file a motion to the Rector to instigate a disciplinary proceeding against the student concerned.
- 14. Promptly after a student passes the exam, the Rector shall send the thesis to the national repository of theses held by the Minister in charge of higher education. The repository shall not include theses containing information to be protected under the provisions of law on the protection of classified information.

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In order to receive the Rector's Honorary Diploma together with the Graduation Certificate, a graduate shall meet the following requirements:

- complete study within the period specified in the study plan,
- obtain an average mark of credits and exams not lower than 4.5, and in the case of the medical field of studies, not lower than 4.3,
- be awarded a very good mark for their thesis (if a diploma thesis is required),
- be awarded a very good mark for the diploma exam (it is not applicable to the medical field of study).

CHAPTER XIV CONDITIONAL ADMISSION TO THE NEXT SEMESTER OR ACADEMIC YEAR, REPETITION OF A SEMESTER

- 1. A student who obtained the minimum of 22 ECTS credits in a semester may apply to the Dean to be conditionally admitted to the next semester, with the reservation of subsection 2 herein.
- 2. A student who has failed to obtain credits for one or two subjects in a semester may apply to the Dean to be conditionally admitted to the next semester within three days from the end of the exam session, with the reservation of § 16 subsection 5 hereof.
- 3. A student should submit an application to be admitted to studies to the Dean's Office immediately after the deadline for obtaining credits for the semester.
- 4. The Dean shall determine the requirements that a student conditionally admitted to studies should meet and the deadline for meeting them.
- 5. The Dean shall recognise a student's failure to meet the requirements for obtaining credits for a subject/subjects as equivalent to failure to obtain credits for a semester on time.
- 6. The Dean may conditionally admit a student to the next semester in case of force majeure that prevented a student from meeting the requirements laid down in § 18 Rules and Regulations for Studying. The Dean shall determine the way and deadline for fulfilling those terms in accordance with common provisions in force and Lazarski University internal regulations, as well as the consequences of failing to fulfil them.

- 7. The Rector shall specify events and circumstances that constitute force majeure within the meaning of section 6 above.
- 8. In case a student is conditionally admitted to the next semester based on section 6 herein, the provisions of § 29 sections 1-5 and § 30 section 2 subsection 1 (a) and (e) Rules and Regulations for Studying are not applicable.
- 9. With the reservation of subsection 5 of § 16 herein, a student of the medical or nursing field may obtain the Dean's permission for the repetition of a semester. A request shall be lodged within three days from the end of the exam session at the latest.
- 10. A student of the medical of nursing field shall not apply for the second repetition of the same semester. The Dean of the Medical Faculty may give permission for the repetition of the same semester in the case of a student's long-term illness or another serious unfortunate event.
- 11. A student repeating a semester is exempt from participation in classes for which he/she has already obtained credits.

CHAPTER XV STRIKING A STUDENT OFF

- 1. The Dean shall take the decision to strike a student off in case:
- (1) they fail to start studying,
- (2) they submit a written notification of their withdrawal from studies,
- (3) they fail to submit a thesis or sit a diploma examination in due time,
- (4) of the imposition of a disciplinary penalty of expulsion from the University.
- 2. The Dean shall take the decision to strike a student off in case:
- (1) a student makes no progress in learning, i.e. a student
- (a) obtains fewer than 15 ECTS credits per semester,
- (b) fails to acquire the knowledge of the language of instruction allowing for the continuation of studies at the recommended B2 level; it is applicable to students for whom the language of instruction is not their native language;

- (c) fails to obtain credits for a subject repeated for the third time, and in case of themedical or nursing field, fails to obtain credits for a repeated subject;
- (d) fails to meet the conditions of admission to the diploma exam specified in § 27 subsection 2 hereof within three semesters from the moment of the first registration for the last semester of studies;
- (e) fails to obtain credits for at least two subjects in a semester in case of the medical or nursing field.
- (2) a student fails to obtain credits for a semester within the period specified in the Rector's directive on the organisation of the academic year,
- (3) a student fails to pay tuition fees,
- (4) a student fails to sign an agreement on the conditions of payment of the tuition fee or the charges for educational services provided by the University (refers to the faculties where agreements are mandatory),
- (5) a student fails to participate in compulsory classes.
- 3. The lack of progress in learning is also recognised in case of:
- (1) failure to obtain credits for a subject that was repeated or failure to obtain credits for more than five subjects within the programme of the first-cycle studies,
- (2) repetition of more than one subject within the programme of the second-cycle studies.
- 4. The Dean shall state the failure to take up studies if a candidate for the study, who received a positive decision on admission to study from the University, did not submit a resignation from taking up studies and within 14 days from the start of classes in the chosen field of studies did not start fulfilling a student's duties or did not swear the oath.
- 5. Failure to choose classes from the plan of study and to be admitted to classes due to the lack of required up-to-date medical checks is recognised as failure to participate in compulsory classes.
- 6. The Dean's decision to strike a student off may be appealed against to the Rector within 14 days.

CHAPTER XVI RE-ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 1. An application for re-admission to the University should be submitted no later than seven days before the beginning of classes in a given semester, with the reservation of subsection 7 herein.
- 2. Re-admission may take place with the Dean's consent. The Dean shall define conditions, deadlines and rules for completing programme differences or the necessity of attending classes again in case the knowledge content of classes for which a student had obtained ECTS credits before the loss of their student's status has become out-dated.
- 3. The student expelled from the University as a result of disciplinary proceedings, in particular in relation to plagiarism, shall be entitled to resume studies after the punishment has been erased from record, with the reservation of subsection 8 herein.
- 4. The Dean may refuse to consent to the re-admission in the case a student has been struck off twice because of the lack of progress in learning.
- 5. The Dean may refuse to consent to re-admission in the case a student has been struck off twice because of failure to submit a diploma thesis.
- 6. Re-admission after being struck off because of the lack of progress in learning may take place not earlier than after one semester.
- 7. Re-admission after being struck off because of failure to submit a diploma thesis may take place not later than in the next semester. In extraordinary situations the Dean may deal with an application for readmission submitted after the deadline.
- 8. Re-admission in the last year of study with the change of the mode from extramural to full-time shall be inadmissible.
- 9. Re-admission to a given field or educational profile shall not be possible in the case referred to in § 30 hereof.
- 10. Re-admission of a student who discontinued studying during the first year of a field conducted at the Medical Faculty or was struck off during this year may take place following the general rules for admission to the University.
- 11. At the request of a student of the medical or nursing field struck off in the second or successive year, the Dean may give consent to readmission to study from the beginning of the next academic year, unless striking off resulted from a disciplinary penalty of expulsion

from the University, or more than three years have passed from the date of striking a student off.

12. Re-admission to study of the medical field shall be admissible only once.

CHAPTER XVII DISCONTINUATION OF THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION IN A GIVEN FIELD, LEVEL AND PROFILE BY THE UNIVERSITY

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If a student, irrespective of the cause, did not complete the study within the period determined in the curriculum, interrupted his studies or is on leave, and at this time the University adopted a resolution to discontinue the provision of education in the given field, level and profile of study the student had studied, the student will not be able to continue studying the previously chosen profile or field of study.

CHAPTER XVI TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Rules and Regulations for Studying at Lazarski University shall enter into force on 1 October 2019.
- 2. In matters concerning re-admission proceedings initiated before the provisions of the present *Rules and Regulations* enter into force, the provisions of the former *Rules and Regulations* shall apply.
- 3. In matters not regulated herein, the provisions of the Act: Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1668, as amended) and the Statute of Lazarski University shall apply.
- 4. The obligation specified in § 11 (17) Rules and Regulations is applicable to students admitted to study starting from the 2020/2021 academic year.

- 5. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations introduced by the resolution of the Senate of Lazarski University shall enter into force on 1 October 2021.
- 6. The amendments to Rules and Regulations adopted in Resolution No 1/2022 of the Senate of Lazarski University of 29 April 2022 shall enter into force on 1 October 2022.