

**Full wording**

Of Rector's Order  
No. 7/2020 – PR

**Organisation of and conditions applicable to  
the educational process and operation  
of the Slovak University of Technology in  
Bratislava  
for the Winter term of the academic year  
2020/2021**

as amended by Amendments 1 and 2

Date: January 13, 2021

In Bratislava on November 26, 2020

No. 7/2020-PR

With regard to the continuing unfavourable epidemiological situation in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Article 10 (3) of Rector's Directive No. 4/2013 - SR "Rules for Issuing Internal Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava" of October 3, 2013, the Rector of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as "STU")

**is issuing**

the following

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Of Rector's Order No. 7/2020-PR

**Organisation of and conditions applicable to the educational process and operation  
of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava  
for the Winter term of the academic year 2020/2021  
as amended by Amendment 1 of November 26, 2020  
and Amendment 2 of January 13, 2021**

laying down the following:

**Article 1**

**Organisation of and conditions applicable to the educational process**

- 1) Conduct all educational activities in all first- and second-level study programmes using the distance method as referred to in § 108e (2) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act on Higher Education Institutions"). A decision about the method of study in third-level study programmes shall be made by the responsible person so that, in particular, the project and scientific parts of studies are enabled.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU.**

Date: **October 5, 2020 – until further notice.**

- 2) The dean of the faculty or the Director of the Institute of Management of STU may allow students to perform individual laboratory work during their final years of second-level studies. The number of persons in laboratories shall be compliant with the current decisions and measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as “PHA SR”) or a relevant regional public health authority.
- 3) Faculties and the Institute of Management of STU are obliged to conduct educational activities using the distance method as referred to in paragraph (1) above in such a manner as to not jeopardize the quality and scope of education. The quality of the provided education shall be continuously checked by the vice rector for education, mobility and student care in cooperation with vice deans for education and the deputy director of the Institute of Management for education.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU, vice rector for education, mobility and student care.**

Date: **October 5, 2020 – until further notice.**

- 4) Each STU workplace where educational activities take place (e.g. institute, department, etc.), hereinafter referred to as an “educational workplace”, shall appoint an employee who will perform the tasks of a technical coordinator for distance education responsible for guiding other employees of the particular educational workplace in the area of distance learning.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU in cooperation with heads educational workplaces.**

Date: **October 5, 2020 – until further notice.**

## **Article 2**

### **Accommodation in STU accommodation facilities**

- 1) The Rector strongly recommends that students from the Slovak Republic and foreign students of first- and second-level study programmes to immediately leave the STU accommodation facilities in the competence of the Student Houses and Canteens of the STU special purpose facility (hereinafter referred to as “accommodation facility”) by October 9, 2020 with regard to the worsening epidemiological situation and the risk of quarantine measures and forced isolation of persons. If students do not leave STU

accommodation facilities, they run the risk of forced quarantine measures or forced isolation of persons. Students shall bear all financial costs related to forced isolation.

- 2) The recommendation as referred to in paragraph (1) above shall not apply to students who have been allowed to work individually in laboratories as referred to in Article 1 (2) above.
- 3) When leaving the accommodation facilities, students shall take all items necessary for studies, including computer technology, valuables, medicaments and perishable goods. Students may leave other items in their rooms. During the period of validity of the present Rector's Order students are not allowed to enter accommodation facilities.
- 4) Any students who leave the accommodation facilities as referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be granted a discount on accommodation in the amount of 2/3rds of the quarterly payment. That means that the student will pay the full amount for October. Payments for November and December 2020 shall not be made. If the accommodation facility is closed after January 1, 2021, the student shall pay always for the first month of the particular calendar quarter.

Responsible person: **director of the Student Houses and Canteens of the STU special purpose facility.**

Date: **October 5, 2020 – until further notice.**

- 5) The discount as referred to in paragraph (4) above may only be provided if the student has returned their room key and accommodation card when leaving the accommodation facility and concluded an amendment to the accommodation contract with STU by October 9, 2020.
- 6) Detailed instructions regarding accommodation and payments shall be issued by the director of the Student Houses and Canteens of the STU special purpose facility.

Responsible person: **director of the Student Houses and Canteens of the STU special purpose facility.**

Date: **by October 5, 2020.**

- 7) Measures related to any of STU's accommodation facilities outside the competence of the Student Houses and Canteens of the STU special purpose facility may be ordered, in accordance with the provisions of the present Rector's Order, by the dean of the faculty who is responsible for the particular accommodation facility.

Responsible person: **dean of the relevant faculty.**

### **Article 3**

#### **Organisation and conditions of operation**

- 1) Faculties are obliged to ensure the operational conditions of buildings in accordance with generally binding regulations as well as measures, decisions and recommendations of PHA SR and other relevant state authorities so that current valid hygienic and epidemiological guidelines are followed and scientific and research activities may be performed at the same time.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties.**

Date: **October 5, 2020 – until further notice.**

- 2) The Rector is cancelling all personal academic ceremonies, social or other mass activities which are not necessary for STU's operation, particularly in closed STU premises with a higher risk of COVID-19 infection. If they are held, the instructions of PHA SR applicable to mass events shall be complied with.
- 3) The provisions of the present Article shall apply accordingly also to the Institute of Management of STU, Rectorate of STU and other parts of STU. For the purposes of the present Article, all parts located in the area of STU at Vazovova-Mýtňa shall be considered one part and all resulting obligations shall be complied with by the treasurer. As for other parts, all obligations resulting from this Article shall be complied with by their directors.

### **Article 3a**

#### **Examination period in the Winter term of the academic year 2020/2021**

- 1) Examinations of the examination period during the Winter term of the academic year 2020/2021 shall be held using the distance form as referred to in Article 50a (1) of Internal Regulation No. 4/2013 Study Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Study Regulations").

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU.**

Date: **January 4, 2021 – February 13, 2021.**

- 2) Ensure equal terms and an equal system for conducting examinations during the entire examination period in the Winter term of the academic year 2020/2021 as referred to in Article 50a (3) of the Study Regulations for all students within individual subjects.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU.**

Date: **January 4, 2021 – February 13, 2021.**

- 3) Use available platforms such as AIS, LMS Moodle, Google GSuite, MS Teams or Webex for conducting distance examinations.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU.**

Date: **January 4, 2021 – February 13, 2021.**

### **Article 3b**

#### **Dissertation examination and defence of dissertation thesis**

- 1) Conduct dissertation examinations and defences of dissertation theses in the Winter term of the academic year 2020/2021 via videoconferences or other means of information and communication technology without physical presence in accordance with Article 50a (5) of the Study Regulations.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU**

Date: **January 14, 2021 – February 13, 2021**

- 2) The public part of a dissertation examination and defence of a dissertation thesis is considered public also when STU ensures its:
  - a) public live broadcasting (§ 108 (9) of the Act on Higher Education Institutions);
  - b) audio recording is made available to the public to listen to on the premises of STU for three months following the end of the exceptional situation, emergency situation or extraordinary situation (Article 50a (6) of the Study Regulations).
- 3) Use available platforms such as AIS, LMS Moodle, Google GSuite, MS Teams, or Webex that technically enable publicity to be ensured as referred to in the paragraph (2) above to conduct dissertation examinations and defences of dissertation theses.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU**

Date: **January 14, 2021 – February 13, 2021**

- 4) Accept submission of a written thesis to a dissertation examination and dissertation thesis in an electronic form (Article 50a (4) 4 of the Study Regulations) and request submission of a written thesis to a dissertation examination and dissertation thesis also in documentary form, in one copy, only when it is necessary for the state examination process and when the situation makes it possible to prepare the documentary form of the thesis.

Responsible persons: **deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of STU**

Date: **January 14, 2021 – February 13, 2021**

#### **Article 4 Final provisions**

- 1) This Rector's Order has been issued in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- 2) Individual persons responsible for performance of measures hereunder shall be authorized to specify details related to their performance.
- 3) This Rector's Order may only be amended by numbered amendments signed by the Rector.
- 4) This Rector's Order shall become effective on the date when it is issued.
- 5) Amendment 1 hereto became effective on the date when it was issued, i.e. on November 26, 2020.
- 6) Amendment 2 shall come into effect on the date when it is issued, i.e. on January 13, 2021.

prof. Ing. Miroslav Fikar, DrSc.<sup>1</sup>  
The Rector

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