

Full wording
Rector's Order
number: 1/2022 – PR

**Organization and conditions
of the pedagogical process and operation of
the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava
for the summer semester of academic year
2021/2022
as amended by Amendment No. 1**

Date: 01. 04. 2022

The Rector of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as the "STU") due to the current epidemic situation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Article 5 point 4 of Rector's Order No. 9/2021-PR "Organization and conditions of the pedagogical process and operation of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava for the summer semester of academic year 2021/2022" dated 09.02.2021 (hereinafter also the "Rector's Order")

issues

the following full wording of the Rector's order

**Organization and conditions of the pedagogical process and operation
of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava
for the summer semester of academic year 2021/2022,**

Article 1

Introductory provisions

- 1) The Rector's order "Organization and conditions of the pedagogical process and operation at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava for the summer semester of academic year 2021/2022" (hereinafter "Rector's order") is issued for the purpose of providing education in the summer semester of academic year 2021/2022 by the attendance method to the greatest extent possible during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and for observing all anti-epidemic measures in accordance with current resolutions of the Government of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter "Government Resolutions") and Decrees of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter "Decrees of the PHA").
- 2) The schedule for the academic year 2021/2022 discussed and approved by the Rector's Advisory Board on 14.12.2020 shall not change.

Article 2

Organization and conditions of the pedagogical process

- 1) The methods of conducting educational activities (attendance or distance) within higher education are selected by the individual faculties or the STU Institute of Management, and they are obliged to carry out these educational activities in line with Government Resolutions, Decrees of the PHA and this Rector's Order such that the quality and scope of teaching is not endangered. The quality of the education provided will be continuously monitored by the Vice-Rector for Education, Mobility and Student Care in cooperation

with the Vice-Deans for Education and the Deputy Director of the STU Institute of Management for Education.

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

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

- 2) The STU prefers carrying out educational activities in study programmes on all levels of higher education in the full-time method, while it is necessary to apply the specifics of individual study programmes and years of study on the basis of individual decisions.

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

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

- 3) For the provision of educational programmes in the scope of lifelong learning, the provisions of this Article shall be applied appropriately, depending on the focus of the educational programme such that the goal of the education is actually fulfilled and verified in line with the valid legal regulations.

Responsible: **Deans of faculties, Director of the Institute of Management of the STU, Director of the STU Institute of Lifelong Learning.**

Date: **continuously.**

- 4) Each STU workplace where education and training takes place (e.g. an institute, department, etc.) – hereinafter referred to as a “educational workplace” – is obligated to designate an employee who will fulfil the tasks of a technical coordinator for distance education, responsible for directing other employees of the relevant educational workplace in the area of distance education.

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

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

Article 3 State exams

- 1) State examinations in the summer semester of academic year 2021/2022 will be conducted by the attendance method in accordance with government resolutions, PHA decrees and this Rector’s order.

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

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

- 2) If it becomes impossible to conduct state examinations in accordance with point 1 of this article, the STU will conduct state examinations in the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022 by videoconference or some other means of information and communication technology without physical attendance in the sense of Article 50a point 5 of Internal Regulation 4/2013 of the Study Regulations of the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Study Regulations”).

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

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

- 3) The public part of the state examination shall be considered as public even if the STU provides it:
- a) by a public live broadcast (Section 108, Paragraph 9 of Act No. 131/2002 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended),
 - b) by a sound recording made available to the public for hearing on the premises of STU for a period of three months from the end of the emergency situation, state of emergency or exceptional state (Article 50a point 6 of the Study Regulations).
- 4) The STU shall accept the submission of a written thesis for the dissertation examination and the final thesis in electronic form (Article 50a point 4 of the Study Regulations). The submitting of the written dissertation for the dissertation examination and the final work also in paper form will be required only if it is essential for the course of the state examination and the situation allows the preparation of a paper form of the work.

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

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

Article 4 Entrance examinations

Entrance examinations are carried out in the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022 using the attendance method, as far as the current valid government resolutions and PHA decrees permit this.

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

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

Article 5
Accommodation in accommodation facilities of the STU

- 1) Isolation rooms are set up in accommodation facilities, where accommodation is provided under increased hygienic measures for the necessary time to accommodate students or other accommodated persons who, during accommodation in the accommodation facilities, were forced into isolation or quarantine.

Responsible: **Director of the STU Special-purpose Facility for Student Dormitories and Canteens.**

Date: **continuously.**

- 2) Students who enter the territory of the Slovak Republic and who, according to Decrees of the PHA, are subject to obligatory isolation in the home environment or quarantine in an accommodation facility, shall complete this isolation before accommodation in an accommodation facility, while securing isolation at their own expense.
- 3) STU employees authorized by the director of the STU Special-purpose Facility for Student Dormitories and Canteens have the right to inspect documents demonstrating the fact that a student coming from abroad has completed isolation in the home environment or in quarantine at an accommodation facility or that the obligation to isolate does not apply to him/her according to the Decree of the PHA.
- 4) The relevant dean of the faculty in whose jurisdiction the given accommodation facility is authorized to decide on measures relating to STU accommodation facilities outside the scope of the Special-purpose Facility for Student Dormitories and Canteens. The dean is authorized to entrust an STU employee in accordance with point 4 with the competence of the given accommodation facility.

Responsible: **Dean of the relevant faculty.**

Article 6
Organization of the work

- 1) The entry of employees into the workplace is not subject to any restrictions.
- 2) To agree on the performance of work from home in line with Section 250b par. 2 of Act No. 311/2001 Coll., the Labour Code, as amended, is possible only in exceptional cases, if the agreed type of work allows it and there are no serious operational reasons on the part of STU that do not permit performing work from home.

Responsible: **Deans of faculties, queastor, directors and heads of university workplaces and special-purpose facilities.**

Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

- 3) The performance of work from home pursuant to point 2 of this Article cannot be agreed on with employees:
 - a) working on shifts and ensuring continuous operation,
 - b) ensuring the fulfilment of tasks with a deadline set by law,
 - c) ensuring urgent experimental work in laboratories,
 - d) whose presence at the workplace is necessary according to the decision of the staff responsible for carrying out this Rector's order.

Article 7

Organization and conditions of operation

- 1) Faculties are obligated to ensure the conditions of operation of buildings in line with generally binding provisions, as well as measures, decisions and recommendations of the PHA of the Slovak Republic and other relevant state authorities, so that the current valid hygienic-epidemic guidelines are ensured and the attendance method of educational activities can be carried out.

Responsible: **Deans of the faculties.**
Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

- 2) Faculties are obligated to ensure the following operating conditions in particular:
 - the opportunity for hand disinfection at the entrance to individual buildings,
 - the thorough cleaning of the spaces of all buildings for preventing the spread of COVID-19 disease according to the guidelines of PHA of the Slovak Republic,
 - sufficient disinfectants for personal hygiene and disinfection,
 - an adequate number of disinfection stands and/or non-contact disinfectant dispensers and paper towel dispensers for washrooms, including paper towels,
 - determining the cleaning and disinfection intervals of spaces based on the risk of infection (places with increased risk are areas where the transmission of droplet infection is not limited, e.g. by wearing a mask: toilets, dining facilities, gyms, showers) and places with a high frequency of persons.

Responsible: **Deans of the faculties.**
Date: **from 14.02.2022 – until further notice.**

- 3) When entering the buildings of STU faculties, it is strongly required to comply with the principles of ROR (wear a mask – keep your distance – wash your hands): keep a sufficient social distance from strangers, wash your hands thoroughly and wear a mask or respirator according to Decrees of the PHA when indoors in public spaces and in places with a higher concentration of people.
- 4) With the attendance method of carrying out educational activities, it is necessary to minimize contact with other students and the movement of students between teaching groups.

- 5) In the event that a student or staff member is suspected of having COVID-19 or COVID-19 is confirmed, this person is obligated to immediately report this fact to the relevant organizational unit (institute, department, unit) – hereinafter referred to as “responsible workplace”. The responsible workplace will then report this fact to the STU Crisis Staff. The responsible workplace is obligated to provide cooperation to the STU Crisis Staff in all areas.
- 6) The provisions of this article shall apply appropriately to the Institute of Management of the STU, the STU Rectorate and other components of the STU. For the purposes of this article, all components located in the STU Vazovova-Mýtina complex are considered to be one component and the resulting obligations are provided by the rector. With other components, the duties following from this article shall be performed by their director.

Article 8 **Final provisions**

- 1) This Rector’s order is issued for the purpose of providing education in the summer semester of academic year 2021/2022 by the attendance method to the greatest extent possible.
- 2) The following are cancelled:
 - Rector’s order no. 9/2021-PR Organization and conditions of the pedagogical process and operation of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava for the winter semester of academic year 2021/2022, as amended,
 - Rector’s order no. 13/2021-PR Anti-epidemic measures of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava in relation to currently valid measures of state institutions resolution, as amended.
- 3) Individual persons responsible for the implementation of measures under this Rector’s order are authorized to determine the details of their implementation.
- 4) Any changes and supplements to this Rector’s order can be made only by numbered amendments signed by the Rector.
- 5) This Rector’s order shall enter into force on the date of issue and shall take effect on 14 February 2022.
- 6) Amendment No. 1 shall enter into force on the date of issue, 1 April 2022.

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Rector

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