

## **Regulations on initiating, approving, monitoring and regular evaluation of the “Vasile Goldis” Western University of Arad study programmes**

### **1. General Provisions**

#### **Art. 1**

This Regulation establishes the framework for developing the process of initiation, approval, monitoring, and regular evaluation of the Bachelor and Master academic programs, with full-time, part-time and distance learning types of education.

**Art. 2.** The current Regulations rely on the following normative acts related to the higher education:

- The Act no. 1/ 2011, the Act on National Education, with ulterior amendments;
- The Law no. 288/ 2004 on the organisation of the academic studies;
- The GD no. 1175/ 2006 on the organisation of the Bachelor academic studies and on the approval of the list of area and specialisations for these studies, with ulterior amendments;
- The provisions of the GD no. 493 of July 17, 2013, on the approval of the List of fields/ specialisations/ programs of academic studies, of the structure of the higher education institutions, of the fields and programs of accredited or temporary authorised fields and programs of academic studies, of the geographical locations of performance, of the number of transferable study credits for each academic studies program, of the type of education and teaching language, as well as of the maximal students' quotas which can be enrolled in the 2013-2014 academic year;
- The DECISION no. 581 of July 30 2013 on the accreditation of the Master academic fields of studies, of the study programmes and of the maximum quotas of students to be enrolled in the 2013-2014 academic year;
- The GD no. 404/ 2006 on the organisation and development of the Master academic studies;
- The MERT Disposition no. 2617/ 2005 on the general application of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System – ECTS;
- The MERT Disposition no. 3928/ 2005 on quality assurance of the educational services in the higher education institutions;
- The MERT Disposition no. 4868/ 2006 on the Diploma Supplement;
- The MESRT Disposition no. 5703/ 2011 on the implementation of the National Framework of Qualifications in the Higher Education

- The GD no. 1418/ 2006 on the approval of the Methodology for External Evaluation, of the Standards of Reference and of the List of Performance Indicators of the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in the Higher Education ARACIS;
- The Charter and the Regulations of the “Vasile Goldis” Western University of Arad.

**Art. 3**

- (1) The study programmes are submitted to the applicable law provisions of the quality assurance in higher education.
- (3) The development of the process of study programs initiation, approval, monitoring and regular evaluation is regulated by specific procedures.

**Art. 4**

- (1) The Faculty is the functional unit which issues and manages the study programs.
- (2) A study program management is ensured by the study program coordinator who can be assisted by a team of which at most two teaching staff members are part of it. These team members are appointed by the study programme coordinator and endorsed by the Council of the corresponding department.
- (3) The study program coordinator is appointed by the Faculty Dean’s Decision, at the proposition of the coordinating Department Council, after the validation of the proposition in the Faculty Council session.

**2. Initiating and Approving the Study Programmes**

**Art. 5**

- (1) The initiation of a study programme aims for a better adjustment of the University programs offerings to the socio-economic environment requirements, while consistent with the academic quality requirements.
- (2) The initiation of a study program is achieved at Department’s proposition, endorsed by the Faculty Council, or at Board of Directors’ proposition.

**Art. 6**

- (1) The initiation of the study programs relies on complex analyses on the University external and internal environment, concluded in a preliminary study.
- (2) The preliminary study comprises information related to:
  - a) the labour market;
  - b) the correspondence in the National Qualifications’ Framework;
  - c) consistency with the Department/ Faculty strategy;
  - d) ensuring the necessary resources required for the quality standards;
  - e) the draft of the educational curriculum.

**Art. 7**

(1) Organising a new study programme in the university is performed at the proposition from the Faculty Council, endorsed by the Board of Directors, and approved by the University Senate.

(2) After Senate's approval, the design of the new study programme is performed by issuing the papers describing the professional route, and ensuring the compliance with the provided qualification.

**3. Monitoring and Internal Evaluation of the Study Programmes****Art. 8**

(1) The academic study programmes are submitted to monitoring and internal evaluation in order to maintain and constantly improve the quality.

(2) The liability on monitoring and constantly improvement of the study programmes quality is to the UVVG Commission for evaluation and quality assurance, to the UVVG Department for quality assurance and to the Coordinator of the study programme.

**Art. 9**

The Commission for evaluation and quality assurance at University level (CEAC-U) issues annually synthesis on the quality of the university study programmes, documents submitted to the analysis of the Board of Directors and to the Senate.

**Art. 10**

Based on the interval evaluation of the study programmes, the University Senate may decide the entry into liquidation or the temporary stop of the non-performing study programs, at the Faculty Council and Board of Directors' proposition, without being detrimental to the students

**4. External Evaluation of the Study Programs****Art. 11**

(1) The regular external evaluation of the studies programmes is performed by University request and it is based upon the self-assessment process.

(2) The development of the self-assessment process for the study programmes relies on guidelines and internal procedures, compliant with the methodologies for external evaluation of the quality, put into practice at national level.

(3) The external evaluation of the new study programs is performed by ARACIS or by other EQAR (European Register for Quality Assurance in the Higher Education) registered agency and it is carried on according to the applicable law and international standards.

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