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Senate

DECISION
NO. 167 of 28.09.2013

on the approval of the Regulation regarding the application of system of transferable credits
(ECTS) in Western University “Vasile Goldis” of Arad

**The Senate of Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad met in session of 23.11.2015,
considering:**

- The provisions of Law 240/23.04.2002 regarding the founding of Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad;
- Provisions of Law no 1/2011, Law of National Education, with subsequent amendments;
- Provisions of Law no. 288/2004, on the organization of university studies;
- Provisions of Law no. 87/2006 for the approval of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 75/2005 of quality assurance in education, with subsequent amendments;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 1418/2006, for the approval of the Methodology of external evaluation, standards, reference standards and the list of performance indicators of Romanian Agency of Quality Assurance in Higher Education;
- Provisions of Order of Ministry of Education no 3617/2005 on the generalized application of European System of Transferable Credits;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 493 of 17th of July, 2013, on the approval of the Nomenclature of fields and specialization/university study programs, of structure of higher education institutions, fields and university study programs accredited or authorized to function provisory, geographic locations of deployment, number of transferable study credits for each program of university studies, form of education and teaching language, and also the maximum number of students that can be schooled in the academic year 2013-2014;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 681/2011 regarding the approval of Code of doctoral university studies;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 581 of 30th of July 2013, on the accreditation of fields of master undergraduate studies, the study programs and the maximum number of students that can be schooled in the academic year 2013-2014;
- Provision of University Charter of the Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad;
- Regulation regarding the application of system of transferable credits (ECTS) in Western University “Vasile Goldis” of Arad

Under its responsibilities,
DECIDES:

Art. 1. It is approved the Regulation regarding application of system of transferable credits (ECTS) in Western University “Vasile Goldis” of Arad, in accordance with the provisions of Law of national education no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and the Order of Ministry of Education no. 3617/2005 on the generalized application of European System of Transferable Credits, presented in the appendix as an integrant part of this decision.

Art. 2. The provisions of this decision will be fulfilled by the Vice-Rector for programs of bachelor, master quality assurance and student issues, Mr. PhD Cristian Haiduc and the Chief Secretary of UVVG, Jr. Flavius Sabau.

Art. 3. This decision is communicated by the secretary of the Senate, to:

- Faculties;
- Legal department.

PRESIDENT OF SENATE,
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Reference documents

Law of National Education no. 1/2011

The Charter of Western University “Vasile Goldis” of Arad

Law no. 88/2004 on the organization of university studies;

Order of Ministry of Education no 3617/2005 on the generalized application of European System of Transferable Credits

REGULATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF SYSTEM OF TRANSFERABLE CREDITS (ECTS) IN WESTERN UNIVERSITY “VASILE GOLDIS” OF ARAD

Chapter I. Definition of terms, application, responsibilities

Art. 1. In drafting and interpretation of this Regulation, shall be considered the following terms, as described below:

Credit (credit unit) – is a conventional unit used to calculate the individual work volume necessary for the student, in a period of time, to reach the educational objectives related to a subject;

Credit allocation – number of credits from the total number of credits provided for a training program;

Individual work – all activities of a student for learning, teaching and promotion of discipline (physical presence at courses, seminars, practical work, internships, tutoring, individual study, work drafting, research etc., including the examination).

Transferred credit – credit unit obtained in another institution, other than the home institution or in another cycle of studies and which is recognized by the home institution based on some interuniversity agreements or on a regulation of studies equivalence.

Granting credits – the certification that, for the result obtained in the evaluation, there was conducted the work volume defined by the number of credit units;

Credit obtained – credit unit validated by taking and promoting an examination to a certain discipline;

Outstanding credit – credit unit corresponding to a subject whose study was not validated by the related exam.

Credit in advance – credit unit obtained, under certain conditions stipulated by the university regulations, through the study of some subjects related to a higher year than the one in which the student is enrolled.

Additional credit – credit obtained by attending and promoting of an optional or facultative subject, which is not included in the curriculum of compulsory education program. Additional credits cannot substitute the credits afferent to compulsory disciplines;

Credit accumulation – is the summation of all credits promoted by the student at a certain time;

Mobility – educational activity performed by the student in another institution, than the one where he is enrolled, based on a bilateral agreement;

Bilateral agreement – framework document concluded between two institutions for the deployment of a program of students' mobility, using ECTS;

Mobility contract – educational contract concluded between the student, home university and host university, which contains the obligations of the parties and the list of disciplines that the student engages himself to follow at the host university;

Decision of credit recognition – is a document that certifies the recognition of credits obtained by a student following the studies performed in another institution and/or after a mobility;

Partial transcript of grades (school situation, transcript of records) – document that certifies the disciplines studied, qualificatives and credits obtained by a student in a determined period of study.

Art. 2. This regulation describes the modality of implementation of the European System of Accumulation and Transfer of Study Credits (ECTS) in the Western University “Vasile Goldis” of Arad, in order to:

- a. highlight the professional results of students – the function of evaluation of knowledge accumulation;
- b. calculate the individual performance of students and their classification;
- c. appreciate and equvalate the studies performed in other higher education institutions, in country or abroad – the transfer function.

Art. 3. The ECTS system also applies to the bachelor, master and doctorate studies, providing a method of measurement and comparison of accumulations resulted from learning and their transfer between institutions.

Art. 4. At University level, the application of the system of transferable credits is one of the attributions of the Vice-rector with teaching responsibilities, at faculties' level in the attributions of the vice-deans and at doctorate in the attributions of the director of doctoral school. In faculties may be appointed studies counsellors and tutors (directors of department – members in the faculty's Council) on specializations, years of study, which provide counselling to students interested. The coordinators prepare periodic reports and proposals about the system operation and improvement of application conditions.

Chapter II. Highlighting the professional results of students through the ECTS application – bachelor studies.

Art. 5. Each discipline is assigned with a certain number of credits, in relation with the work volume necessary to the student to reach the educational objectives of a subject. The number of credits allocated to a discipline is not divisible on activities.

Art. 6. Obtaining the credits at a subject is done by its promotion, meaning by obtaining a minimum grade of 5 (five) or the qualificative “admitted”.

Art. 7. Promotion of a student in a year of higher education is conditioned by the accumulation of a minimum number of credits. Completion of a program is conditioned by the accumulation of all credits of that program.

Art. 8. Compulsory and optional subjects in the curriculum of an academic year are credited to the limit of 60 credits related. The number of credits stipulated in the curriculum for a semester is 30. The facultative and/or optional subjects studied over the minimum limit imposed by the curriculum allow the accumulation of additional credits.

Art. 9. Students who do not obtain the credits necessary to promote in the next academic year and are re-enrolled in a complementary year, must meet the requirements of the curriculum of the class with which they resume their studies.

Art. 10. During a study cycle, the credits obtained by a student are kept and are recognized in the process of highlighting the professional results. An exam promoted in a previous academic year is recognized as promoted, even if the number of credits allocated for that subject is modified or if, as a result of curriculum modification, a discipline or a semester is divided in two disciplines of semester or a discipline of two semesters is merged into a discipline of a semester.

Art. 11. The elaboration of undergraduate thesis/dissertation is credited with 10 points.

Art. 12. Students' enrolment in the second year of study and the following is made at the secretariats of the faculties, based on the promotion of exams and accumulation of number of credits necessary for the promotion of a year of study.

Art. 13. (1) The registration will be done based on the professional results obtained in the previous academic year, with the compulsoriness of acquiring the minimum number of credits necessary for promoting an academic year: minimum 45 credits of study programs in Health field and minimum 30 credits for study programs in the other fields of the total of 60 allocated. Can be transferred in a higher academic year a number of 15 outstanding credits at the study programs in Health field, respectively 30 credits to other study programs. There are not taken into account of those 45 credit units, respectively 30, the units obtained in that year from outstanding credits of previous years.

(2) The student who, although he achieved those 45 credit units, respectively 30, from the exam of the current year, but has not promoted a sufficient number of transferable credits, achieving in this way more than 15, respectively 30 units of unpromoted credits, cannot benefit of the transfer of those 15, respectively 30 credit units in the higher year and will be declared unpromoted;

(3) The outstanding credits can be performed within a complementary year, at the student's request, with the compliance of this Regulation.

Art. 14. A student can repeat a study year no more than twice. If he doesn't succeed to promote after the two repeats, he will be expelled and a school situation will be issued to him.

Art. 15. (1) Under the conditions of promoting the study year, the outstanding credits from the previous year can be performed in the following study year, but only within the same cycle.

(2) The student who, following the attendance of the complementary year within the cycle remains with up to 15, respectively 30 unpromoted credit units, after deducting the recognized credits and the promoted in the complementary year, will benefit of transferable credits, being enrolled in the higher year than the year promoted.

Art. 16. The promotion in the following cycle of studies, in case of study programs of Medicine, Medicine (in French), Medicine (in English), Dentistry involves getting the full credits of the previous cycle (I-III years). Credits from cycle I and cycle II cannot be transferred. At Pharmacy study program the passing in the IIIrd year of study is conditioned by obtaining all the 120 credits afferent to years I and II of study. The outstanding credits can be performed only within a complementary year with fee, at the student's request.

Art. 17. In the complementary years frequented, the student will pay a tuition fee determined by the Board of Director of the University.

Art. 18. In the complementary years the student's educational obligations are limited to the unpromoted disciplines. The promoted disciplines will be recognized by the deans of the faculties. Credits in advance are not allowed.

Art. 19. The system of transferable credits is valid for all specializations of the University, including the ones that have a single cycle of study;

Art. 20. The year of study is considered promoted when the student obtained at least grade 5 at each of compulsory disciplines and the ones optional requested and accumulated through these the 60 necessary credits.

Chapter III. Highlighting the professional results of students through the ECTS application – master studies

Art. 21. The promotion of each year of study is conditioned by the achievement of 40 credits related to compulsory disciplines from the curriculum of the master program, of which a number of 20 credits can be transferred to the following year.

Art. 22. At master programs with three semesters, the students who, after the session of arrears did not accumulate the total number of 90 credits provided in the curriculum, will be expelled. At master program with four semesters will be expelled the students of the IInd year of study who, after the session of reprogramming did not accumulate the total number of 120 credits provided in the curriculum.

Chapter IV. Highlighting the professional results of students through the ECTS application – doctoral studies

Art. 23. For the activities contained in the curriculum of the year of advanced university training, there are granted 60 transferable credits (30 credits for each semester). The number of credits is determined depending on the duration and content of the curriculum, of each module from the structure of the year of advance training. The work of dissertation is credited with 10 credits.

Art. 24. The year of advanced training cannot be finalized without obtaining at least 50 credits, with the compulsoriness of performing the activities and obtaining the outstanding credits during the first semester of the following academic year.

Art. 25. The PhD student who does not obtain the total number of credits offered for the advance university training is expelled from the cycle of doctoral studies, receiving a certificate specifying the activities finalized and for which he received credits.

Chapter VI. Application of ECTS credits in the equivalence of studies performed in other higher education institutions, in country or abroad

Art. 26. By using ECTS for the assessment of the studies performed in other higher education institutions in country or abroad, the function of transfer of credit units is performed.

Art. 27. The equivalence of credits of students that get transferred from other educational institutions in country or who have followed other educational programs will be made by a credit recognition committee that works inside each faculty from the Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad.

Art. 28. Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad reserves the right to decline the equivalence of studies performed in institutions where there are no conventions of recognition of studies or do not apply the ECTS system. The decision in these cases is taken by the Council of each faculty and cannot be appealed.

Art. 29. ECTS are used for the evaluation and equivalence of university studies performed by students themselves in case of mobilities in other institutions in the country or for the equivalence and recognition of studies performed abroad by the students of the Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad. Within the exchange university programs ERASMUS or other interuniversity agreements, the students will submit, at their return from abroad, the following documents:

(1) The written proof (original, signed and stamped) about the internships conducted, exams sustained and the grade obtained. These documents will have to mention:

1.1 duration in hours of the clinical internship/practical works;

1.2 number of classes

1.3 equivalent in ECTS of grades obtained, if visited universities do not use the international system of credits. In the absence of information from point 1.3, it will be applied the equivalence by percentage calculation of the grade (example grade:18/20=9). The correlation between ECTS and scoring system used in UVVG is specified in the appendix.

(2) The syllabus valid in the visited universities for the subjects for which the equivalence is requested.

Art. 30. It will be taken into consideration that the recovery of subjects that have not been studied abroad must be planned so that there are no temporal overlaps of outstanding subjects.

Chapter VII. Final dispositions

Art. 31. Calculation and assigning the number of credit units related to a discipline are performed by the council of each faculty.

Art. 32. This regulation enters into force on the date of its adoption by the Senate of the Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad (28.09.2013) and is corroborated with the other existing regulations in UVVG. Since the entry into force of the Regulation, any provisions to the contrary shall be repealed.

Art. 33. Changing the legislative provisions considered in drafting entails appropriately the text of this Regulation.

RECTOR,

PhD Coralia Adina COTORACI

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CORRELATION BETWEEN THE ROMANIAN GRADING SCALE AND ECTS GRADING SCALE

ECTS SCALE	Romanian grading scale	Defining scale intervals	Correlation between the grade and credits
A	10	EXCELLENT – remarkable result, few minor deficiencies	The total number of credits is allocated.
B	9	VERY GOOD – result above the average, but with some temporary shortages	
C	7-8	GOOD – a result generally good, but with a big number of important shortages	
D	6	SUFFICIENT – honest result, but with significant gaps	
E	5	PROMOTABLE – result at a minimum criteria level	
FX	4	INSUFFICIENT – an extra effort is needed to obtain the credit	
F	1-3	INSUFFICIENT (totally unacceptable) – a considerable extra effort is needed	