



REGULATION GOVERNING THE ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF INTEGRATED DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT BABEŞ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY

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PREAMBLE

Babeş-Bolyai University, a world class higher education institution, member of the European university alliance EUTOPIA and of THE GUILD university consortium, promoter of innovation in education, research and community outreach, supports educational collaboration initiatives by various types of educational activities involving external partners - from summer schools to integrated degree programmes with double, multiple or joint degrees.

CHAPTER I. General Provisions

Art. 1. This Regulation sets out the general conditions for the organisation and operation of the integrated higher education degree programmes in accordance with Ministerial Order no. 4637/11.06.2024, run by Babeş-Bolyai University (hereinafter UBB) in cooperation with other higher education institutions in the European Higher Education Area (hereinafter EHEA), institutions accredited following an external review process carried out by a higher education quality assurance agency listed in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).

Art. 2. An integrated degree programme refers to the totality of planning, learning, teaching, research, practical implementation and assessment activities offering an academic qualification and jointly developed by two or more higher education institutions. The integrated degree curriculum is jointly developed and implemented by partner higher education institutions.

Art. 3. The joint development of integrated university degree programmes is carried out under an inter-institutional agreement/partnership/association contract, hereinafter referred to as inter-institutional agreement(s), subject to the provisions of the UBB Charter and national and European legislation in force. The inter-institutional agreement is approved by the UBB Senate.

Art. 4. Integrated degree programmes are completed with a joint degree, issued with a joint supplement, in the format established by the inter-institutional agreement signed

between the partner higher education institutions, or with a double/multiple degree, each issued with its own supplement. The diploma supplement is issued at no cost in Romanian and in an international language used within the partnership.

Art. 5. Integrated degree programmes can be organised for any cycle of higher education studies, as follows: short cycle - short term university studies, cycle I - undergraduate degree studies, cycle II - master's degree studies, cycle III - doctoral degree studies.

Art. 6. Recognition of qualifications and periods of study (including recognition of previous education and training) will be provided in accordance with the Lisbon Recognition Convention and its associated documents.

CHAPTER II. Organising integrated degree programmes.

Art. 7. The object of the inter-institutional agreement is to set out the special provisions applicable to integrated study programmes, in line with the legal provisions applicable in the country/countries of the partner higher education institutions.

Art. 8. The inter-institutional agreement stipulates:

- a) the universities participating as partners in the programme, the capacity of each participant institution and the coordinator of the integrated study programme, if applicable;
- b) the responsibilities of each institution;
- c) the language of instruction of the integrated study programme (in Romanian, in the languages of the national minorities and in one or several international languages);
- d) the form of organisation of the integrated study programme (full-time, part-time and distance learning), as well as the way in which the teaching activities are carried out, depending on the form of education and subject to the applicable laws in each country;
- e) curriculum: the structure of the subjects included in the degree programme;
- f) the maximum number of students allocated to each higher education institution;
- g) admission criteria;
- h) student and academic staff mobility;
- i) provisions for automatic recognition of examinations sat at partner institutions, including the final examination;
- j) study guide contents;
- k) student rights and obligations;
- l) rules applicable to the completion of studies;
- m) format of study documents;
- n) how to issue and provide recognition of study documents;

- o) funding arrangements for these study programmes, i.e. the level of tuition fees and payment procedure.

Art. 9. Staff teaching within the integrated study programme must be proficient in the target language(s) of the programme.

Art. 10. UBB may provide integrated degree programmes only under the following conditions:

- 1) each partner institution is accredited and nationally recognised by the host country, has the right to organise higher education studies for the level of qualification corresponding to the respective study programme;
- 2) the degree programme is fully compliant with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS);
- 3) the inter-institutional agreement covers all mandatory provisions according to Art. 8.

Art. 11.

- 1) The supervision of the integrated study programme at UBB will be carried out by a coordinator, under the terms established with the partner institutions in the inter-institutional agreement.
- 2) The coordinator of the integrated study programme on behalf of UBB is appointed by the Rector upon proposal of the Faculty Council where the integrated study programme is based.
- 3) The coordinator of the integrated study programme at UBB level will liaise with the representatives of the partner institutions and will carry out all the tasks established by the inter-institutional agreement to facilitate the effective running of the activities included in the integrated study programme.

Art. 12.

- 1) At partnership level, the coordination of the integrated study programme will be carried out by an academic council of representatives from all partner institutions, as provided for in the inter-institutional agreement.
- 2) The coordinator of the programme on behalf of UBB will automatically be a member of this council, unless otherwise stipulated in the inter-institutional agreement.

The Faculty Council of the faculty hosting the programme may nominate a professor other than the programme coordinator to be a member of the integrated degree programme academic council.

CHAPTER III. Student admission.

Art. 13.

- 1) The admission of candidates to the integrated degree programme shall be carried out in line with the applicable regulations of UBB, of the partner higher education institutions, and with the implementation of the inter-institutional agreement concluded to implement the integrated degree programme.
- 2) Admission to integrated degree programmes is organised as per the admission calendar established by the inter-institutional agreement and the legal regulations in force.

Art. 14. The UBB Faculty hosting the integrated study programme will provide information to the applicants, at least 6 months before the date of the entrance examination, by posting a notice at the Faculty's premises and on its own website, in relation to:

- a) tuition fees;
- b) details on the organisation and running of the admission process;
- c) content of the degree programme;
- d) educational arrangements;
- e) the expected number of available places.

Art. 15.

- 1) The selection and assessment criteria for applicants, as well as the documents required for their application for the admission competition, are set out in the inter-institutional agreement.
- 2) Each partner institution is responsible for assessing the eligibility of the applications submitted. Applications and portfolios will be assessed by a joint admissions committee as part of a joint evaluation process. The joint admission committee includes representatives of the partner institutions and is established in accordance with the provisions of the inter-institutional agreement and national legislation applicable in the partner countries.

Art. 16.

- 1) For candidates admitted to an integrated degree programme, enrolment and tuition processing are governed by the provisions of the inter-institutional agreement, in line with the applicable legislation in each partner country.
- 2) Enrolment of successful candidates is effected by a decision issued by the rector.
- 3) The registration of students admitted to the integrated university degree programmes in the Unique Nominal Roll of Romanian Universities/ Unique Integrated National Register of Diplomas and Study Documents (RMUR/RUNIDAS) is carried out in compliance with the legal provisions in force.

Art. 17. The maximum number of students allocated to each hosting partner is established by inter-institutional agreement, subject to the maximum enrolment limit.

Art. 18.

- 1) The successful applicant to an integrated university degree programme has the status of student/doctoral student for the entire period of their attendance in the respective programme, from enrolment to graduation - by obtaining all the credits corresponding to the completed degree programme - or to dismissal, except for periods of interruption of study.
- 2) The rights and obligations of students/doctoral students enrolled in the integrated degree programmes offered by UBB are laid down in the learning agreement, as well as the applicable legislation, the university charter and regulations, and the inter-institutional agreement.

Art. 19.

- 1) The tuition fee rates, as well as the method of payment, are established by the inter-institutional agreement between the partners.
- 2) No other fees may be charged than the ones established by the Higher Education Law no. 199/2023, as amended.
- 3) Faculties may allocate places funded from the state budget for integrated study programmes or may cover the tuition costs of students enrolled in such programmes and grant them scholarships funded from own revenue sources.
- 4) Students enrolled in integrated study programmes may be granted scholarships funded from the state budget under the terms established by UBB regulations, in compliance with the national legislation in force.

CHAPTER IV. Organising teaching activities.

Art. 20. The teaching activities, established by inter-institutional agreements, are organised by subject.

Art. 21.

- 1) The allocation of subjects by semesters and of credits by subjects and details of the assessment process for each subject are covered in the degree programme curriculum as agreed in the inter-institutional agreement setting up the integrated degree programme.
- 2) The teaching and learning content, learning outcomes, teaching and assessment methods and related bibliography are specified in the course descriptions.

Art. 22. The ongoing assessment of students, in the subjects studied in each higher education institution, will be conducted under the terms and conditions provided for in the course descriptions in accordance with the rules established within the higher education institution and in compliance with the provisions of the inter-institutional agreement.

CHAPTER V. Completion of studies

Art. 23. The integrated university degree programmes are completed with a university exit exam, as per the format and methods established in the inter-institutional agreement and in accordance with the UBB regulation on the university graduation exams.

Art. 24. Graduates of an integrated degree programme may sit the graduation examination at any of the higher education institutions party to the inter-institutional agreement, in accordance with its provisions.

Art. 25. The topic for the graduation/bachelor/diploma/ master's thesis/ doctoral dissertation will be selected in line with the provisions of the inter-institutional agreement.

Art. 26. The provisions of the UBB Regulation governing exit examinations as well as those of the inter-institutional agreement will govern the preparation and coordination of the graduation/bachelor's/diploma/ master's thesis/ doctoral dissertation, as well as the organisation, conduct and examination of the graduation examinations for students who choose to sit the final examination at UBB.

Art. 27. Where, for a program of integrated higher education studies, the inter-institutional agreement provides for the final examination to be carried out at partnership level, the assessment will be carried out by a joint committee formed by representatives of the partner institutions, in compliance with the rules of the inter-institutional agreement and national regulations.

Art. 28. Students who have met all the requirements provided for in the curriculum of the integrated university degree programme will be issued a joint degree, along with a joint supplement, in the format established in the inter-institutional agreement signed between the partner higher education institutions, or a double/multiple degree, each with its own supplement, in compliance with the national legal regulations in force.

Art. 29. If the graduation examination is not sat at UBB but at one of the partner higher education institutions, an academic document will be issued documenting the studies completed at UBB, indicating the academic status of the graduate.

CHAPTER VI. Final provisions.

Art. 30. The provisions of this regulation apply to all integrated degree programmes organised by UBB.

Art. 31. To ensure that presently running integrated university degree programmes established under inter-institutional agreements concluded before the coming into force

of MO 4637/11.06.2024 may continue to operate under legal conditions, certain amendments to their statutes may be necessary in order to bring them into compliance with this Regulation and with MO 4637/11.06.2024. If such amendments are found to be necessary, they shall be effected within 60 days of the approval of this Regulation.

Art. 32. The process of establishing an integrated degree programme at UBB implies the following steps:

- a) identifying the targeted degree programme;
- b) identifying potential partners;
- c) establishing the details set out in Art. 8 and their approval by the host Faculty Council;
- d) preparing a first draft of the inter-institutional agreement including all details set out in Art. 8;
- e) endorsement of the first version of the inter-institutional agreement by the host Faculty Council and submission to the UBB Administrative Council for endorsement and to the UBB Senate for approval;
- f) signing the inter-institutional agreement;
- g) implementation of the integrated degree programme.