



METHODOLOGY
on the admission to doctoral studies
– September 2022 session –

Art. 1. At Transilvania University of Braşov, the candidates are admitted to doctoral studies by **competition**, in accordance with the provisions of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments, GD [*Government Decision*] no. 681/2011 on the approval of the Code of Doctoral Studies, with subsequent amendments, and respectively OMENCs [*Order of the Ministry of Education and Research*] 3.102/2022 for the approval of the *Framework Methodology for the organization of the admission to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree cycles*.

Art. 2. The admission to doctoral studies is organized for full-time and part-time **education forms**, both on State-budgeted places and on self-financed places.

Art. 3. The registrations for the Doctorate will be done between **1-12 September 2022**.

Art. 4. The doctoral admission competition will take place between **19-23 September 2022**.

Art. 5. 1 The preliminary results of the competition will be published / displayed on **27 September 2022**, on the SDI website. Any **appeals** will be submitted on **28 September 2022** (in the time interval 9:00-13:00, at the SDI Secretariat) and will be analysed - settled on **29 September 2022**.

(2) The **final results** will be displayed on **29 September 2022**, and the admitted candidates will be enrolled with the date of 1 October 2022, after **the signing of the doctoral study contracts**, which will take place between **29-30 September 2022**.

(3) The **final admission lists** will be generated after the phase of enrollment by decision of the Rector of Transilvania University of Braşov.

Art. 6. The admission results to doctoral studies **are validated** by the Council of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School (C-SDI) and the Council for Doctoral Studies (CSUD).

Art. 7. Any changes to the calendar shall be communicated in due time. The University Senate will approve the exceptions from the admission calendar for doctoral studies.

Art. 8. The **doctoral fields** for which the admission competition is organized at Transilvania University of Braşov are those approved in accordance with the legal provisions in force.

Art. 9. The **lists of doctoral supervisors**, by fields and faculties, can be consulted on the university's website, at the address <https://www.unitbv.ro/cercetare/doctorat-postdoctorat-si-abilitare/despre-scoala-doctorala/domenii-de-doctorat-si-conducatori>



Art. 10. The doctoral admission competition is organized as a **specialized examination (one or several tests specific to the doctoral field, including a mandatory test interview with the candidate).**

Art. 11. The **indicative (general) theme and, where applicable, the themes proposed** for the doctoral admission competition and **the bibliography** for the examination are established by the doctoral supervisors who send them to the coordinators of the doctoral fields to endorse them and send them in a centralized manner to SDI in electronic format (Romanian and English, or another international language, as the case may be) until 20 May 2022. The theme analysis and endorsement process for the 2022 admission competition will be complete with the posting on the SDI website of the themes open for competition, by fields and doctoral supervisors, until 31 May 2022, in order to inform the candidates.

The list of topics put up for competition can be completed, in justified cases, between 28-31 August 2022 (until the start of registrations), under the same protocol for endorsing the proposed themes.

Art. 12. (1) **The registration** for the admission competition is conditional on the candidate's holding a **Certificate of Language Proficiency** for an international language (English, German, French, Spanish), at least of level B2 according to CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). At Transilvania University of Braşov, this certificate can be obtained through a language proficiency test taken at the Centre for Modern Languages (<http://cilm.ro/>).

(2) The candidates who are citizens of a country where the official language is international (English, German, French, Spanish), the candidates who graduated from a bachelor's or master's degree programme taught in one of these languages (including the graduates of bachelor's degree programmes in Language and Literature and Applied Modern Languages) and the candidates holding a certificate of language proficiency of minimum B2 level (CEFR), issued by an international institution authorised for this purpose and validated by the Centre for Modern Languages within Transilvania University of Braşov (to be sent for validation to cilm@unitbv.ro) are **exempted from taking the language proficiency test.**

Art. 13. Conditions of registration for the competition

(1) The competition of admission to doctoral studies may be taken by:

(a) **graduates with a master's degree** from the master's degree cycle organized according to Law no. 288/2004, with subsequent amendments;

(b) **graduates with a bachelor's degree or the equivalent thereof of long-term university studies** organized in accordance with Law no. 84/1995, republished, with subsequent amendments;

(c) **graduates of studies completed abroad** and recognized by the specialized directorate within the relevant ministry as at least master's degree studies.

(2) The total cumulative duration of the bachelor's and master's degree (for Bologna studies) must provide at least 300 transferable credits (ECTS).

(3) At Transilvania University of Braşov, only the candidates who obtained **an average grade of at least 7 (seven) during the undergraduate study years** and **an average grade of at least 7 (seven) during the graduate study years**, where applicable, can take the doctoral admission competition.

(4) Only the candidates who obtained **the average bachelor's-cycle grade of at least 8.50** (the arithmetic mean between the average grade of the undergraduate years and the average grade in bachelor's final exam) are **eligible for State-budgeted places.**

(5) If not all State-budgeted places are occupied, CSUD may approve, at the proposal of SDI, derogations from the above requirement, respectively the (re)distribution of vacancies to candidates opting for State budgeted places - without a scholarship (CFFB, FRB) and have a minimum bachelor's cycle average grade of 8, 00.



Art. 14. The competition of admission to doctoral studies may also be taken by:

(a) **citizens of the Member States of the European Union, of the States belonging to the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation**, under the same conditions provided by law for Romanian citizens, including in terms of tuition fees. The studies they completed outside of Romania will be recognised by the specialized directorate of the relevant ministry (<https://cnred.edu.ro/ro/studii-universitare>), before the candidates' registration for the admission competition and each candidate must submit, upon entering the competition, the study compliance certificate. The procedure can be initiated through UniTBV or by the candidate him/herself. The candidates shall consider the settlement time of about 30 days.

(b) **EU third-country nationals**, on the basis of methodologies especially developed by the relevant ministry, respectively the of the instructions developed in accordance therewith by SDI.

Art. 15. The candidates who were previously expelled from State-budgeted doctoral studies have the right to register for a new admission competition only on self-financed places.

Art. 16. The candidates who completed a doctoral programme can apply for a new doctoral programme, under the law and in compliance with this methodology, with the mention that they can benefit from State budget financing for a single doctoral programme. Therefore, **the candidates with a doctor's degree obtained after the completion of a programme under financing from the State budget can only register for self-financed places.**

Art. 17. Documents required for registration:

In order to register for the doctoral admission competition, candidates will access the online admission platform for registration and will upload the following documents on the electronic platform:

1. the application form and the registration form (standard forms) available on the SDI website (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2);
2. certificate of language proficiency;
3. identity card;
4. birth certificate;
5. marriage certificate or other act of name change (if applicable);
6. baccalaureate diploma;
7. bachelor's degree diploma or the equivalent thereof and transcript of records*;
8. master's degree diploma and transcript of records* (if applicable);

*By way of exception, the candidates who passed the bachelor's final exam (integrated study programmes) or dissertation in the 2021-2022 academic year sessions, may submit, upon registration (instead of diplomas) certificates issued by the higher education institutions they graduated from. These documents must include the average grade of the undergraduate/graduate study years and the average grade in the bachelor's final exam / dissertation, as the case may be.

9. curriculum vitae (Euro Pass), without personal data – assumed by the candidate's signature;
10. list of scientific papers developed / published in the field (if any) - assumed by the candidate's signature;
11. the receipt for the payment of the registration fee to the admission competition, or a proving document of online payment, in the amount approved by the University Senate.
12. medical certificate issued by the general physician, showing that the holder is medically fit to pursue



doctoral studies;

13. the declaration of conformity with the original for the documents uploaded on the admission platform (Appendix 3).

Art. 18. The registration fee can be paid by card on the admission platform or by bank transfer. In case of payment by bank transfer, it is necessary to upload documentary evidence on the registration platform. Bank transfer payment details are available on the site.

Art. 19. (1) Children of academic teaching and auxiliary teaching personnel either working or retired are exempted from paying the registration fee, based on documentary evidence.

(2) University employees will pay half the established fee and will submit a certificate of employment. The same discount applies to the university employees' children (other than teaching and auxiliary teaching personnel), who will submit the parent's certificate of employment.

Art. 20. In order to register for the doctoral admission competition, the consent of the future doctoral supervisor is required, expressed by signing the application and the registration form.

Art. 21. The number of places open for competition (budgeted and self-financed), their allocation for full-time and part-time doctoral forms, as well as the number of doctoral scholarships allocated by the relevant ministry for the academic year 2022-2023 will be communicated in due time, by posting on the UNITBV website, in the doctoral admission section. The number of self-paid places is established by Decision of Transilvania University Senate of Braşov.

ADMISSION COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Art. 22. The admission competition takes the form of a specialized exam (one or more tests specific to the doctoral field), which includes a compulsory interview with the candidate. This knowledge assessment is organized for each doctoral theme (indicated by the candidate in the application and the registration forms) and is taken in front of an admission commission. The admission commission consists of the doctoral supervisor, as its chair, and three other members, doctoral supervisors or specialists with the scientific title of Doctor. The commissions are formed for each doctoral topic separately, by the doctoral supervisors' filling out a form. The sheets with the proposals of commissions are centralized at the didactic departments in which the doctoral supervisors conduct their activity, are endorsed by the director of department, and are submitted to SDI for approval, according to the admission calendar.

Art. 23. At the specialized exam, each member of the commission assesses with grades from 1 to 10 the candidate's level of knowledge (based on his/her having consulted the literature) of the relevant specialization, as well as his/her level of knowledge of the latest research in relation to the doctoral thesis. The interview will also include the evaluation of the candidate's ability to take theoretical, experimental and methodological initiatives in the proposed research topic. The evaluation method, through one or more tests of the specialized knowledge, as well as their specificity, will be agreed by the doctoral supervisors in the respective field and will be sent by the coordinators of doctoral fields to SDI for publication on the site, until 20 May 2022.

Art. 24. In the case of candidates who have a bachelor's degree obtained in a branch of science other than the one in which the doctoral studies are to be carried out, the admission commission verifies the extent to which the specialized knowledge enable the doctoral training activity, as well as whether the candidate's concerns



justify his/her orientation towards the new chosen branch of science.

Art. 25. (1) Candidates from other countries can take the specialized exam / interview in video-conference system, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor.

(2) Candidates coming from Romania may take the specialized exam / interview in video-conference system only in exceptional, well-justified situations (states of alert, necessity or emergency, medical cases, etc.), at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor.

Art. 26. In order to carry out the specialized examination, the registered candidates' files are taken, under signature, by the doctoral supervisors / a delegate empowered by the department where the examination is carried out.

Art. 27. The result of the specialized exam is recorded in a report (according to the model provided by SDI), which, together with each candidate's registration file and online test recording (if applicable), is submitted to SDI on the day of the competition or on the following day.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Art. 28. The average grade of admission to the doctorate is obtained as the arithmetic mean between:

- a) the average grade obtained in the specialized exam (the arithmetic mean of the grades given by the members of the admission commission);
- b) the average grade obtained in the dissertation exam (where applicable);
- c) the average grade obtained in the bachelor's final exam.

Art. 29. The admission average grade is a criterion for admission and ranking of candidates, in view of the distribution of places open for competition (budgeted and self-paid) and doctoral scholarships, according to specific criteria. Candidates who obtain an average grade lower than 8 (eight) in the specialized exam are declared rejected.

Art. 30. (1) At Transilvania University of Braşov, a doctoral supervisor can simultaneously guide a maximum of 8 doctoral students at various stages of the doctoral studies.

(2) The motivated exceptions to this rule are approved by the University Senate. In order to obtain this derogation, the doctoral supervisors concerned will submit in due time to SDI a written, motivated request, which will be analysed – endorsed by CSUD before being transmitted to the Senate. The procedure must be completed with the decision of the Senate until the beginning of the admission session.

(3) The applications that do not meet the time limit will be lawfully rejected. **The number of doctoral students per doctoral supervisor from the beginning of the admission session** will be taken into account, including the doctoral students in the procedure of public defence of the doctoral thesis, until the public defense (based on GD no. 681 / 2011, as subsequently amended).

I. Allocation of budgeted places

Art 31. The eligible candidates for the budgeted places, who obtained a minimum average grade of 8 (eight) in the specialized exam, are ranked by doctoral fields and **doctoral supervisors**, in descending order of the admission average grade. Candidates with an equal average grade are ordered in descending order of the average grade of the years of undergraduate studies.



Art 32. Criteria for allocating budgeted places:

Criterion I.1. Doctoral supervisors are eligible for one (1) budgeted place, provided that the minimum habilitation standards specific to the field in which they have the right to conduct doctorates are met, applicable at the beginning of 2022 doctoral admission session. The budgeted place is awarded to the candidate ranked first for each eligible doctoral supervisor.

Criterion I.2. If the number of budgeted places is lower than the number of eligible doctoral supervisors, with eligible candidates, according to criterion I.1, the budgeted places will be allocated on the basis of a ranking by the doctoral fields in IOSUD-UNITBV, allocating one (1) budgeted place per doctoral field to the candidates on the first place in each field.

After this first allocation, the budgeted places will be distributed based on the eligible candidates' ranking, depending on the admission average grade (regardless of doctoral field). In case of equal admission average grades, the budgeted place is awarded to the candidate with the highest average grade during the undergraduate study years.

Criterion I.3. If the number of budgeted places is higher than the number of those allocated under criterion I.1, the budgeted places remaining unoccupied will be distributed according to the following criteria, applied progressively until the budgeted places are taken:

- (i) one place for the eligible first-ranked candidates of the doctoral supervisors who do not meet the minimum habilitation standards;
 - (ii) one place for the eligible second-ranked candidates of the doctoral supervisors who fulfil the criterion I.1;
 - (iii) one place for the eligible second-ranked candidates of the PhD supervisors who do not meet the minimum habilitation standards;
- and so on and so forth (if applicable).

Art. 33. In allocating places based on these criteria (i-iii applied successively), the candidates' ranking based on the admission average grade is taken into account; in this regard, the budgeted places are allocated the candidates in descending order of their admission average grades. In the event of equal admission average grades, the budgeted place is awarded to the candidate with the highest average during the undergraduate years.

Art. 34. In the event of an additional number of budgeted places:

- the additional budgeted places are distributed by applying the criteria I.1 - I.3;
- if there are no more candidates for budgeted places, the remaining places are offered to the candidates who opted for paid places, in the descending order of the admission average grade.

II. Allocation of doctoral scholarships

Art. 35. The rankings of the candidates admitted on budgeted places are made by doctoral fields in descending order of the admission average grade (for the fields which were allocated budgeted places according to criteria I). Candidates with an equal admission average grade are ranked in descending order of their average grade during the undergraduate study studies, and if this average grade is equal as well, the average grade in the specialized exam will be taken into account.

Art 36. Criteria for awarding scholarships:

Criterion II.1. The first-ranked in each doctoral field receives a scholarship from the State budget. In the event of equal admission average grades, the scholarship is awarded to the candidate with the highest average grade during the undergraduate study years, and if this average is equal as well, the average grade in the specialized exam will be conclusive in deciding between the candidates.



Criterion II.2. The unallocated scholarships will be distributed to the candidates declared admitted on budgeted places, but who did not receive a scholarship following the application of criterion II.1, depending on the second-place candidates' ranking in each field where there are eligible candidates. If the number of scholarships is lower than the number of doctoral fields, their allocation will follow the candidates' admission average grade. If scholarships remain unallocated after the second distribution, the ranking for the candidates on the third place in all doctoral fields where there are eligible candidates, etc. is carried out.

In the event of equal average grades, the scholarship is awarded to the candidate with the highest average during the undergraduate study years, and if this average is equal as well, the average grade in the specialized exam will be conclusive in deciding between the candidates.

Art. 37. The budgeted places without scholarship will be allocated to the admitted candidates on budgeted places remaining after the allocation of scholarships.

Art. 38. In the event of an additional number of scholarships, the Criterion II.2 shall apply.

III. Allocation of self-financed places

Art. 39. For the distribution of self-financed places, if the number of candidates is higher than the number of available places established by the University Senate, the rankings of the candidates who have opted (also) for paid places are made by doctoral fields, in descending order of their admission average grade. Candidates with an equal average grade are ranked in descending order of the average grade of the undergraduate study years.

Criterion III.1. The first-ranked in each doctoral field receives the place for a fee. In case of equal average grades, the place is awarded to the candidate with the highest average grade during the undergraduate study years.

Criterion III.2. Unallocated places will be distributed to the remaining candidates after the application of criterion III.1. The available self-financed places are distributed in the descending order of the admission average (regardless of the doctoral field). In the event of equal average grades, the place is awarded to the candidate with the highest average grade during the undergraduate study years.

Art. 40. Calendar of the 2022 doctoral admission session:

- registration period: 1-12 September 2022;
- verification, centralization of the registered candidates' data; display of the list of registered candidates on the SDI website, under the admission section: 15 September 2022;
- centralization of proposals, endorsement of admission commissions: 15-16 September 2022;
- specialized exams (admission competition): 19-23 September 2022 (for all fields and forms of doctoral studies);
- 26 September 2022, 10:00 o'clock – the time-limit for submitting the reports of the specialized exams to SDI;
- data centralization and processing: 26-27 September 2022;
- display of results – display of provisional lists on the SDI website, under the 2022 admission section: 27 September 2022;
- submission of appeals: 28 September 2022, time interval 9:00-13:00, on the SDI premises (Rectorate, 2nd floor, room 206-207);
- analysis / settlement of appeals and display of results - final lists: 30 September 2022;
- signing of doctoral study contracts for enrollment: 29 - 30 September 2022;
- enrolment of admitted candidates, by the UNITBV Rector's Decision: 1 October 2022;



- display of final lists - candidates declared admitted and enrolled: 1 October 2022.

Art. 41. The doctoral admission competition is valid only for the field, institution, doctoral form and year in which it was defended.

Art. 42. The amount of registration fees for the admission competition and of the tuition fees for the self-financed doctoral students admitted to the doctoral forms, for the academic year 2022-2023, is established according to the decision of Transilvania University Senate of Brasov and displayed on the website:

Art. 43. The admission methodology can be revised, after the approval in the Senate of Transilvania University of Braşov, in order to agree with any notifications received from the relevant ministry, with the approval of CSUD.

Additional information can be obtained from SDI, tel. 0268-413000 / 131, 237 or by email at the address secretariat-sdi@unitbv.ro

This Methodology was amended and approved in the meeting of Transilvania University of Braşov Senate on 20.04.2022.

Prof. Dr. Eng. Mircea Horia ȚIEREAN,
President of Transilvania University Senate of Braşov





TO THE RECTOR OF TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY OF BRAȘOV

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graduate of the higher education institution

Faculty of _____, study programme

field _____, year _____, duration of studies _____

and of the master's degree studies within the institution

Faculty of _____, study programme

field _____, year _____, duration of studies _____

I kindly ask you to approve my registration for the doctoral admission competition, in the session _____, for the field _____

Scientific supervisor _____,

Doctoral theme _____, at the form of education:

- **full-time with scholarship (State-budgeted) - CFB:** _____
- **full-time without scholarship (State-budgeted) - CFFB:** _____
- **part-time without scholarship (State-budgeted) - FRB:** _____
- **full-time with self-financing- (CFT):** _____
- **part-time with self-financing - (FRT):** _____

(If you want to express more options, they will be numbered from 1 to 5, in order of preference)

Average grade obtained in the bachelor's final exam (1): _____

Average grade obtained in the dissertation exam (master's degree) (2) – if applicable:





ENDORSED,
Doctoral Supervisor,

REGISTRATION FORM

for the doctoral admission competition

Field:

Scientific Supervisor: -----

Doctoral theme: -----

Priority area of development¹ (according to the National Strategy for Research, Development and Innovation 2014-2020) which the doctoral topic comes under (if applicable): -----

1. Candidate's last and first name, with the middle initial:

2. Permanent residence (full address):

----- mobile phone ----- landline ----- email address

3. Nationality: -----, ethnicity: -----

4. Date of birth (year, month, day): ----- citizenship

5. Place of birth: county ----- city / town -----

6. Gender: M / F

7. Identity card ----- issued by ----- validity -----

8. Marital status: -----

9. Basic profession: -----

10. Workplace: -----

11. Position: -----



12. Studies: higher education institution, faculty, graduated study programme, year, field:

Bachelor's degree studies: _____

Master's degree studies: _____

13. Foreign languages: _____

14. Candidate who falls within the category of persons with disabilities (to be filled out only by persons in this situation, on the basis of documentary evidence)

By signing this registration form, given his/her completion of the online registration procedure and assuming the UNIVERSITY's notification on the processing of personal data, by his/her consent expressed when accessing the registration platform, the CANDIDATE agrees for Transilvania University of Braşov, as a personal data operator for the purpose of *higher education*, to process his/her personal data within the admission and enrollment procedure, in accordance with the activity of the UNIVERSITY and in accordance with the legislation in force.

Date,

Signature,

i Priority areas: Bioeconomy; Information and communication technology, space and security; Energy, environment and climate change; Eco-nano-technologies and advanced materials; Health



Declaration of conformity with the original of the documents scanned and uploaded on the admission platform

I, the undersigned,, citizen, born on, in, residing in, legitimized with CI / BI / Passport, series, no., issued by, on, SSN, email address, as a candidate in the competition of admission to the doctoral studies for the academic year 2022-2023, I declare on my own responsibility that all the documents scanned and uploaded on the registration platform for admission to the doctoral studies at Transilvania University of Braşov are in accordance with the original documents in my possession.

In case of ascertaining any forgery, I take upon myself that I will be expelled from the competition or from the doctoral degree programme to which I was admitted, and will bear the rigours of the law for the committed crimes (forgery, use of forgery, material forgery in official documents), according to Art. 326 of the Criminal Code, as subsequently amended.

Date,

Candidate's signature,