



REGULATIONS OF THE INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Chapter I - General provisions

These Regulations establish the mode of operation for the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School (SDI) within the Organising Institution of Doctoral University Studies - Transilvania University of Braşov (IOSUD-UNITBV), as well as the principles of organization, conduct and completion of the doctoral studies in its framework.

At Transilvania University of Braşov (UNITBV), the doctoral studies are the third cycle of higher education and they allow the acquisition of a level 8 qualification in the European Qualification Framework (EQF) and in the National Qualification Framework.

These Regulations are drafted in accordance with: Law of Higher Education No. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments; Order of the Ministry of Education (OME) no. 3020/2024 for the approval of the Framework-Regulations on Doctoral Studies, with subsequent amendments; Charter of Transilvania University of Braşov; Regulations for the Organization and Conduct of the Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies within IOSUD-UNITBV.

Chapter II - Institutional framework for the organization and conduct of the activity within the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School

Art. 1. Operation of IOSUD-UNITBV

- (1) Transilvania University of Braşov organises doctoral university studies within IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (2) The Rector of Transilvania University of Braşov is the legal representative of IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (3) IOSUD-UNITBV is led by the Council for Doctoral Studies (CSUD-UNITBV). CSUD-UNITBV is headed by a Director.
- (4) The doctoral study programmes are organised and conducted within IOSUD-UNITBV through SDI, in the lawfully approved (authorised/ accredited) doctoral fields.
- (5) The Interdisciplinary Doctoral School is part of the structure of the Vice-Rectorate for Scientific Research and Informatization.

Art. 2. Operation of SDI

Membership of SDI

- (1) SDI is organised and operates within IOSUD-UNITBV with doctoral supervisors who have acquired this status under the law and have been co-opted in SDI according to the internal regulations and standards.
- (2) The new doctoral supervisors are accepted in SDI at the proposal of the Council of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School (C-SDI), with the endorsement of CSUD-UNITBV and the approval of the Senate of Transilvania University of Braşov.
- (3) IOSUD-UNITBV recognises the status of doctoral supervisor or the habilitation obtained in accredited higher-education institutions abroad, for doctoral fields authorised/ accredited to operate within IOSUD-UNITBV, according to its own methodology. This recognition does not automatically give him/her the right to supervise doctorates within SDI, as the membership of SDI requires having followed and abiding by the internal instructions, rules and regulations of SDI in force at the date of application.

- (4) A doctoral supervisor may conduct his/her activity of coordination within SDI only in the field for which s/he has been conferred upon this status.
- (5) A doctoral supervisor member of SDI may coordinate doctoral students only within IOSUD-UNITBV, with the exception of the jointly supervised doctorates.
- (6) A doctoral supervisor of SDI may simultaneously coordinate a maximum of 8 doctoral students who are in various stages of their doctoral studies, not including the jointly supervised doctoral students, with a secondary role. The reasoned exceptions to this rule, but not more than 12, are approved by the Senate of UNITBV, at the proposal of C-SDI and with the endorsement of CSUD-UNITBV, but not for more than 20% of the doctoral supervisors affiliated with a doctoral field.
- (7) The maximum number of 8 doctoral students for a doctoral supervisor who, on the date of entry into force of these Regulations, coordinates a higher number of doctoral students, is gradually reached, upon completion of the doctoral programmes s/he coordinates.
- (8) A member of the academic teaching and research personnel who has the right to supervise doctorates and who is tenured at a higher-education or research institution may be affiliated to a doctoral field within SDI.
- (9) A doctoral supervisor's transfer to IOSUD-UNITBV from another IOSUD/ IOD, as well as the transfer from IOSUD-UNITBV to another IOSUD/ IOD abides by the legal provisions and requires the two involved institutions to clarify the doctoral students' situation, as the case may be.
- (10) SDI establishes standards and criteria of scientific performance and professional conduct that the doctoral supervisors must meet in order to become members of SDI, respectively in order to maintain their membership.
- (11) Apart from the doctoral supervisors who are members of SDI, other researchers/ academic teaching personnel of UNITBV or other institutions in the country and abroad may conduct research and/or teaching activities at SDI.

Management of SDI

- (12) SDI is led by the Director of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School and by the Council of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School (C-SDI).
- (13) The Director of SDI and the members of C-SDI are elected by the universal, direct and secret vote of the tenured doctoral supervisors, respectively of the doctoral students within the doctoral school, in compliance with the legal provisions and the Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of the Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies within IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (14) The Director of SDI is a full member of C-SDI and s/he is equated to a director of department.
- (15) C-SDI is established according to the legal provisions and to the Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of the Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies within IOSUD-UNITBV, based on the Methodology for the Election of the Members of C-SDI developed by CSUD-UNITBV and approved by the Senate of UNITBV.
- (16) The mandate of C-SDI is of 5 years. The doctoral student members of C-SDI end their term of office upon completion of the doctoral studies or upon loss of the status of doctoral students. In order to fill vacancies in C-SDI, by-elections are organised, and the new member(s)' term of office ends upon expiry of the mandate of C-SDI.
- (17) C-SDI meets quarterly or whenever needed, upon convocation by the Director of SDI or by at least one third of the Council members.
- (18) The quorum for a meeting of C-SDI is assumed to be met if at least half of all the Council members participate. The decisions of C-SDI are adopted by simple majority of the present members' votes, provided that the quorum for the meeting is met.
- (19) The meetings of C-SDI, at the proposal of the Director of C-SDI, may also take place remotely, with its members expressing their voting right by electronic means. Given the specificity of the voting by electronic means, the votes cast within 24 hours of the concomitant transmission of the convocation by the Director of C-SDI, by electronic means, will be considered validly expressed. In this case, the decisions of C-SDI shall be adopted by half plus one of the votes electronically cast by its members. The quorum requirements are as referred to in Art. 2. (17).

(20) The main duties of C-SDI are:

- a) to draw up the Regulations of SDI and submit them for approval to CSUD-UNITBV and to the Senate of UNITBV;
- b) to draw up and endorse the Framework Contract of Doctoral Studies, including the templates of the specific addenda (for interruption, extension) and submit them to CSUD-UNITBV for approval;

- c) to approve the individual educational plans for the doctoral students;
- d) to approve the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committees for the doctoral students;
- e) to establish regulations on the acceptance of new doctoral supervisors as members of SDI, respectively on the withdrawal of the membership of SDI;
- f) to validate the results of the admission competition, respectively of the expulsion proposals, with a view to substantiating the decisions of the Rector of UNITBV on the enrolment or expulsion of doctoral students;
- g) to develop procedures for changing a certain doctoral student's supervisor, as well as conflict-mediation procedures;
- h) to establish the conditions in which the doctoral programme can be interrupted or extended, under the rules of law;
- i) to establish fraud prevention ways in scientific research, including in terms of plagiarism;
- j) to establish the criteria for the periodic internal assessment of the doctoral programmes;
- k) to approve the organization chart for the teaching personnel (guest professors included) and research staff affiliated with SDI, as the case may be;
- l) to establish the doctoral students' compulsory attendance rate, under the rules of law;
- m) to prepare the self-evaluation reports and to assist the external evaluators in the process of evaluation in view of the accreditation/ re-accreditation or provisional authorization;
- n) to develop procedures and instructions for the activity of SDI and submit them for approval to CSUD-UNITBV;
- o) other specific attributions, under the law.

(21) SDI has to provide correct and complete information about the doctoral study programmes and the doctoral supervisors' activity within the doctoral school, by displaying it on the website, as well as via other means of information (brochures, leaflets, posters, etc.).

Chapter III – Organization, conduct and completion of the doctoral studies

Art. 3. Organization of the doctoral studies within Transilvania University of Braşov

(1) In the framework of IOSUD-UNITBV, there are two types of doctoral study programmes:

- a) *scientific doctorate*, which aims at producing original, internationally relevant scientific knowledge based on scientific methods; the scientific doctorate underlies the professional career in higher education and research; scientific doctorate study programmes are organised for the full-time or part-time form of education;
- b) *professional doctorate*, which has as its purpose the production of original knowledge based on the application of the scientific method, of the systematic reflection or of the applicative research on the artistic creations and sports performances of high national or international level or on topics of practical importance, and which underlies the professional career in higher education and research, in the pursued fields; professional doctorate study programmes may be organised for the full-time, but also part-time education.

(2) The doctoral study programmes may also be organised jointly, through a professional doctorate, according to a methodology developed by the Ministry of Education, in which case the responsibilities for the conduct of the learning, teaching, applicative, research and evaluation activities are shared between IOSUD-UNITBV and the economic operators.

(3) In the wider framework of IOSUD-UNITBV, the doctoral study programmes are organised within SDI, according to accredited/ authorised doctoral fields, with doctoral supervisors who have lawfully obtained this status and have been co-opted in SDI, under the internal regulations and standards.

(4) In the framework of IOSUD-UNITBV, doctoral studies can also be organised in national or international joint supervision, according to the applicable legal provisions.

(5) The establishment of new doctoral fields within SDI shall comply with the law in force (by authorization/ accreditation) and with the development strategy of IOSUD-UNITBV.

Art. 4. Admission to the doctoral study programmes

(1) Within IOSUD-UNITBV, the candidates are admitted to doctoral studies, regardless of the type and form of education in which they are organised, by competition, according to the Methodology for Admission to the Doctorate.

- (2) The Methodology for Admission and the admission criteria are proposed annually by C-SDI, endorsed by CSUD-UNITBV and approved by the Senate of UNITBV; and they are communicated through publication on the website of UNITBV, in due time, before the organization of the admission session.
- (3) The Methodology for Admission includes the conditions to be met by the candidates to register for the doctorate, the way of conducting the competition, the criteria for the allocation of the budgeted places and doctoral scholarships, the list of documents required for registration in the competition, the admission calendar and the amount of the admission fee, as established by the University Senate.
- (4) SDI ensures the candidates' fair access to doctoral studies, according to the Methodology for Admission and the admission criteria, taking into account the studies previously completed by the candidates, which cannot be less than the master's degree or the equivalent thereof, as well as the result of the specialised examination and the linguistic skills in international languages. The registration for the admission competition is conditional on holding/obtaining a certificate of linguistic proficiency in an international language, according to the Methodology for Admission.
- (5) SDI ensures the transparency of the selection and admission procedures to the doctorate, of the evaluation criteria and of the standards to be met by the candidates, as well as of the access to this information, by displaying it on the website of UNITBV and via other specific means of communication.
- (6) The registration for the admission competition to the doctorate in a doctoral field is not conditional on the field in which the bachelor's or master's degree was obtained, according to the legal provisions.
- (7) The candidates who were expelled from the state-budgeted doctoral studies or the ones who completed such a doctoral study programme may register for a new admission competition only on self-financed places.
- (8) IOSUD-UNITBV may impose, by the annually updated Methodology for Admission, additional conditions regarding the eligibility for the registration/ admission to the doctorate or the access to doctoral scholarships, such as: the results obtained during the previous studies (e.g. the average grade of the undergraduate study years, the average grade of the bachelor's degree education cycle), the minimum average grade in the admission examination, the minimum average grade in the admission competition.
- (9) Foreign citizens may be registered in the doctoral studies, under the applicable rules of law, according to the provisions of the Methodology for Admission to the Doctorate within IOSUD-UNITBV and to the annually developed specific instructions.
- (10) The citizens of the EU member states, of the states belonging to the European Economic Area and of the Swiss Confederation, as well as the British citizens and the members of their families may register under the same conditions set by law for the Romanian citizens, inclusively in terms of tuition fees, provided that they have their previous studies abroad recognised by the specialized directorate of the relevant ministry, according to the specific methodology.
- (11) The EU third-country citizens can register by following a specific procedure, in accordance with the applicable regulations and the instructions developed by SDI. This involves obtaining a letter of acceptance from the specialized directorate of the relevant ministry in order to register for the doctorate.
- (12) The foreign citizens are admitted to doctoral studies, regardless of the form of education in which they are organised, through a competition annually organised by SDI, usually before the beginning of the academic year. The exceptions to the calendar of the admission session for the foreign citizens will be approved by the Executive Board, at the proposal of SDI.
- (13) The admission and tuition fees for the doctorate are approved by the University Senate, at the proposal of SDI, after having consulted the relevant faculties.
- (14) The admission criteria and the study programmes for the foreign doctoral students are the same as for the Romanian citizens.
- (15) The candidates declared admitted following the admission competition acquire the status of doctoral students after their enrolment, by the Rector's Order. The enrolment abides by the legal provisions in force, with specific aspects to the doctoral form which the candidate was admitted to, respectively the country of origin (e.g. by paying the tuition fee, signing the contract, obtaining the study visa, etc.). The specific requirements are detailed in the Methodology for Admission.

Art. 5. Contract of Doctoral Studies

- (1) The rights and obligations of the doctoral students, doctoral supervisors, as well as of IOSUD-UNITBV, through SDI, are set through the contract of doctoral studies.
- (2) The template of the framework contract of doctoral studies is made by SDI, endorsed by C-SDI and approved by CSUD-UNITBV.
- (3) The contract of doctoral studies is concluded with each doctoral student individually, after the validation of the results of the admission competition, under the applicable rules of law.
- (4) The contract of doctoral studies is signed by the doctoral student, the doctoral supervisor, the Director of SDI and the Rector.
- (5) In case the doctoral scholarships are financed from national or international funds, an additional contract will be signed with the doctoral student, in accordance with the regulations of the funding organization.
- (6) The contract of doctoral studies is concluded for the doctoral student's entire tuition period and includes the clauses specified in the applicable legislation and in the regulations of UNITBV.
- (7) The contracts of doctoral studies do not change during the academic year.
- (8) The disagreements between the doctoral student and the doctoral supervisor are mediated by C-SDI. The party dissatisfied with the decision of C-SDI may appeal to CSUD-UNITBV. The disagreements between the doctoral student and SDI are mediated by CSUD-UNITBV. Conflict mediation is done according to the internal regulations established by **specific instructions**.

Art. 6. The doctoral supervisor and the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee

- (1) The doctoral student is coordinated, within the doctoral study programme, by the doctoral supervisor (or by two doctoral supervisors, in the case of the jointly supervised doctorate) who ensure(s) his/her scientific, professional and deontological guidance.
- (2) The doctoral supervisor proposes the research topics for the doctoral study programmes and participates in the selection of the applicants, via the admission competition, as chairperson of the Admission Committee.
- (3) The doctoral supervisor is directly responsible for the doctoral student's scientific path, having to take all necessary measures in order to provide him/her with the conditions, knowledge and information that should maximize his/her chances of completing the doctoral programme.
- (4) The doctoral supervisor proposes the doctoral student's expulsion whenever such action is necessary and s/he requests the validation by the C-SDI. The expulsion is done by the Rector's order, starting on the date of approval of the doctoral supervisor's reasoned request. The decision of expulsion is brought to the doctoral student's notice.
- (5) The doctoral supervisor can be changed at the doctoral student's reasoned request, with the endorsement of C-SDI, under the conditions set in the internal instructions.
- (6) The doctoral supervisor establishes, in consultation with the doctoral student, the structure of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, which s/he submits for approval to C-SDI.
- (7) The Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee consists of 3-4 members, specialists in the field of the thesis/ fields related to the topic of the thesis, who hold the scientific degree of Doctor, among whom at least one member is from outside of UNITBV. His/her role is to support and monitor the doctoral student all through the conduct of the doctoral study programme, until the completion and acceptance of the thesis for public defence.
- (8) The members of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee may not be appointed members in the Committee for the Public Defence of the Doctoral Thesis.
- (9) The study programmes for the doctoral students are conducted and completed in the field for which the doctoral supervisor has obtained this status.
- (10) The standard workload of the doctoral supervisor and of the members in the Advisory Committee during the doctoral student's programme is established by the Senate of UNITBV, according to the applicable legislation.

Art. 7. Structure of the doctoral studies

- (1) The doctoral studies focus on the doctoral students' preparation for the acquisition of scientific research skills, as well as on the development of their capabilities to generate new and valid knowledge.

(2) SDI develops the doctoral study programme according to the doctoral fields and establishes the share of the individual activities, of the activities in study groups and of the activities conducted under the doctoral supervisor's coordination. The structure of the doctoral study programmes is made by SDI, endorsed by C-SDI and approved by CSUD-UNITBV.

(3) The doctoral study programme has two components:

a) the advanced study-based higher education programme (PPUA), conducted both by preparing in study groups within the doctoral school, according to doctoral fields, and by individual specialised education, depending on the doctoral topic;

b) the individual scientific-research programme (PCS) for the scientific doctorate, or the applicative research programme (PCA) for the professional doctorate; the individual programme is conducted under the guidance of the doctoral supervisor and of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee.

(4) In accordance with the principles underlying the European Qualifications Framework and the National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education in Romania, the doctoral study programmes pursue the formation and development of two types of skills focused on the research-based learning:

a. professional (content-related, cognitive and research) skills, specific to the doctoral fields and to the topic of the doctoral thesis, achievable in the specialised advanced study-based higher education programmes and in the individual research programmes for the doctoral students;

b. transversal skills, achievable in the programmes of SDI at the level of IOSUD-UNITBV.

(5) The professional skills specific to the doctoral fields are as referred to in Art. 7 para (9) of the Framework-Regulations on Doctoral Studies, namely:

a) advanced knowledge in the field;

b) the ability to identify, formulate and solve in a creative way the research problems;

c) mastery of advanced research methods and techniques;

d) knowledge of research project management;

e) mastery of the new procedures and solutions in research;

f) abilities of documentation, writing and valorisation of the scientific papers;

g) the capability to write scientific papers and other academic materials at an advanced level, in an appropriate style for the field of study and in compliance with its specific rigors at the national and international level;

h) the capability to process data at an advanced level, including the use of dedicated software, depending on the field;

i) academic linguistic skills in international languages, necessary for documentation and for writing scientific papers;

j) comprehension and ability to apply the principles and values of scientific research ethics in the field concerned.

(6) The transversal skills are as referred to in Art. 7 para. (10) of the Framework-Regulations on Doctoral Studies, namely:

a) written and oral communication skills in the field of science and culture;

b) advanced linguistic skills in international languages, inclusively for expressing and formulating ideas in multicultural and multilingual contexts;

c) advanced digital aptitudes and skills, part of the digital transformation at societal level, inclusively through the use of the artificial intelligence;

d) networking and teamwork skills;

e) knowledge of human, material and financial resource management;

f) knowledge of career management, as well as acquisition of both job search and job creation techniques;

g) knowledge of risk, crisis and failure management;

- h) knowledge of critical thinking, including the aptitude to analyse, interpret or formulate reasonings in various contexts
- i) knowledge on the use of legislation in the field of intellectual property rights;
- j) the ability to innovate and the acquisition of concepts on the economic, technological and social entrepreneurship.

(7) The content of the doctoral study programmes, based on the two components indicated in para. (3), the share and duration of the specific activities, the method of evaluation/ completion of the various activities/ disciplines, the number of allocated credits are established under the rules of law, through SDI-specific documents, respectively the educational plans according to doctoral fields and the individual doctoral programmes developed for each doctoral student.

(8) Each doctoral student's individual study programme is proposed by the doctoral supervisor, in consultation with the doctoral student and is endorsed by C-SDI. The individual doctoral programme includes the research topic/ title of the thesis, the structure of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, the content of the advanced study-based higher education programme and the content of the scientific or applicative research programme, as the case may be.

(9) SDI will periodically revise, modify and adapt the structure of the doctoral study programmes according to the specific instructions on the decision-making in relation to the structure and content of PPUA.

(10) SDI will implement and monitor the compliance with the structure of the doctoral study programmes.

(11) The completion of the advanced study-based higher education programme leads to the granting of a number of ECTS-type study credits, having the property to quantify the amount of work, of individual learning, and to ensure the intra- and inter-institutional transferability.

(12) SDI may recognise, under the law, previous doctoral stages and/or scientific research stages completed in the country or abroad, in acknowledged higher-education institutions or research centres, as well as courses passed within master's research programmes. The equivalence is proposed by the doctoral supervisor and approved by C-SDI. The recognition/ equivalence abides by the internal regulations (specific instructions), being conditional on the compatibility between the specialization of the stages or courses under the master's research programme and the specialization of the doctoral fields.

(13) SDI may also include in the advanced higher-education programme several courses of the master's study programmes, only for the graduates with a master's degree in another field than the one in which the doctoral study programme is conducted, provided that those master's study courses focus on advanced research.

(14) In the content of the advanced education programme, it is prohibited to include or repeat knowledge modules or courses or chapters in already existing bachelor's or master's study programmes, with the exception mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Art. 8. Content of the advanced higher-education programmes

(1) The advanced higher-education programme includes 60 transferable ECTS credits, distributed over two semesters. The distribution of these credits according to the academic subjects/ activities is specific to the doctoral fields and is included in the Educational Plan.

(2) The advanced higher-education programme follows the educational plan developed by C-SDI and approved by CSUD-UNITBV. Its cumulative duration may not exceed 3 months.

(3) The advanced higher-education programme consists of activities conducted in institutionalised study groups within the doctoral school (year I/ semester I), through courses, seminars, projects, laboratories, respectively, individual education activities included in the education module for specialised skills (year I/ semester II).

(4) The share of each category of activities conducted by the doctoral students in the advanced higher-education programme and the correlation of the activities are established within SDI, with an emphasis on the research-based learning.

(5) The educational plan for the advanced higher-education programme - the preparation module for the transversal skills - will include a maximum of 8-10 didactic hours per week (courses and applications), planned over 6-8 weeks, within the doctoral school (year I/ semester I), by doctoral fields. A part of the academic subjects in the educational plan may be elective. The study for the subjects in this module of the advanced higher-education programme is

completed through an examination or a colloquium, planned in the winter session of UNITBV. Any possible retakes will be organised in the September arrear session of UNITBV.

(6) The training module for the specialised skills implies taking 3 (three) exams in the specialised disciplines specific to each doctoral student's field and research topic, and the evaluation of his/her level of preparation is marked with grades. The exams are taken in front of the doctoral supervisor and of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee. In addition to the members of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, other members of the academic teaching personnel or specialists with the degree of Doctor and acknowledged professional skills in the topic of examination (e.g. holders of specialised disciplines) may be co-opted in this Examination Committee. The result of the examination is recorded in minutes signed by the doctoral supervisor and the members of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee. This is the justification for the doctoral supervisor's entering the grade obtained by the doctoral student in the official academic records.

(7) The activities (examinations) in the training module for the specialised skills are established and planned by the doctoral supervisor together with the doctoral student, being included in the individual doctoral programme.

(8) The records of the activities under the advanced higher-education programme and the obtained results are kept at SDI. Further details on how to conduct the doctoral students' activity throughout the doctoral programme can be found in the related **specific instruction**.

Art. 9. Content of the individual scientific research/applicative research programme

(1) The main objective of the individual scientific or applicative research programme consists in writing the doctoral thesis.

(2) The scientific or applicative research programme is conducted in the framework of IOSUD-UNITBV, using the research infrastructure available within the Research and Development Institute of Transilvania University of Braşov and/or its faculties/ departments, as well as/or within research institutes and companies/ organizations endowed with the adequate technology/ research and development units, with which inter-institutional collaboration agreements have been/ can be concluded in this regard.

(3) IOSUD-UNITBV, through SDI, will make financial, logistical and research resources available to the doctoral students in order for them to conduct their activity in the framework of the doctoral study programme.

(4) SDI, with the endorsement of CSUD-UNITBV, will decide in its own documents on the structure and duration of the research activity, on the procedure for reporting and method of evaluation, respectively, on the number of credits allocated to the research programme, as the case may be.

(5) The activities of the individual scientific or applicative research programme are planned by the doctoral supervisor and approved by C-SDI. The records of the activities corresponding to this programme are kept according to the models provided by SDI.

(6) Throughout the scientific or applicative research programme, the doctoral student will make and defend 2 (two) or 3 (three) research reports, assessed as very good, good, satisfactory or unsatisfactory. The number and the topic of the research reports are established through the individual doctoral programme.

(7) The defence of the research reports is planned at the doctoral student's request, with the doctoral supervisor's approval and the endorsement of the department in which the doctoral supervisor conducts his/her activity. The defence takes place in front of:

(8) the doctoral supervisor and the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, having as guests/ participants the academic teaching personnel/ specialists in the faculty/ department/ research centre, as the case may be. The result is recorded in minutes to be submitted/ transmitted to SDI.

(9) In order to ensure a consistent scientific path, the doctoral student gives, at his/her request and at least once every 12 months, a presentation of the progress of his/her scientific research programme, in front of the doctoral supervisor and of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee, who have the role to guide, correct and support the doctoral student's scientific path.

(10) IOSUD-UNITBV, through SDI, will provide and develop an adequate organisational framework for the doctoral students' participation in research teams.

(11) The provision of the necessary resources for the conduct of the doctoral student's individual scientific research programme is also a specific obligation of the doctoral supervisor, of SDI and of IOSUD-UNITBV.

Art. 10. Specializations and forms of doctorate

- (1) The specializations under which the doctoral university studies may come are the scientific doctorate and the professional doctorate.
- (2) The scientific doctorate has as an outcome the production of original, internationally relevant scientific knowledge based on scientific methods.
- (3) The scientific doctorate is organised only in the full-time or part-time form of education, either with funding from the state budget, or on a self-financing basis, according to the Regulations of IOSUD-UNITBV and to the Methodology for Admission.
- (4) The scientific doctorate underlies the professional career in higher education and research.
- (5) After the completion of the scientific doctoral studies, the diploma and the degree of Doctor of Sciences (Dr.) are conferred by IOSUD-UNITBV, on the basis of the Rector's decision to award the doctor's degree.
- (6) The professional doctorate, in the field of arts and sports, respectively for dual education, aims at producing original knowledge by applying the scientific method, the systematic reflection or the applicative research on artistic creations, on sports performances of high national and international level, or on topics of practical importance underlying a professional career in higher education and in research, in the pursued fields.
- (7) The professional doctorate can be organised in full-time and part-time forms, with financing from public and private funds or on a self-financing basis, according to the Regulations of IOSUD-UNITBV and to the Methodology for Admission.
- (8) After the completion of the professional doctoral studies, the diploma and the degree of Doctor in a professional field are conferred by IOSUD-UNITBV, on the basis of the Rector's decision to award the doctor's degree.
- (9) The degrees and related diplomas issued by IOSUD-UNITBV are national, bear the name "Diploma of Doctor" and certify the highest academic and professional competencies that a person can achieve in higher education.

Art. 11. Duration of the doctoral university studies

- (1) The doctoral study programme has a normal 4 (four)-year duration of tuition for all fields, starting with the series of the doctoral students enrolled in the 2023-2024 academic year. For the doctoral students enrolled prior to the entry into force of the Law of Higher Education no. 199/2023, the normal duration of the doctoral study programme is established by the applicable legislation at the time of their enrolment.
- (2) The number of transferable credits related to the higher-education cycle of doctorate is of 240 for all doctoral fields within IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (3) The doctoral studies may be interrupted for solid reasons, at the doctoral student's written request, with the doctoral supervisor's consent, the endorsement of C-SDI and the approval of the University Senate, under the conditions established by specific instructions. The cumulative interruption periods may not exceed 2 (two) years, and the duration of the doctoral studies will be extended with the cumulated periods of the approved interruptions.
- (4) During the interruptions, there are no financial obligations for either IOSUD-UNITBV or for the doctoral student, regardless of the doctoral format and the financing regime in which the doctoral student was enrolled. This situation is regulated by a deed additional to the doctoral study contract.
- (5) For solid reasons, under the conditions established by the specific instructions, the duration of the doctoral programme may be extended by a maximum of 2 (two) years, or reduced by 1 (one) year, at the doctoral student's written request, with the doctoral supervisor's consent, the endorsement of C-SDI and the approval of the University Senate.
- (6) The doctoral students' financial regime in the extension period is established by the Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies within IOSUD-UNITBV. This situation is regulated through an addendum to the doctoral study contract.

Art. 12. Writing and public defence of the doctoral thesis

- (1) The doctoral studies, regardless of their specialization or form, are completed by writing and publicly defending the doctoral thesis, in front of the doctoral committee.
- (2) The doctoral student shall be the author of the doctoral thesis and take responsibility for the correctness of the data and information presented in the thesis, as well as for the opinions and demonstrations expressed therein.

- (3) The doctoral thesis is an original creation; therefore, it is compulsory to mention the source of any material taken over.
- (4) The content of the doctoral thesis is established by the doctoral student in consultation with the doctoral supervisor and abides by the framework structure and limitations imposed by the Regulations of IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (5) The title of the doctoral thesis can be changed, with the doctoral supervisor's endorsement, until the moment of its completion for the public defence.
- (6) According to the Framework Regulations on Doctoral University Studies and to the Regulations of IOSUD-UNITBV, the doctoral supervisor shall make all efforts to check the compliance of the doctoral theses with the specific requirements of an original creation.
- (7) The doctoral thesis can be written and defended in Romanian, in the language of a national minority or in an international language, according to the Contract of Doctoral Studies. The doctoral theses written in a language other than Romanian must be accompanied by an abstract written in Romanian
- (8) The legal stages and time limits for the public defence of the doctoral thesis, the structure of the Committee for the Public Defence of the Doctoral Thesis, as well as the documents necessary for the preparation of the doctoral file are established according to the applicable legislation, through the specific instructions for the completion and public defence of the doctoral theses.

Chapter IV - Quality assurance in the framework of the doctoral study programmes

Art. 13. Quality management within SDI

- (1) The basic mission of SDI within IOSUD-UNITBV is to organise and develop the activity of doctoral education and in-depth scientific research or applicative research in the authorised/ accredited doctoral fields, at national and international standards of excellence.
- (2) SDI coordinates all activities related to the organization and conduct of the doctoral studies and aims at promoting and achieving excellence in the fundamental and applicative research, in order to train specialists in interdisciplinary fields, capable of meeting the requirements of the labour market, respectively, at increasing the national and international visibility of the doctoral programmes within IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (3) The basic mission of SDI builds on:
 - a) offering doctoral study programmes in collaboration with the university's faculties and departments;
 - b) developing and applying a quality management system, with a view to permanently improving the quality of the doctoral programmes;
 - c) raising funds in order to finance the doctoral study programmes;
 - d) developing the necessary procedures for the evaluation of the doctoral programmes.
- (4) SDI is responsible, through all members involved in the field of the doctoral studies (doctoral supervisors, doctoral students, teaching and research personnel), for the compliance with the ethical values and the standards in scientific research, technological development and innovation.
- (5) The application of the research ethics rules to the specific activities for the doctoral studies conducted within SDI pursues the protection of the participants' interests and rights, and incorporates ethical considerations in all stages of the research processes, which aims at ensuring the integrity and fair presentation of the research results, at properly acknowledging the research contributions, and at settling the conflicts of interests.

Art. 14. Evaluation of the doctoral study programmes and of the activity conducted by the doctoral students and the doctoral supervisors

- (1) The quality of the doctoral study programmes, of the doctoral fields and of the doctoral supervisors' achievements periodically undergoes an external and internal process of evaluation.
- (2) The external evaluation for the accreditation/ re-accreditation or authorization of the doctoral fields is made periodically, according to the applicable legislation.
- (3) The internal evaluation procedures for the quality of the doctoral programmes and the doctoral students' activity, by doctoral fields, are developed by C-SDI and approved by CSUD-UNITBV. The internal evaluation of the doctoral fields and of the doctoral supervisors' activity is made periodically, on the basis of methodologies developed by

CSUD-UNITBV and approved by the Senate of UNITBV. CSUD-UNITBV establishes the form in which the results of the evaluations are made public, inclusively by displaying them on the website of UNITBV.

(4) The internal evaluation procedures for the quality of the doctoral study programmes mainly address the following aspects: the mission and the objectives of the doctoral study programme; the content and the curriculum of the doctoral study programme; the results of the research conducted by the doctoral students and the doctoral supervisors; the means of documentation, as well as the hardware and software infrastructure available to the doctoral students; the provision of the doctoral study programmes with high-quality human resources; the ways to evaluate the development stage of the doctoral study programmes and to monitor the doctoral students' progress; the compliance with the provisions of the Code of Academic Ethics and Professional Deontology by everyone involved in the doctoral study programmes within SDI.

(5) The evaluation of the doctoral students' activity focuses on the following aspects: the results of the research activity conducted during the doctoral study programme (results quantified by publications, participation in conferences, patents, books/ chapters, etc.), the quality of the results obtained by the doctoral students (indexation of the publications in relevant international databases for the field concerned, citations, awards, etc.); the evaluation of the doctoral students' progress in acquiring professional and transversal skills, and respectively, in developing knowledge-generation skills; the evaluation of the doctoral students' capability to identify, formulate and solve research problems; their capability to understand and apply the principles and values of scientific research ethics.

(6) The internal evaluation procedures for the doctoral supervisors mainly address the quality of the results obtained in the activity of scientific research/ artistic creation and in coordinating the doctoral students (articles, books/ chapters, patents, etc.), as well as other activity quantification indicators (e.g. the participation in research projects and research grants, contracts of research and technical support financed by economic agents, membership in scientific and professional organizations).

Chapter V – The legal status of the doctoral students and of the doctoral supervisors

Art. 15. Fundamental principles

(1) The status of the doctoral students and of the doctoral supervisors at UNITBV considers and imposes the compliance with the principles of freedom, democracy, equality and solidarity, as well as political independence of the academic environment.

(2) A person enrolled in a doctoral programme has the status of doctoral student in terms of higher-education cycle, regardless of the specialization and form of doctoral studies s/he attends. Under the conditions set by the applicable legislation, the doctoral students can be employed as research assistants or Assistant Professors, for a determined period of time, based on a competition.

(3) The status of doctoral student can be acquired after an admission competition (Art.4) only by the candidates who are graduates with a degree of the second higher-education cycle or the equivalent thereof, in accordance with the legal provisions valid on the date of their admission.

(4) The status of doctoral supervisor is obtained according to the legislation in force.

(5) The rights and obligations of the doctoral students and of the doctoral supervisors are sanctioned in the Contract of Doctoral Studies, made and signed according to the provisions of these Regulations, in compliance with the provisions of the Law of National Education no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments, and the provisions of the Order of the Minister of Education (OME) no. 3020/2024 for the approval of the Framework Regulations on Doctoral University Studies, with subsequent amendments.

Art. 16. The doctoral students' rights and obligations in the didactic field

(1) The doctoral students have the right and the obligation to attend the doctoral study programme, which must specify and observe the share of the activities conducted in study groups and under the doctoral supervisor's guidance.

(2) The doctoral student has the right to be informed on the curriculum of the doctoral university studies within SDI.

(3) Both the advanced higher-education programme (in study groups and/or individual) and the individual scientific or applicative research programme are compulsory.

- (4) The type of doctoral study programme, namely scientific or professional, and its form, namely full-time education, part-time education or distance learning, and the research topic are chosen in collaboration with the potential doctoral supervisor.
- (5) The doctoral student is entitled to apply for the recognition of previous doctoral stages, of previous scientific research stages in the country or abroad, as well as of courses attended during the research master's programme.
- (6) The doctoral student fully benefits from the entire logistics of IOSUD-UNITBV: documentation centres, libraries (including international databases), software licenses, laboratory logistics, advanced equipment, and more, as well as from other facilities that are under the administration of IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (7) The doctoral student has the right to participate in courses, seminars and activities throughout his/her education programme and s/he may request support for attending similar activities of the doctoral schools through mobilities in the country and abroad, provided that the doctoral supervisor agrees in terms of available time and lack of disruption of the basic education programme, and of the necessary financial support from additional sources to those dedicated to the basic preparation.
- (8) The doctoral student has the right to do internships, exclusively aimed at the topic of the doctoral thesis, both in the country and abroad, benefiting from the financial support of IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (9) The doctoral student has the right to unrestricted information on the syllabus of the doctoral study programme, on the evaluation criteria for the admission and periodic evaluations, on how to write the doctoral thesis, on the duties of partly publishing his/her research results in impact journals, on his/her intellectual property rights, etc.
- (10) At the request of the department/ faculty, with the doctoral supervisor's endorsement, the doctoral student may perform didactic activities or activities in support of the didactic process and/or research activities related to the existing contracts within UNITBV, in compliance with the provisions of the contract of doctoral studies.
- (11) The doctoral student has to abide by the schedule of didactic activities and by the programme of research activities provided for in the educational plan of SDI, respectively, in the individual doctoral programme. The sanctions for the failure to comply with these provisions are stipulated in the contract of doctoral studies.
- (12) After the defence of the doctoral thesis, IOSUD-UNITBV issues a certificate attesting to the period in which the doctoral student attended the doctoral studies.

Art. 17. The doctoral students' rights and obligations in the scientific field

- (1) The doctoral student has to bring original contributions to the fundamental research or to the applicative research together with the doctoral supervisor (with single or joint supervision) and, where applicable, with the research team s/he is included in. This original contribution is the essence of the doctoral thesis and its absence shall void the right of public defence.
- (2) The doctoral student shall keep confidential the data, information and documents related to the activity in the framework of the doctoral research, establishing in agreement with the doctoral supervisor the appropriate forms of capitalization on and dissemination (publication, patenting) of the research results obtained within IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (3) The doctoral student has the contractual right and obligation to disseminate, in compliance with the provisions of Art.17(2), his/her scientific achievements by participating in congresses, conferences, seminars, symposia, etc.
- (4) The doctoral student has the right to benefit from institutional support in order to participate in scientific conferences or congresses, workshops, summer or winter schools, as well as national and international seminars in the field of the doctoral programme.
- (5) All the achievements resulting from the doctoral stage must indicate the institutional affiliation to IOSUD-UNITBV.
- (6) The doctoral student has to cede IOSUD-UNITBV the patents resulting from his/her research activity, with him/her as the holder of the intellectual property rights.
- (7) The doctoral student has to participate in all the scientific events organised by SDI or IOSUD-UNITBV for the doctoral students.
- (8) The doctoral student has to inform the doctoral supervisor about all the scientific breakthroughs or advances in his/her field of research, and to obtain each time the latter's consent for delving into one field or another, for covering

all his/her innovations with patents, or for disseminating the results without affecting the intellectual property, but marking the scientific priority in the studied field.

(9) The doctoral student has the right to work together with research teams of IOSUD-UNITBV or other research and development centres that have concluded inter-institutional agreements with IOSUD-UNITBV, as interdisciplinary initiatives are encouraged and supported.

(10) The doctoral student has the right to be integrated into the teams of the research projects within IOSUD-UNITBV, inclusively by his/her participating in the process of writing and submitting the applications for funding.

Art. 18. The doctoral students' rights and obligations in the administrative field

(1) The doctoral student has the right to be in permanent contact with the doctoral supervisor and to benefit from the guidance, coordination and support of the doctoral supervisor and of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee.

(2) The doctoral student has the right to participate in the seminars and work meetings of the research and development staff of IOSUD-UNITBV when relevant topics for the doctoral university studies are under discussion.

(3) The doctoral student has the right to be represented in the decision-making fora of IOSUD-UNITBV (C-SDI, CSUD) and, to the extent permitted by the University Charter, in the Senate of UNITBV.

(4) The doctoral student has the right to benefit from the support services made available by UNITBV for students, including accommodation and canteen.

(5) For the national and/or international mobilities that the doctoral student is entitled to, according to the contract of doctoral studies, the specialised services of IOSUD-UNITBV will provide him/her with the necessary assistance.

(6) The didactic or research activities additional to those provided for in Art. 16 para. (10) hereof will be remunerated according to the applicable legislation, falling within the Labour Code, in compliance with the employee's rights and obligations. For these additional activities, it is compulsory to pay the contributions due, under the law, to the state social insurance, unemployment insurance, social health insurance, as well as to the insurance for work accidents and occupational diseases.

(7) The doctoral student has to observe the institutional discipline of UNITBV, complying with the Rules of Procedure and with all disciplinary provisions provided for in the University Charter.

(8) The doctoral student has to abide by the policies of academic ethics and deontology and to conduct his/her studies and research in compliance with the academic integrity rules, governed by the Code of Academic Ethics and Deontology. Any complaints about his/her failure to comply with the rules of academic ethics and deontology are registered with and settled by the Academic Ethics and Deontology Committee. Under the Framework-Regulations on the Doctoral Studies (para. 2) the following are considered infringements of the academic integrity rules:

- fabrication of results or data: reporting of fictitious results or data, which are not the actual result of the research and development activity
- falsification of results or data: selective reporting or rejection of data or unwanted results, manipulation of representations or illustrations, alteration of the experimental or numerical apparatus, in order to obtain the desired data, without reporting the alterations made, with a view to diverting the scientific truth;
- plagiarism: the presentation as a supposedly personal creation or scientific contribution, in a written work, including in electronic format, of texts, ideas, demonstrations, data, theories, results or scientific methods taken from other authors' written works, including in electronic format, without mentioning this and without referring to the original sources;
- self-plagiarism: republication of substantial parts of one's own previous publications, including translations, without properly indicating or citing the original.

(9) The doctoral student has to give, at his/her request, at least once every 12 months, a presentation on the progress of his/her scientific research programme, in front of the doctoral supervisor and of the Advisory and Academic Integrity Committee.

(10) After each stage of training, whether research or practical work, the doctoral student has to make activity reports that must be analysed and endorsed by the doctoral supervisor or other structures (department, faculty, research centre) if the activity concerns them, too.

(11) For the financial support of the doctoral research, the doctoral student has the right to initiate or participate in other research contracts. In these cases, double funding of the research must be avoided.

(12) Throughout the doctoral studies, the doctoral student has to abide by the rules of Occupational Safety and Health (SSM), as well as for emergency situations (SU) of UNITBV, having his/her own file and participating regularly, together with the team s/he is part of, in the specialized trainings on SSM and SU.

Art. 19. The doctoral supervisors' rights and obligations in the didactic field

(1) The doctoral supervisor provides permanent guidance and professional coordination of high scientific level for each coordinated doctoral student, under the professional and academic autonomy, meeting the requirements of the doctoral study programme, and observing the doctoral student's professional interests.

(2) The doctoral supervisor has to monitor, ensure and foster the progress in science and knowledge of the doctoral students under his/her coordination.

(3) The doctoral supervisor shall use a transparent evaluation system, which the candidate for the admission to the doctoral studies needs to know in advance, so that rigour and fairness can be the features of the evaluation for the admission.

(4) The topics proposed by the doctoral supervisor must be adapted to the economic and social requirements so that the professional development through doctoral studies can ensure the PhD holder's rapid insertion on the labour market or the continuation of the research activity through postdoctoral stages.

(5) The doctoral supervisor will encourage and support the doctoral students' mobility in the country and abroad, to research centres, research institutes or universities specialised in the topic of the doctoral student's thesis, having a level of knowledge, a relevance and a visibility at least equal to those of IOSUD- UNITBV which sends him/her for specialization.

(6) The doctoral supervisor has to get involved in making the doctoral study programmes of SDI, ensuring their flexibility, so that they can be adapted to the chosen research topics.

(7) The doctoral supervisor, through student coordination, ensures a good visibility of IOSUD-UNITBV by means of the papers published by the doctoral students, their participation in prestigious conferences and congresses, as well as the patenting of their inventions.

(8) The doctoral supervisor has to provide the necessary conditions for the admission exam to the doctorate to be a fair competition, without direct or indirect discrimination between the candidates.

(9) The doctoral supervisor has to make all efforts to check the compliance of the doctoral theses with the specific requirements of an original creation, to resort to the means of preventing/ combating and detecting plagiarism, including the specialised software made available by the University, and to communicate to the management of SDI any suspicion of plagiarism.

(10) The doctoral supervisor must be active in concluding international agreements or partnerships, in facilitating mobility exchanges of doctoral students and doctoral supervisors, in initiating scientific research topics of international cooperation, in order to ensure the scientific and equipment base of UNITBV.

(11) The doctoral supervisor has to examine the applications for the interruption or extension of the doctoral studies and to endorse them or not, as the case may be.

(12) The doctoral supervisor has the right to propose the advisory and academic integrity committees, as well as the public defence committees for the doctoral theses s/he has coordinated.

(13) The doctoral supervisor is a member in the public defence committees for the doctoral theses s/he has coordinated. For the participation in the doctoral committees, the doctoral supervisor is remunerated with an amount set by the Executive Board.

(14) The doctoral supervisor has the right and obligation to actively participate in developing the strategy of IOSUD-UNITBV for attracting and selecting candidates.

(15) The doctoral supervisor has to include in the doctoral student's educational plan those academic subjects of the advanced higher-education programme that are relevant for increasing his/her knowledge, or to propose the equivalence of those subjects in the research master's programme attended by the doctoral student that are directly related to the chosen doctoral topic.

(16) The doctoral supervisor has the duty to involve in SDI young lecturers, associate professors or scientific researchers of high potential as the next generation for the doctoral school, so that there is continuity in style, approached topics and academic requirements.

(17) The doctoral supervisor will be the one to attract other doctoral supervisors for the jointly supervised doctorates, renowned personalities of the national and international scientific life, thereby increasing the visibility of the doctoral school on a national and international level.

Art. 20. The doctoral supervisors' rights and obligations in the scientific field

(1) The doctoral supervisor has the right and responsibility to establish the structure, the content, the conduct and organization of the doctoral student's scientific research or applicative research programme.

(2) The doctoral supervisor is directly responsible for the doctoral student's scientific progress, having to take all necessary measures to provide him/her with the conditions, knowledge and information that maximize his/her chances of completing the doctoral programme.

(3) The doctoral supervisor has to participate on a periodical basis in the evaluation of his/her own research activity, according to the rules established at the level of IOSUD-UNITBV and/or at the national level.

(4) The doctoral supervisor is entitled to an impartial evaluation, in line with the specific methodology, s/he has the right to know the evaluation methodology and the evaluation results.

(5) The doctoral supervisor has to develop research enhancement strategies and policies through the doctorate, mobilising to this effect the research teams s/he is a member in and presenting to the management of IOSUD-UNITBV the reasons s/he will have taken into account so that these strategies can be included in the overall research strategy of IOSUD-UNITBV.

(6) The doctoral supervisor, by means of the topics offered to the doctoral students, supports the scientific research activity of UNITBV.

(7) The doctoral supervisor has to keep confidential the data, information and documents related to the activity conducted within the doctoral research s/he coordinates, but also to the one conducted within IOSUD-UNITBV.

(8) The doctoral supervisor is the one who guarantees with his/her own scientific and professional prestige the quality of the doctoral theses that s/he coordinates and the fact that they bring an original contribution to the development of scientific knowledge.

(9) In the event of the decision not to confer the degree of Doctor upon the doctoral student, s/he will be expelled.

Art. 21 The doctoral supervisors' rights and obligations in the administrative field

(1) The doctoral supervisors' workload is established according to the legal provisions. The work standardization is done so as to avoid overloading and to ensure the time budget needed for doctoral student guidance.

(2) The doctoral supervisor needs to be not only a scientific mentor, but also a guide for the doctoral students in administrative terms, so that the doctoral student can solve his/her tasks in a quick and timely manner.

(3) The doctoral supervisor has the right to request C-SDI to terminate his/her relationship of coordination with a PhD student, for solid grounds.

(4) The doctoral supervisor has to take into account the doctoral student's compliance with the safety and health norms at work and in emergency situations, by maintaining contact with the specialised services of UNITBV and permanently monitoring the update of the necessary instructions and trainings.

(5) The doctoral supervisor has the right to be elected in CSUD-UNITBV and C-SDI by universal, direct and secret vote. As a member in these management committees, s/he must contribute to the development of the doctoral studies within IOSUD-UNITBV.

(6) The doctoral supervisor is jointly liable with the doctoral student and with the other management boards of the departments and scientific research centres for the damage caused to IOSUD-UNITBV by misadministration, as well as abusive or negligent use of the material and monetary values of IOSUD-UNITBV.

(7) The doctoral supervisor has to know and observe all the rights and duties incumbent on the doctoral student under the provisions of the University Charter and of the institutional Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of the Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies within IOSUD-UNITBV.

(8) The doctoral supervisors have to participate in preparing the periodic internal or external evaluation files of the doctoral fields and of IOSUD/SDI, providing the necessary data such as: research results, publications, patents, participation in conferences, symposia and congresses, etc.

(9) The doctoral supervisors are entitled to an impartial internal and external evaluation, in accordance with the methodology specific to the process of evaluation, which they have the right to be informed of.

- (10) The doctoral supervisors who have been elected directors of CSUD-UNITBV or of SDI are remunerated for this activity according to the legislation in force.
- (11) The doctoral supervisors have the right to propose the provisions they deem necessary for the institutional Regulations on the Organization and Conduct of the Doctoral Studies and respectively the Regulations of the Doctoral School, and to participate in the debates for the adoption of these regulations.
- (12) The doctoral supervisor has to countersign the Contract of Doctoral Studies of the student s/he coordinates, monitoring the fulfilment of the obligations and the granting of the rights provided for in this contract.
- (13) The doctoral supervisor has the right to participate in and contribute to the Guide to Writing Doctoral Theses.

Chapter VI - Transitory and final provisions

- (1) These Regulations are valid starting on the date of their approval by the University Senate.
- (2) These Regulations shall be lawfully completed with the applicable legislation and the decisions of the University Senate.
- (3) The specific instructions referred to in these Regulations, according to Appendix 1, are developed and regularly updated by SDI, for the purposes of compliance with the legislative changes in the field of the doctoral studies, and/or implementation of the development strategy of IOSUD-UNITBV. The instructions are endorsed by C-SDI, approved by CSUD-UNITBV and published on the website of SDI.

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OPIS OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
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Code	Description of instruction
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