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Pursuant to Article 26 of the Statute, in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 3 of the Regulation on Studies, the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka, at its 125th meeting held on 19 June 2013 and at the proposal of the Council for Doctoral Study Programme rendered the following

DECISION
**on the recognition of ECTS credit points for the Doctoral Study Programme of
the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka**

Article 1

The candidates who are admitted to the Doctoral Study Programme at the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka are recognized the ECTS credit points provided they are earned by:

- completion of a postgraduate master study programme in law,
- completion of a postgraduate specialist (professional) study programme in law, and
- completion of a university graduate study programme different from the university graduate (integrated university) study programme in law in the duration of at least five years for the purpose of acquiring the right of admission to the Doctoral Study Programme.

Article 2

(1) Candidate who upon completion of **postgraduate scientific (master) studies earned 120 ECST credit points** is relieved of the following obligations in the Doctoral Study Programme:

- passing six exams in the first semester of the Programme (30 ECTS credit points)
- writing three seminar papers in the second semester of the Programme (30 ECTS credit points)

(2) Candidate may also be relieved of the following obligations provided that he or she fulfilled them in the appropriate extent and quality in another postgraduate study programme:

- writing one scientific paper and its presentation at an international scientific conference and its publication in an internationally recognized scientific publication (10 ECTS credit points)
- study visit in an internationally recognized foreign scientific institution with a total duration of at least one semester (at least 4 months) (20 ECTS credit points).

(3) Candidate cannot be exempted from the obligation to apply for the approval of the doctoral dissertation topic (10 ECTS credit points) and the defence of the doctoral dissertation (80 ECTS credit points).

Article 3

(1) Candidate who upon completion of **postgraduate specialist studies earned 60 ECTS credit points** is relieved of the following obligations in the Doctoral Study Programme:

- passing five (out of six) exams in the first semester of the Programme (25 ECTS credit points)
- writing three seminar papers in the second semester of the Programme (30 ECTS credit points).

(2) Such a candidate may be relieved of the obligation to take the course Methodology of Legal Sciences (5 ECTS credits) if he or she has completed such a course, in an appropriate extent and quality, in another postgraduate study programme in law.

Article 4

(1) Candidate who upon completion of **postgraduate specialist professional study programme**, earned 90 or more ECTS credit points, is relieved of the following obligations:

- passing five or six exams in the first semester of the Programme (25 or 30 ECTS credit points)
- writing three seminar papers in the second semester of the Programme (30 ECTS credit points).

(2) Such a candidate may be relieved of the obligation to take the course Methodology of Legal Sciences (5 ECTS credits) if he or she has completed such a course, in an appropriate extent and quality, in another postgraduate study programme in law.

(3) Provided that he or she has completed them in the appropriate extent and quality, the candidate may be relieved of the following study obligations:

- writing one scientific paper and its presentation at an international scientific conference and its publication in an internationally recognized scholarly journal (10 ECTS credit points)
- study visit to an internationally recognized foreign scientific institutions with a total duration of at least one semester (at least 4 months) (20 ECTS credit points).

(4) Such a candidate cannot be exempted from the obligation to apply for the approval of the doctoral dissertation topic (10 ECTS credit points) and the defence of the doctoral dissertation (80 ECTS credit points).

Article 5

ECTS credit points can be recognised in an appropriate manner to a candidate who had enrolled into but did not complete a postgraduate (scientific or specialist) degree programme if these credit points were earned by fulfilling certain obligations included in that postgraduate (scientific or specialist) programme.

Article 6

Learning outcomes are recognized in an appropriate manner to a candidate who has completed a postgraduate (scientific or specialist) degree programme that is outside the ECTS, taking into consideration the number of semesters of the study programme, study workload, number of attended and completed courses, and other student obligations, as well as the academic reputation of the institution which awards the diploma.

Article 7

(1) ECTS credit points shall be recognised *for the purpose of acquiring the right of admission* to the Doctoral Study Programme to the candidate who has completed a university study programme in the scientific field other than in law in the duration of at least five years (300 ECTS credit points) if the candidate:

- a) has completed university study programme other than in law with an average grade of at least 3.5 or has published as a single author (or as one of three authors) three scientific or professional papers, of which at least one scientific paper that is valued in the election into a scientific title from the scientific area/field in which he or she graduated;
- b) has an outstanding study and/or professional accomplishments and an especially promising personal doctoral study plan.

(2) This candidate shall *be enrolled* into the Doctoral Study Programme provided:

- a) he or she attends classes and passes exams, or based on a special reasoned request only passes exams, with an average grade of at least 3.5, in the courses provided by the university integrated (undergraduate and graduate) law studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka in the amount up to 60 ECTS credit points determined by the Council for Doctoral Study Programme,
- b) he or she meets the requirements provided in Article 7, paragraph 2, subparagraph a) of this Decision during one preparatory full-time year or during two part-time years, which are not included in the total duration of his or her doctoral studies, and
- c) for the purpose of meeting the requirements under the first point, he or she pays half of the tuition for the Doctoral Study Programme to the Faculty, unless the Faculty Council explicitly exempts him or her from this obligation.

(3) Conditional enrolment is allowed to a candidate who meets the requirements provided in Article 7, paragraph 1, subparagraphs a) and b) of this Decision if he or she has met all the requirements of at least two years of the university law studies and

passed exams in the law studies with the average passing grade of 3.5 or higher in at least the following courses:

- a) Sociology or Political Economy
- b) Theory of Law and State
- c) a legal-historical course (General History or National History or Roman Law)
- d) Civil law
- e) Civil Procedural Law
- f) Criminal law
- g) Criminal Procedural Law
- h) Constitutional law
- i) Administrative Law or Science of Administration
- j) International law.

Article 8

This Decision shall enter into force upon its adoption, and shall apply to candidates who enrol into the Doctoral Study Programme in the academic year 2013/2014.

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