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Conditions and Rules of the Admission Procedure for the Third-Degree University Studies in the study programme *Transport Machines and Equipment* at the Faculty of Engineering of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra for the academic year 2026/2027

Doctoral studies at the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra are carried out in accordance with the system of the Doctoral School of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra as a university-wide unit established on the basis of Directive 5/2025 on the Doctoral School of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, which supports the academic, professional, and career development of doctoral candidates and contributes to the systematic improvement of the quality of doctoral studies.

BASIC CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION TO STUDY

Pursuant to Section 56 (4) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") and pursuant to Article 32 (1) of the Study Regulations of the SUA in Nitra, the basic condition for admission to doctoral studies is second-level university education.

OTHER CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION TO STUDY

Pursuant to Section 57 (1) and (3) of the Act, the admission procedure for doctoral studies includes an entrance examination which verifies the applicant's abilities for study.

Pursuant to Article 32 (2) of the Study Regulations of the SUA in Nitra, the committee takes into account the knowledge of one world language, in the case of foreign applicants knowledge of Slovak (in the case of study programmes taught in the Slovak language or in a combination of Slovak and English) and world languages, subjects forming the theoretical basis of the selected study programme and the presentation of theses on the topic of the dissertation (published on the website and on the Euraxess portal). Activities in the scientific activities of students during the second degree of study are taken into account.

Admission to study in a doctoral study programme is carried out by an admission procedure on dates publicly announced, usually once, or at most twice during a calendar year. Information for applicants is published in Slovak and English.

If an applicant for doctoral studies chooses a dissertation topic announced by an external educational institution, the external educational institution must also agree to his or her admission to doctoral studies. The entrance examination (Section 57 (3) of the Act) is held before a committee in which members from the higher education institution and members designated by the statutory body of the external educational institution are represented. Members from the university are appointed by the Dean for SPs held at the faculty and by the Rector for SPs that do not take place at the faculty. The entrance examination may be held at the premises of the external educational

institution with the participation of representatives of the higher education institution upon agreement between the higher education institution or faculty and the external educational institution.

Other conditions for admission to doctoral studies also include:

- Completeness of the application together with attachments and proof of payment of the fee, while it is possible or recommended to submit the application electronically. Other documents that cannot be submitted electronically at the time of submitting the application will be submitted by applicants during the admission procedure.
- Personal participation of the applicant in the entrance examination on the given date. In the case of worthy facts, the entrance exam will take place online via MS Teams.

METHOD OF VERIFYING OTHER CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

In accordance with Article 32 (2) of the Study Regulations of the SUA in Nitra, during the entrance examination, the committee evaluates the knowledge of one world language (knowledge of Slovak and world languages for foreign applicants), knowledge of the subjects forming the theoretical basis of the selected study programme and the presentation of theses on the topic of the dissertation (the framework project contains the preliminary aim of the thesis, the reason for the choice of the topic, the prerequisites and motivation of the applicant for the research of the given topic, preliminary proposal of the methodology, expected benefit for practice). The evaluation takes into account the results and activities in the applicant's professional and scientific activities during previous studies.

The Dean decides on the admission of an applicant to doctoral studies on the basis of the results of the entrance examination. Every applicant for doctoral studies must pass an entrance examination.

Method of verification (oral/written) and evaluation (max. values) of the entrance examination for the study programme *Transport Machines and Equipment*:

Evaluation of the applicant's prerequisites	**Maximum number of points**
a) Knowledge in the field of the chosen field of study and programme – in the form of oral professional discussion on thematic areas	
- Transport and Handling Mechanisms	10 pts
- Combustion Engines of Automobiles	10 pts
- Characteristics of Motor Vehicles	10 pts
b) English language – in the form of a written test*	10 pts
c) English language – in the form of an interview in professional terminology related to the chosen topic of the doctoral thesis	20 pts
d) Presentation of the framework project on the topic of the dissertation – oral form (max. 10 min)	20 pts
e) Study average from the 2nd degree of study:	
- in the range 1.00 – 1.50	10 pts
- in the range 1.51 – 2.00	5 pts
f) Other activities in scientific work – based on a list of published works, awards, etc. (provide a list of published works, diploma, certificate, etc.)	10 pts

* An applicant may submit a document proving a satisfactory level of knowledge of the English language by means of one of the following certificates/certificates (does not apply to applicants for whom the English language is the mother tongue and applicants with citizenship of countries where the English language is one of the state languages):

- State language exam at least at B2 level.
- UNIcert® at B2 or C1 level.
- IELTS Academic Version (International English Language Testing Service, British Council) with a minimum score of 6.5 points.

- Cambridge Exam (Certificate in Advanced English, or a certificate of English proficiency from the University of Cambridge at least at B2 level).
- TOEFL at least at B2 level.
- Other recognised certificate of language proficiency at least at B2 level according to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).
- In the event that the applicant fails to submit a document proving a satisfactory level of knowledge of the English language, such a level will be confirmed by a representative of the SUA Language Centre at the admission interview after the examination.

At the applicant's request, the form of the entrance examination and the method of its implementation will be determined for an applicant with special needs, taking into account their specific needs, based on the evaluation of their specific needs.

The admissions committee will evaluate the result of the entrance examinations at a closed meeting. If several applicants for the same topic of the dissertation take part in the entrance examinations, the admissions committee determines the order of success of the applicants according to the result of the entrance examinations.

The admissions committee will provide a report on the result of the entrance exams, which will include an overview of the points obtained for individual areas, as well as the ranking according to the total number of points achieved. The report with their annexes shall be confirmed by the chairman of the admissions committee with his signature and handed over to the Dean of the faculty.

The decision on the result of the admission procedure must be made in writing within 30 days of the verification of the fulfilment of the conditions for admission to study.

When admitting to doctoral studies, the Dean has the right to select applicants with better results who are enrolled in other topics or a different study programme.

An applicant who has received a decision on non-admission to doctoral studies may submit a request for a review of this decision to the authority that issued the decision within eight days from the date of its delivery.

INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS AND APPLICANTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE SECOND LEVEL OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES ABROAD

In addition to the obligatory attachments, a foreign applicant or an applicant who has completed their studies at the second level of study abroad must attach to the application form or to the Application Form a Recognition Statement of the level of education or an officially verified Decision on the Recognition of a Document on Education.

Applicants who obtained their education in EU Member States or in countries with which the Slovak Republic has concluded a bilateral governmental agreement on the recognition of educational qualifications shall generate the Recognition Statement via the following link: https://uznavanie.minedu.sk/en/recognition-statement/.

If no Recognition Statement is published for the given educational qualification, it is necessary to proceed through the academic recognition process (recognition of an educational qualification for the purpose of continuing studies and other purposes). Further information on the recognition of educational qualifications is available on the website: https://uznavanie.minedu.sk/en/navigator/.

Foreign applicants (with the exception of applicants from the Czech Republic and applicants who have graduated from the Slovak language) who apply for the study programme provided at the SUA in Nitra in the Slovak language and in a combination of Slovak and English must take an online test and an online oral interview aimed at determining the level of their language proficiency in the Slovak language. Testing is provided by the SUA Language Centre in Nitra (https://cj.uniag.sk/sk/domov/) on two dates, about which applicants will be informed in advance.

After passing the language test, the candidate will be issued with a certificate of test result corresponding to the language level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The test and confirmation are charged 30 EUR. If the level of language proficiency of the applicant for study is lower than A1, the applicant will not be admitted to study. If the level of language proficiency of the applicant is A1, the applicant has fulfilled one of the conditions for admission to study, but will be obliged to complete a 30-hour paid Slovak language course organized by the SUA Language Centre in Nitra (course fee: 120 EUR). The course will take place from August 24, 2026 to September 4, 2026. Upon completion of the course, the applicant will be issued with a

certificate of completion. If the applicant's language proficiency level is A2 or above, the applicant has fulfilled one of the admission conditions.

Detailed information about the test and the course will be provided on the website of the Language Centre (https://cj.uniag.sk/sk/domov/).

Other requirements for PhD studies are regulated by Methodological Instruction 03/2022 Quality Assurance of Doctoral Studies at SUA in Nitra (https://www.uniag.sk/en/study-programmes-3).

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The admission procedure for doctoral studies at the Faculty Engineering of SUA in Nitra for the academic year 2026/2027 is carried out in accordance with Sections 56 and 57 of the Act and in accordance with Article 32 of the Study Regulations of the SUA in Nitra

Terms:

Deadline for submission of applications:	31/05/2026 (electronic application)
Date of the entrance examination:	12/06/2026 at 8:00 a.m. in meeting room D-TF (4th floor)
Decision on the outcome of the admission procedure:	within 30 days of verifying the fulfilment of the conditions for admission to study

Fees:

Admission fee:	50 EUR
Payment method:	cashless according to the instructions provided in the electronic application

The electronic application form, list of mandatory attachments and dissertation topics are published on the faculty website**:** https://www.tf.uniag.sk/sk/temy-doktorandskych-dizertacnych-prac

ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE GIVEN STUDY PROGRAMME IN A FULL-TIME, PART-TIME FORM

Study programme	Form (full-time/part-time)	Period	Expected number of admitted to the SP	Language of study	Admissions fee	Tuition fee for 1 academic year
Transport Machines and Equipment	Full-time	3 academic years	2	Slovak	50 EUR	Free of charge
	Part-time	4 academic years	2	Slovak	50 EUR	1000 EUR

The conditions and rules of the admission procedure for the third degree university studies are established in accordance with Directive 5/2025 on the Doctoral School of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, which enters into force on 1 September 2026.

The Programme Committee of the *Transport Machines and Equipment* study programme approved the draft conditions and rules of the admission procedure for the given study programme, taking into account the specifics for students with special needs, on 16/01/2026.

The conditions and rules of the admission procedure for the study programme *Transport Machines and Equipment* were approved by the Board of Internal Quality Assurance System of Education at SUA in Nitra on 26/02/2026.