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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of these Regulations is to ensure the general reference framework for the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes within the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration - University of Craiova, an institution accredited by the Ministry of Education as an Institution Organising Doctoral University Studies (hereinafter UCV-IOSUD), as well as the specific framework for the organisation and operation of the “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences (SDSE).

The provisions of the Regulations of the “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences are based on the following regulations:

- a) Higher Education Law No. 199/2023;
- b) The Framework Regulation on doctoral university studies, approved by Order of the Minister of Education No. 3020/2024;
- c) The Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the National Council for the Attestation of University Titles, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU), approved by ORDER No. 5,760 of 8 August 2024;
- d) Emergency Ordinance No. 112 of 23 September 2024 on the amendment and supplementation of certain normative acts;
- e) OME No. 3651/2021 of 12 April 2021 approving the Methodology for the evaluation of doctoral university studies and the system of criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the evaluation, published in the Official Gazette No. 414 of 20 April 2021;
- f) OME No. 5110/2018 of 17 September 2018 approving the national minimum standards for the awarding of the doctoral degree, published in the Official Gazette No. 817 of 24 September 2018;

and are supplemented by:

- a) The Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of the Institution Organising Doctoral University Studies - University of Craiova (IOSUD-UCV), in force on the date of approval of these Regulations;
- b) The UCV Charter in force on the date of approval of these Regulations.

The “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences within the University of Craiova is entitled to organise doctoral university study programmes in the following accredited doctoral fields within the branch of science Economic Sciences: Cybernetics and Statistics; Accounting; Economics; Finance; Economic Informatics; Management.

Chapter I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1

(1) Doctoral studies last four years and comprise two components, carried out under the supervision of a doctoral supervisor within SDSE: an advanced university training programme and a scientific research programme. By way of exception, for doctoral students enrolled before the entry into force of Law No. 199/2023, the duration of doctoral studies may be three years.

(2) The Doctoral School Council, in consultation with the doctoral supervisors, draws up the curricula for advanced university training and the scientific research programmes for the accredited doctoral fields.

(3) Doctoral university studies within SDSE promote interdisciplinarity. This is achieved through cooperation with the doctoral schools of the University of Craiova and with those of other universities or research institutes in Romania and abroad.

Art. 2

(1) Doctoral university study programmes are organised as full-time and part-time forms of education. The attendance-related obligations are established by the doctoral supervisor, endorsed by the Doctoral School Council and approved by CSUD.

(2) The doctoral university study programmes within SDSE are specific to scientific doctorates and professional doctorates.

Art. 3

(1) The doctoral university study programme within SDSE is organised with funding from the state budget or from other legally established sources, as well as on a tuition-fee basis.

(2) SDSE benefits from places funded through budgetary grants, under the conditions regulated by the Ministry of Education and Research.

(3) Persons who meet the conditions laid down in these Regulations may be admitted, at their request and following successful completion of the doctoral admission competition, as doctoral students on a tuition-fee basis.

(4) For tuition-fee doctoral students, the Senate of the University of Craiova establishes each year, upon the proposal of IOSUD, an annual tuition fee and a fee for the defence of the doctoral thesis. These fees are made public at the time each doctoral admission competition is announced.

Chapter II. ORGANISATION OF THE “EUGENIU CARADA” DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Art. 4

(1) SDSE is led by the Director of the doctoral school and the Doctoral School Council (CSD), for a term of five years. The Director of SDSE is equivalent to a department director. The Doctoral School Council is equivalent to the department council.

(2) Doctoral students have one representative on the Doctoral School Council. The Director of SDSE is an ex officio member of the CSD. According to the Methodology for the election of doctoral school directors and doctoral school councils, the number of members who join the doctoral school director on the CSD represents approximately one eighth of the number of doctoral supervisors within that doctoral school, but not fewer than 2 members. In this context, for the 2025-2030 term, the Doctoral School Council of the “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences has the following composition: the Director of SDSE, 4 members elected from among the doctoral supervisors affiliated with SDSE, and 1 representative of the doctoral students.

(3) The Director and the members of the Doctoral School Council are elected in accordance with the Methodology for the election of doctoral school directors and doctoral school councils, approved by the Senate.

(4) The Doctoral School Council meets at least three times a year, at the convocation of the Director of SDSE or of at least one third of its members.

(5) The Doctoral School Council of the “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences decides by a majority vote of its members. In the event of a tie, the Director’s vote is decisive. Votes may also be cast by correspondence or online.

(6) The powers of the Director and of the Doctoral School Council are provided for in Arts. 9 and 10 of the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of IOSUD-UCV.

Chapter III. THE DOCTORAL SUPERVISOR AND THE SUPERVISORY AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

Art. 5

(1) Doctoral supervisors are persons who obtained the right to supervise doctorates before the date of entry into force of Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, as subsequently

amended and supplemented, as well as persons who obtained the habilitation certificate and become members of the “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences within IOSUD-UCV, on the basis of an individual employment contract.

(2) In order to be granted the status of doctoral supervisor affiliated with SDSE within IOSUD - University of Craiova, a teaching or research staff member holding a permanent position at IOSUD-UCV or at another higher education or research institution must hold a habilitation certificate in a field assigned to the doctoral school and must meet the habilitation standards in force at the time the affiliation request is submitted.

(3) Applications for affiliation with SDSE are analysed by the Doctoral School Council taking into account the applicant’s scientific performance, as well as the opportunity to affiliate new members. Approval of affiliation applications is granted by CSUD and the UCV Senate.

(4) For teaching staff whose primary position is at another higher education institution and who request affiliation with SDSE, the prior agreement of at least two thirds of the doctoral supervisors, expressed by secret ballot, is required. In this situation, the acquisition of the status of affiliated member of the doctoral school is made with the approval of the University Senate, after obtaining the endorsement of the Faculty Council.

(5) Affiliated doctoral supervisors may supervise doctoral students starting with the academic year following the one in which the affiliation took place.

(6) The right to carry out doctoral supervision may be exercised only in the field for which this status was granted and within a single IOSUD.

(7) Membership of the doctoral school ceases:

- a) upon termination of the employment contract between the doctoral supervisor and the University of Craiova, if no other employment contract for paid doctoral supervision activities on an hourly basis has been concluded;
- b) following withdrawal of doctoral supervisor status;
- c) at the request of the doctoral supervisor, irrespective of the reasons invoked;
- d) if no doctoral student has been supervised in the last five years;
- e) upon proposal of the CSD, with the endorsement of CSUD-UCV and approval of the UCV Senate, following an unfavourable result in the periodic evaluation.

(8) Withdrawal of the status of doctoral supervisor affiliated with SDSE may be based on one of the following grounds:

- a) failure to comply with quality standards or with standards of ethics and academic integrity in the organisation and conduct of doctoral university studies;
- b) failure to comply with quality standards or with standards of ethics and academic integrity regarding the existence of plagiarism within a doctoral thesis, irrespective of the date of its defence;
- c) breach by the doctoral supervisor of the rules of good conduct in research and development.

(9) Mediation of conflicts:

- a) the complaint or request for mediation regarding conflicts between the doctoral student and the doctoral supervisor shall be addressed to the director of the doctoral school and submitted in writing. Verbal requests/complaints shall not be taken into account;
- b) the director of the doctoral school shall assign the complaint or request, by written resolution, to the mediation committee. The conflict mediation committee shall, as a rule, be composed of the members of the CSD. If one of the members of the CSD is the subject of the conflict, that person shall be replaced by decision of the director of the doctoral school. To the extent that the CSD deems it necessary, it may invite external members to be part of the mediation committee;
- c) the mediation committee is obliged to thoroughly analyse the content of the complaint/request for mediation, to verify the truthfulness of the statements, and to draw up a report of its findings containing proposals for resolution. The committee may invite

the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral student in order to obtain additional information. The report drawn up shall be signed by the persons participating in the committee;

- d) the requests/complaints shall be resolved within a maximum of 30 days from registration by the designated committee;
- e) if the conflict is not resolved at SDSE level, it shall be mediated by CSUD.

Art. 6

The rights and obligations of the doctoral supervisor are those provided for by Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, the Framework Regulation on doctoral university studies approved by Order of the Minister of Education No. 3020/2024, the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of IOSUD-UCV, as well as by the employment contract.

Art. 7

(1) Within the doctoral university study programme, the doctoral student is guided by a supervisory and academic integrity committee.

(2) The composition of the supervisory and academic integrity committee is established by the doctoral supervisor, following consultation with the doctoral student, is endorsed by the Doctoral School Council and approved by CSUD-UCV. The supervisory and academic integrity committee is composed of three members, and at least one member of this committee must be from outside IOSUD-UCV. Members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee may not be appointed as members of the public defence committee for the doctoral thesis.

(3) Members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee may hold the academic rank of professor, associate professor, lecturer (who meets the CNATDCU minimum standards corresponding to the rank of associate professor) or scientific researcher grade I/scientific researcher grade II and must have expertise in the research field to which the topic of the doctoral thesis of the supervised doctoral student belongs.

(4) A member of the supervisory committee may be replaced in the following situations:

- in the event of conflicts of interest;
- at the request of a member to withdraw;
- in the event of conflict situations that the doctoral school cannot otherwise resolve.

(5) The replacement of a member of the supervisory committee shall be made by a reasoned written request from the doctoral supervisor to the Doctoral School Council. The doctoral student signs to acknowledge that the new composition of the committee has been brought to their attention. The new composition of the committee is approved by the Doctoral School Council (CSD) and by the Council for Doctoral University Studies (CSUD).

Chapter IV. ADMISSION TO THE “EUGENIU CARADA” DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES

Art. 8

The admission competition consists of the process of selecting candidates for each vacant doctoral student position that the doctoral supervisors within the “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences decide to propose for occupancy, following allocation by doctoral fields.

Art. 9

(1) Admission to doctoral university studies is carried out within SDSE, IOSUD-UCV, as a rule in a single session before the beginning of the academic year, and enrolment is made on the first day of the academic year.

(2) IOSUD-UCV annually draws up its own Regulation on admission to bachelor's, master's and doctoral university studies, as well as the Procedure for admission to doctoral studies, the provisions of which supplement these Regulations.

Art. 10

The Regulation on admission to bachelor's, master's and doctoral university studies lays down the registration conditions, the content of the registration file, the manner of organising admission, the conduct, verification and marking of the doctoral admission examination tests, the establishment and communication of the admission competition results, and the settlement of appeals.

Art. 11

(1) The doctoral admission competition within SDSE consists of two tests, as follows:

- a *Presentation of a doctoral research project* falling within one of the research directions chosen by the doctoral supervisor. This is carried out before an admission committee approved by the Rector's Decision, whose chair is the scientific supervisor for whom the candidate opted at registration;
- b *A language proficiency examination*, targeting level B2 and concluded with the qualification PASSED / FAILED.

(2) Candidates are ranked according to the overall admission average, which is equal to the average obtained in the test "Presentation of the doctoral research project". This test is assessed by the chair and each member of the examination committee by marks from 1 to 10. The evaluation of candidates within the test "presentation of the doctoral research project" is carried out taking into account the following criteria:

- a. The quality of the research project presented;
- b. The level of general professional training and training in the field of the candidate's research topic;
- c. Previous scientific experience.

(3) The maximum score awarded for each criterion, the method of determining it, as well as the criteria for ranking candidates with equal results are approved annually by the Doctoral School Council, through the Conditions for admission to doctoral studies (Annex C).

(4) The minimum admission average is 7.00. If several candidates for budget-funded places obtain the same average in the admission colloquium, ranking is made according to the criteria for admission to doctoral university studies approved annually by the CSD.

Chapter V. STRUCTURE AND DURATION OF DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Art. 12

SDSE within IOSUD-UCV organises scientific or professional doctoral university programmes aimed at producing original, internationally relevant scientific activity on the basis of scientific methods.

Art. 13

The doctoral programme carried out within SDSE, under the coordination of a doctoral supervisor, comprises:

- a) a training programme based on advanced university studies within the doctoral school;
- b) an individual scientific research programme.

Advanced university training programme

Art. 14

(1) SDSE provides doctoral students with a training programme based on advanced university studies consisting of activities carried out in institutionalised study groups, through courses, seminars, laboratories and the like, usually conducted in the first semester of the first year of study.

(2) The training programme based on advanced university studies includes at least three subjects relevant to doctoral students' training in scientific research, of which at least one subject is intended for the in-depth study of research methodology and/or the statistical processing of data. There is at least one subject dedicated to ethics in scientific research and intellectual property, or clearly delimited topics on these subjects within a subject taught in the training programme.

(3) The courses and seminars of a given subject may be carried out jointly for several advanced university training programmes, interdisciplinary training being promoted as a means of stimulating scientific research.

(4) The thematic content of a subject is established by the subject holder.

(5) The doctoral student may attend certain subjects within other doctoral schools, with the agreement of the doctoral supervisor.

Art. 15

(1) Completion of the training programme based on advanced university studies leads to the award of 30 transferable credits established at doctoral school level.

(2) Assessment is carried out by a committee composed of the course holder and a co-examining teaching staff member.

(3) The course holder must have the status of doctoral supervisor affiliated with IOSUD-UCV and the academic rank of associate professor or university professor in the field of the subject taught. In exceptional situations, when the internal resources of UCV do not allow the conduct of certain activities within the training programme based on advanced university studies, recourse may be had to teaching staff who are not permanent staff of UCV and who have the status of doctoral supervisor or the academic rank of associate professor or university professor.

(4) The result of the assessment is recorded in the University of Craiova's computerised student records system.

Art. 16

(1) The Doctoral School may recognise, partially or in full, an advanced university training programme, as well as a doctoral scientific research programme previously completed by a doctoral student, under the following conditions:

- a) The doctoral research topic in the previously completed programme must be identical or similar to the doctoral research topic in the current study programme.
- b) The subjects within a previously completed advanced university training programme must be identical or similar to those in the curriculum corresponding to the year of study in which the doctoral student is enrolled, and correlated with the doctoral research topic mentioned in the doctoral study contract;

(2) As a rule, the equivalence of Subjects/Research reports/Other activities provided for in the curricula is carried out during the sessions provided for in the structure of the doctoral academic year, in accordance with the deadlines laid down in the regulations;

(3) The stages of the equivalence process are as follows:

I. The doctoral student submits to the Doctoral School an application for the equivalence of subjects from the advanced university training programme / scientific research reports defended within the previously completed scientific research programme / other activities provided for in the curriculum corresponding to the year of study in which the doctoral student is enrolled, with the approval of the doctoral supervisor and accompanied by:

- Academic transcript (or equivalent document) issued by the institution where the previous study programme was completed, with signature and stamp;
- The scientific research reports mentioned in the academic transcript (or equivalent document), in extenso;
- The list of scientific papers (articles) published on the topic of the doctoral thesis during the previous doctoral period, and the scientific papers published in extenso in specialised journals or in conference volumes. Activities concerning the dissemination of doctoral scientific results on the thesis topic provided for in the doctoral student's curriculum may be recognised on the basis of the List of scientific papers and the portfolio of scientific papers;
- Other documents.

II. The documents submitted by the doctoral student are transmitted to the supervisory and academic integrity committee for approval;

III. The supervisory and academic integrity committee and the doctoral supervisor analyse and decide on the equivalence, both of the Subjects within the advanced university training programme and of the scientific research programme;

(4) A doctoral student who has benefited from equivalence may complete the studies only after obtaining 240 credits, according to the corresponding curriculum.

(5) A doctoral student's participation in the training programme based on advanced university studies and the selection of the study components within this programme that must be followed by the doctoral student are established by the doctoral supervisor together with the doctoral student. The doctoral student is required to submit an application to the Secretariat for doctoral university studies of IOSUD-UCV, specifying the selected study components, at the time of signing the study contract.

Individual scientific research programme

Art. 17

(1) The activity within the scientific research programme includes a number of transferable credits established at doctoral school level, so that together with the transferable credits awarded for completion of the training programme based on advanced university studies they total 240 credits.

(2) The activities credited during the scientific research programme are:

- the defence of scientific research reports, if they have been assessed with one of the following qualifications: Very good, Good, Satisfactory;
- the dissemination of scientific research results through participation in conferences and/or the publication of articles in specialised journals, in accordance with the provisions of the curriculum;
- other activities established by the doctoral school through the curriculum.

(3) In order to support research activity and the dissemination of research results for doctoral students, IOSUD-UCV may subsidise participation fees for international conferences and the expenses occasioned by the publication of articles in BDI- or WoS-indexed journals, on the basis of the doctoral student's request endorsed by the scientific supervisor.

(4) The doctoral supervisor monitors the scientific progress of the doctoral student. Periodically, usually on a weekly basis, meetings (in person or online) take place between the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral students in order to guide, monitor or assess the progress of the scientific research programme.

Art. 18

(1) The doctoral supervisor establishes the structure, content, conduct and organisation of the doctoral student's scientific research programme.

(2) In order to ensure a coherent scientific pathway, the doctoral student presents the progress of their scientific research programme, in the form of a scientific research report, before the supervisory and academic integrity committee and the doctoral supervisor, whose role is to guide, correct and support the doctoral student's scientific pathway. The research report must comply with the requirements laid down in the Guide on the drafting, evaluation and defence of scientific research reports (Annex A), which forms an integral part of these Regulations.

(3) The stages of evaluation of the scientific research report are:

- a. The doctoral student sends by e-mail to the scientific supervisor and to the members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee the scientific research report corresponding to the year of study / semester I/II of study, 30 days before the estimated date for its presentation before the committee;
- b. The doctoral supervisor and the members of the committee confirm receipt of the e-mail and jointly set the date for the doctoral student's defence of the report;
- c. The doctoral student completes the application for the defence of the research report (standard form) and submits/sends it to the Secretariat for Doctoral University Studies at least 15 days before the scheduled date;
- d. After the defence of the research report, the doctoral supervisor and the members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee complete and sign the evaluation sheet for the research report;
- e. The doctoral supervisor uploads the signed evaluation sheet and the evaluated research report in the space intended for the storage of research reports in the Student Records Programme, completes in the Student Records Programme the grade sheet corresponding to the research report with the qualification awarded following evaluation, and appears at the Secretariat for Doctoral University Studies to sign the grade sheet, together with at least one member of the supervisory and academic integrity committee;

(4) The doctoral supervisor may not be absent from any defence, and at least two members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee must be present at each defence. A member who cannot be present shall send to the doctoral supervisor, by e-mail, the result of the evaluation with an electronic signature.

(5) A scientific research programme may not include fewer than four scientific research reports, presented in accordance with the provisions of the curriculum corresponding to the doctoral field and with the structure of the academic year.

(6) The actual defence of the scientific research report may take place only during the assessment sessions provided for in the structure of the academic year. It is preceded by a written request from the doctoral student to the Director of SDSE, endorsed by the doctoral supervisor.

(7) The application is submitted to the Secretariat for doctoral university studies of IOSUD-UCV where the doctoral student is enrolled, 15 days before the date scheduled for the presentation of the research report, and contains the identifying data of the doctoral student, the title of the research report and the date of its presentation.

(8) After each defence of a Research Report, an Evaluation Sheet is drawn up, signed by the doctoral supervisor and the members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee who were present, recording the score awarded, as well as the main observations (weak points and strong points) and recommendations made by the doctoral supervisor and the members of the supervisory and academic integrity committee. The research report, together

with the Evaluation Sheet, is submitted to the Secretariat for doctoral university studies of IOSUD-UCV where the doctoral student is enrolled and is kept in the candidate's file.

(9) The evaluation of the scientific research report is made by means of the qualifications: Very good, Good, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory. A research report may be accepted by the scientific supervisor and the supervisory and academic integrity committee only if it has been evaluated as Very good, Good or Satisfactory.

(10) Research reports evaluated as Unsatisfactory must be redone in accordance with the indications of the supervisory and academic integrity committee and of the scientific supervisor, and entail a new presentation before the supervisory and academic integrity committee.

(11) If, at the second presentation of the research report, the doctoral student also obtains the qualification Unsatisfactory, they shall be expelled from the doctoral study programme.

(12) If a doctoral student requests a new presentation before the supervisory and academic integrity committee and the scientific supervisor of a research report for which they obtained the qualification Unsatisfactory, the doctoral school is obliged to offer the doctoral student this possibility, but the additional costs for re-evaluation shall be borne by the latter.

(13) The doctoral supervisor, supported by the supervisory and academic integrity committee, evaluates the activity of dissemination of scientific results (participation in scientific conferences and publication of articles in specialised journals) carried out by each doctoral student, according to the assessment sessions provided for in the Structure of the academic year. The result of the evaluation is recorded in the UCV computerised student records system.

Art. 19

The title of the doctoral thesis may be changed at the request of the doctoral student, with the endorsement of the scientific supervisor and the Director of SDSE, up to the moment when the doctoral supervisor and the supervisory and academic integrity committee sign the agreement for the public defence of the thesis. From that moment on, the title of the thesis may no longer be changed. By way of exception, the research topic mentioned in the study contract may be changed by an addendum, at the request of the doctoral student, with the endorsement of the doctoral supervisor and the approval of the CSD.

Chapter VI. THE DOCTORAL STUDENT

Art. 20

(1) For the activity carried out within the advanced university training programme, the doctoral student is under the authority of the course/subject holder, the doctoral supervisor, as well as the council and the director of the doctoral school.

(2) For the activity carried out within the scientific research programme, the doctoral student is under the authority of the doctoral supervisor (of both doctoral supervisors, in the case of joint supervision), assisted by the supervisory and academic integrity committee, as well as by the council and the director of the doctoral school.

(3) During the advanced university training programme and the scientific research programme, the doctoral student has the right to use: the laboratories, lecture and seminar rooms, reading rooms, libraries and the other means made available by I.O.S.U.D. for professional training, as well as for cultural and sports activities, in compliance with the internal regulations of I.O.S.U.D.; e-mail and the internet only in connection with training activity and other issues of the educational or research process; the scientific research and documentation facilities of the university and the faculty.

Art. 21

(1) The rights and obligations of the doctoral student are provided for in Art. 40 of the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of IOSUD-UCV.

(2) Conflicts between the doctoral student and the doctoral supervisor are mediated by the council of the doctoral school, and if the conflict is not resolved at this level, it is mediated by CSUD-UCV.

(3) Conflicts between the doctoral student and the doctoral school are mediated by CSUD-UCV.

(4) The doctoral student is responsible for the originality of the doctoral thesis.

Art. 22

(1) At the reasoned request of the doctoral student, the council of the doctoral school may decide to change the doctoral supervisor if failure to fulfil the legal or contractual obligations assumed by the latter has been found, for other reasons concerning the supervisory relationship between the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral student, as well as where the doctoral supervisor is found to be unavailable. In such cases, within no more than 30 days, the council of the doctoral school appoints another doctoral supervisor within the same field.

(2) If the termination of the supervisory relationship with a doctoral student occurs through the exclusive fault of the doctoral supervisor, the doctoral school proposes that CSUD-UCV adopt sanctioning measures against them.

(3) When appointing a new doctoral supervisor, the council of the doctoral school shall consider as a priority the need for the doctoral student to be able to complete the doctoral programme in the field of university studies specified in the study contract, according to the enrolment. If no available doctoral supervisor can be identified within IOSUD-UCV, IOSUD shall take steps to facilitate the academic mobility of the doctoral student within the same field, but at another IOSUD.

Art. 23

Coordination of doctoral activity under joint supervision

(1) Doctoral studies may also be organised under joint supervision, in which case the doctoral student carries out their activity under the simultaneous supervision of two doctoral supervisors, one of whom is the principal doctoral supervisor.

(2) The second doctoral supervisor is established after the doctoral student's enrolment at the University of Craiova, with the agreement of the first doctoral supervisor. The doctoral student is counted in full under the principal doctoral supervisor, including in that supervisor's teaching and research workload.

(3) If both doctoral supervisors are active at the University of Craiova, then a joint supervision agreement is concluded between them, which is endorsed by the Doctoral School Council and approved by the Director of CSUD, establishing the responsibilities of each doctoral supervisor.

(4) If the second doctoral supervisor is not active at the University of Craiova, then a joint supervision agreement is concluded between the University of Craiova and the institution where the second supervisor supervises doctoral students. This agreement stipulates the requirements for the organisation and conduct of the doctorate in each of the two institutions involved, including their financial obligations, in accordance with the role they have in the joint supervision and with the specific legislation. The institution organising doctoral university studies that initially enrolled the doctoral student has the principal role, and the other institution has the role of joint supervisor.

Chapter VII. THE DOCTORAL THESIS AND COMPLETION OF DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Art. 24

(1) Doctoral university studies are completed by the public defence of the doctoral thesis before the public defence committee of the doctoral thesis, hereinafter referred to as the doctoral committee.

(2) The doctoral student is the author of the doctoral thesis and assumes responsibility for the correctness of the data and information presented in the thesis, as well as for the opinions and demonstrations expressed in the thesis. For any borrowed material, indication of the source is mandatory.

(3) The doctoral thesis must comply with the quality standards provided for in the Guide on the drafting, defence and evaluation of the doctoral thesis (Annex B) drawn up within SDSE.

(4) The Guide on the drafting, evaluation and defence of scientific research reports (Annex A) and the Guide on the drafting, defence and evaluation of the doctoral thesis (Annex B), drawn up within the “Eugeniu Carada” Doctoral School of Economic Sciences, supplement the provisions of these Regulations.

Art. 25

(1) The CSD draws up, and CSUD approves, the criteria and indicators for the evaluation of doctoral theses, in accordance with the European Qualifications Framework and with the competences associated with the qualification registered in the National Register of Qualifications in Higher Education, according to the specific nature of the fields in which doctoral university studies are organised and conducted.

(2) The criteria for evaluating the quality of a doctoral thesis take into account the scientific research results presented in the thesis, especially those obtained within the doctoral university study programme. Results accepted for publication and applications for which a patent registration request exists are also taken into account.

(4) IOSUD-UCV, through SDSE, is obliged, before the public defence of the doctoral thesis, to verify the doctoral thesis by means of software for detecting similarities. The verification is carried out on the basis of the standards contained in the National Guide on the drafting of doctoral theses, drawn up by CNATDCU. The results of the analysis shall be made available to the doctoral student, the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral committee.

(5) If breaches of good conduct in research and development are identified, including plagiarism of the results or publications of other authors, fabrication of results or replacement of results with fictitious data, during the evaluation of the thesis by the doctoral supervisor or by the supervisory and academic integrity committee, the approval for public defence shall not be granted.

Art. 26

(1) The public defence may take place only after completion of all the stages provided for in Art. 31 of the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of IOSUD-UCV.

(2) The composition of the doctoral committee is established in accordance with the provisions of Art. 32 of the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of IOSUD-UCV.

(3) The procedure for the public defence of the doctoral thesis must comply with the provisions of Arts. 33 and 34 of the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of IOSUD-UCV.

Art. 27

(1) On the basis of the public defence of the doctoral thesis and the reviewers' reports, the doctoral committee evaluates and deliberates on the qualification to be awarded to the doctoral thesis. The qualifications that may be awarded are: "Excellent", "Very good", "Good", "Satisfactory" and "Unsatisfactory".

(2) If the doctoral student has fulfilled all the requirements laid down in the scientific research programme and the assessments of the doctoral thesis allow the award of the qualification "Excellent", "Very good", "Good" or "Satisfactory", the doctoral committee proposes the awarding of the doctoral title.

(3) If the qualification "Unsatisfactory" is awarded, the doctoral committee specifies the content elements to be redone or completed in the doctoral thesis and requests a new public defence of the thesis. The second public defence of the thesis takes place before the same doctoral committee as in the first defence. If the qualification "Unsatisfactory" is again obtained at the second public defence, the doctoral title is not awarded and the doctoral student is expelled.

(4) If a member of the doctoral committee identifies, in the course of the evaluation of the thesis, both before the public defence and during it, serious breaches of good conduct in scientific research and university activity, including plagiarism of the results or publications of other authors, fabrication of results or replacement of results with fictitious data, the member of the doctoral committee is obliged to take the following measures:

a) to notify the ethics committee of the higher education institution where the doctoral student is enrolled and the ethics committee of the institution where the doctoral supervisor is employed, for analysis and resolution of the case, including by expelling the doctoral student;

b) to notify all members of the doctoral committee of the breaches and to propose the award of the qualification "Unsatisfactory".

(5) After the public defence of the doctoral thesis, the members of the committee and the chair of the committee complete and sign the voting record, the record of the conduct of the public session, and record the questions and answers from the public defence session of the thesis. It contains the qualifications awarded by each reviewer member, by the supervisor and by the chair, as well as the qualification awarded following the committee vote. The qualification that obtained the absolute majority of the votes cast by the members of the committee becomes the decision of the whole committee.

(6) The decision of the doctoral committee to award the doctoral title, together with the necessary documents (according to the checklist), is submitted to the Secretariat for doctoral university studies of IOSUD-UCV.

Chapter VIII. EVALUATION OF DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAMMES, OF THE ACTIVITY OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS, AND OF DOCTORAL SUPERVISORS

Art. 28

(1) The activity of SDSE is subject to a process of periodic internal and external evaluation.

(2) The periodic external evaluation of the activity at the level of each doctoral university study field is carried out every 5 years, in accordance with Art. 232 of Higher Education Law No. 199/2023.

(3) The external evaluation of the doctoral university study fields within SDSE, IOSUD-UCV, is carried out by ARACIS or by another quality assurance agency, from Romania or abroad.

Art. 29

(1) The internal evaluation of the quality of doctoral university study programmes, of doctoral students, and of the performance of doctoral supervisors is carried out once every three years by SDSE and by CSUD-UCV.

(2) The procedures for the internal evaluation of the quality of doctoral university study programmes, of doctoral students, and of the performance of doctoral supervisors are drawn up on the basis of the criteria established by ARACIS.

(3) The evaluation of doctoral students' activity explicitly follows all the competences that the doctoral student must develop within the doctoral university study programme, in accordance with Level 8 Qualification of the European Qualifications Framework and the National Qualifications Framework. It is carried out annually by the doctoral supervisor and the supervisory and academic integrity committee and targets two components:

- Evaluation of scientific research reports (according to the criteria provided for in the Guide on the drafting, evaluation and defence of scientific research reports (Annex A));
- Dissemination of scientific research results (according to the obligations provided for in the curriculum).

(4) SDSE periodically evaluates the activity of affiliated doctoral supervisors.

(5) The internal evaluation of permanent doctoral supervisors shall have as criteria the scientific research results obtained by them, the results obtained in supervising doctoral students, and other criteria established by the council of the doctoral school. For this purpose, doctoral supervisors shall submit to the person responsible for the doctoral field and to the Director of SDSE a verification sheet of the minimum standards for obtaining the habilitation certificate.

(6) The self-evaluation reports on the research and doctoral supervision activity carried out by doctoral supervisors may be published on the doctoral school's website so as to be available to the interested public, including prospective candidates for admission to the study programme, doctoral students and the scientific community.

Chapter IX. FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 30

(1) The provisions of these Regulations apply to all doctoral students who have not defended the thesis before the supervisory and academic integrity committee by the date of its entry into force.

(2) The doctoral study contract, the advanced university study programme, the scientific research programme, the Guide on the drafting, evaluation and defence of scientific research reports (Annex A), and the Guide on the drafting, defence and evaluation of the doctoral thesis (Annex B) supplement the information contained in these Regulations.

(3) These Regulations were drawn up by the Doctoral School Council after consultation with all doctoral supervisors who are members of SDSE, in compliance with the Framework Regulation on doctoral university studies approved by Order of the Minister of Education No. 3020/2024 and with the Regulation on the organisation and conduct of doctoral university study programmes of the Institution Organising Doctoral University Studies - University of Craiova (IOSUD-UCV), and were submitted for approval to CSUD-UCV and the UCV Senate. These Regulations apply starting from the date of approval by the Senate of the University of Craiova.

These Regulations were approved by the CSD of Economic Sciences Eugeniu Carada on 26 March 2025, by CSUD - UCV on 25 June 2025, and respectively by the Senate of the University of Craiova at its meeting of 17 July 2025.

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