

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered pursuant to Section 36(2) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (Higher Education Act), under ref. no. MSMT-xx/2025-x Rules for making final theses available to the public at Silesian University in Opava as of the date of signing the registration

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Article 1

Introductory provisions

- 1) The rules for making final theses available to the public at Silesian University in Opava (hereinafter referred to as the "rules") are laid down in accordance with Section 47b of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on amendments and supplements to other acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), the manner in which final theses are made available at Silesian University in Opava (hereinafter referred to as the "University").
- 2) The University:
 - a) makes available to the public, without undue delay, on its website, through an electronic database, bachelor's, master's, doctoral and rigorous theses (hereinafter referred to as "final theses") that have been defended, including the reviews of the opponents and a record of the course and result of the defence,
 - b) makes final theses submitted for defence available to the public for inspection at least five working days before the defence takes place.
- 3) The final thesis must be made available in the form in which it will be/was defended.
- 4) The university shall not make a dissertation available to the public in accordance with paragraph 2(a) if it has already been made available in another manner.

Article 2

Methods of disclosure

- 1) Final theses pursuant to Article 1(2)(a) (hereinafter referred to as "theses after defence") submitted by the student – author of the final thesis (hereinafter referred to as "author") shall be made available to the public on a non-profit basis, including the reviews of the opponents, a record of the defence and its outcome in electronic form in the University Information System archive (hereinafter

referred to as "IS SU"). This provision must be applied in such a way that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 47b of the Act on which it is based, it does not affect

- a) the protection of information protected by a special law,
- b) the protection of trade secrets,
- c) the protection of the legitimate interests of third parties worthy of special consideration,
- d) the protection of the University's intellectual property, in particular the protection of inventions or technical solutions.

The disclosure of the final thesis or parts thereof containing such information is subject to Article 4 of the Rules.

- 2) The university library may also lend printed originals or copies of theses after their defence.
- 3) The university department where the defence took place may make theses available after the defence in other ways (in particular on its website or in established public academic repositories). Accessibility pursuant to the previous sentence must be in accordance with Act No. 121/2000 Coll., on copyright, rights related to copyright and on amendments to certain acts (Copyright Act), as amended.
- 4) Final theses pursuant to Article 1(2)(b) (hereinafter referred to as "theses prior to defence") shall be made available to the public in printed or electronic form at the university workplace where the defence is to take place. Anyone may make extracts, copies or reproductions of the final thesis at their own expense.
- 5) Inspection and acquisition of extracts, copies or reproductions pursuant to paragraph 4 is possible during designated office hours and in the presence of an authorised university employee.

Article 3

Obligations of the student – author of the final thesis

- 1) For the purposes of making the thesis available to the public in accordance with these rules, the author is obliged to submit the thesis in electronic form to the IS SU and, if the obligation to submit the thesis in printed form is stipulated by the internal regulations of the relevant university department, also to the relevant department of the university where the defence will take place, at least ten working days before the date of the defence.
- 2) By submitting the final thesis, the author agrees to make their work available to the public in accordance with these rules, regardless of the outcome of the defence.
- 3) If the author submits both an electronic and a printed version of the final thesis, the electronic version shall be decisive for the review of the final thesis. The author shall confirm the conformity of the electronic and printed versions by means of a statement in the relevant IS SU application.

Article 4

Postponement of disclosure

- 1) The disclosure of a final thesis or part thereof to the public pursuant to Section 47b(1) and (2) of the Act may be postponed for the duration of the obstacle to disclosure¹⁾, but for no longer than 5 years.
- 2) The author shall submit a request for postponement of public access to the Rector through an authorised employee of the Rector's Office for Academic and Social Affairs no later than the deadline for submission of the final thesis according to the academic year schedule, with the following requirements:
 - a) justification of the obstacles to disclosure,
 - b) a statement from the thesis supervisor or tutor,
 - c) a statement from the dean of the relevant faculty or the director of the relevant university institute.
- 3) The rector shall decide on the request for postponement of public access without undue delay, and his decision shall be final.
- 4) Information on the postponement of public access shall be published for the duration of the postponement in accordance with Article 2(1).
- 5) Further details shall be laid down in the rector's internal regulations.

Article 5

Final provisions

- 1) Final theses pursuant to Article 1(2)(a) which the student – the author of the final thesis submitted by 31 August 2019, including the reviews of the opponents and a record of the course and result of the defence, shall be made available in electronic form on computers in the University Library in accordance with the internal regulations in force at the time of submission.
- 2) The Rules on the Publication of Final Theses at the Silesian University in Opava, registered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports on 8 August 2017 under ref. no. MSMT-14536/2017, as amended, are hereby repealed.
- 3) These rules were approved in accordance with Section 9(1)(b)(3) of the Act by the Academic Senate of the University on 10 June 2025.
- 4) These rules shall enter into force pursuant to Section 36(4) of the Act on the date of registration by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.
- 5) These rules shall take effect on 1 September 2025.

¹For example Act No. 121/2000 Coll., on copyright, rights related to copyright and on amendments to certain acts (Copyright Act), as amended,

Act No. 412/2005 Coll., on the protection of classified information and security clearance, as amended, Sections 504, 2976 and 2985 of the Civil Code.

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