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## Annex R2

### A. Doctoral Study Credits – Arguments:

- For the third cycle of studies under the [Bologna Process](#), there is no minimum or recommended range of transferable credits, unlike the undergraduate level (180–240 [ECTS](#)) or master's level (90–120 ECTS).
- There is a convention that allocates 60 credits per academic year, regardless of level (including for postgraduate continuous education programs).
- Some Western universities usually quantify the requirements of doctoral programs in the form of mandatory courses, research seminars, and publications, rarely providing an equivalent in transferable credits; the quality of the doctoral program is mainly assessed based on the dissertation and the doctoral candidate's publications.
- When transferable credits are assigned for doctoral programs, the total number of credits for a doctoral program ranges from 180 to 270 credits, with coursework accounting for 60 to 90 credits and the dissertation between 120 and 180 credits.
- Doctoral programs are designed to develop [European Qualifications Framework](#) (EQF) and [National Qualifications Framework](#) (NQF) level 8 competencies:
  - **Professional cognitive** (advanced systematic knowledge of concepts, research methods, controversies, use of advanced knowledge principles and methods, method transfer, interdisciplinary approaches, etc.)
  - **Professional functional** (critical and constructive evaluation, designing and conducting original research, etc.)
  - **Role-related transversal competencies** (assuming responsibility, the ability to organize and lead professional and research groups, etc.)
  - **Professional development transversal competencies** (developing creativity-focused projects).
- Credits will be awarded for doctoral candidates' activities and achievements that demonstrate the acquisition of these competencies at each stage of their development (Year I, II, III, and IV of the PhD).
- Credits for coursework are allocated, according to current legislation ([Higher Education Law No. 199 of 2023](#)), only in the first semester of the first year; participation in training courses in other semesters may receive credits similar to activities in summer schools, workshops, etc.

### B. Activity Evaluation Through Credits

#### I. Teaching and Advanced University Training Activities

- **Doctoral research training courses (PPUA)** = at least 30 credits
- **Teaching seminars** = 10 credits per 5 hours (maximum)
- **Attendance (without paper) at doctoral school scientific seminars (on the chosen track and specialization)** = 1 credit per attendance

- **Presentation at a doctoral school scientific seminar** = 5 credits (one mandatory presentation in the first 3 years; must be based on an extended written material kept in the doctoral candidate's file)
- **Presentation based on a progress report at a department scientific seminar** = 5 credits (one mandatory presentation within the 4-year period)
- **10 hours of specific activities per semester, based on the doctoral school's or faculty's needs (project writing, participation in academic journal activities, creating databases for school evaluation, doctoral school conference, etc.)** = 5 credits (certification by the activity coordinator, e.g., doctoral school director, journal editor-in-chief, research center coordinator, database organizer, etc.)
- **Attendance (without paper) at departmental scientific seminars and scientific events organized by FEAA or other faculties at UAIC (for interdisciplinary topics)** = 1 credit per attendance (maximum 5 credits)
- **Attendance at public PhD thesis defenses in the specialization field (strongly recommended)** = 1 credit per attendance (maximum 5 credits)
- **Research project won through competition (as project director)** = 20 credits
- **Participation in a research team for a competitively awarded project** = 10 credits
- **Participation in the organizing team of a conference/scientific event** = 3 credits
- **Participation in a summer school, workshop, etc. (with diploma, certificate, or another official form of recognition)** = 5 credits

## II. Doctoral Program Activities Required by Regulation/Law (Research Reports)

- **Initial research report, defended before the advisory committee in Year I** = 20 credits
- **Progress check research report presented before the advisory committee/intermediate report I** = 20 credits
- **Progress check research report presented before the advisory committee** = 20 credits
- **Preliminary defense of the dissertation before the advisory committee (final research report)** = 25 credits
- **Public defense of the dissertation** = 30 credits

## III. Research Dissemination Activities

- **Creating a personal profile page on the doctoral school's website** = 2 credits
- **Annual update of the profile page on the doctoral school's website** = 1 credit
- **Creating and posting Working Papers on the doctoral school's page (can be part of the future final project, a literature review study, etc.)** = 2 credits per material
- **Editorial board member of a BDI-indexed scientific journal** = 6 credits
- **Editorial board member of a non-indexed scientific journal** = 3 credits
- **Publication in the proceedings of an international conference abroad** = 10 credits
- **Publication in the proceedings of an international conference in the country** = 7 credits
- **Publication in the proceedings of a national conference (including Moldova)** = 4 credits

- **Presentation at the annual Doctoral School FEAA Conference (separately or within GEBA) = 10 credits**
- **Publication in a [Clarivate WoS](#) (SSCI + SCIE) journal with nonzero impact factor and [AIS](#) score greater than 0.25 = 35 credits** (if sole author or co-author with supervisor); 20 credits if additional co-authors are present
- **Publication in a Clarivate WoS (SSCI + SCIE) journal with a positive AIS score = 20 credits** (if sole author or co-author with supervisor); 15 credits with additional co-authors
- **Publication in an ISI WoS [ESCI](#) journal = 15 credits** (if sole author or co-author with supervisor); 9 credits with additional co-authors
- **Publication in an ISI WoS Proceedings volume already indexed in CNCSIS-recognized databases = 10 credits** (if sole author or co-author with supervisor); 5 credits with additional co-authors
- **Publication in a journal indexed in three CNCSIS-recognized BDI databases = 8 credits** (if sole author or co-author with supervisor); 4 credits with additional co-authors
- **Publication in [REBS](#) = 10 credits**
- **Publication in [SAEB](#) (ESCI) = 20 credits**
- **Publication in an international journal with ISSN, non-BDI indexed = 5 credits**
- **Publication in a national journal with ISSN, non-indexed = 3 credits**
- **Book (min. 150 pages) published abroad at a CNCSIS-recognized publisher, in the PhD field = 40 credits**
- **Book (min. 150 pages) published at a CNCSIS-recognized national publisher = 20 credits**
- **Book (min. 150 pages) published at an unranked national publisher (including Moldova, with ISBN) = 15 credits**
- **Book chapter (min. 20 pages) in a book published abroad by a recognized publisher = 10 credits**
- **Book chapter (min. 20 pages) in a book published by a recognized national publisher = 15 credits**
- **Book chapter (min. 20 pages) in an unranked publisher = 5 credits**

### Notes:

Mandatory activities are structured so that doctoral students accumulate at least 240 credits and meet the minimum publication/dissemination requirements for at least a "Good" qualification.

Activities are reported once under the category chosen by the doctoral student.

Credits may also be awarded for other doctoral training and research activities not currently listed, based on a well-argued proposal from the doctoral student, with approval from the PhD supervisor.

Credits for these activities will be granted equally to all students in the same situation.