



## **Provision of the Dean No. D 118 on the reform of teaching at the Faculty of Science of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice in the Bachelor's degree programme in Biology**

### **Article I**

#### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the reform is to improve the quality of teaching in the Bachelor's degree programme in Biology at FSci USB, to introduce modern teaching methods, to strengthen research-oriented teaching, and to create a composition of courses so that the knowledge and skills acquired by the graduates of this degree programme meet the needs of 21st century society.

### **Article II**

#### **Study programme guarantor**

The guarantor must have a 40-hour weekly workload at the Faculty of Science USB. The guarantor must have completed postgraduate education and professional qualification in the same or similar field of study, must hold a position as a member of the academic staff and must have been engaged in creative activity in the given field of education in the last five years.

The guarantor of the Bachelor's degree programme is proposed to the Internal Evaluation Board (hereinafter "IEB") by the Dean of FSci USB.

The proposed guarantor:

- Is responsible for the preparation of accreditation materials for the IEB or National Accreditation Bureau for Higher Education.
- Works in collaboration with academics interested in the relevant education or related content area. Consults with the scheduler regarding the feasibility of the proposed curriculum in terms of space-time needs. Upon accreditation of the programme of study and appointment by the IEB, is responsible for the implementation of the programme of study.

### **Article III**

#### **Teachers**

Teachers in the upgraded Bachelor's degree programme in Biology shall attend at least one professional course or seminar with a focus on improving the quality of teaching in higher education organised or approved by the Faculty.

### **Article IV**

#### **Basic principles of the reform**

The Bachelor's degree programme in Biology at FSci USB must meet the following requirements:

- A shift away from frontal teaching towards research-oriented teaching. The recommended number of hours devoted to lectures is 1/3. The remainder of



the hourly allocation is for exercises, seminars, or project-oriented work. How the course will divide its hours between lectures, exercises/seminars, and self-study depends on the nature of the course. The credit hour allocation is binding.

- The incorporation of the fundamentals of non-biological disciplines relevant to biology.
- The grouping of subjects close in content where possible and their common scheduling. The arrangement of subjects and the degree to which they are linked together will depend on the type/focus of the course.
- Achieving qualifications comparable to the entry qualifications for the Master's programme.

## Article V

### Other

All study and organisational matters of the reformed Bachelor's degree programme in Biology are governed by the relevant regulations and ordinances of USB and the Faculty of Science USB, primarily the "Study and Examination Regulations of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice" and "Provision of the Dean D48 – on the organisation of studies at the Faculty of Science of USB in Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes".

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