

RULES FOR THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES IN 2026

THIRD STUDY CYCLE (DOCTORATE)

Admission to doctoral studies is organized and carried out by the Doctoral Admissions Commission established by order of the Rector.

1. List of research fields.

Code	Research field	Duration of studies		Required education
		full-time	part-time	
N 010	Biology	4	6	Completion of integrated or master's studies
N 011	Biophysics	4	6	Completion of integrated or master's studies
M 001	Medicine	4	6	Completion of integrated studies
M 002	Odontology	4	6	Completion of integrated studies
M 003	Pharmacy	4	6	Completion of integrated or master's studies
M 004	Public Health	4	6	Completion of integrated or master's studies
M 005	Nursing	4	6	Completion of integrated or master's studies
A 002	Veterinary	4	6	Completion of integrated or master's studies
A 003	Animal Sciences	4	6	Completion of integrated or master's studies

2. Criteria for drawing up competition queues.

2.1. Terms and conditions of the competition.

Research field	Background required for admission	Selection criteria
Biology – N 010	Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the Life Sciences, Health Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agricultural Sciences study field groups; in the Physical Sciences study fields group in Medical Chemistry; in the Engineering Sciences study fields group in Bioengineering; and Technological Sciences study field group in Biotechnology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance of a doctoral application with the strategic research development objectives of the unit; • Scientific quality of a doctoral application; • Evaluation of the interview at the Admissions Commission.
Biophysics – N 011	Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the Mathematics Sciences, Informatics Sciences, Life Science, Health Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Agricultural Sciences study fields groups; in the Physical Sciences study field group in Physics; Engineering Science study field group in Bioengineering; in the Technological Science study field group in Biotechnology.	
Medicine – M 001	Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the Health Sciences study field group in Medicine.	
Odontology – M 002	Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the Health Sciences study field group in Odontology.	
Pharmacy – M 003	Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the Life Sciences study field group in Medicine and Pharmacy; in the Physical Sciences study field group in Chemistry; Veterinary Sciences study field group in Veterinary, and in the Technological Sciences study field group in Biotechnology.	
Public Health – M 004	Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the Mathematics Sciences, Informatics Sciences, Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Law, and Business and Public Management study fields groups.	

Nursing – M 005	Master’s degree or equivalent qualification in the Health Sciences study field group in Medicine, Rehabilitation, Nursing, Public Health, and Midwifery and a personal health care specialist practice license.	
Veterinary – A 002	Master’s degree or equivalent qualification in the Veterinary Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Life Sciences study field groups; in the Health Sciences study field group in Public Health; and in the Technological Sciences study field group in Biotechnology Food Technology, Catering.	
Animal Sciences – A 003	Master’s degree or equivalent qualification in the Veterinary Sciences study field group in Veterinary; in the Agricultural Sciences in Agriculture, Livestock, Food Studies; in the Life Sciences study field group in Biology, Genetics, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Ecology; in the Engineering Sciences study field group in Bioengineering, Environmental Engineering, Chemistry Engineering, Energy Engineering; in the Technological Sciences study field group in Biotechnology, Food Technology, Catering; in the Health Sciences study field group in Public Health.	

2.2. The following formulae are used to calculate the competition score

The competition score is calculated according to the formula: $KB=FTB + LCI+VB+PR+PK$, where
 KB – competition score;

FTB – an assessment of the compliance of the doctoral application with the strategic objectives of the research development of the University’s unit by the Faculty/ Research Institute Council, up to a maximum of 5 points, as presented in the minutes of the Council meeting;

LCI – an assessment of the scientific merit of a doctoral application at the Research Field Doctoral Committee, up to a maximum of 5 points, which Committees indicate in meeting minutes;

VB – an arithmetic average (V) of the grades in the subjects listed in the supplement/ appendix to the Master's or integrated studies diploma (V), evaluated up to a maximum of 3 points according to the following methodology:

when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades of the subjects listed in the Master’s diploma supplement/ appendices ranges between 9.6 and 10, VB is 3 points;

when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades of the subjects listed in the Master’s diploma supplement/ appendices ranges between 9.0 and 9.5, VB is 2 points;

when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades of the subjects listed in the Master’s diploma supplement/ appendices ranges between 8.0 and 8.9, VB is 1 point;

when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades of the subjects listed in the Master’s diploma supplement/ appendices is below 8.0, VB is 0 points;

when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades of the subjects listed in the integrated studies diploma supplement/ appendices is between 9.0 and 10, VB is 3 points;

when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades of the subjects listed in the integrated studies diploma supplement/ appendices is between 8.5 and 8.9, VB is 2 points;

when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades of the subjects listed in the integrated studies diploma supplement/ appendices is between 8.0 and 8.4, VB is 1 point,

and when the arithmetic average (V) of the grades listed in the integrated studies diploma supplement/ appendices is less than 8.0, VB is 0 points.

V is calculated according to the following formula:

$$V = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m v_j}{m}$$

m – the number of subjects in the master's or integrated study programme;

v_j - the grade for the j-th subject.

PR - evaluation of publications and papers up to 2 points:

2 points are awarded if the applicant has two or more publications in the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science database with an impact factor,

1 point is awarded if the applicant has published one publication in the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science database with an impact factor,

and 0 points if the applicant has published a publication in Lithuanian peer-reviewed journals or has prepared a report.

PK - the average of the scores up to 10 points obtained in an interview with a doctoral candidate at the Doctoral Admissions Commission, calculated according to the following formula:

$$PK = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i}{n}$$

p_i - the evaluation score of the i-th member of the Admissions Commission;

n - number of members of the Admissions Commission.

The interview will assess the applicant's demonstrated understanding of the scientific problems of the field of study to which he/she is applying, the relevance of his/her research to the University's strategic development directions, and his/her motivation.

2.3. If the applicants' scores on the above criteria are identical, the following person shall have priority in descending order of priority in the competition queue:

- a graduate of a foreign research and study institution and/or a foreign national;
- whose planned research is in line with the University's strategic development directions.

The Admissions Commission makes the final decision. All doctoral applicants are required to attend the meeting of the Admissions Commission.

3. Documents to be submitted:

- an application;*
- a CV;
- recommendations from two researchers (the head of the unit where the applicant wishes to study and the prospective doctoral supervisor);
- a copy of a master's or integrated studies diploma;
- copies of the diploma supplement/ appendices (copy of the academic transcript);
- a copy of the specialised medical license for admission to clinical units, or a certificate indicating that at least 50 percent of the residency study program has been completed;
- a bibliography list, approved by the responsible University library staff, and copies of research articles;
- a scientific paper (if there are no scientific articles;)
- a copy of the document certifying the change of the surname;
- a confirmation of payment of the tuition fee.

*- the application will be accepted and registered only upon submission of all the necessary documents

5. Entrance fee account details

Entrance fee – 40 Eur;

Account details :

Company code 302536989;

AB SEB bank Bank code – 70440, a

Account No LT09 7044 0600 0290 5377,

payment code 6172.

6. Submission of doctoral applicants' documents

Research Affairs Department,

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7. Opening hours for submission of documents of doctoral applicants.

Weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lunch break noon to 1:00 p.m.