
Changes to studies as of October 1st, 2026

On October 1st, 2026, new regulations governing academic rules and the organisation of studies were implemented.

Specifically, these are:

- [Code of Study and Examination of Charles University](#)
- [Scholarship and Bursary Rules](#)

which are then specified by the Faculty's regulations:

- [Rules of Study at the Faculty of Humanities of Charles University](#)
- [Rules of Awarding Scholarships and Bursaries](#)

The updated regulations introduce several significant modifications to your studies. The key practical adjustments for both Bachelor's and Master's programmes are divided into: [Studies](#) , [Scholarships](#) , and [Student Information System](#) .

Studies

Recognition of previously obtained credits:

Effective from October 1st, 2026, the time limit for recognising modules from previous studies (under Article 33(2) of the Charles University Code of Study) will change from the current 10-year period. The new recognition time limits, counted from the date of passing the assessment, are:

- a) 5 years for Bachelor's programmes
- b) 4 years for Master's programmes.

Student feedback on State Examinations:

Pursuant to Article 42(5) of the Charles University Code of Study, students may express their opinion regarding the conduct of their State Examination, or any of its individual parts.

Thesis reports deadline:

Students must receive or be given access to their thesis evaluation reports no later than one week before their scheduled thesis defence, as pursuant to Article 45(3) of the Charles University Code of Study.

Right to reschedule the date of the thesis defence:

Students have the right to request a new defence date if their thesis evaluation reports were not made available on time (pursuant to Article 45(3) of the Charles University Code of Study).

Right to request an additional thesis report:

Under Article 45(4) of the Charles University Code of Study, students who have reservations regarding the conclusion of any of the obtained reports, have the right to petition the dean for an additional review.

Right to withdraw from thesis defence:

Students may withdraw from the thesis defence if they receive unfavourable evaluation reports; the students will still lose their attempt in such case (in accordance with Article 45(5) of the Charles University Code of Study).

Minimum credit requirements for progression (Master's programmes):

Based on the Article 4(3) of the Faculty's Rules of Study, the minimum credit threshold for progressing to the fourth year and beyond in the Master's programmes has changed. Students must now obtain at least 120 ECTS when completing their third year of study.

Resit attempts for course assessment:

In exceptional cases, where possible by the nature of the method and assessment of the subject or its part, no resit attempts can be allowed in the form of course credit or graded course (pursuant to Article 9(2) of the Faculty's Rules of Study).

Scholarships

Transition of Social Scholarship under the government's 'Higher Education Grant':

The Social Scholarship will be awarded and paid by Charles University for the last time in the academic year of 2026/2027. Starting from September 2027, the government will take over this responsibility in the form of a state benefit known as the 'Higher Education Grant'; the benefit may be available only for students with permanent residence or for exceptions stated by the government.

Merit-based scholarship eligibility for first-year Master's students:

Students entering their first year of a follow-up Master's programme can now be awarded a scholarship for outstanding academic achievement based on their performance in their final year of Bachelor's degree. This applies exclusively to students who completed their Bachelor's degree at the Faculty of Humanities and immediately started a follow-up Master's programme at the faculty (pursuant to Article 3 of the Faculty's Rules for Awarding Scholarships and Bursaries).

Updated rules for the merit-based scholarships:

The rules for awarding scholarships for outstanding academic performance throughout the entire course of study have changed (under Article 4 of the Faculty's Rules for Awarding Scholarships and Bursaries).

Scholarships in an Acute Situation of Hardship:

It is now possible to apply for a scholarship in acute situations of hardship to the Dean of the Faculty (pursuant to Article 9 of the Faculty's Rules for Awarding Scholarships and Bursaries).

Updated rules for special consideration scholarships:

Rules and eligibility criteria for scholarships awarded in cases worthy of special consideration have been specified in greater detail under Article 14 of the Faculty's Rules for Awarding Scholarships and Bursaries.

Student Information System

Transition to electronic document delivery via the Student Information System (SIS):

Official document delivery is transitioning to the SIS; the transition period will last until September 30th, 2027. During this period, students will still be able to deliver applications and official documents by traditional methods (i.e. by post, databox, or in-person at the Faculty's Registry).

The electronic delivery via SIS will be gradually added during the academic year of 2026/2027. Starting from October 1st, 2027, all students' submissions and official faculty documents will be delivered exclusively through SIS.