

Admission regulations for doctoral studies for the academic year 2026-2027

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Admission criteria and special conditions – IOSUD

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1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Art. 1. These criteria for the organisation and conduct of the admission competition for the 2026-2027 academic year for doctoral studies at the Organising Institution for Doctoral Studies (IOSUD) – Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu were developed in accordance with the following normative acts and regulations:

- a). Higher Education Law No. 199 of 2023, published in the Official Gazette No. 614 of July 5, 2023, and entered into force on September 3, 2023, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- b). Framework Regulation on Doctoral Studies approved by Order of the Ministry of Education No. 3020 of January 8, 2024, published in the Official Gazette No. 56 of January 22, 2024, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- c). Order No. 3018/2025 approving the minimum national standards for the award of doctoral degrees;
- d). Ministry of Education Order No. 3692 of February 1, 2024, on the list of nationally recognized programs for establishing the degree of similarity for final theses, published in the Official Gazette No. 112 of February 8, 2024;
- e). Order of the Ministry of Education No. 3693/2024 approving the Framework Methodology for the organisation of admission to higher education in short-term, bachelor's, master's and doctoral university study cycles;
- f). Charter of the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, including the Code of Ethics and Academic Conduct;
- g). Regulations for the organization and conduct of doctoral studies at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- h). Regulations for the organisation and conduct of the admission competition for study programmes at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.

Art. 2. For the purposes of these regulations, the terms and expressions below have the following meanings:

- a). *Doctoral studies* represent the third cycle of university studies offered by Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, the purpose of which is to develop human resources competent in scientific research, capable of entering the highly skilled labor market. They are completed after the defense of the doctoral thesis, with the award of the title of doctor. Doctoral studies allow the acquisition of a level 8 qualification in the EQF/CEC and CNC;
- b). *Doctoral student* (hereinafter referred to as doctoral candidate): A person admitted to a doctoral program has the status of doctoral student for the entire duration of the program, from enrollment until graduation or expulsion, except during periods of interruption of studies, but including any extensions granted by the university senate.
- c). *Doctoral supervisor*: Persons who obtained the right to supervise doctoral studies prior to the date of entry into force of LIS/2023, as well as persons who obtain the habilitation certificate and become members of a doctoral school within IOSUD-ULBS, on the basis of an individual employment contract, in accordance with Art. 69, para. (1) of LIS/2023. A doctoral supervisor may supervise doctoral students only in the field in which he or she has obtained this right;
- d). *The doctoral program* is coordinated by a doctoral supervisor and includes: a training program based on advanced university studies within the doctoral school; an individual scientific research program. The duration

of doctoral studies is usually 4 years. In special situations, the duration of the doctoral program may be extended by 1-2 years, with the approval of the university senate, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor and within the limits of available funds, or reduced by 1 year, at the request of the doctoral student, with the approval of the doctoral supervisor and the university senate.

- e). *The Institute for Doctoral Studies of the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu*, hereinafter referred to as IOSUD-ULBS, is an organizational and administrative structure established within the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, responsible for organizing doctoral studies.
- f). *Doctoral School* – an organizational and administrative structure established within IOSUD-ULBS that provides the necessary support for conducting doctoral studies in one or more fields of doctoral studies.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES

Art. 3. Admission to doctoral studies is based on competition for the fields of doctoral studies accredited within IOSUD-ULBS, in accordance with the provisions of LIS 199/2023. IOSUD-ULBS organizes admission only for scientific doctoral programs.

Art. 4. Only graduates with a master's degree or equivalent are eligible to participate in the admission competition for doctoral studies, and the cumulative number of transferable credits acquired for the bachelor's and master's degree programs must be at least 300. According to the provisions of Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, as amended and supplemented, the bachelor's degree of graduates of long-term higher education from the period prior to the application of the three Bologna cycles is equivalent to a master's degree in the specialty. Consequently, holders of long-term higher education diplomas have the right to enroll in doctoral studies without having to complete the second cycle of master's degree studies. At the IOSUD-ULBS level, a commission will be set up to analyze and evaluate each situation individually.

Art. 5. Doctoral studies at the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu are conducted in the form of full-time or part-time education, scientific doctorate, for the fields listed in Annex 6.

Art. 6. Enrollment in doctoral studies at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu in a field of doctoral studies is not conditional on the field in which the bachelor's or master's degree was obtained (with the exception of Orthodox Theology).

Art. 7. Doctoral studies at the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu are financed from the state budget and on a fee-paying basis from the doctoral student's own resources, respectively from scholarships awarded by natural or legal persons. A candidate who has been admitted may receive funding through doctoral study grants financed from the state budget for a single doctoral program and only once.

Art. 8. Citizens of European Union member states, European Economic Area states, and the Swiss Confederation have access to doctoral studies under the same conditions as those provided for Romanian citizens in normative acts, including with regard to fees (admission exam fee, tuition fee, doctoral thesis defense fee).

Art. 9. The admission competition is open to Romanian citizens and citizens of countries other than those specified in Art. 8, under the conditions provided by law.

Art. 10. Resident doctors have the right to enroll in a doctoral program during their residency and thus have the status of research assistant or university assistant for a fixed period, being remunerated for both activities, in accordance with the law.

Article 11. The recognition of academic qualifications obtained in countries other than Romania, including those of citizens of countries belonging to the European Union, the European Economic Area, and the Swiss Confederation, is the responsibility of the relevant department within the Ministry of Education, prior to the registration of candidates for the admission competition, each candidate being required to submit, upon registration for the competition, the certificate of recognition of studies.

Art. 12. Upon admission to doctoral studies in Romanian, foreign citizens are required to submit a certificate of proficiency in Romanian issued by institutions authorized by the Ministry of Education. If the doctoral program that a candidate intends to follow is also offered in an international language and if the candidate chooses to follow the doctoral program in that language, in accordance with the tuition contract, then it is not necessary to present the certificate of proficiency in Romanian.

Art. 13. Candidates who hold a doctoral degree may, if admitted, pursue a second doctoral program from other sources or free of charge, if the admission requirements are met, as follows:

a. if the first program was attended with funding from the state budget, the second program will be from other sources;

b. if the first program was attended using other sources of funding, the second program may be attended using funding from the state budget or other sources, if the candidate qualifies for such a place based on their ranking and if the chosen research topic is funded from the state budget through a doctoral grant with a scholarship.

Art. 14. Candidates who have benefited from full or partial funding from the state budget for doctoral studies are required to declare this upon registration, by means of a sworn statement or by presenting an official document issued by the university where they obtained their degree, certifying this fact. An admitted candidate may receive only one grant from the state budget for the normal duration of doctoral studies.

Art. 15. Employees and children of employees of ULBS, as well as children of active or retired staff in the university and pre-university education system, are exempt from paying registration fees for the doctoral studies admission competition.

Art. 16. Exemption from the payment of these fees is granted only on the basis of supporting documents submitted by the candidates.

3. CONDUCT OF THE ADMISSION COMPETITION

Art. 17 The organization and conduct of the admission competition for doctoral studies are the responsibility of the ULBS Central Admission Commission, the CSUD, and the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service, which are responsible for the proper conduct of the admission competition, in compliance with quality standards, academic ethics, and the legislation in force.

Art. 18. For the 2026-2027 academic year, the number of doctoral grants is established by Government decision and distributed to IOSUD by order of the Minister of Education. On the recommendation of the Rector of ULBS, the CSUD, with the approval of the university senate, shall allocate doctoral grants to the accredited doctoral study fields at ULBS, based on the following criteria:

- activities carried out within the field of doctoral studies, the performance of doctoral students, from a scientific point of view and in terms of their integration into the highly skilled labor market;
- the feasibility of the doctoral supervisor's proposal regarding the conduct of doctoral activities, the proposed research topics, the integration of doctoral students into research projects, and the visibility of research results;

- the number of active and eligible doctoral supervisors in each field of doctoral studies;
- the number of doctoral students at various stages of doctoral studies supervised by each doctoral supervisor in a field of doctoral studies, in accordance with Article 70 of LIS/2023, as amended and supplemented.

Art. 19. (1). When registering for the admission competition, the candidate for doctoral studies chooses a field of doctoral studies, a research topic, and a doctoral supervisor from among those doctoral supervisors at the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu who offer places/vacancies and research topics for that admission competition, and competes for a place with that supervisor. If successful, that doctoral supervisor will coordinate the doctoral studies of the respective candidate within the doctoral school to which the doctoral supervisor is affiliated.

(2) Simultaneous registration for doctoral supervision with two doctoral supervisors at ULBS, respectively on two research topics, is not possible.

Art. 20. Candidates are ranked according to their average score on the admission exam, for each research topic, for each position (vacant position advertised in the competition), for each doctoral supervisor, and for each field of doctoral studies.

Art. 21. In the 2026-2027 academic year, admission to doctoral studies will take place in person or online, depending on the macroeconomic and social context and the legal regulations in force, according to the calendar in Annex 1.

A. Online registration of candidates

Art. 22. ULBS will administer an *online admission* platform through which it will manage this process in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

Art. 23. The *online admission* application used by ULBS will allow the configuration and management of the admission session and the admission competition for doctoral studies, registration, enrollment, and tuition fees, the definition of the nomenclature of required documents and the nomenclature of evidence, as well as all the facilities necessary for the implementation of the provisions *of the Regulation* through the platform.

Art. 24. The calendar for the admission session for doctoral studies will be updated and published in accordance with social distancing rules and legal regulations in force, as well as subsequent measures adopted at national level and at ULBS level.

Art. 25. The Central Admission Committee (CCA) may adopt decisions/resolutions regarding the proper organization and conduct of the admission competition, which shall be made public and implemented by the admission committees at the level of doctoral schools and IOSUD.

Art. 26. The CCA and the IOSUD admission committees, with the support of the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service, shall ensure the preparation, organization, guidance, and control of the admission competition, coordinating the activities of the persons involved in carrying out these actions, as well as the functionality of the *online Admission* platform.

Art. 27. Registration for the admission competition for doctoral studies is done online through the *Online Admission* computer application, by the candidate, from any device such as a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone with access to the Internet, following the instructions regulated by the *Online Admission* computer application.

Art. 28. Online registration can be done either from the candidate's home or other locations, or from specially designated areas within ULBS. Information regarding the addresses and opening hours of these spaces made available to candidates by ULBS during the registration period will be published on the ULBS website and

the IOSUD website. The Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service will publish on its website (<http://doctorate.ulbsibiu.ro/>, in the Admission Section) information on the calendar and online registration process, the guidance and support infrastructure available to candidates for online registration, the results of the validation of candidates' files, the schedule and results of competitions/examinations, as well as the final results of the admission process.

Art. 29. To register for the admission competition, candidates must meet all the conditions set out in *the ULBS Regulations and in the Regulations on admission to doctoral studies*, conditions which are also found in the *Online Admission* application used by ULBS.

Art. 30. The *Online Admission* application will have a module that will facilitate the online registration of candidates, in compliance with the conditions mentioned in the previous article, and the university will provide candidates with the address from which this module can be accessed.

- (1) The *Online Registration* module will allow:
 1. the creation of accounts by candidates for authentication on the platform;
 2. the online completion of the registration form;
 3. the uploading of the documents required for the application file;
 4. online payment of the admission registration fee.
- (2) IOSUD will provide candidates with instructions (tutorials) on how to complete these steps on its website. The instructions will also be available on the ULBS website.
- (3) The online application form will include the information required by the *Online Admission* application, *doctoral studies module*, according to Annex 2.
- (4) The online application file will include the completed application form, supporting documents, as per Annex 2, scanned/photographed legibly, proof of payment of the registration fee or the supporting document entitling the candidate to exemption from payment of this fee, as well as the candidate's assumption of responsibility for the authenticity and conformity of all supporting documents, by ticking the appropriate box in the computer application.
- (5) In order to comply with the legal provisions in force regarding the study regime in Romania, for candidates who have changed their name (through marriage, adoption, or court decisions), online registration for the competition will be made using the name on the birth certificate.
- (6) The online application file will be verified within a maximum of 24 hours of submission by the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service within IOSUD. If the file is complete, it will be declared valid, and the resolution will be sent to the candidate. If the file is incomplete, Doctoral, Postdoctoral and Habilitation Studies Service will immediately request clarifications/additions from the candidate, who will submit them within a maximum of 24 hours.
- (7) If the candidate does not respond to the requested clarifications/additions within the deadline or if the response does not resolve the discrepancies, the file will be declared invalid, and the candidate will be informed of this decision. An invalid file is not eligible for participation in the admission competition.
- (8) After the file has been validated, the candidate is required to print their registration form and competition ID card, which will allow them to access the next stages of the admission process.
- (9) The staff of the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service will generate a folder for each field of doctoral studies in the Drive directory associated with the institutional Google account, using the model "FIELD_2026"; within this folder, a subfolder will be created containing the application file for each candidate, following the model "NAME_Surname_2026".

Art. 31. At least 48 hours before the admission exam, the competition committees will receive access to the files of all candidates assigned to each committee, in electronic format.

B. Admission competition for doctoral studies

Art. 32. The admission competition for doctoral studies is organized in a uniform manner and includes:

- a. **a language proficiency exam** in one of the international languages (English, French, German) assessed with a "Pass/Fail" grade. The competition topics and bibliography for the language proficiency test are presented in Annex 3. For candidates who have obtained an internationally recognised language proficiency certificate (Annex 3), the language proficiency exam is equivalent. For equivalence, certified copies of the certificates shall be endorsed by the relevant departments and submitted upon registration. Complete bachelor's and master's degree programs studied entirely in English, French, or German in accredited programs are also recognized. Proof of completion must be recorded on the bachelor's and/or master's degree diploma and in the diploma supplement.
 - Candidates who wish to obtain/equate their language proficiency certificate shall notify the Foreign Language Center of the Faculty of Letters and Arts (centru.limbustraine@ulbsibiu.ro) at least 3 working days (72 hours) before the start of the language proficiency exam, set during the registration period, according to the details that will be posted on the IOSUD website in the Admission section.
 - Candidates who wish to have their certificate recognized as equivalent must attach a scanned copy of their certificates to their application.
 - Candidates who will take the language proficiency exam will be scheduled for an online exam. The schedule for candidates and the access code for the test will be posted on the Faculty of Letters and Arts website at least 24 hours before the start of the exam.
 - The language proficiency test will be conducted online, on the Google Classroom and Google Meet platforms: candidates will receive the topics for testing their written communication skills on Google Classroom and will then have a dialogue with the committee on Google Meet to test their oral communication skills.
 - The language proficiency certificate is part of the candidate's file.
- b. **A specialized exam** consisting of an interview between the admissions committee and the candidate based on the doctoral research project developed on a research topic included in the competition, in accordance with the requirements in Annex 4; the research project will be evaluated based on the criteria in Annex 5. **For the field of doctoral studies in Theology, all the specific conditions in Annex 7 shall be taken into account.**
- c. The minimum average that a candidate must obtain in order to be admitted to doctoral studies is 7.00. The average is calculated to two decimal places, without rounding.

Art. 33. a) The specialized exam will be conducted through competition in doctoral study fields and research topics, with the committee consisting of doctoral supervisors in the respective field.

b). In order for the exam to take place, a simple majority of the committee members must be present, but no fewer than three members. If this condition cannot be met, the CSUD may decide to merge the admission committees from related doctoral study fields.

c) The date of the specialized exam is the one set in the admission calendar (Annex 1). If, for valid reasons, the Committee cannot meet on this date, the Chair of the Committee shall communicate to the Director of the CSUD

and the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service the date agreed upon by all members of the Committee.

d) The committee chairs shall communicate to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service the place and time of the specialized exam, if it is held in person. The chair of the admissions committee shall ensure that the candidate and the members of the admissions committee are present at the specialized exam. The candidate announces the topic of their doctoral research project and presents its content in 10-15 minutes. This is followed by discussions on the written text and presentation. The presentation-discussion sequence is repeated for each candidate, and the committee chair ensures that each candidate receives the committee's attention and equal opportunities.

If the macroeconomic and social context does not allow for the organization of a face-to-face specialized exam, it will take place online as described in Chapter C. Conducting the specialized exam online.

Art. 34. a) At the end of the specialized exam, the committee establishes the ranking of candidates based on the averages obtained, and the chair completes and signs, together with the other members, the minutes of the exam and sends the admission results to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service.

b) Budgeted places with scholarships and those without scholarships will be allocated to candidates who have obtained the highest marks for each research topic and each field of doctoral study. When allocating places with scholarships, the integration of the future doctoral student into the teaching and scientific activities of the department to which they belong will also be taken into account, with the doctoral supervisor being directly responsible for this activity. Candidates admitted to a state-funded place with a scholarship will attend the doctoral program on a full-time basis. Candidates admitted to a state-funded place without a scholarship or on a fee-paying basis will attend the doctoral program on a part-time basis. Doctoral students admitted to full-time doctoral programs will have additional obligations compared to other doctoral students, which will be stipulated in their tuition contracts. Specifically, they will be required to participate in at least four scientific events organized by ULBS each academic year that are related to their field of doctoral study, participation proven by a certificate issued by the organizer of the scientific event within ULBS.

c) The results of the admission competition will be made public by posting them on the website of the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service, in the Admission section.

d) Any appeals regarding the results of the admission competition shall be submitted to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral and Habilitation Studies Service within the deadline set out in Annex 1. **Appeals may only concern procedural irregularities. Appeals concerning oral tests and those based on ignorance of the Admission Regulations and the Specific Admission Criteria of IOSUD-ULBS will not be accepted. The Appeals Committee shall resolve the appeals and draw up a report. The results of the appeals will be sent individually to doctoral candidates by e-mail.**

f) After the deadline for resolving and responding (by posting) to appeals has expired, the result of the admission competition is final and cannot be changed. Based on the final lists, by decision of the University Rector, the candidates will be enrolled and will thus acquire the status of doctoral students starting with the 2026-2027 academic year.

C. Online administration of the specialized exam

Art. 35. If the macroeconomic and social context does not allow for the admission competition for doctoral studies, respectively the specialized exam, to be held in person, it will be held online, on the Google Meet platform, running on domeniul@ulbsibiu.ro, in the form of an interview, based on the doctoral research project developed by

the candidate. The chair of the admissions committee shall communicate the procedure to the members and request confirmation of their participation under the conditions specified in the procedure.

Art. 36. In consultation with the chair of each admissions committee, the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service shall prepare and post on the website, at least 48 hours before the start of the admissions competition, the schedule for the online examination of candidates for each field, together with the meeting code. The Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service shall grant each competition committee access to the file for each field at least 48 hours before the start of the admission exam.

Art. 37. The chair of the admission committee shall ensure that they can prove that the examination took place on the set date and time and that they will store this evidence in the directory created in the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service account. Evidence may include: screenshots/print screens, audio/video recordings, text, etc.

Art. 38. Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu provides technical support for the Google Meet platform throughout the entire period of admission to doctoral studies.

Art. 39. The chair of the admissions committee may appoint a doctoral student intern to provide technical assistance in preparing and conducting the admissions competition.

Art. 40. The chair of the admissions committee ensures that the scheduled candidate and the members of the admissions committee are present online. The candidate announces the topic of their doctoral research project and presents its content within 10-15 minutes. This is followed by discussions on the written text and the presentation. The presentation-discussion sequence is repeated for each candidate, and the chair of the committee ensures that each candidate receives the committee's attention and equal opportunities. At the end of the competition, the committee ranks the candidates based on their scores, and the chair completes and signs, together with the other members, the minutes of the examination and sends the admission results to Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service .

Art. 41. The duties of the chair of the admissions committee during the competition are:

- a) to create the event on the Google Meet platform;
- b) to inform candidates about how the event will be conducted;
- c) the event (examination) is recorded in audio and video format;
- d) conversations via the messaging service associated with the event will be recorded;
- e) all recordings will be stored in the Drive directory associated with the Google account of the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service and will be kept on the server for 3 academic years;
- f) post the following message on the messaging channel associated with the event: "This meeting will be audio and video recorded, together with the full transcript of the chat channel messages, in accordance with legal provisions. The recording will be saved and stored in the Doctoral School's electronic archive for 3 academic years. By continuing to participate in this exam, you consent to the recording and storage of your data.";
- g) to archive the recordings after the completion of the colloquium, with names that will indicate the type of examination (admission), the field of doctoral studies, and the year. In this way, each exam will correspond to two files: an audio-video file and a text file (e.g., Admission_Management_2026_AV and Admission_Management_2026_TEXT). The files with the corresponding recordings will be uploaded to the subfolder created for this purpose;
- h) to draw up the minutes of the admission exam and send them to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service no later than 24 hours after the completion of the exam;

Art. 42. The obligations of candidates during the online examination are:

- a) to log in to the event with the video camera on and the microphone turned on;
- b) to identify themselves by presenting their identity card and/or competition ID card in front of the camera and by writing the words READY FOR THE EXAM in the chat box;
- c) after reading the message sent by the chair of the committee, write in the chat box: AGREED. If the candidate does not agree with the conditions presented in the message, they will be excluded from the exam and declared absent.

Art. 43. Any appeals regarding the results of the admission competition shall be submitted to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service within the deadline set out in Annex 1. Appeals may only concern procedural irregularities. Appeals concerning oral tests and those based on ignorance of the admission methodology shall not be accepted. The Appeals Committee shall resolve the appeals and draw up a report. The results of the appeals shall be sent individually to doctoral candidates by e-mail.

4. ENROLLMENT OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Art. 44. Candidates admitted to a state-funded place are required to submit their bachelor's degree, master's degree, and relevant transcripts, in original form, to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service, within the deadline set by the latter. Failure to submit the original documents within the deadline will result in the loss of the place obtained through the competition. Candidates confirm their places by paying the registration fee.

Art. 45. Candidates admitted to fee-paying places shall confirm their place by:

- 1) Submitting to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service, during the period announced for confirmations, the receipt proving payment of the registration fee and the first installment, amounting to 40% of the tuition fee. The two fees can be paid at the ULBS cashier's office or online.
- 2) Submitting the admission file in printed format to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service.

Art. 46. Candidates who do not confirm their places during the period announced for confirmations lose their right to enrol, and the remaining places will be filled by candidates who have confirmed their places, in descending order of the average marks obtained in the competition tests, for each field of doctoral studies.

Art. 47. For enrollment in the first year of doctoral studies, candidates who have confirmed their place shall report, within the established deadline, to the Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service to complete and sign the study contract in triplicate. The text of the contract will be available on the website <https://doctorate.ulbsibiu.ro>, in the *Documents* section.

Art. 48. Interested doctoral students may request accommodation from the Student Housing Service within ULBS.

5. FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 49. For all activities related to admission (registration, confirmation, withdrawal, renunciation, etc.), the candidate's written consent is mandatory. To participate in the admission exam, the candidate must be physically present at the place (link) on the date and time set by the chair of the admission committee.

Art. 50. The Doctoral, Postdoctoral, and Habilitation Studies Service will publish information regarding the admission competition on the website at <https://doctorate.ulbsibiu.ro/ro/admitere/>

Annex 1. Calendar for the admission competition for doctoral studies for the academic year 2026-2027

PERIOD	ACTIVITY
September 3–11, 2026	Registration period
September 7 and 9, 2026	Language proficiency exam
September 16, 2026	Specialized exam/interview
September 18, 2026	Preliminary admission competition results posted
September 21	Submission of appeals to the email address dep.doctorate@ulbsibiu.ro between 08:00 and 14:00
September 22	Posting of final results after appeals have been resolved
September 22-24	Confirmation of place by paying the registration fee and the tuition fee for the first installment
September 25	Display of final lists of candidates admitted following confirmation of places
October 1	Enrollment of admitted candidates

Annex 2. Application for enrollment in doctoral studies

Dear Rector,

I, the undersigned, _____, kindly request your approval to enroll in the doctoral admission exam, in the September 2026 session, in the field of doctoral studies _____ under the doctoral supervisor: _____, with the doctoral research topic: _____

I enclose the following documents with my application:

- personal registration form;
- doctoral research project (see Annex 4);
- birth certificate (original or copy);
- marriage certificate (original or copy);
- copy of identity card;
- high school diploma (original or copy);
- bachelor's degree with transcript (original or copy);
- bachelor's degree transcript (original or copy);
- master's degree (original or copy);
- master's degree transcript (original or copy);
- curriculum vitae;
- list of titles of scientific papers written and published;
- language proficiency certificate;
- proof of payment of the admission fee or proof of exemption from payment of the admission fee

Date

Signature

Annex 3. Requirements and topics for the language proficiency exam

- 1. Candidates must demonstrate an advanced level of knowledge of the foreign language. This advanced level will be assessed according to the following criteria:**

ORAL EXPRESSION SKILLS:

- express themselves with sufficient fluency and spontaneity;
- communicate easily with native speakers.

SPEAKING COMPREHENSION:

- understand the essence of conferences, presentations, and reports that use complex language and ideas;
- understand the essence of complex discourse on concrete and abstract topics, familiar or unfamiliar, from personal, professional, or academic life, including technical discussions.

ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND WRITTEN TEXT:

- understand the main ideas of texts on concrete and abstract topics, including technical texts in the field of specialization;
- quickly identify the content and importance of information, articles, and reports on professional topics, personal positions, or points of view in order to decide whether further study is worthwhile.

WRITTEN EXPRESSION SKILLS:

- appreciate different ideas or solutions related to a problem;
- summarize information and arguments, construct a logical, reasoned judgment with few errors or sometimes using structures from the mother tongue.

- 2. For candidates who have obtained an internationally recognized language proficiency certificate in the last two calendar years, the language proficiency exam is no longer required. Foreign language**

English

CAMBRIDGE FC, CAE, CPE, BEC
Higher/Vantage, I IELTS, band 5 or above
Sprachdiplom II, Goethe-Zertifikat B2,

German

Goethe-Zertifikat C1, Goethe-Zertifikat C2,
Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom (GDS)
Internationally recognized language

French

proficiency certificate for French: DALF C1,
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Appendix 4. Structure of the doctoral research project

The research project addresses one of the topics proposed by the doctoral supervisors and put out to competition for vacant doctoral student positions in the 2026-2027 academic year.

The doctoral research project prepared by the candidate will follow the following structure:

1. Research topic proposed by the doctoral supervisor for the scientific research program;
2. A brief presentation of the current state of scientific research and representative bibliography;
3. Critical analysis of the current stage and identification of the research "niche" to which the candidate intends to contribute;
4. The proposed research goals and objectives;
5. Proposed research methodology;
6. Contributions and concerns of the candidate for the proposed topic, the extent to which they estimate that the research and proposed objectives will be achieved, risk management;
7. Estimated scientific results of the research, their relevance in relation to previous research and their adequacy to the requirements of the socio-economic environment and artistic creation;
8. Exploitation of the results of doctoral research through studies, articles, communications, publications, patents, etc.

The research project will comply with the following standards:

- between 10-15 pages in Times New Roman font, size 12, 1.5 line spacing, justified alignment;
- bibliography and references prepared according to an established standard (preferably APA or Harvard).

The research project will be uploaded to the *Admitere online* application in pdf format.

Annex 5. Assessment criteria for the specialized exam

The evaluation is carried out in relation to the criteria presented below, with each member of the admission committee awarding a score between 1 and 10. The final score will be the arithmetic mean of the individual scores of the committee members. Candidates who achieve an average of at least 7.00 will be accepted.

Research projects that do not fall within the research topics of the doctoral study field proposed by the doctoral supervisors and advertised for the vacant doctoral student positions for the 2026-2027 academic year will be eliminated from the competition.

Specific criteria for the doctoral field:

A. Relevance of the field addressed (0-3 points):

- the suitability of the proposed topic to the scientific research topics of the doctoral field of study and of the doctoral supervisor;
- how the proposed topic will contribute to the development of the doctoral field/doctoral school.

B. General criteria, specific to all doctoral fields (0-6 points)

- the scientific level of the research proposal;
- the level of information and the quality of the description of the current state of knowledge in the field, at national and international level;
- identification of the research "niche" and potential contributions related to recent achievements in the mainstream of publications/artistic creations;
- clarity of the research purpose and objectives;
- the relevance and usefulness of the proposed research methodology;
- the expected results and impact in the respective socio-economic and artistic environment.

C. Individual performance of the applicant (0-1 point)

- scientific papers presented at national and international conferences;
- prestigious artistic creations presented at performing arts institutions and/or national/international festivals;
- works published in specialized journals and volumes of national and international conferences;
- awards obtained at scientific events in Romania and abroad;
- research contracts as director/member of the research team;
- other relevant results.

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No.	Field of doctoral studies
1.	Computers and Information Technology
2.	Cybernetics and Statistics
3.	Law
4.	Economics
5.	Philology
6.	Finance
7.	Industrial Engineering
8.	Mechanical Engineering
9.	Engineering and Management
10.	History
11.	Management
12.	Mathematics
13.	Medicine
14.	Sociology
15.	Theater and Performing Arts
16.	Theology

Additional information about doctoral supervisors is available at:

<http://doctorate.ulbsibiu.ro>, section *Fields and Supervisors*

<https://catalog.ulbsibiu.ro/lista-domenii/>

Annex 7. Specific criteria: field of doctoral studies Theology

1. Conditions for enrollment in the admission competition:

- Only graduates with a bachelor's and master's degree in Theology (according to the decisions of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church (6342 and 6343 of 15-16. 12. 1998) are eligible to participate in the doctoral admission competition in the field of Theology. To enroll in the doctoral admission competition in Theology, the minimum grade point average is 8.51 and is calculated as follows: 70% of the bachelor's degree grade point average $[(1+2+3+4+\text{bachelor's degree grade point average}) : 5]$ + 30% of the master's degree grade point average $[(1+2+\text{dissertation grade point average}) : 3]$.
- To enroll in doctoral studies, candidates from the Romanian Orthodox Church need the written blessing of the hierarch in whose jurisdiction the doctoral school is located (namely, the Archbishop of Sibiu).
- Candidates for admission to doctoral studies who belong to other denominations or come from other sister Orthodox Churches need the following documents: a) the agreement of the denomination/archbishop of the diocese from which they come; b) the approval of the *Doctoral School Council*; c) the approval of the Archbishop of Sibiu, and d) the approval of the Patriarch of Romania (according to Decision No. 358/2015 of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church).

2. Conducting the entrance exam.

- a) a written exam in Dogmatic Theology;
- b) an interview by the admissions committee with the candidate for doctoral studies based on the doctoral research project;
- c) The minimum average that a candidate must obtain in order to be admitted to doctoral studies is 7.00 (both in the exam in Dogmatic Theology and in the interview based on the research project). The average is calculated to two decimal places, without rounding.

3. Analytical program

ANALYTICAL PROGRAM

for the written exam in the subject

DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

1. Revelation, Scripture, Tradition, and Church. The theological method of Father Dumitru Stăniloae;
2. The teaching on Grace and the attributes of God from an interdenominational perspective;
3. The Holy Trinity, the structure of supreme love (interconfessional perspective);
4. The visible and invisible world, creation of love destined for deification (interconfessional perspective);

5. Christian anthropology: man as the image of God destined for deification. The primordial state and the fall (interconfessional perspective);
6. The Christological dogma of Chalcedon: The divine-human person of Jesus Christ—evangelical image and dogmatic definition;
7. The objective work of salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ - Christology and theopaschism (interconfessional perspective);
8. The subjective salvation of man in the Church through synergy: personal participation in uncreated divine energies, epectasis (interconfessional perspective);
9. Ecclesiology (interconfessional perspective);
10. Particular and universal eschatology (interconfessional perspective).

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