

## **PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND PACE AND STUDENT OBLIGATIONS. CONDITIONS FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR AND ENROLLMENT PREREQUISITES FOR EACH SUBJECT OR GROUP OF SUBJECTS**

### **1. Program structure and pace**

School year runs from 1 October to 15 July, so that the prescribed number of hours of the program (5500) could be achieved without compromising the recommendation that a student should not have more than 25-30 hours of direct lessons in one week. Year is not divided into semesters, and classes are conducted in blocks (cycles) for individual subjects.

The first examination period is scheduled after the completion of lessons (cycles or blocks), after several free days (counting weekends and holidays). This interval is determined in proportion to the length of the block of the course to which it refers. The second examination period is between 16 and 31 July, while the third and fourth examination periods are in September. The fourth examination period is always in front of an examination committee. Students who fail to collect 42 ECTS enrolls the same year, while those with 42-60 ECTS enrol next year of the Program. Failed exams are enrolled and taken again, and the academic year is supplemented with the courses from the following year to a total of 60 ECTS credits.

### **2. Student obligations, conditions for enrollment into the next year of the program**

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### **3. Criteria and conditions for the transfer of ECTS credits - assignment of credit value to courses that students can choose from other programs at the University or other institutions of higher education.**

As it was previously stated, due to the diversity of European schools of medicine programs, it is very difficult to find a partner university for student exchange where students would accurately and literally, at a given time, take undergraduate studies abroad or at another school of medicine in Croatia.

Due to the strictly prescribed (regulated profession!) and a very extensive (5.500 hours) program, it was not possible to find subjects at other university departments for students to take and to be acknowledged the ECTS credits.

Realizing the value of student mobility, we focused on opportunities for students to take certain classes during the summer holidays or in a different manner. These classes will be acknowledged as elective courses (2 ECTS credits per course). The system is described above, in point 1d.

In addition, whenever it is technically possible, students will be encouraged to perform obligatory cycle classes outside the School and it will be acknowledged as a fulfilled obligation, exam, grade and ECTS credits.

### **4. Completion of the program.**

The program ends when student:

- Passes all required exams by courses
- Writes and defends the thesis.

**5. Conditions under which students who have interrupted their studies or have lost their right to education in one academic program can continue their studies.**

Students who interrupted their studies may continue at will under Croatian laws and School's Study Regulations. Students who have lost their right to education cannot continue their studies at this School.