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Regulation 658/2016

Preamble

In compliance with Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of March 24, as amended by Decree-Law No. 115/2013 of August 7, which provides that the legally and statutorily competent body of the higher education institution must approve the regulatory standards relating to higher education study cycles, the General Regulation of Study Cycles leading to the degree of Master of the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro was approved by Rector's Dispatch on June 28, 2016.

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General Regulation of the Study Cycles leading to a Master's Degree

Article 1

Legal framework

This regulation aims to develop the legal system established by Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March, as amended by Decree-Law No. 115/2013 of 7 August, and other applicable legislation, concerning 2nd study cycles.

Article 2

Study cycle leading to a master's degree

- 1 The Master's degree is conferred upon the candidate who demonstrates:
- a) Possess knowledge and comprehension skills at a level that:
- i) Building on the knowledge obtained in a 1st cycle course or equivalent, develop and deepen it;
- *ii)* Enable and form the basis of original developments or applications, in many cases in a research context;
 - b) Knowing how to apply their knowledge and their capacity for comprehension and problem solving

to new situations, in broad and multidisciplinary contexts, even if related to their area of study;

- c) Ability to integrate knowledge, deal with complex issues, develop solutions or make judgments in situations of limited or incomplete information, including reflections on the ethical and social implications and responsibilities that result from or condition these solutions and judgments;
- d) Be able to communicate their conclusions and the knowledge and reasoning behind them to both experts and non-experts in an unambiguous manner;
 - e) Competencies that enable lifelong learning in a fundamentally self-directed or autonomous way.
- 2 The degree of "Mestre" (master) is awarded to the student who has passed all the course units that make up the second cycle course and in the public act of defending a dissertation, project work, or internship report, gathering the number of credits set for the study cycle.
- 3 The master's degree is awarded in a specialty approved when the cycle of studies is created, and, when necessary, this specialty may be broken down into areas of specialization.

Article 3

Creation of 2nd cycle study cycles

The proposals for the creation of master's study cycles are the initiative of the organic teaching units, alone, jointly, or in association with other higher education institutions, and are submitted to the Rector's approval, after the pronouncement by the Academic Council.

Article 4

Structure of the study cycle

- 1 The cycle of studies leading to the master's degree includes:
- a) A specialization course, composed of an organized set of curricular units, called a master course, which corresponds to a minimum of 50% of the total number of credits of the study cycle;
- b) A scientific dissertation or project work, original and specially made for this purpose, or a professional traineeship with a final report, depending on the specific objectives pursued, under the terms established by the specific regulations of each study cycle, corresponding to a minimum of 30 ECTS.
- 2 The study plans and specific regulations will concretize the components related to the master's course and to the scientific dissertation, project work, or professional internship report, foreseen in article 20 of Decree-Law no. 74/2006, of March 24, as amended by Decree-Law no. 115/2013, of August 7.

Types of final work

- 1 The final master's work must take one of the following forms:
- a) Dissertation;
- b) Project work;
- *c)* Internship report.
- 2 The dissertation consists of an original work of a scientific nature, susceptible to submission for publication in a scientific journal with a selection committee, on a theme or topic in the area of knowledge of the master's degree. It may include work previously done, namely academic work developed in the curricular part of the course.
- 3 Project work is understood as the design, development, and/or evaluation of an original application that demonstrates the skills acquired during the study, through the development of diagnostics, the presentation of possible solution strategies, and/or their solution.
- 4 An internship report is a scientific and critical description and analysis of the activities developed during a professional internship at an institution.

Article 6

Duration of the study cycle

- 1 The cycle of studies leading to the master's degree has 90 to 120 credits and normal duration of between 3 and 4 curricular semesters.
- 2 Exceptionally, and without prejudice to the satisfaction of all the requirements related to the characterization of the objectives, the cycle of studies leading to a master's degree in a specialty may have 60 credits and normal duration of two curricular semesters of work as a consequence of a stable and internationally consolidated practice in that specialty.

Article 7

Study cycle regulations

Each study cycle will have its regulations, approved by the Rector, under the proposal of the organic teaching unit, which will also include:

- a) Title, curricular structure, and study plan;
- b) Access qualifications;

- c) Conditions of attendance, crediting of previous training and its transfer, and creditable activities;
- d) Seriation criteria;
- e) Typology of grades to be adopted in the components of the curricular structure when existing, and evaluation system;
 - f) Methodologies for monitoring and supervising student activities;
 - g) Rules concerning the languages in which the dissertation may be written and discussed;
- h) Curricular units whose completion is mandatory for obtaining the specialization course and their ECTS;
 - i) Specific forms of management with relevance to the operation of the course.

Opening of study cycles

- 1 The opening of courses is decided upon annually by the Rector, after consultation with the organic teaching units, and published on UTAD's website.
- 2 The publicized information includes, among other elements, the application rules, the deadlines, the admission rules, and the minimum number of students for the course.

Article 9

Access conditions

- 1 Can apply to the cycle of studies leading to the master's degree:
- a) Holders of a bachelor's degree or legal equivalent;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree conferred following a 1st study cycle organized according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a state that adheres to the Process;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree that is recognized as meeting the objectives of the degree of Licenciado (Bachelor) by the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council of the teaching unit;
- d) Holders of an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum vitae that is recognized as attesting the capacity to carry out the study cycle by the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council of the teaching unit.
- 2 The recognition referred to in sub-paragraphs *b*) to *d*) of number 1 has the effect only of granting access to the cycle of studies leading to the degree of Mestre and does not confer on its holder the equivalence to the degree of Licenciado or recognition of that degree.
 - 3 The candidates will be admitted to the study cycle, under the proposal of the course director, who

is responsible for the evaluation and seriation of the applications, with the favorable opinion of the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council.

- 4 Once the evaluation and seriation process is concluded, it must be approved by the head of the teaching unit to which the respective study cycle is assigned.
- 5 The evaluation and seriation of candidates, among others, may be based on the following elements:
 - a) Adequacy and classification of the access qualification;
 - b) Academic, scientific, and professional curriculum;
 - c) Interview.
- 6 The application is made for enrollment and registration in a school year and is valid only for the school year to which it refers.
- 7 Applications for master's degrees may be accepted during the academic year, exceptionally, for particularly compelling reasons, and as long as the conditions exist for the academic integration of the applicants.

Article 10

Registration and Enrollment

- 1 The candidate accepted for a master's degree must enroll and register, and submit the necessary documents, within the timeframe established for this purpose. Enrollment is the act that binds the student to UTAD as a student in a given second-cycle study cycle, and the student must pay the enrollment fee and school insurance, tuition fees, and other fees defined annually.
 - 2 The decision is valid only for enrollment and registration in the school year to which it relates.
- 3 After registration, the student must proceed to renew the registration, in each academic year, whether he is attending the curricular part or is preparing a dissertation, project work, or internship report until the work is delivered.
 - 4 Failure to register prevents the student from continuing his or her studies.
- 5 In case of interruption of studies, for at least one academic year, the student may request re-entry, which will be assessed by the competent Scientific or Technical-Scientific Council that will decide on its acceptance, and the process must be approved by the head of the respective teaching unit.

Article 11

Crediting of training and professional experience

Training and professional experience that the student already holds may be credited, following the regulations in force at UTAD.

Article 12

Evaluation of knowledge, grades, and absences in course units

- 1 The regime of knowledge evaluation, classifications, and absences in the course units that are part of the study cycle are those foreseen in the pedagogical regulations in force at UTAD.
- 2 Failure to enroll, in an academic year, will prevent the assignment of an evaluation and the submission of the dissertation, project work, or internship report.

Article 13

Foreign Language

- 1 The cycle of studies leading to the degree of a master's may be taught, in full or in part, in a foreign language, as long as this is approved by the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council of the teaching unit.
- 2 The language of writing the dissertation, project work, or internship report, as well as of the public defense acts, is Portuguese or English.

Article 14

Guidance

- 1 The preparation of the dissertation, project work, or internship report must be supervised by a UTAD doctor in the scientific area(s) of the study cycle or a specialist of merit recognized as such by the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council of the teaching unit.
- 2 In the case of a merit specialist, the *curriculum vitae* and rationale of the Course Director must be attached to the project.
- 3 The orientation may also be assured in a regime of co-supervision by national or foreign supervisors.
- 4 In the case of internships, a supervisor from UTAD and a co-supervisor from the institution where the internship takes place must be proposed.
 - 5 The orientation of the Supervised Teaching Practice is subject to its regulation.
- 6 The advisors are proposed by the Course Director, after hearing the candidate and after express acceptance of the nominee(s), and appointed by the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council of the

teaching unit where the study cycle is inserted.

- 7 While the student does not have an advisor, the Course Director will fill in the student's absence and may propose a provisional advisor.
 - 8- The student may request to the Scientific Council or the Technical-Scientific Council the replacement of the supervisor(s) through a justified justification. If possible, a document of acceptance of the departure of the outgoing supervisor(s) and a declaration of acceptance of the new supervisor(s) must be attached.
 - 9- Up to 30 working days before the deadline for submission of the dissertation, project work, or internship report, the supervisor(s) may ask the Scientific or Technical-Scientific Council of the teaching unit to resign from the student's supervision if there is adequate justification for doing so, and the Scientific or Technical-Scientific Council will replace the supervisor(s).
- 10 The change of advisor(s) does not give rise to any extension of the deadline for submission of the dissertation, project work, or internship report.

Article 15

Advisors' duties

The duties of the supervisor(s) are

- *a)* Ensure the existence of the material conditions necessary for the development of the dissertation, project work, or internship report;
- b) Accompany the dissertation work, project work, or internship report, advising the student on the best way to achieve the proposed objectives;
- c) To provide the candidate with adequate working and literature search conditions for the completion of the dissertation, project work, or internship report;
 - d) Encourage the candidate to participate in graduate courses to broaden his knowledge;
 - e) Inform the candidate in writing whenever you judge his or her progress unsatisfactory;
 - f) Guide the organization and review of the text of the dissertation, project work, or internship report.

Article 16

Dissertation project, project work, or internship report

1 - Up to 45 working days after the end of the first academic year, according to the calendar approved by Rector's dispatch, the student must submit a dissertation project proposal, project work, or internship report to the Academic Services, in a regulated model, which must include:

- a) Job Title;
- b) Disciplinary area of the work and the keywords that characterize it;
- c) Language in which it will be written;
- d) Advisor's name(s)
- e) Statement of acceptance from the advisor(s);
- f) Work plan and schedule.
- 2 Within 10 working days after receiving the dissertation project proposal, project work or internship report, the Academic Services will send it to the teaching unit.
- 3 Within 15 working days, the Course Director must issue his opinion which will be subject to a decision by the Scientific or Technical Council.
- -Scientific, which will benefit from the same time to pronounce itself.
- 4 Within 10 working days after approval by the Scientific or Technical-Scientific Council, the project and respective deliberation terms are sent to Academic Services.
- 5 The Academic Services will notify the student of the resolution within 10 working days of receipt of the resolution.
- 6 If the project is not approved, the Scientific or Technical-Scientific Council must give reasons for the rejection, which will be notified by the Academic Services to the student, who will have 15 working days from the date of notification to make a new presentation of the project.
- 7 Within 30 working days from the date of approval of the project, the Academic Services will register the title of the dissertation, project work, or internship report.
- 8 Changes to the initial registration of the work are permitted at the request of the student, accompanied by an opinion from the advisor(s), as long as they are approved by the Scientific or Technical Scientific Council of the teaching unit, and do not give rise to any extension of the deadline for submission of the dissertation, project work, or internship report.
- 9 Requests for project changes must be delivered to the Academic Services Office no later than thirty 30 working days before the deadline for submission of the dissertation, project work, or internship report, under penalty of being rejected outright.

Delivery of the dissertation, project work, or internship report

1 - Within the duration of the second cycle course and up to the limit of the deadline that is set, for the delivery, in that academic year, the student will present his or her request for public examinations at the Academic Services.

- 2 The application for the Master's exams must be accompanied by the following elements:
- a) 1 pdf version of the paper;
- b) 1 pdf version of the curriculum vitae;
- c) Opinion(s) of the advisor(s) on paper.
- 3 A public evidence defense request will not be acted upon in the following situations:
- a) The student has not completed the curricular part of the master's course;
- b) The student has no regular registration, tuition, fees, and other emoluments;
- c) Is missing documentation or information as stipulated in the present regulation.
- 4 The student has a period of 60 working days from the date of notification to remedy the abovementioned deficiencies, under penalty of the public examination process being closed.
- 5 The Academic Services, within 10 working days, after confirmation of compliance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of this article, shall forward all the files to the teaching unit for scheduling of public examinations.

Article 18

Extension of the deadline

Students who fail to submit their dissertation, project work, or internship report by the deadline mentioned in the previous article will be granted a maximum of two additional semesters, upon presentation of a justification signed by the supervisor(s), and will be charged tuition fees, plus the fees and emoluments set by the competent bodies.

Article 19

Rules on the presentation of the dissertation, project work, and internship report

The dissertation, project work, and internship report must be submitted in a standardized format to be approved by Rector's dispatch, in Portuguese or English.

Article 20

Jury

1 - The jury is appointed by the Rector or by the person delegated by him for that purpose within 30 working days from the date the dissertation, project work, or internship report is received at the teaching unit, as proposed by the Course Director and after a favorable opinion from the Scientific or

Scientific-Technical Council.

- 2 The deadlines for appointing the jury and scheduling exams will be suspended if there is any administrative or financial default that is the student's responsibility.
 - 3 The jury consists of 3 to 5 members, of which:
- a) The Course Director, who will preside, or by another member of the Course Committee in case the Course Director is unable to do so;
- *b)*A specialist in the field of the dissertation, project work, or internship report, appointed from among UTAD doctoral degree holders or from another university, or a specialist of merit recognized as such by the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council of the teaching unit, provided it does not incur costs to UTAD;
 - c) The Master's Degree dissertation Advisor.
- 4 The jury may include, in addition to the elements mentioned in the previous number and by a proposal of the Course Director, up to two more UTAD teachers, if deemed necessary.
 - 5 Whenever there is more than one advisor, only one can be part of the jury.
 - 6 The president of the jury cannot be a mentor or arguer, nor can the mentor be an arguer.
- 7 After the constitution of the jury has been ratified, the student and the members of the jury must be notified in writing within 10 working days, and it must be posted in the usual public place and made public on the university's website.
- 8 The jury's decision regarding approval or non-approval is taken by a majority of its members, through a justified roll-call vote, with no abstentions allowed.
- 9 Minutes are taken of the jury meetings, which include the votes of each of its members and the respective reasoning, which may be common to all or some members of the jury.

Article 21

Procedure

- 1 In the 30 working days following the publication of its appointment, the jury meets physically or by videoconference to issue a preliminary decision in which it: accepts the work, rejects the work, or recommends its reformulation.
- 2 Instead of the jury meeting, the president may request the members to comment in writing on the deliberation referred to in the previous number.
- 3 If there is unanimity in the pronouncements regarding the conditions of acceptance of the work and the date of the exams, the jury meets before the beginning of the public act of defense to ratify the decisions made.

- 4 If unanimity is not reached, the president of the jury must convene the meeting mentioned in number one of this article, which can be held in person or through simultaneous communication means at a distance, namely through the videoconferencing system.
- 5 The jury's deliberations are made by a majority of its members, using a justified roll call vote, with no abstentions allowed.
- 6 Minutes will be taken off the jury's meetings, which will include the votes of each of its members, a preliminary decision where the acceptance or reformulation of the dissertation, project work, or internship report will be stated, and the date of the exams, the times and the language to be used in the public defense, justification, in the case of reformulation, which may be common to all or only to some of the jury members.
 - 7 The student must be informed of the jury's decision within 5 working days.
- 8 If the work is accepted, the circular of the public exams must be prepared, which, signed by the Rector or by someone delegated by him for this purpose, will be communicated to the student and members of the jury.

Reformulation of the dissertation, project work, or internship report

- 1- If in the preliminary order, the jury makes a reasoned recommendation to reformulate the dissertation, project work, or internship report, the student has a period of 90 working days from the date of notification, non-extendable, to proceed with the reformulation or to state that he/she intends to keep it unchanged.
- 2 Once the reformulated dissertation, project work, or internship report has been received or the declaration referred to in the previous number one has been presented, the reformulated work must be sent to the jury members within 5 working days. The president of the jury is responsible for establishing contact with the members, through a meeting or other regular way, to schedule the public act of defense and to define the arguers, and the respective circular of the public exams is prepared.
- 3 The student is considered to have given up if, after the deadline referred to in number one above, he/she does not present the reformulated work or a declaration that he/she intends to keep it as presented, and the process is closed. The organic unit will communicate the withdrawal to Academic Services, which will notify the student within 30 working days.

Public discussion

- 1 The public exams must take place within a maximum of 90 working days after submission of the dissertation, project work, or internship report, if accepted at the first jury meeting, or, in the case of reformulation, within a maximum of 60 working days from the date of submission of the reformulated work or from the candidate's statement that he/she waives the need to reformulate it.
- 2 The discussion can only take place in the presence of the majority of the members of the jury, which must include the president.
 - 3 The discussion of the work will take place in public, with a maximum duration of 60 minutes.
- 4 The discussion must take place in Portuguese or English, except in exceptional cases, which must be agreed upon in advance by the jury and the candidate.
- 5 If the student, for justified reasons, misses the public exams, a new date will be set, being held between 30 and 60 working days after the first date set. In this case, the justification for the absence must be presented by the student, personally or by a representative, to the president of the jury, who will decide, together with the other members, on the legitimacy of the justification. The same procedure must be applied in the situation of postponement due to a lack of quorum for the functioning of the jury. Minutes shall be taken off the meeting.

Article 24

Jury deliberation

- 1 Once the discussion referred to in the preceding article is concluded, the jury will meet to assess the test and decide on the candidate's final classification, with no abstentions allowed.
- 2 To the academic degree master's is awarded a final qualification by the jury, taking into consideration the classifications obtained in the components of the specialization course and the merit of the dissertation, project work, or internship report, assessed in public, with no abstentions allowed.
- 3 Minutes are taken of the exam and the jury meeting, which will include the votes of each of its members and respective reasoning, which may be common to all or some of the jury members.

Article 25

Delivery of the final version of the dissertation, project work, or internship report

1 - After the public defense exams, the student who has been approved will have 50 working days to deliver the definitive version of the dissertation, project work, or internship report from the public defense act.

- 2 If the jury approves the dissertation, project work, or internship report with the recommendation of correction, by the student, of the errors, inaccuracies or formal inaccuracies identified and expressly referred to during the public presentation, the student must make the corrections during the deadline for submission of work, following the provisions of the preceding number.
- 3 The candidate will only be entitled to the issue of the certificate of completion of the master's degree once the copies of the dissertation, project work, or internship report have been delivered. The paper and digital version of the dissertation, project work, or internship report must be validated by the supervisor.
- 4 The number of copies of the definitive version of the thesis to be delivered by the master candidate will be fixed by Rector's decision.

Degree Title

- 1 The title of the master's degree is proven by a certificate of registration issued by the Academic Services, and also, for those students who request it, by a letter of degree, issued according to the model of the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, after the delivery of the final version of the dissertation, project work or internship report.
 - 2 The degree document must include the name of the study cycle.
- 3 The course letter, as well as the respective certificates, are accompanied by a supplement to the diploma prepared under the terms of the Decree Law 42/2005, of February 22.
- 4 Academic certification documents must be issued within a maximum of 30 working days after the final version of the dissertation, project work, or internship report has been delivered to the Academic Services upon the student's request and after payment of the appropriate fees.
- 5 To the academic master's degree is awarded a final classification, expressed on the 10-20 interval of the integer numerical scale from 0 to 20, as well as its equivalent on the European scale of comparability of classifications.
- 6 The final classification is calculated by the ECTS-weighted average of the classifications obtained in the course units that constitute the study plan and in the public act of defense of the dissertation, project work, or internship report.

Article 27

Specialization Course

- 1 For the conclusion of the curricular part of the master's course, never less than 50% of the study plan of the study cycle, a specialization certificate may be granted, mentioning the name of the study cycle and the final classification obtained, at the request of the interested party and after the payment of the emoluments due.
- 2 The grade will correspond to the ECTS-weighted average of the course units in which the student succeeded with a quantitative grade and of the credit with a grade.
- 3 The grade is expressed on the 10-20 interval of the integer numerical scale from 0 to 20 and is equivalent on the European scale of grade comparisons. The average is rounded to the nearest unit.

Awarding of Master's degrees in association with other educational establishments

- 1 When the study cycle is organized in partnership with another institution, national or foreign, a cooperation protocol must be signed defining the terms under which the cooperation takes place, as well as the coordination bodies and their respective competencies.
- 2 The cooperation protocol must specify, by article 42 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006, of 24 March, as amended by Decree-Law No. 115/2013, of 7 August, whether the degree or diploma will be awarded:
 - a) Only by one of the educational establishments;
- b) By all the educational establishments together. In this case, the degree or diploma is titled through a single document signed by the Rector of the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro and by the legal and statutory bodies of the other educational establishments.
 - 3 In all situations, it should be defined who is responsible for issuing the diploma supplement.

Article 29

Registration and deposit of the dissertation, project work, and internship report

UTAD will register and deposit dissertations, project work, and internship reports, in compliance with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 52/2002, of March 2, and Administrative Rule No. 285/2015, of September 15.

Article 30

Deadlines

1 - The deadlines for the deliberations of the collegial bodies, provided for in these regulations, are suspended during school vacations and periods of closure decreed by order of the Rector.

- 2 The deadlines for submission, reformulation, and defense of the dissertation, project work, and internship report may be suspended by decision of the Dean, at the student's request, in the following cases:
- a) Maternity/parental of the student or the supervisor, for a period equal to the licenses granted by the legislation in force;
- b) Serious and prolonged illness or serious accident of the student or advisor, proven by a medical certificate.
- 3 For the provisions of sub-paragraphs *a*) and *b*) of paragraph 2 of this article, only the facts beginning during the deadlines for submission, reformulation, and defense of the dissertation, project work, or internship report shall be relevant.
 - 4 In paragraph 2(b) of this Article, a prolonged impediment is considered to last 30 consecutive days or more.
- 5 The Rector, after hearing the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council of the organic unit, may also suspend, at the request of the interested party, the deadlines for submission, reformulation, and discussion of the dissertation, project work, or internship report, based on other grounds, duly justified by the advisor and the Course Director.
- 6- There can be no suspension of deadlines during the completion of the curricular part of the master's course.
- 7 The request for suspension of the counting of deadlines must necessarily be submitted within 30 consecutive days following the date of occurrence of the facts identified in the paragraphs of no. 2 of this article, and a document proving the impediment must be attached, showing the respective beginning and end.
 - 8 The request must state the desired duration of the suspension.
- 9 The suspension cannot be authorized for a period longer than the end of the academic year. At the beginning of the following academic year, after renewing enrollment in the course, the student must, if he or she is still not under the conditions that were the basis for the suspension, submit a new and justified request that the suspension is renewed.
- 10 The suspension of the deadline does not suspend the payment of the tuition fees due, so the student must pay them within the terms and deadlines.
- 11 At the end of the deadline for the delivery of the work, the time corresponding to the suspension is added, without payment of an additional fee.

12 - Only students who do not owe any tuition fees are eligible for the suspension.

Article 31

Revision of the specific regulations of the second cycle courses

The specific regulations of 2nd cycle courses at UTAD should be amended following the present regulations by the Course Committees and submitted to the Scientific or Scientific-Technical Council for validation within 120 working days of the entry into force of the present regulations, which, after ratification by the person in charge of the organic unit, will be sent to the Academic Services for publication in the Official *Gazette*.

Article 32

Doubts and omissions

- 1 In all matters not expressly provided for herein, the special legislation on the matter and the Administrative Procedure Code apply.
- 2 Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous number, should any doubts persist or should there be any gaps in the provisions, they shall be decided upon or integrated by Rector's decision, based on a proposal from the organic unit, if applicable, after hearing the respective scientific and pedagogical coordination bodies.

Article 33

Entry into force and revocation

- 1 Regulation No. 470/2011, published in the 2nd series of the *Official Gazette*, No. 149, of August 4, and Rectification Statement No. 1958/2011, published in the 2nd series of the *Official Gazette*, No. 244, of December 22, are hereby revoked.
 - 2 All internal rules that contradict the present regulation are hereby revoked.
- 3 The provisions of the previous regulation will apply to master's degree programs for which dissertations, project work, and internship reports have been submitted as of the date this regulation enters into force.
- 4 The present regulation goes into effect on the day following its publication in the *Diário da República*.

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