



Validity period of study attainments

The Bachelor's and Master's degrees at LUT University may include study attainments dating back no more than seven years. On special grounds, the vice rector for education may decide on a longer validity period for a study attainment based on a proposal by the head of the degree programme. Compulsory language studies and supplementary studies are valid indefinitely.

Special grounds for a longer validity period

The following circumstances will be taken into account in granting a longer validity period for a study attainment and in discussing the prerequisites for the studies:

- 1) the student's illness or difficult situation in life;
- 2) positions of trust and activity in societal forums during studies;
- 3) systematic training for elite sports;
- 4) preparation for a top artistic performance;
- 5) thesis missing from the student's degree: Bachelor's thesis from the Bachelor's degree or Master's thesis from the Master's degree.

A difficult situation in life refers to illnesses or the like, such as the illness of a family member, resulting in delayed studies. Positions of trust and societal forums refer primarily to activity involving representative democracy. They do not refer to normal work for an employer or entrepreneurship even though the work or entrepreneurship may be significantly important to society.

If any of the five points above apply to you, mention them in your letter of application for extended validity and attach the related documents. Please submit the documents to the study counsellor of your Bachelor's/Master's programme. *Please contact your study counsellor as soon as you notice that the validity period of your study attainment(s) is about to expire.*

If the final thesis is missing from a student's degree, the validity of the student's study attainments may be extended for a maximum of one semester. An extension for this reason is granted only once.

Part-time work during studies does not entitle students to delay or extend their studies.

Entry into force

This decision replaces the previous decision on the validity period of study attainments (9 April 2018) by the vice rector. This decision will enter into force on 5 October 2020.

This validity policy applies to all the university's students.

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