



**GUIDELINES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PRIMORSKA  
FOR STUDENT STATUS EXTENSION IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021  
DUE TO THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC**

1. Article 49 of the Act Determining the Intervention Measures to Contain the Covid-19 Epidemic and Mitigate its Consequences for Citizens and the Economy defines:

*“Regardless of the provisions of Article 70 of the Higher Education Act (ZViS), students who were not able to complete their study obligations within the deadline due to the emergence of exceptional circumstances in 2020 directly affecting the performance of their study activities in the academic year 2019/2020, have the right to extend student status in the academic year 2020/2021.”*

2. The Senate of the University of Primorska adopted at its 2<sup>nd</sup> correspondence session, held from 15 to 17 April 2020, Decision No. 17, which provides in paragraphs 3 and 4 the following:

*“3. Students of the University of Primorska who have not completed their study obligations in the 2019/2020 academic year at least to the extent specified by the individual member of the University of Primorska as a minimum for advancement to a higher year, due to the emergence of exceptional circumstances, shall be allowed the student status extension in the academic year 2020/2021 in accordance with the provisions of the Act Determining the Intervention Measures to Contain the Covid-19 Epidemic and Mitigate its Consequences for Citizens and the Economy (Official Gazette RS, No. 49/2020).*

*4. Students wishing to exercise the right referred to in item 3 of this decision shall inform the Student Office of their faculty.”*

3. A student of the University of Primorska in a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle study programme (regardless of the year, extra year or Year Plus) who, due to the Covid-19 Epidemic, was unable to complete the study obligations regularly and within the deadline and did not meet the requirements for advancement to a higher year or to graduate (hereinafter referred to as: student), has the right to extend student status in the academic year 2020/2021. This right can be exercised both by students enrolled in the academic year 2019/2020 (regardless of the type of enrolment), as well as by students who discontinued their studies and, due to the Covid-19 Epidemic, did not, in the academic year 2019/2020, meet the conditions for the requirements for the continuation of study after termination in accordance with the Statute of the University of Primorska.

4. The student has the right to extend student status in the academic year 2020/2021 due to the Covid-19 Epidemic regardless whether he has or has not exercised the right to repeat the study year or to change the study programme or direction according to Article 66 of the Higher Education Act (ZViS) or the right to extend student status for justified reasons in accordance with Article 70 of ZViS.

5. If the student exercises the right to extend student status in the academic year 2020/2021 due to the Covid-19 Epidemic, he does not lose the right to repeat the study year or change the study programme or direction according to Article 66 of ZViS or the right to extend student status for justified reasons in accordance with Article 70 of ZViS.

6. A student wishing to exercise his right to extend student status in the academic year 2020/2021 due to the Covid-19 Epidemic, must fill in the application form in the student information system VIS/ŠIS (Application for student status extension in the academic year 2020/2021 due to Covid-19) no later than the deadline set by the Faculty. By doing so, it is considered that he has informed the

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Student Office of his Faculty in accordance with point 4 of the Decision of the Senate of the University of Primorska No. 17 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> correspondence session, held from 15 to 17 April 2020.

7. When the Student Office receives the student's application in VIS/ŠIS, it carries out internal procedures for processing the application at the competent Faculty commission.

In the case of approval of the application by the competent commission, the Student Office selects the option "Student status extension due to the Covid-19 Epidemic" in VIS/ŠIS.

In the case of rejection of the application by the competent commission, the student can check with the Student Office concerning his study options.

8. The right to student status extension due to the Covid-19 Epidemic in line with the Act Determining the Intervention Measures to Contain the Covid-19 Epidemic and Mitigate its Consequences for Citizens and the Economy applies only to enrolment in the academic year 2020/2021.

9. The terms used in these instructions, written in the masculine grammatical form, are used as neutral for men and women.

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