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# **The Main Results of the Amendment to the Internal Quality Evaluation Report on Educational, Creative and Related Activities of the University of Defence in Brno for 2019**

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In 2019, the University of Defence in Brno (hereinafter referred to as "UoD") evaluated the quality of educational activities, creative activities and related activities. In 2019, the following study programmes (fields of study) were evaluated: bachelor's study programmes Security and Defence, Technology for Defence and Security, Paramedic.

Within the master's (military) study programmes: the field of study Management and Employment of the Armed Forces, the new professional study programme Management and Employment of Armed Forces, the field of study Military Technologies, the new professional study programme Military Technologies - Mechanical, the new professional study programme Military Technologies - Electrical and the new study programme Cyber Security, the study programme (field of study) Military General Medicine and lifelong learning programmes implemented at the Centre for Security and Military Strategic Studies.

Among the doctoral study programmes, these were evaluated: Protection of Troops and Population, Military Logistics, Military Technologies, Epidemiology, Medical Microbiology.

As part of the internal evaluation of the quality of creative activity, this activity was evaluated at all faculties of the UoD and at the NBC Defence Institute. The evaluation of the so-called related activities included the evaluation of the management and administration of the University, the fulfilment of its third role, the provision of marketing activities, the provision of external relations and the implementation of the so-called support activities.

The evaluation results are included in partial evaluation reports on study programmes, partial evaluation reports on lifelong learning programmes, interim reports on educational activities of a faculty or centre, interim reports on creative activities of faculties or institutes and interim reports on the evaluation of related activities.

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### **a) Educational Activities**

In 2019, measures were taken at the university-wide level to change the approach to obtaining feedback from students of all forms and types of study through the introduction of the Student Evaluation of the Quality of Course Teaching application.

In connection with the drop-out rate of students in the first year of military studies, the UoD adopted measures related to the so-called adaptation period, which was extended for military master's programmes to the entire first year. As part of the adaptation period, some lessons in selected subjects were dedicated to additional preparation of students at the faculties.

Concurrent with this, the Counselling Services and Veterans Care group was created as of 1 January 2020.

The Faculty of Military Leadership and the Faculty of Military Technology continued to use the mentoring programme introduced in 2018.

In connection with the low level of internationalisation of students, the problem of insufficient financial resources to meet the needs arising from mobility longer than 90 days prevails among military students (for the evaluated master's degree programmes of the Faculty of Military Leadership and the Faculty of Military Technology, mobility was carried out in accordance with the mobility plan). At the same time, however, a barrier for incoming students has been removed by setting up rules for reciprocity in the provision of free accommodation to students.

In 2019, the UoD was looking for a suitable partner for students of the bachelor's degree programme (field of study) Paramedic (Faculty of Military Health Sciences). However, it was not possible to find a partner institution and, as in the previous evaluation period, mobility was not implemented.

## **b) Creative Activities**

In 2019, the UoD adopted measures aimed at increasing support for academic staff in the processing of applications for special-purpose projects. As of 1 September 2019, the Project Management Group was established, whose activities in the first phase of its establishment are mainly the analysis of calls, provision of information to academic staff on individual calls and administrative assistance in the preparation of project applications.

In 2019, a pilot evaluation of academic staff was carried out using a software tool enabling the evaluation of each academic staff member's performance in creative and teaching activities.

The results of the internal quality evaluation for the previous year 2018 consistently identified the low quality of the results of creative activities among students of doctoral study programmes. In 2019, the Faculty of Military Leadership and the Faculty of Military Technology have adopted measures reflected in the newly conceived applications for accreditation of the doctoral degree program, which includes minimum requirements for students aimed primarily at results published in scientific journals  $J_{imp}$ ,  $J_{sc}$ . As part of the changed approach, the standard study period has been extended to four years.

## **c) Related Activities**

The UoD has defined its vision, mission and development goals in its strategic documents. At the same time, strategic documents were completed in 2019 (Definition Framework of the Competences of the University of Defence in Brno, Strategy of Educational Activities of the University of Defence in Brno until 2025 with a view to 2030 and Strategy of Creative Activities of the University of Defence in Brno until 2025 with a view to 2030). There is a functional management system in place, a system of internal regulations and other management documents that are interrelated. The system has rules for the implementation of study programmes, for creation, approval and modification of a study programme or areas of study, as well as policies for the appointment and removal of study programme guarantors. The activities of the UoD are planned, implemented, regularly monitored and evaluated. All activities are aimed at fulfilling the objectives set out in the strategic documents.

The implementation of support activities is focused mainly on the provision or management of personnel, financial and information resources, movable and immovable property, the University's electronic information system and information services, publishing activities, counselling services, catering and accommodation services.

Counselling services included psychological, pedagogical, socio-legal, study and career counselling. Counselling in the above-mentioned areas of interest were provided mainly to UoD students and other interested UoD employees. The focus of the counselling activities was mainly on clarifying issues related to study opportunities at all faculties of the UoD, clarifying the conditions of the admission procedure and issues related to the personnel process of candidates entering the service of a professional soldier, especially the medical examination in military hospitals. Furthermore, the benefits of studying, the course of military service and studies, the issues of fulfilling military obligations, the security of student life at the UoD and other issues of a personal and family nature were explained.

Pursuant to Section 77b(3) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (Act on Higher Education), the University makes available reports on internal quality evaluation of educational, creative and related activities and supplements to these reports to the bodies and members of the bodies of the UoD and its units, the National Accreditation Bureau and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.