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METHODOLOGY REGARDING THE ADMISSION COMPETITION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN *GRIGORE T.POPA* UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY OF IASI, FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

The admission of candidates on places with foreign currency fee in 2027-2028 for study programs with tuition in Romanian, English or French language in "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy (U.M.Ph) of Iasi is carried out in compliance with the Higher Education Law no. 199/2023, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education and the rules and regulations of the University, according to the principle of academic autonomy.

1. The mission of the University

The mission of "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iasi is to create the premises for an educational act of the highest quality through a modern academic management oriented towards freedom of thought and expression through a friendly and collaborative learning environment and also through centring teaching on the acquisition of skills and abilities.
The process of admitting an international student to our University is a competitive, fair and non-discriminatory process aimed at creating a multicultural learning and training environment.

2. The legislation underlying the admission process

The organization and conduct of the admission competition is carried out in compliance with:

- the provisions of Higher Education Law no. 199/2023, with subsequent amendments;
- Ministry of Education Order no. 5655/23.07.2024 approving the Methodology for the admission of foreign citizens to undergraduate and postgraduate studies in foreign currency;
- ME Order no. 5552/31.07.2024 regarding the approval of the Methodology regarding the conditions of enrolment of Romanians from abroad and foreign citizens in accredited state, private and private denominational higher education institutions in Romania
- Government Ordinance no. 22 of August 29, 2009, establishing the minimum amount of tuition fees, in foreign currency, for citizens studying on their own account in Romania, from states that are not members of the European Union, as well as from those that are not

part of the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation;
- The Order of the Minister of Education no. 3693/01.02.2024 for the approval of the Framework Methodology on the organization of admission to undergraduate, master and doctoral university cycles;
- Government Emergency Ordinance no. 194/2002, on the regime of foreigners in Romania, republished, with subsequent amendments and additions.
- Order of the Minister of Education No. 5,516/2024 on the Organization and Delivery of the Preparatory Year of Romanian Language for Foreign Citizens.

3. Description of the admission process

3.1. General conditions

a) The selection process for international candidates for admission to the "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iași is open to candidates who have graduated from pre-university studies in previous years and candidates who are in their final year of pre-university high school education.

Candidates who can apply for the selection process can be:
- citizens of EU (other than Romania) and non-EU member states, for study programs taught in Romanian, English or French language;
- Romanian citizens, with high school studies carried out in countries other than Romania, and with permanent residence outside Romania, for study programs taught in Romanian, English or French language.

b) In order to register in the first academic year, the candidates who will be declared admitted will have to cumulatively meet the following conditions:
- They have documents attesting the citizenship of the respective state;
- They are high school graduates with a baccalaureate diploma or its equivalent, according to MEC regulations, regardless of the year of high school graduation;
- They have submitted their application file according to the admission calendar posted on the website of "Grigore T. Popa" U.M.Ph. and have complied with the deadline hereby established;
- They went through all the evaluation stages provided in this Methodology, in order to obtain the acceptance to study at "Grigore T. Popa" U.M.Ph. Iasi.

Admission to study programs taught in English, French, or Romanian language is carried out in three stages, namely:

STAGE I – Registration for the admission competition and verification of applications by the document verification committee (done exclusively online, on the admission platform).
STAGE II – Evaluation, scoring, and ranking of admitted candidates. The applications of eligible candidates will be assessed by the Scoring Committee, and candidates will be awarded points in accordance with the established criteria.
STAGE III – Evaluated candidates who have met the requirement of achieving an average grade for the two years of pre-university studies equivalent to at least **6 on the Romanian decimal grading scale** will be scheduled for an online interview. The interview will be conducted in English, French or Romanian, depending on the study programme applied for (all candidates will be interviewed following the evaluation of their application files).
Upon completion of all interviews, candidates will be ranked according to their final scores, and provisional anonymised lists of admitted candidates will be drawn up.

Note: Candidates are entirely responsible for ensuring that they have the necessary equipment and a stable internet connection to participate in the online interview (audio-video connection).

3.2. Documents required for applying to the admission competition

For enrolment in the admission contest, the candidate must fill in the online application on the admission platform www.umfiasi.ro. In this application, it is mandatory to fill in all fields **in capital letters**. Equally mandatory is the provision of exact data regarding the following elements:

- full name (as per the order in the identity document),
- home address (postal),
- email address (personal),
- mobile phone number (personal),
- citizenship,
- identity document number and series (passport or identity card).

If the candidate has multiple passports or identity cards, they must fill in the details from all these documents. Multiple applications from the same candidate are prohibited.

The documents below must be submitted online on the dedicated digital platform, in the form of scanned documents in ".pdf" format.

If the original documents are issued in Romanian, English, or French language, only certified copies of the original documents are required. If the original documents are issued in languages other than those mentioned above, copies of the original documents accompanied by certified translations into Romanian, English, or French language are required.

For effective communication, candidates are required to check their spam/junk mail folder throughout the admission period.

Candidates must compulsorily submit:

1. Standard request for issuing the Letter of Acceptance for studies (non-EU states)/ Certificate of studies completed abroad (EU states).
2. Legalized copy - authenticated by the authorities of the issuing country - of the academic transcripts for the last two years of pre-university studies, except for the final year[1] .

Candidates will be declared eligible only if the average of the two years of pre-university studies considered is at least equivalent to **6 in the decimal system** (conversion of results from other school evaluation systems to the decimal system will be based on the rule of three; for example, for a grading system of 1-20, grades above 12 will be considered, while for a grading system of 1-100, grades above 60 will be considered).

3. Certified copy of the birth certificate;
4. Document attesting the permanent residence abroad (certificate issued by the local authority).
5. Copy of pages 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the passport. For candidates from EU countries, they can submit a copy of the Identity Card instead of a passport copy. Both the passport and the identity card must be valid for at least 9 months after the start of the academic year. If the candidate has multiple passports/identity cards issued by different countries, copies of all respective documents must be submitted.

[1] For candidates graduating from secondary education in the UK or other countries whose secondary education is based on the UK model, the results of the assessments carried out at the end of each year of study or, where appropriate, every second year, will be taken into account instead of the school report.

6. Legalized copy certifying the proof of name change (if applicable). If the candidate's name on the educational documents does not match the name on their birth certificate, the candidate is required to submit a notarized declaration specifying the reasons for these discrepancies.
7. Copy of the medical certificate from the country of origin or residence, which will include the following elements: assessment of mental state, presence/absence of chronic diseases, presence/absence of contagious diseases, presence/absence of conditions incompatible with undergraduate studies or the future profession, issued no more than 60 days prior to the date of application.
8. Language proficiency certificate, minimum level B2, for the language chosen for study, according to Annex 1 - scanned. For the program of study in Romanian language, foreign citizens who present the certificate of language proficiency are exempted from the obligation to present the certificate of language proficiency if they present the certificate of graduation of the preparatory year program of Romanian language or if they present Romanian study documents (diplomas and certificates) or study documents, school records attesting at least three consecutive years of study in Romanian language;
   Citizens of countries where the official language is **Romanian** (Romania, Republic of Moldova), **French** (France, Democratic Republic of Congo, Canada, Madagascar, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Niger, Senegal, Mali, Belgium, Rwanda, Chad, Guinea, Haiti, Burundi, Benin, Switzerland, Togo, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Gabon, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Djibouti, Luxembourg, Vanuatu, Seychelles, Monaco), and **English** (South Africa, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Cameroon, Dominica, Fiji, Philippines, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Falkland Islands, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, United Kingdom, Mauritius, Micronesia, Montserrat, Namibia, Nauru, Nigeria, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, United States of America, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe) are exempt from this requirement for the study program in the respective language.

If the candidate has language proficiency in several of the languages for which the admission process is organized at the "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iași, it is mandatory to upload all these proofs and mention these competencies in the digital admission application.

9. Other relevant documents for selection:
   - Volunteer certificate issued by the Red Cross/Red Crescent, Doctors Without Borders. Volunteer activities in non-institutional systems are not considered.
   - Letters of recommendation from teachers who can provide information about the candidate's high school educational background, officially certified by the graduated educational institution (maximum two letters),
   - Documents attesting to the professional experience in medical or paramedical fields.

The absence of these documents does not result in the rejection of the admission application; these documents are relevant only for the evaluation and scoring of the candidates.

10. Declaration of conformity for the documents submitted (dated and signed by the candidate) – the declaration template can be downloaded from the UMF Iasi website.

11. Declaration of consent regarding the processing of personal data (to be downloaded from the UMF Iasi admission website at the time of application).

12. Baccalaureate diploma for candidates who are high school graduates at the time of application and the transcript of the last year of high school study, notarized copies (in Romanian, French or English language).
Candidates who are in their last year of high school may upload their diploma at a later date, on a date set by the admission competition calendar.
Candidates who have passed the baccalaureate exam (or equivalent) in the sessions corresponding to the 2027-2028 school year may submit, instead of the baccalaureate diploma, a certificate of graduation issued by the high school, which must mention: the subjects in which the final exam was taken and the grades obtained, the validity period of the certificate, the fact that the baccalaureate diploma (or equivalent) has not been issued, and the date of its issuance. Please note that the original diploma must be submitted no later than the beginning of the second semester of the first year of study.

13. Consent of the parents or guardian regarding the stay in Romania for study purposes, if the foreign citizen is a minor.

If the candidate's first and last names on their high school diploma are not identical to the first and last names appearing on their birth certificate or passport, the candidate is required to submit a notarized explanatory note.
➢ Please note! Documents sent by mail, email, or courier will not be considered.

After completing the online registration application for the admission contest uploading other documents or additions to the documents submitted can be done **exclusively** at the request of the verification committee.

3.3. How to apply
The candidate will access the "Grigore T. Popa" U.M.Ph. Iasi platform (www.umfiasi.ro)
in the International Students Registration section and upload the scanned documents specified in point 3.2. The platform will allow candidates to upload documents only during the period mentioned in the registration calendar. The applicant will specify the Faculty/Faculties and teaching programme(s) for which he/she opts. In addition to the chosen study program, they will be able to choose one additional option.

The calendar of the admission process for international candidates to the "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iași is approved by the Administrative Council of the University and will be published on the University's website.

Admission is based on three tests:
1. Eligibility of the application
2. Points are awarded in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria.
3. Online interview (eliminatory pass/fail).

For admission in the 2027-2028 academic year, there will be a single admission session, in accordance with the approved calendar.

3.4. Admission method
Registration for the entrance exam for international candidates is done exclusively online. The processing fee for the application for the admissions competition, with a fee in foreign currency,

for the academic year 2027-2028 is 200 euro. The fee is non-refundable. Only documents uploaded to the electronic admission platform will be taken into consideration.
A single committee per university, appointed by decision of the Administration Board, will check whether the file is complete and contains all the documents mentioned in point 3.2. All complete files will be submitted for the evaluation and scoring. If the file is incomplete, the candidate will be informed by e-mail that further additions to the file are required. If the candidate does not complete the file by the deadline set in the admission competition timetable, the file will be considered rejected and access to the application platform will be blocked.

The evaluation and scoring will be carried out by 2 evaluators who will award a score according to the evaluation Grid. If there are differences in scores between the 2 evaluators, the chair of the committee will ask for the file to be re-examined in the presence of the evaluators. The score calculated for each file will be noted in the online electronic application form for each candidate.

During the application period, the files will be analysed according to admission calendar, approved in the Administration Board. Candidates who rank below the last successful candidate will be placed on a reserve list. Candidates on this list will only become eligible for admission if some of the candidates declared eligible for admission in the first phase do not secure their place by paying 2/3 of first year fee for the chosen specialisation. For international students on self-funded places starting their studies in the academic year 2027-2028, the annual fee will remain unchanged throughout all the academic years.

Candidates who are eligible in terms of holding all the documents, in accordance with the methodology, and those who have received a score from the evaluation committee will subsequently take the interview test. After the admission committee has awarded the score, candidates will receive an automatic message informing them of the need to schedule the interview test. They will schedule this test on the admission platform, within the period specified in the admission calendar.
During the interview, candidates will identify themselves in front of the laptop/tablet camera with their ID card/passport held in plain sight. The examiners will ensure that the document matches the person who presented it. If the candidate does not meet this condition, they cannot participate in the interview and will be considered absent. In the event of an attempt to substitute a person, the candidate will be rejected.
The interview will be conducted online, in English, French, or Romanian, depending on the study program chosen by the candidate, during the period established by the admission competition calendar. The candidate is fully responsible for having the equipment and a stable internet connection necessary to conduct an online interview (audio-video connection).
The examination committee for this test will be composed of teachers from the Modern Languages department and other teachers involved in the admission process. They will log into the admission platform, where they will be able to view the list of candidates who are to be interviewed, their email addresses, and the date on which they are scheduled for the interview.
The interview will be held on the IT platforms dedicated to interviews, according to the admission competition calendar and the schedules made by each candidate individually, in the language they have chosen. If the candidate has applied for programs in different languages (e.g., English/French or Romanian/English), the candidate will schedule twice.
The maximum duration of the interview will be 10 minutes. Candidates will be marked as admitted/rejected, and the interview examination committee will automatically enter the grade on the admission platform. Candidates who fail the interview will be removed from the list of possible candidates admitted to the admission competition.

Candidates declared eligible for admission - notified by email[2] - will secure their place within a maximum of two weeks of receiving the notification by paying two-thirds (2/3) of the tuition fee, which is non-refundable. When the money is credited to the university's account, the accounting department will generate a confirmation message. Proof of payment of the two-thirds (2/3) of the tuition fee must be provided within two weeks of receiving the email notification of admission to the program. After 14 calendar days, the candidate's access to the platform will be restricted, making it impossible to upload proof of payment of this amount.

If the candidate does not confirm his/her place within a maximum of two weeks from the publication of the list of eligible candidates for admission and does not upload proof of payment of the two-thirds (2/3) of the tuition fee to the admission platform, the University will consider the application as rejected and the place will automatically be awarded to the next candidate on the approved reserve list. From this moment on, the rejected candidate's access to the application platform will be blocked.

A candidate who has been declared admitted to the first year of a study program, according to the option expressed when registering for the admission competition, cannot change the study program to which they have been admitted.

Any declaration on your own responsibility that is not in accordance with reality has the effect of eliminating the candidate from the competition.
If an admitted candidate withdraws or fails to fulfill their obligations regarding enrolment and is rejected, according to the Methodology, the amount paid to confirm the place, respectively the two-thirds (2/3) of the tuition fee, is not refundable.

3.5. Ranking the results and closing the admission process.
Following the evaluation of the files and the interview, candidates will be ranked by faculty and study program according to their score. Admitted candidates will be notified by email, with the confirmation message being generated automatically by the admission platform.
The results will be published on the University's website (www.umfiasi.ro) in the form of a provisional list of potentially admitted candidates, in an anonymised format, using a code assigned to each candidate.
Any appeals may be submitted within 24 hours of the provisional results being posted, with the proviso that the interview is eliminatory and cannot be appealed.
After the appeals have been resolved, the final list will be posted.
This is not equivalent to actual enrollment in the first year of study, as it is conditional upon:
• fulfillment of the legal conditions for enrollment, including recognition and equivalence of high school studies/issuance of the letter of acceptance by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research;
• payment of financial obligations, including the seat confirmation fee;
• submission of the complete file, in physical format, in September, according to the calendar;
• signing of the study contract.

Candidates of high school class 2027 declared eligible for admission, who did not upload their baccalaureate diploma when registering, are required to upload on the admission platform, according to the admission calendar approved by the Administration Board, the proof of having passed the baccalaureate exam (grades obtained at baccalaureate/baccalaureate diploma) in

[2] The reference date for this period will be the date and time when the automatic email message generated by the admission platform was sent.

certified copy (in Romanian, French or English language) and the school transcript for the last year of high school, under penalty of losing the status of eligible candidate.

Candidates declared admitted on the final list must pay the difference of the tuition fee for the first year of study, by the date specified in the timetable for the admission competition. Proof of payment of this difference in tuition fees must be uploaded to the admission platform. The accounting service will generate a message confirming payment of the fee. If the proof of payment of the difference of the tuition fee is not uploaded within the deadline as per the timetable approved by the Administration Board, the candidate loses his/her admission status, but the two-thirds (2/3) of the tuition fee **paid to confirm the place is not refunded**. After this period has elapsed, the candidate's access to the platform will be restricted and it will be impossible to upload the proof of payment of the difference in the tuition fee.

The Administration Board approves the refund of the tuition fee only to those candidates declared admitted who have paid the full fee and who do not receive the acceptance letter / certificate of studies completed abroad from the MEC for any of the universities in Romania or who do not receive the study visa. Candidates who do not obtain a study visa must provide proof of refusal from the embassy.

In case some candidates declared admitted do not confirm that they have paid the full fee by the deadline stipulated in the admission calendar, the candidates on the reserve list will be contacted, in the order of classification, requesting payment, within 5 working days (from the moment the email is sent), of the fee corresponding to the first year of study, in order to finalize the admission process. At the end of this 5-day period the admission process is declared finalized.

4. Obtaining the Letter of Acceptance / Certificate of studies completed abroad

The letter of acceptance, respectively the Certificate of studies completed abroad, issued by the MEC, are documents, necessary and mandatory for access to studies at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Grigore T. Popa" in Iasi for foreign citizens.

The Secretariat of the Rectorate will send electronically to the MEC the list of the candidates potentially admitted following the process described above, as well as their files (according to the instructions of the MEC) in order to obtain the Letter of Acceptance / Certificate of studies completed abroad.

The letter of acceptance is valid only for the higher education institution for which it was issued, starting with the academic year for which it was issued and for the academic cycle concerned.

The authentication of study documents subject to recognition / equivalence is regulated according to the following requirements:

I. for diplomas from the Republic of Moldova no apostille or super-legalisation is required. Diplomas issued before 2008 (as well as diplomas issued after 2008 that cannot be verified through the MEC portal) must be accompanied by the original authenticity certificate issued by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Moldova;

II. for States that are parties to the Hague Apostille Convention, the educational documents subject to equivalence/recognition must be endorsed with the Hague Apostille by the competent authorities of the issuing countries; educational documents from Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Cyprus will be endorsed with the Hague Apostille, other EU Member States being exempted;

III. for States which are NOT party to the Hague Apostille Convention, the educational documents will be endorsed or accompanied by the authenticity certificate issued by the competent authorities of the country of origin; the super-legalization is applied by

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and the Embassy/Consular Office of Romania in the country concerned or by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country and its Embassy/Consular Office in Romania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania; for countries where there are no diplomatic missions of Romania or which do not have diplomatic missions in Romania, the study documents will be endorsed by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the issuing country;

In accordance with the list of high school diplomas recognised by the Ministry of Education and Research for the enrolment of foreign citizens in undergraduate university studies, in force and in accordance with the requirements of CNRED (National Centre for the Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas - http://www.cnred.edu.ro), posted on the website at the date of approval of this Methodology, the following documents are accepted: for **Italy** - certificate of passing the Italian baccalaureate exam; for **Spain** - Pruebas de Aptitud para el Acceso a la Universidad, calificación Apto; for Sweden - certificate issued by Verket för högskoleservice regarding access to university studies in **Sweden**; for the **USA** - Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or ACT from the USA

5. Students' enrolment to studies

Foreign students will be enrolled in the Romanian Single Enrolment Register/National Single Integrated Register of Diplomas and Study Documents (RMUR/RUNIDAS), according to Ministry of Education Order 5552/2024.

The University will take into account the names of foreign citizens according to the data entered in the passport.

After obtaining the Letter of Acceptance / Certificate of studies completed abroad, issued by the Ministry of Education, the candidate may enrol within 15 days from the beginning of the academic year or at a later date, only with the approval of the Administration Board of UMF "Grigore T. Popa" in Iasi and may attend the faculty and study program to which he was declared admitted. Exceeding the enrolment deadline makes it impossible to enrol. Withdrawal from student status after enrolment in the first year is possible provided that the tuition fee is paid up to the moment of withdrawal.

In order to register, candidates who are citizens of third countries of the European Union must obtain a study visa issued by the Romanian Embassy in their country of origin, issued on the basis of the Letter of Acceptance to study issued by the Directorate General for International Relations and European Affairs of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Upon enrolment, candidates must submit ***the original*** of the documents mentioned in point 3.2., as well as the baccalaureate diploma (or its equivalent), the transcript of records for all years of secondary education, the letter of acceptance if it was issued to the candidate at his/her request and proof of full payment of the tuition fee.

Candidates who are citizens of non-EU countries and who have been declared admitted may enrol on the condition that they present their baccalaureate diploma (recognised in accordance with the methodologies drawn up by the specialised directorates of the Ministry of Education and Research) and the letter of acceptance to university studies issued by the competent directorate of the Ministry of Education and Research.

The Faculty Secretariat will check the documents submitted in the electronic file against those submitted at registration; any discrepancy may lead to the cancellation of the registration process.

Candidates declared admitted who have filled in an affidavit that does not correspond to the truth will not be enrolled.

6. Final dispositions

This methodology may be subject to subsequent changes depending on the regulations of the Ministry of Education and Research and candidates are required to regularly get informed of any changes that may occur and to proceed accordingly.

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