

## Specialization in the Pharmacy Study Programme

The introduction of specialization in the Pharmacy study programme was approved by the Scientific Board of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Charles University, in October 2015.

According to the Study and Examination Rules of Charles University **elective subjects are assigned to groups** from which a student may (or may not) choose a specific group for the purpose of specialization.

### Specialization Programme Disclosure:

Specialization is optional, not mandatory. It is offering only a "superstructure" extending common studying and enables profiling of a student / graduate. After successfully completing the specialization it will all be explicitly stated in the Diploma Supplement of each graduate of the Pharmacy study programme. We suppose that such graduates will subsequently increase the competitiveness while applying for a job. Nevertheless, there is still the opportunity to study without any specialization as before. Students' gained qualification and knowledge which they will put into practice is not being limited!

### The Layout and Organization:

With the start of the academic year 2016/2017 elective subjects are organized into six groups. See <https://intranet.faf.cuni.cz/en/Department/Foreign-Office/Study-Program/> - first five of them are so called "specializations", the sixth group includes subjects "not within specializations":

1. Pharmaceutical chemistry
2. Pharmaceutical analysis
3. Drugs of natural origin
4. Industrial Pharmacy
5. Clinical Pharmacy
6. Elective subjects not included into specializations

- If a student does not select any specialization, during their study (as yet) they have to gain at least 7 credits in elective subjects - they can choose from all six groups listed above (included and not included in the specialization). In the case of subjects with a capacity limit, however, a student signed up for specialization will have the priority right for enrolment.

- To complete a certain specialization, the student must complete all courses of a given group. After registration for specialization the student will be enabled to enrol in courses with a capacity limit in the specialized group. They must also defend their thesis on a subject that corresponds to the chosen specialization (this will be reviewed and approved by the guarantor of each specialization).

- A student can sign up for specialization submitting an application to the Department of International Relations. This regards students enrolling in the third year courses (specialization in groups 1-3) and students enrolling in the fourth year courses (specialization in groups 4 and 5). Students fill in an application form specified on the faculty website at "Students Form" – "Foreign Students", "Application Form", namely see <https://intranet.faf.cuni.cz/Dokumenty/Formulare-student/>

- If the number of requests for a particular specialization exceeds the capacity limit of any subject in the certain specialized group, the student's so far achieved success in study results determines whether the student will be placed in the desired specialization.

- Nonetheless, if a student has not applied for any specialization, and submits completing all courses of any of the groups 1-5 (and fulfils the conditions set for the Thesis defence) at the end of their studies, the specialization will be recognized and stated in the Diploma Supplement all based upon the application submitted to the Department of International Relations.
- During the entire course of study students may be registered for one specialized group only (with the priority right to enrol in the courses with a capacity limit). Completing more than one specialization (and stating the specialization in the Diploma Supplement) is enabled only if the student completes and passes all elective courses within the specializations and defends their Thesis on a topic corresponding to more specializations.

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