

## **Course descriptions**

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## STATE EXAM DESCRIPTION

<b>Academic year:</b> 2023/2024	
<b>University:</b> Comenius University Bratislava	
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Education	
<b>Course ID:</b> PdF.KPEP/B-PEPšt401/15	<b>Course title:</b> Bachelor thesis defence presentation
<b>Number of credits:</b> 12	
<b>Educational level:</b> I.	
<p><b>Course requirements:</b></p> <p>The state examination for the defense of a bachelor's thesis, its conditions and the procedural side are handled by Internal Regulation no. 1/2020 Study Regulations of the Faculty of Education, Comenius University, as well as Internal Regulation no. 5/2021 Study regulations of the Comenius University. The student can take the state exam a) after obtaining at least such a number of credits that after obtaining the credits for successfully passing the last state exam, he / she reaches the necessary number of credits for the proper completion of the studies and b) after successfully completing the mandatory subjects, mandatory optional subjects and optional subjects in the composition determined by the study program except for the state exam and c) no disciplinary proceedings are being conducted against him / her.</p> <p>The student receives 12 credits for the successful defense of the final bachelor's thesis.</p> <p>A condition for admission to the defense is also the written consent of the student to the publication and availability of the final thesis to the public according to § 63 par. 9 of the of the Act on Higher Education for the period of its storage according to § 63 par. 7 of the Act on Higher Education without Entitlement to Remuneration 11, i.e., submission of signed license agreements according to Art. 8 par. 4.</p> <p>The assessment of the bachelor's thesis consists of 4 parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisor's Opinion.</li> <li>Opponent's Opinion.</li> <li>Presentation of bachelor's thesis.</li> <li>Discussion.</li> </ol> <p>The examination committee for conducting the state examination assessment the content and formal level of the final thesis, as well as its originality, as part of the discussion.</p> <p>According to the Internal Regulation 23/2021 Internal system for ensuring the quality of higher education of the Comenius University, the student is assessment in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- accurate interpretation of professional and scientific knowledge,</li> <li>- solving a specific problem; at the same time, the bachelor's thesis must be an asset in the Preschool and Elementary Pedagogy study program.</li> <li>- the final thesis submitted by the student must be the student's original work.</li> <li>- logical division of the thesis, interconnection of individual chapters, appropriate scope of individual chapters.</li> <li>- bachelor's thesis goals - clear, comprehensible, and objectively assessable.</li> <li>- conclusions – appropriate and concise formulation of the reflected issue with possible recommendations.</li> <li>- literature - suitable, selection of current and representative domestic (or even foreign) literature.</li> <li>- formal arrangement – formal requirements and compliance with citation standards.</li> <li>- a bachelor's thesis that has one assessment with the rating "failed" (Fx) can also be accepted for defense.</li> </ul>	

**Grading scale:**

A (100-91%, excellent – outstanding results): in the bachelor's thesis, the author demonstrated the ability to work independently using professional or scientific literature (domestic, but also foreign sources). He / she mastered the elaborated issues at an excellent level, creatively and originally used the theoretical knowledge in his / her own application, methodical, etc. research project. During the defense, he / she presented the final thesis eruditely and adequately answered the questions of the committee members. The bachelor's thesis has an adequate contribution to the field.

B (90-81%, very good – above the average standard): in the bachelor's thesis, the author demonstrated the ability to work independently using professional or scientific literature (domestic, but also foreign sources). He / she managed the processed issues at a very good level, creatively used the theoretical knowledge in his / her own application, methodical, etc. research project. During the defense, he presented the final thesis eruditely and partially adequately answered the questions of the committee members. The bachelor's thesis has an adequate contribution to the field.

C (80-73%, good - generally sound work): in the bachelor's thesis, the author demonstrated the ability to work independently using domestic specialist literature. He / she managed the processed issues at an adequate level, he / she used the theoretical knowledge in his / her own application, methodical, or research project, the text contains formal deficiencies, including spelling and grammatical errors. During the defense, he / she presented the final thesis adequately, he / she responded ambiguously to the questions of the committee members. The bachelor's thesis benefits the field.

D (72-66%, satisfactory - fair but with significant shortcomings): in the bachelor's thesis, the author demonstrated the ability to work partially independently using domestic specialist literature. He / she mastered the processed issues at a satisfactory level, he / she used the theoretical knowledge in his / her own application, methodological project, the text contains formal deficiencies, including spelling and grammatical errors. During the defense, he / she presented the final thesis adequately, he / she could not answer the questions of the committee members. The bachelor's thesis has a partial benefit to the field.

E (65-60%, sufficient - performance meets the minimum criteria): in the bachelor's thesis, the author demonstrated the ability to work partially independently using domestic specialist literature. He / she managed the processed issues at a sufficient level, he / she used the theoretical knowledge in his / her own application, methodological project, the results meet the minimum criteria, the text contains several formal deficiencies, including spelling and grammatical errors. During the defense, he / she presented the final thesis adequately, he / she could not answer the questions of the committee members. The bachelor's thesis has a partial benefit to the field.

Fx (59-0%, fail - further work required): in the bachelor's thesis, the author did not demonstrate the ability to work independently using domestic professional literature. He / she did not manage the processed issues at a sufficient level, he / she did not use the theoretical knowledge in his / her own application, methodological project, the results do not meet even the minimum criteria, the text contains several formal deficiencies, including spelling and grammatical errors. During the defense, he / she presented the final thesis adequately, he / she could not answer the questions of the committee members. The bachelor's thesis does not benefit the field.

**Learning outcomes:**

The outcome of the education is in accordance with the Long-term plan of the Comenius University, Faculty of Education, the mission and strategic goals of the Comenius University, Faculty of Education, in accordance with the description of the field of study, in accordance with the NKR / SKR / DD, in accordance with the profile of the graduate, in accordance with the goals and outcomes of the education in individual subjects of the study plan of the study program Preschool and elementary pedagogy and other related documents. The student can process the chosen topic at the

level of application, methodical, or research project. The bachelor's thesis is an asset in the relevant study program Preschool and elementary pedagogy.
<p><b>Class syllabus:</b></p> <p>The content of the subject State exam: Bachelor Thesis defense contributes to the goals and outcomes of education (graduate profile) with the following topics:</p> <p>Benefit of the final thesis. The benefit of theoretical work is a new way of working with available sources or working with literature (primary sources) that is not commonly available or interpreted in pedagogical literature of Slovak provenance (e.g. own critical classification of opinions or approaches, own definition of terms, introduction of new terminology, reflection foreign theoretical works in works of Slovak provenance, comparison of several published research results, proposed procedure for further research of the studied issue). The benefit of the applied bachelor's thesis is the verification of the proposed procedures in practice and the reflection of the results. When assessment the bachelor's thesis, it is considered whether the student adequately processes the chosen topic at the level of theoretical study with application, methodical, or research project. The bachelor's thesis should be a clear contribution in the relevant study program Preschool and elementary pedagogy.</p> <p>Originality of the thesis. The final thesis must not have the character of plagiarism, it must not infringe the copyrights of other authors, part of the documentation for the defense of the final thesis as a subject of the state exam are originality protocols: from the central register and Theses, the results of which the supervisor and the opponent comment on in their assessments.</p> <p>Compliance with citation standards. Correctness and correctness of citing used information sources, research results of other authors and author collectives. The correctness of the description of the methods and work procedures of other authors or author collectives.</p> <p>Structure of the final thesis. Compliance of the structure of the final thesis with the prescribed composition defined by Internal Regulation no. 2/2018 Directive of the Rector of the Comenius University in Bratislava.</p> <p>Scope of the final thesis. Respecting the recommended scope of the final thesis. The recommended scope of a bachelor's thesis is usually 40 standard pages (72,000 characters including spaces), the appropriateness of the scope of the thesis is assessed by its supervisor.</p> <p>Linguistic and stylistic level of the thesis and formal arrangement. Technical and aesthetic aspects of the submitted work, compliance with the required technical parameters.</p> <p>Defense of the final thesis. The student demonstrates the ability to respond adequately to comments and questions in the opinions of the supervisor and the opponent, and during the debate continuously answers questions or responds to the comments of the discussants.</p>
<b>State exam syllabus:</b>
<p><b>Recommended literature:</b></p> <p>Domestic (and possibly foreign) professional literature according to focus of topic bachelor's thesis.</p>
<p><b>Languages necessary to complete the course:</b></p> <p>Slovak language</p>
<b>Last change:</b> 15.11.2022
<b>Approved by:</b>