Student's legal status

To clarify when and for how long you have student status at the Corvinus University of Budapest as set out in the Higher Educational Act in effect:

- 1) You have an **active student status** in the semesters when you are taking classes or are doing your internship (if this is in the summer following your 6th academic semester or in the 7th academic semester of your studies).
- 2) You do not have active student status when:
- you are interrupting your studies for one or two semesters (i.e. are not registered for any courses) and have indicated that you will be "passive" in the given semester.
- you have completed all the academic requirements of the program (have fulfilled all the required courses and credits, have achieved the required minimum GPA and have successfully completed your internship), i.e. you have "absolved" the program requirements.

Important: Once you have completed all the academic requirements of the program you are studying in, your legal status as a student shall cease. If you do not submit and defend your Thesis Work right away, you will have a maximum time of 2 years to do so counting from the time when you absolved the program's academic requirements. As the Thesis Work is the prerequisite for the diploma, but not for "absolving" your studies, you will no longer be considered a student once you have achieved the "absolved" status.

Below please find the relevant parts of the Higher Educational Act.

Act CCIV of 2011 On Higher Education

26. Interruption, Suspension of the Student Status

Section 45

(1) The student's status shall be interrupted if the student declares that they do not intend to fulfil student obligations during the next semester, or fails to register for the next semester. The total combined duration of the period over which the student may interrupt their studies may not exceed two semesters. Students may suspend their status several times, in accordance with specifications stipulated in the course and examination regulation.

Section 50

(1) The higher education institution shall issue a pre-degree certificate to students that have completed the course and examination requirements prescribed in the curriculum – with the exception of passing the language exam and compiling their thesis and diploma work – and obtained the credits prescribed, with the exception of the final thesis credit.

Section 51

- (1) Passing the final exam shall constitute a precondition for issuing the diploma attesting the completion of higher education, as well as if otherwise not stipulated within the scope of the present Act passing the prescribed language exam. Unless otherwise regulated more 30 rigorously by programme and outcome requirements, the student shall present the certificate attesting the following:
- a) Type "C" general language exam or general (level B2) general intermediate language exam in Bachelor programmes;
 b) Language exam specified in the programme and outcome requirements, acknowledged by the state or an equivalent language exam (hereinafter language exam) in Master programmes. The higher education institution may, in its curriculum, define the languages accepted in respect of language examinations provided that it shall accept language examinations attested by the secondary education certificate or recognised as equivalent to a secondary school leaving examination.

35. Termination of student status

Section 59

- (1) The student status shall be terminated
- a) if the student has been transferred to another higher education institution, on the day of such transfer,
- b) if the student announces the termination of his/her student status, on the day such announcement is made,
- c) if the may not continue his/her studies is training supported by (partial) state scholarship, and does not wish to transfer to fee-paying training,
- d) on the last day of the first final examination period following the given study cycle, or in the case of postgraduate specialist programmes and higher education vocational training, on the last day of the first final examination period following the last term, or on the last day of the term of the doctorate programme,
- e) as regards higher-education vocational training, in the event the student becomes medically unfit to continue his/her

studies, and the higher education institution cannot offer any other suitable higher education vocational training programme, or the student does not wish to continue his/her studies, or the conditions necessary for the pursuance of further studies cannot be met, on the day the decision on termination becomes final,

- f) in the event the rector terminates his/her student status after giving warning to no avail and after reviewing the social condition of the student because the student is in arrears with payment, on the day the decision on termination becomes final.
- g) on the day the disciplinary decision on expulsion becomes final,
- h) a condition stipulated in this Act required to establish a student status is no longer met, on the day the corresponding decision on termination becomes final.
- (2) The student status of students participating in Bachelor programmes shall not be terminated under point d) of paragraph (1), if they are admitted to a Master programme for the semester following the semester they completed their Bachelor studies.
- (3) By means of a unilateral declaration, the higher education institution may terminate the student status of the student, who
- a) does not fulfil his/her academic obligations stipulated in the academic and examination regulations or the curriculum,
- b) has not registered for the subsequent semester on the third consecutive occasion,
- c) does not commence his/her studies after the temporary termination of student status, provided, in each case specified above, that the student has been reminded in writing to fulfil his/her obligations within the specified deadline, and has been informed of the consequences of default.
- (4) By means of a unilateral declaration, the higher education institution may terminate the student status of the student, of whom the number of unsuccessful retake examinations and repeated retake examinations for the same unit reaches five.