

Lifelong Learning Code

A. General Provisions

This Code regulates the terms and conditions of Lifelong Learning programs and projects (hereinafter referred to as the “LL programs”) offered by AAU in accordance with the Act No.111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the “Higher Education Act”).

B. Lifelong Learning Programs

1. Contents of LL programs

- i. The contents of LL programs offered by AAU can be interest-based or related to the exercise of professions.
- ii. LL programs can be offered in any language as face-to-face or distance learning, or a combination of both.
- iii. LL programs offered by AAU can complement the educational contents within AAU’s accredited study programs and research programs (related programs) or be unrelated to those programs.
- iv. LL programs can be offered by AAU with or without academic credits.
- v. LL programs can be offered in collaboration with educational or other institutions
- vi. LL programs can specifically refer to but are not limited to the following types of programs:
 - (a) Educational programs and projects within AAU’s accredited study programs and research programs
 - (b) Vocational training programs
 - (c) Programs for university and college students from foreign Higher Education Institutions which complement or form part of educational programs of these institutions.
 - (d) Educational programs for children, youth and senior citizens.

2. Organization of LL programs

- i. Every LL program and project will be announced according to its nature as described in section B.1, providing in particular the following information:
 - (a) Name of the LL program
 - (b) Duration and dates of the LL program
 - (c) Information whether the LL program is related or not to AAU’s accredited study programs or research programs.
 - (d) Eligibility criteria and application process for program participants as set out in the AAU Admission Policy
 - (e) LL program fee where applicable.
 - (f) Requirements for the successful completion of the LL program.
 - (g) Information on the recognition of academic credits where applicable.
- ii. At the end of the LL program and after fulfilling the necessary requirements, each participant will receive a certificate of successful completion of the program. After the successful completion of a related program or project as described in section B.1.iii, the participants will also receive an academic transcript.
- iii. All AAU’s internal rules and policies apply to LL programs correspondingly, unless this Code or the announcement of the particular LL program states otherwise.
- iv. In accordance with the Higher Education Act concerning related programs, AAU can recognize academic credits awarded for the LL program as academic credits required for the completion of an accredited study program up to 60 % of the total of required credits for the accredited study program.

C. Special Provisions for U.S.-Accredited Programs

- i. AAU holds both U.S. and Czech accreditation for its degree programs. The admission requirements vary accordingly. Applicants whose previous qualification has not been recognized as equal and valid in the Czech Republic according to the AAU Admission Policy, may only be registered in the chosen program of study under the U.S. accreditation. For record keeping purposes under the Higher Education Act, such students will be automatically registered as students of lifelong learning programs within AAU’s accredited degree programs.
- ii. The lifelong learning dimension of the programs does not exist independently; its beginning, progress and termination only formally mirror the development in the U.S.-accredited programs governed by the Academic Codex (with the exception of a case described in point v. below).

- iii. The academic transcript of the U.S.-accredited program serves also as a certificate of completion of the lifelong learning program.
- iv. If a student has his/her previous qualification recognized as equal and valid in the Czech Republic according to the AAU Admission Policy, and wishes to be registered also as a student under the Czech accreditation, s/he must submit an application. The application fee and admission interview may be waived. In case of acceptance, the lifelong learning program is terminated while the U.S.-accredited program is not affected.
- v. AAU can recognize academic credits awarded for the lifelong learning program as academic credits required for the completion of a study program under the Czech accreditation only up to 60 % of the total of required credits for the accredited study program.

D. Final Provisions

This Code was approved by the Supervisory Board on February 26, 2024 and shall come into force pursuant to Section 39(3) of the Higher Education Act on the date of registration by the Ministry.