REGULATION ON TUITIONS FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NON-EU STUDENTS

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Art. 1 – Object

1. One of the objectives of the University of Trento (hereinafter UniTrento), as per its Charter, is to strengthen its international dimension through attraction policies based on merit and qualifications.

2. The present Regulation establishes the ways in which UniTrento recruits foreign students, non-EU students in particular, through both its English-taught courses (hereinafter also training programs), which prepare students for professional careers focused on international perspective, and through its courses held in Italian, which attract international students with an interest in specific academic disciplines.

Art. 2 – Admission requirements and rates of tuition fees

1. In compliance with the regulations in force at UniTrento, tuition fees for non-EU students residing abroad (hereinafter non-EU students) enrolled on a program at UniTrento are calculated on the basis of academic merit.

2. In particular, to implement the system described in paragraph 1 above, all non-EU applicants seeking admission to UniTrento are evaluated based on academic merit and placed in a ranking order. Applicants are ranked according to the score they obtain in a merit ranking which is used to determine access to the program.

3. The University uses the same ranking system for all degree courses, to allow for comparisons. Except where otherwise provided, the system uses a numerical 100-point marking scale.

4. The amount of tuition fees to be paid by non-EU students is determined by the above-mentioned ranking order, with different rate categories for different placements in the list. The amount of tuition fees to be paid in a given academic year is determined by the Board of Directors upon a proposal from the Academic Senate. High-achieving students may be entitled to a total exemption from payment of tuition fees.

5. The amount of fees for academic year 2017/18 shall be adopted together with the present regulation. Any changes in the amounts of tuition fees in future academic years shall be determined in a time frame that does not affect the enrolment of non-EU students. Any modification of the rates of tuition fees on the basis of merit is established by the Academic Senate, in accordance with the maximum amounts set by the Board of Directors for the two main areas of study that include all of the University’s study programs.

6. At the end of each academic year, a merit-based ranking list shall be drawn up in order to place all non-EU students in a specific rate category; the procedure by which the ranking list is established is described in article 4 below.

Art. 3 – Scholarships

1. Based on budget and available resources, UniTrento may award scholarships to talented and high-achieving non-EU students.

2. The amount of the scholarships, the total funding allocated to scholarships, and therefore the number of scholarships available in a given academic year, shall be determined by the Academic Senate. Scholarships are paid in two instalments.
3. Any modification, both for increasing and decreasing the amount of the scholarships, as well as any variation of the instalments plan, is decided by the Academic Senate, in a time frame that ensures an adequate notice to the students.

4. In each academic year, the scholarships are allocated to the different departments and centers and the various degree courses based on criteria agreed upon by the Prorector for International development and the Delegates for internationalization of each department and center. In any case, the Academic Senate may provide guidelines and criteria in this regard, also in order to facilitate the launch of international recruitment strategies for other training programs.

5. The student who has been awarded of scholarship is entitled to a total exemption from the payment of the tuition fees. Exemption from payment of tuition fees is not a sufficient condition to be awarded a scholarship.

6. Scholarships are renewed or discontinued at the end of each academic year, based on the merit ranking list established as described in article 4 below.

**Art. 4 – Tuition fee rates and scholarships for continuing students**

1. At the end of each academic year, in the month of September, the University carries out a merit assessment of non-EU students examining the total number of credit points (CFU) achieved and examinations passed by 10th August of the year at issue.

2. The amount of tuition fees for students enrolled in years after the first is calculated on the basis of merit in terms of credit points (CFU), as explained in the preceding paragraph 1.

3. The document establishing the relationship between merit and fees due is adopted by the Academic Senate together with the present regulation, and shall be applied as of the re-enrolment in the 2018/19 academic year. The Academic Senate may approve changes to the document before the start of the exam sessions.

4. At the end of the academic year, scholarships are either confirmed or discontinued for the following academic year. The decision is based on a merit assessment, as established by paragraph 1 above.

**Art. 5 – Tuition fees and scholarships payment**

1. Non-EU students who are required to pay tuition fees shall do so under the same rules and deadlines that apply to the whole student community as of academic year 2017/2018. The percentage of fees paid by the second instalment must equal 70% of the fees due.

2. In exceptional and duly motivated circumstances, students having to pay tuition fees amounting to 2,000 euro and above may obtain an extension of the second payment deadline up to the third instalment. If the amount of tuition fees to be paid exceeds 4,500 euro, the University may grant a further extension beyond the third instalment deadline.

3. Non-EU students who have been awarded a scholarship and enroll for the first time on a training program shall receive the first instalment of the scholarship by December. The second instalment shall be paid by May of the following year providing that the students have passed have passed examinations and obtained at least 50% of the credit points (CFU) required during the exam session of January/February, in the subjects for which exams were held. The scholarship can be awarded up to a number of years equal to the legal duration of the course.

4. Non-EU students who have been awarded a scholarship, re-enroll, and satisfy the merit requirement for the scholarship to be renewed, shall receive the first instalment of the scholarship as described above. The second instalment shall be paid by May of the following year, provided that they satisfy the requirement described above in relation to the total number of subjects for which exams were held up to that moment. Students who terminate the course and only have to take the final examination will receive the full amount of the scholarship for that year.

5. Non-EU students who do not satisfy scholarship merit requirements as per paragraphs 3 and 4 above are still entitled to receive the second instalment of the scholarship by September provided that they fulfill the requirements set for the entire academic year by 10th August. Students who still do not satisfy the requirement at the end of the year must return the instalments received up to that point.

6. Non-EU students enrolled on the last year of a master's degree who are exempt from payment of tuition fees shall continue to be exempt until 31st March of the following year - or until 31st December if enrolled on the last year of a bachelor's degree. In compliance with the provisions of article 3 above,
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the scholarship cannot be renewed beyond September of the last year of the course.

7. Non-EU students who do not graduate by the deadlines set in the preceding paragraph 6 shall renew their enrolment by paying the tuition fees due for one semester for courses organized with foreign universities, amounting to 500 euro for academic year 2016/2017. The fee amount is subject to change. Students paying this additional fee may graduate by the July session. Students who fail to graduate by this date are required to pay the tuition fees due for the entire academic year based on the merit achieved up to 10 August, in accordance with the preceding paragraph 4.

Art. 6 – Entry into force and final provisions

1. The present Regulation shall enter into force in academic year 2017/18. After its adoption, the Academic Senate may carry out an assessment of the effectiveness of its strategies and actions for the enrolment of international students, and propose amendments having heard the Council of Directors.

2. If the amendments do not affect the contribution model or the scholarship awarding procedure defined herein, the regulation is approved by the Academic Senate. In all other cases, it must be approved by the Board of Directors.