

Rules and regulations on EXTENSION AND ABSOLUTORIUM – termination of (SH,SCYP, DFP) Scholarship legal student status

These information are all public and available in the Code of Studies (CoS) and the Operational Regulations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship / SCYP Programme/Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship and please note, that you as a student of BME and as a scholarship holder are asked to **be aware of**.

Regarding the extension request for Stipendium Hungaricum / Scholarship for Christian Young People scholarship/Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship holders: since the decision making is a long procedure (many interested parties are involved), the application for extension shall be submitted during the semester, which means that final outcomes (grades, weighted averages, potential absolutorium, etc.) of the semester cannot be considered during the evaluation, but only conservatively estimated.

Please note, that such **supporting letter does not mean direct acceptance for the next semester**. Having such a support letter and the extension letter issued by the Tempus Public Foundation / Hungary Helps Agency are providing the opportunity for extension only, but do not overwrite the basic rule that **the legal student status is terminated when leaving certificate is obtained**. This is regulated in Section 63./a *Termination of legal status* of CoS.

It is also to be emphasized that the scholarship shall be responsibly used only for **study purposes and for the purpose of obtaining the corresponding degree**. Extension is not an automatic procedure and is **valid and applicable for those who aim at gaining an absolutorium (leaving certificate)**.

Please also note that student gaining the leaving certificate has no longer legal student status at the university. It is also emphasized that according to the SH/SCYP/DFP regulation, students can be provided by the scholarship benefits only during their active student legal status. For your further stay in Hungary, you will need to reapply for resident permit based on other purposes (e.g. job seeker purpose).

Please be noted about the following rules and facts from the Code of Studies, p. 41.

The leaving certificate (ABSOLUTORIUM):

Section 147. [The leaving certificate]

(1) The University issues a leaving certificate (absolutorium) to all students who have completed the academic and exam requirements defined in the curriculum and the required internship, **not including the passing of the language exam and completing the bachelor or master thesis***, and have obtained the necessary number of credits as set forth in the training and outcome requirements to obtain a degree certificate.

**Explanation for “completing the bachelor or master thesis” – Firstly, students need to take the thesis writing subject for credit. After completing this subject, the student receives credit and the leaving certificate (absolutorium) therefore the legal student status gets terminated.*

Secondly, students are asked to defend the finalized thesis document during the final examination which is done independently from this thesis writing subject.

The above rule is based on the corresponding regulation prescribed by the national law on higher education Nftv. XIII/29/50 (1). The quoted paragraph is prescriptive and does not allow consideration of any circumstances: in case a student has gained all the credits and fulfilled all the requirements for issuing leaving certificate, the institute must issue it. (Please also note that you have the right to appeal against any decision at the corresponding fora, defined by the Code of Studies.)