

**Regulations on the organization and
conduct of the admission process for
master's degree programs**
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CHAPTER I

General Provisions

Article 1. These regulations establish the general framework for organizing the admission process to master's degree programs at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work within the West University of Timișoara. Master's degree programs provide in-depth study in the field of the bachelor's degree or a related field, the acquisition of complementary skills in other fields, and the development of scientific research capabilities.

Article 2. Legal Framework

In the 2026–2027 academic year, the admission process for master's degree programs at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work within the West University of Timișoara is organized in accordance with the provisions of *Higher Education Law No. 199/2023*, as subsequently amended and supplemented, of *the Order of the Minister of Education No. 3693 of February 1, 2024, approving the Framework Methodology regarding the organization of admission to higher education in short-term, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs*, and of *the Regulations of the West University of Timișoara (UVT) regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*, approved by the UVT Senate, available online on the UVT website dedicated to the admission process (www.admitere.uvt.ro), and any other relevant national regulations.

CHAPTER II

Organization of the admission process for master's degree programs within the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

Article 3.

(1) For the master's degree program cycle, for the 2026–2027 academic year, the following master's degree programs, legally established within the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, are organized in accordance with current legislation in the fields of master's degree studies accredited by ARACIS:

Master's Degree Program	Field of Master's Degree Studies	Form of instruction	Language of instruction	Maximum number of students who can be enrolled	Number of transferable that can be transferred
Management and Supervision in child and family welfare	Social work	full-time	Romanian	75	120
Military Social Work	Social Work	Full-time	Romanian	75	120
Social Entrepreneurship and Community Development	Sociology	full-time	Romanian	40	120
International Migration and global social change	Sociology	on-campus	English	40	120
Human Resource Management in Organizational Administration Organizations	Sociology	Full-time	Romanian	70	120

(2) The allocation of state-funded places by faculty is approved by the UVT Board of Directors after the Ministry of Education and Research notifies UVT of the number of such places. Subsequently, the allocation of state-funded places by degree program is reviewed by the council of each faculty and approved by the UVT Board of Directors. Following approval, the number of places allocated at the faculty level and for each university study program is published on the university's website dedicated to the admissions process (<https://admitere.uvt.ro/procesul-de-admitere/locuri-disponibile/>).

(3) The curricula for all master's degree programs for which an admission competition is held at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, are available online, at the following address: <https://fsas.uvt.ro/educatie/programe-de-master/>.

Article 4. The admission process for the master's degree program at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work is organized:

- for state-funded places (only for full-time master's degree programs) through study grants;
- for fee-paying places (for full-time master's degree programs).

Article 5.

(1) For citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area, and the Swiss Confederation, as well as for British citizens and their family members, as beneficiaries of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community 2019/C 384 I/01 (British citizens who are in Romania and continue to reside in Romania after the end of the transition period of the process of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union, as set out in Article 126 of the Withdrawal Agreement for December 31, 2020, their accompanying family members¹ or who join them after the end of the transition period if they were family members prior to its conclusion, as well as children born or adopted after the end of the transition period, provided that proof of registration from the General Inspectorate of Immigration within the Ministry of Internal Affairs is presented), the admission process will take place under the same conditions as for Romanian citizens (provided that the requirements regarding the recognition and equivalence of diplomas are met).

(2) The recognition of studies completed outside Romania will be carried out by the specialized department within the Ministry of Education and Research (MEC)—*the National Center for the Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED)*—prior to candidates' registration for the admission competition, each candidate being required to submit, upon registration for the competition, the document certifying the recognition/equivalence of studies, in accordance with the procedure described in [Annex 2](#) of *the Regulations of the West University of Timișoara (UVT) regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*.

¹ Family members of a British citizen benefiting from Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), regardless of citizenship, who accompany that citizen to Romania are persons who fall into one of the following categories:

- (i) the spouse of the British citizen covered by Article 50 TEU;
- (ii) direct descendants, including adopted children, regardless of nationality, who have not reached the age of 21 or who are dependent on the British citizen benefiting from Article 50 TEU, as well as those of the spouse or partner;
- (iii) direct ascendants, regardless of nationality, who are dependent on the British citizen covered by Article 50 TEU, as well as those of the spouse or partner;
- (iv) partner—a person cohabiting with the British citizen benefiting from Article 50 TEU, provided that the partnership is registered in accordance with the law of the country of origin or provenance, or, if the partnership is not registered, the cohabitation can be proven;
- (v) dependent - any other family member, regardless of nationality, who does not fall under the categories set forth in points (i) through (iv) and who, in the country of origin or provenance, is dependent on or lives with the British citizen, beneficiary of Article 50 TEU, or is in a situation where, for serious medical reasons, the citizen's personal care is required;
- (vi) any other family member, regardless of nationality, who does not fall within the categories set forth in points (i)-(v) whose presence on Romanian territory is necessary for the British citizen, beneficiary of Article 50 TEU, so that he or she is not deprived of a right of residence granted under this Emergency Ordinance.

Family members of the British citizen benefiting from Article 50 TEU who join after the end of the transition period are persons who fall under one of the situations listed above, points (i)-(iv) and (vi).

(3) For Romanian citizens everywhere, the admission competition will be conducted in accordance with the procedure described in [Annex 3](#) of the *Regulations of the West University of Timișoara (UVT) regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*, for state-funded places specifically allocated for these programs, with or without a scholarship, or for fee-paying places, in accordance with the maximum enrollment capacity approved for each university study program.

Article 6. Admission to master's degree programs at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work is conducted in Romanian for all master's degree programs, with the exception of the master's program in *International Migration and Global Social Change*, where the exam is conducted in English.

Article 7. Admission Schedule

(1) The admission exam for the “ ” master's degree program at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work is held in two sessions, under identical conditions, before the start of the academic year; the second session is held only for those programs for which, after the first session, there are still unfilled spots.

(2) For the 2026–2027 academic year, the schedule for the admission process for the master's degree program at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, for Session I in July 2026, is as follows:

- Deadline for online registration of candidates by completing the information requested by the UVT admission platform: **July 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Date of publication of the lists of registered candidates: **July 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM**
- Date/time of the language proficiency test (*exclusively for applicants enrolled in the **International Migration and Global Social Change** program*): **July 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** online. The link for the language proficiency test will be sent to applicants via email.
- Deadline for certifying documents as true copies of the originals: **July 21, 2026, at 4:00 PM**
- Date of announcement of results with admitted candidates: **July 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Period for filing appeals: **July 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – July 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**
- Date of publication of final results with admitted candidates: **July 23, 2026, at 4:00 PM**
- Placement confirmation period (first stage): **July 23, 2026, 4:00 PM – July 25, 2026, 10:00 AM**

- Date of publication of results showing candidates enrolled following the first confirmation stage and those who moved up in the rankings and were admitted: **July 25, 2026, at 12:00 PM**
- Confirmation period (second stage): **July 25, 2026, 12:00 PM – July 26, 2026, 8:00 AM**
- Date of posting the results with the candidates enrolled following the second confirmation stage: **July 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Placement confirmation period (third stage): **July 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – July 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**
- Date of publication of final results with enrolled candidates: **July 27, 2026, at 2:00 PM**

(3) For the 2026–2027 academic year, *the schedule for the admission competition for the master's degree program* at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, for the second session in September 2026, is as follows:

- Deadline for online registration of candidates by completing the information requested by the UVT admission platform: **September 9, 2026, at 11:00 PM**
- Date of publication of the lists of registered candidates: **September 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Date/period for the language proficiency tests (*exclusively for candidates enrolled in the **International Migration and Global Social Change** program*): **September 10, 2026, at 3:00 PM**, online. The link for the language proficiency test will be sent to candidates via email.
- Deadline for certifying documents as true copies of the originals: **September 11, 2026, at 4:00 PM**
- Date of announcement of results with admitted candidates: **September 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM**
- Period for filing appeals: **September 11, 2026, 6:00 PM – September 12, 2026, 2:00 PM**
- Date of publication of final results with admitted candidates: **September 12, 2026, at 3:00 PM**
- Placement confirmation period (first stage): **September 12, 2026, 3:00 PM – September 13, 2026, 11:00 PM**
- Date of publication of results showing candidates enrolled following the first confirmation stage and those who moved up in the rankings and were admitted: **September 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Confirmation period (second stage): **September 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – September 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.**

- Date of publication of results with candidates enrolled following the second confirmation stage: **September 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Placement confirmation period (third stage): **September 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – September 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Date of publication of final results with enrolled candidates: **September 16, 2026, at 4:00 PM**

(4) For the 2026–2027 academic year, the schedule for the admission competition for the master's degree program at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, for **Romanian candidates from all over the world**, is identical to that for Romanian candidates, with the exception of the deadline for certifying documents as true copies of the originals, which for Romanian candidates from anywhere is October 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

(5) The admission process for master's degree programs for foreign citizens from non-EU countries runs until August 1, 2026, or September 15, 2026, for students who complete *the Romanian Language Preparatory Program for Foreign Citizens* at UVT and who request a new Letter of Acceptance valid for the entire duration of the program, for programs taught in Romanian. The September 15 deadline also applies to candidates who pass the final university examination (bachelor's thesis, dissertation) at UVT during the September examination session. Registration is conducted through the online admission platform for non-EU citizens www.admiterenonue.uvt.ro (details in *Annex 4 of the University of the West in Timișoara (UVT) Regulations regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*).

Article 8. Registration for the Admission Process

(1) Registration for the admission process must be done in person, exclusively online, using an ID card or passport, personal identification data, and the other information requested on the registration form available on the admission platform (<https://admitereonline.uvt.ro/>). Candidates indicate, in order of preference, their program choices via the online admissions platform. Registration for the admission competition may also be completed on behalf of the candidate by another person based on a power of attorney, which must be uploaded to the admission platform in the section for required documents and certified as a true copy by UVT staff in accordance with paragraph (5) of this article.

(2) The West University of Timișoara is launching the online registration process for

candidates for the admission exam starting in May, on the admission platform (<https://admitereonline.uvt.ro/>), in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1).

(3) Once a candidate begins the online registration process by creating an account on the platform and entering their personal identification data, they consent to the processing of their personal data by UVT and to receiving periodic updates regarding the admission process, UVT's educational offerings, and services.

(4) The online registration process will be finalized upon validation of the application by the admissions committee, following verification of its completeness and accuracy, after the registration fee has been paid or after the exemption from the registration fee has been validated by the faculty-level admissions committee, based on the supporting documents uploaded to the admissions platform.

(5) Applicants must submit all documents required for the admission process, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, either as originals or certified copies, at least one day prior to the date of publication of the lists of admitted applicants, in accordance with the admission schedule set forth in Article 7, at the document collection points located at UVT campuses and at the county admission centers organized by UVT, for scanning and certification as true copies by UVT staff. Candidates who fail to comply with the provisions of this paragraph will not be included in the admission ranking.

(6) As an exception to paragraph (5), it is not necessary to certify as true copies documents issued by public or private legal entities in electronic format that bear a **qualified or advanced electronic signature**, as defined in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, points 11 and 12 of Regulation (EU) No. 910/2014.

(7) After the application period closes, the choices, their order, and other information in the application file registered on the online admissions platform cannot be modified.

(8) Within a submitted application, a candidate may select multiple options for university study programs or types of spots in which they are interested, and may also choose their order of priority. Following the generation of the rankings, the applicant may be admitted to only one of the options selected within a single application, depending on their own choices, admission average, and the regulations set forth in these rules.

(9) Registration for the admission competition for master's degree programs in a specific field within the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work may be done regardless of the field in which the bachelor's degree was obtained.

Article 9. Documents Required for Admission

(1) The documents required for the application file for master's degree programs within the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work are as follows:

1. Identity card;
2. Birth certificate – for UVT graduates of bachelor's degree programs who were admitted to bachelor's degree programs starting in 2020, this is not mandatory and may be obtained from the existing file for the bachelor's degree program, unless the applicant has been issued a different birth certificate since then;
3. Marriage certificate – *if applicable*;
4. Bachelor's degree or equivalent diploma, accompanied by the diploma supplement, or a certificate of completion of undergraduate studies, accompanied by the academic transcript, for candidates who graduated from undergraduate studies in the current year; UVT graduates of bachelor's degree programs from the current academic year do not need to upload the certificate of completion of bachelor's degree studies and the academic transcript to the admissions platform when applying for master's degree studies in the same year, the results of the bachelor's degree final exam, as well as the GPA for the bachelor's degree program, are directly entered into the candidate's file by the UVT faculty admissions committees;
5. A medical certificate issued by a family doctor or a student health clinic, dated no more than 90 days prior to the date of submission to the document reception office, attesting whether the candidate is fit to enroll in and pursue university studies and, if applicable, the chronic conditions from which the candidate suffers (neuropsychiatric, psychopathological, pulmonary, dermatovenereological, disability (type, degree), etc.). Specific learning disorders (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, etc.) or any special educational needs must be documented by a diagnostic certificate;
6. A statement certifying completion of another master's degree program (whether or not completed at the time of application submission), specifying the funding status for each year of study (state-funded/tuition-based, if it is/was conducted at a state higher education institution in Romania) and, if applicable, the years and semesters of study during which the student received a scholarship, and

the type of scholarship—*if applicable*.

(2) Candidates who are Romanian citizens or citizens of European Union member states, the European Economic Area, and the Swiss Confederation, as well as British citizens and their family members, as beneficiaries of *the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community 2019/C 384 I/01* (British citizens who are in Romania and continue to reside in Romania after the end of the transition period for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union, set in accordance with Article 126 of the Withdrawal Agreement for December 31, 2020, their family members who accompany them or join them after the end of the transition period, provided they were family members prior to its conclusion, as well as children born or adopted after the end of the transition period, provided they submit proof of registration from the General Inspectorate of Immigration within the Ministry of Internal Affairs), who completed their bachelor's degree studies outside Romania must submit, in addition to the above documents, the document of equivalence/recognition of studies issued by *the National Center for the Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas (CNRED)*. In the case of recognition documents issued online by the specialized departments within the Ministry of Education and Research, these must be uploaded in electronic format to the admission platform by the applicant, within the deadline established for registration by the specific regulations regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process at the level of each faculty, and do not require certification as a true copy by UVT staff. The required documents and procedure for the recognition of studies completed outside Romania are listed in [Annex 2](#) of *the Regulations of the West University of Timișoara (UVT) regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*.

(3) The documents required for applicants applying for spots reserved for Romanian citizens worldwide² are listed in [Annex 3](#) of *the Regulations of the West University of Timișoara (UVT) regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*.

(4) Candidates eligible for exemption from the application fee, in accordance with Article 17 of these regulations, shall upload the supporting documents to the admission platform

² Romanians everywhere = persons who freely embrace their Romanian cultural identity, persons of Romanian origin and those belonging to the Romanian linguistic and cultural community who reside outside Romania's borders, regardless of the ethnonym used, as well as Romanian emigrants, whether or not they have retained Romanian citizenship, their descendants, and Romanian citizens with their permanent domicile or residence abroad.

for the category to which they belong.

(5) For admission to master's degree programs taught in Romanian, applicants who do not hold Romanian citizenship and who do not submit Romanian academic documents (diplomas and certificates) issued upon completion of programs taught in Romanian, or academic records/school transcripts attesting to at least three consecutive years of study in Romanian issued by schools/higher education institutions within the national system in Romania or abroad, are required to submit a certificate/attestation of language proficiency in Romanian at a minimum level of B1, in accordance *with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*, issued by the pre-university educational institutions organizing the introductory course in Romanian, or by accredited higher education institutions in Romania that organize *the Preparatory Program in Romanian for Foreign Citizens*, regardless of the field of study, by departments of Romanian language, literature, culture, and civilization at higher education institutions abroad, by the Romanian Language Institute, or by the Romanian Cultural Institute.

(6) For study programs taught in an internationally recognized language, applicants may upload supporting documents to certify their proficiency in the language of instruction; only those documents certifying a minimum B2 level of proficiency in that language are relevant, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or diplomas certifying completion of university or pre-university study programs issued by educational institutions in Romania or abroad, where instruction was conducted in that language. For the *International Migration and Global Social Change* master's program, taught in English, the admission process includes a language proficiency test designed to assess general communication skills in English, conducted online, using electronic means that ensure direct audio and video communication with the candidate during the admission process, and is graded as **pass/fail**. Possession of internationally recognized certificates, such as: CAE - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, IELTS - International English Language Testing System, TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language, is equivalent to taking and passing the language proficiency test for candidates enrolled in the program. Applicants from countries where English is the official language or those who attended a high school where the language of instruction was English are considered to have passed the language proficiency test.

Article 10.

(1) In order to enroll in master's degree programs, candidates admitted to state-funded spots are required to submit the

documents required for the admission process at UVT campuses or at the county admission centers organized by UVT (*for county centers, only during the periods when they are open, according to the information published on the website dedicated to the admission process - <https://admitere.uvt.ro/procesul-de-admitere/centre-judetene-de-admitere/>*), the original bachelor's degree diploma (or certificate, for candidates who passed the final exam for the bachelor's degree program in the 2025–2026 academic year). The deadline for submitting the original diploma/certificate coincides with **the deadline for confirming the spot, corresponding to the confirmation stage during which the applicant also pays the registration fee**, in accordance with the admission process calendar of the respective faculty.

(2) If, following the confirmation and reallocation of spots, a student initially admitted to a tuition-based spot (a spot the student confirmed within the deadline set for that stage in the calendar established in Article 7 of these regulations) is transferred to a spot funded by the state budget, they must submit the original bachelor's degree diploma (or certificate, for candidates who passed the final examination for the completion of their bachelor's degree in the 2025–2026 academic year) **within no more than 2 business days from the time the result is posted** on the online admission platform, but no later than **July 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, for the first admission session, and **September 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**, for the second admission session.

(3) For graduates of this year's bachelor's degree programs at UVT who have been admitted to a master's degree program organized by UVT on a state-funded spot, the original bachelor's degree certificate will be submitted to the student's file by UVT representatives, provided that the document has not been previously collected by the candidate, in which case the submission of the certificate is the candidate's responsibility.

(4) Failure to submit the original bachelor's degree diploma or certificate of completion, due solely to the fault of the admitted candidate, within the established deadline, will result in the loss of the state-funded spot.

(5) Candidates who, at the time of submitting the original diploma, also possess the diploma recognition document, as applicable, are required to submit the latter, in original form, along with the diploma.

(6) In the case of recognition documents issued online by the specialized departments within the Ministry of Education and Research, these are uploaded in electronic format to the admission platform by the candidate, within the deadline established for registration by the respective regulations regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process at

each faculty, and do not require submission or certification as a true copy by UVT staff.

Article 11. Admission Exam/Tests

(1) Admission to master's degree programs at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work is by competitive examination, regardless of the form of instruction in which they are offered, based on the tests established by these regulations, for the purpose of assessing competencies specific to the field of study based on a bibliography comprising specialized works.

(2) Romanian candidates from all over the world will take the same admission exams as those outlined below.

Field of Social Work (*Management and Supervision in Child and Family Welfare, Military Social Work*)

Argumentative essay. The essay will be uploaded to the admissions platform and will be evaluated and graded by the admissions committee. The essay assesses the ability to argue a point, the use of concepts specific to the field of study, the ability to provide concrete examples related to the exam topic, and the ability to construct an argumentative discourse in the chosen master's program. The test accounts for 10% of the admission average (Appendix 1).

Field of Sociology (*Human Resource Management in Business Administration, Social Entrepreneurship and Community Development, International Migration and Global Social Change*)

Argumentative essay. The essay will be uploaded to the admissions platform and will be evaluated and graded by the admissions committee. The essay assesses the ability to argue a point, the use of concepts specific to the field of study, and the ability to construct an argumentative discourse in the field. The essay accounts for 10% of the admission average (Annex 2). For the *International Migration and Global Social Change* master's degree program, candidates who have not submitted documentation proving their language proficiency in accordance with Art. 9, para. (6) will take an online language proficiency test.

Article 12.

(1) For students with disabilities and special educational needs, based on supporting documentation, admission tests may be adapted according to the type and severity of the disability. These include alternative methods for reading the text (large print, Braille, reader, screen reader), additional time to complete tasks, etc.

(2) For applicants with specific learning disabilities and sensory impairments, based on

a diagnostic certificate issued by the competent authorities, upon request, the adaptation of examination procedures within the admission process is carried out by:

- a) providing additional time beyond the time initially allocated for completing the exam;
- b) for candidates with dyslexia, the reading of the questions is provided by a member of the faculty-level admissions committee; the questions are read one at a time, in the order in which the paper is written;
- c) for candidates with dysgraphia, the candidate is entitled to an oral assessment or may dictate the content of the paper to a member of the faculty-level admissions committee;
- d) For candidates with dyscalculia, the use of a pocket/desktop calculator, a Pythagorean table, or formula tables is provided.

(3) Applicants with disabilities or special educational needs who require assistance during the admission exams should indicate this when registering on the admission platform, and will be contacted by the UVT educational psychologist from the Department of Inclusion and Support for Students with Special Needs (CISSNS) to assess the need for accommodations in the admission process. The exam questions and evaluation criteria do not change for candidates with disabilities; only the conditions under which the exams are taken may be adapted.

Article 13.

The allocation of places specifically reserved for Roma candidates, candidates belonging to national minorities (for study programs that do not exist in the state education system in the language of the respective minority), candidates from foster care centers or the social protection system, and candidates with special educational needs or disabilities is carried out at the UVT level, in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of *the Regulations of the West University of Timișoara (UVT) regarding the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*, approved by the UVT Senate, and all information regarding this process is published on the website www.admitere.uvt.ro, in the sections dedicated to specific categories of applicants.

Article 14. Admission Grade Point Average

(1) The minimum overall admission average for master's degree programs organized by UVT may not be lower than 6.00 (six).

(2) The overall admission average is calculated to two decimal places, without rounding, using the following formula:

(ML=bachelor's exam grade, MAS=grade point average, P=admission exam, minimum grade 5):

Social Work (*Child Welfare Management and Supervision, Military Social Work*):

*Admission average = $ML*0.50 + MAS*0.40 + P*0.10$;*

Sociology (*Human Resource Management in Organizational Administration, Social Entrepreneurship and Community Development, International Migration and Global Social Change*):

*Admission average = $ML*0.50 + MAS*0.40 + P*0.10$;*

(3) Candidates are ranked in descending order of the scores obtained in the admission exam and within the limits of the approved enrollment quotas for each undergraduate program.

(4) The overall average or total scores obtained by candidates in the admission exam are valid for determining the ranking only within the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, in accordance with these regulations.

(5) The ranking resulting from the admission exam will also be used to allocate spots funded by study grants, which will be awarded to the highest-ranked eligible candidates for each master's degree program.

For all study programs, in the event that there are multiple candidates with a grade point average equal to that of the last allocated spot for both state-funded and tuition-based spots, within the established maximum enrollment capacity, at least two tie-breaking criteria will be used, in accordance with Annexes 1–2.

Article 15. Filing Appeals

(1) Any *appeals regarding the admission process* may be submitted within the deadline specified in the admission calendar presented in Article 7, via the email address admitere.fsas@e-uvv.ro. Appeals are reviewed by the Appeals Resolution Committee established at the faculty level, and the results of the appeals are posted within no more than 24 hours from the expiration of the deadline for submitting appeals, in accordance with the admission calendar presented in Article 7. Appeals regarding oral exams, sports aptitude tests, or artistic aptitude tests are not accepted. Appeals based on ignorance of the admission regulations and/or applicable legislation are not accepted. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

(2) The results of the admission competition are made public by posting them on the UVT website/admission platform, in compliance with personal data protection regulations.

Article 16. Confirmation of Places / Enrollment

(1) During the period established for confirming the places obtained following the admission competition in accordance with Article 7 of these regulations, after the appeals have been resolved, the enrollment of admitted candidates shall take place.

(2) Candidates admitted to state-funded places shall pay the enrollment fee.

(3) Candidates admitted to fee-paying places shall pay the amount of the enrollment fee and the tuition fee (in part—30% of the annual tuition fee).

(4) UVT signs a university study contract with each enrolled student.

(5) After enrollment, the final lists of admitted and enrolled candidates are generated and posted.

(6) By paying the registration fee, candidates acknowledge that they have read and understood the provisions of the study contract for the 2026–2027 academic year, which will be published on the UVT website and on the UVT platform/webpage regarding the admission process (www.admitere.uvt.ro).

(7) A candidate may be admitted and enrolled as a student in no more than two university study programs simultaneously, regardless of the level of study and the educational institutions offering them.

(8) A candidate declared admitted may receive state funding for only one master's degree program. A candidate admitted to state-funded spots in two university study programs within the same level of study must choose the university study program to be funded by the state budget by the confirmation deadline set forth in Article 7 of these regulations, confirming the spot via the admission platform and notifying by the admissions committee of the faculty managing the other program to which they were admitted regarding the waiver of the state-funded place obtained and the potential request to occupy a fee-paying place, in which case they shall confirm that as well.

(9) A candidate who has completed a master's degree program in a state-funded position may pursue another master's degree program only on a fee-paying basis. A candidate who has completed a master's degree program only partially in a state-funded position may occupy a state-funded

state-funded place in another master's degree program only for those years of study that they have not already completed with state funding in another program of the same academic cycle.

(10) The costs associated with exceeding the standard duration of a state-funded university program, as provided by law, shall be borne by the students.

(11) After the conclusion of the enrollment confirmation periods, if there are admitted candidates who have not confirmed their admission by paying the enrollment fee, new lists ranking the candidates will be posted, resulting from the shifting of candidates with lower admission scores into the remaining vacant spots, based on the order of the options they selected in the application file registered on the online admission platform. When compiling the new ranking(s), candidates who, due to the limited number of options selected, were not included in the initial ranking and, therefore, were not admitted to a spot they could confirm, but who, based on their admission average, qualify for one of the spots remaining vacant following confirmations. Candidates who were initially admitted to lower-priority options but who, in subsequent iterations of the rankings, become eligible for a higher-priority option, will be declared admitted to the highest-priority option on their initial list for which they are eligible.

Article 17. Fees Related to the Admission Process

(1) At the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, *the application fee* for the master's degree admission exam is 200 lei, and *the enrollment fee* is 250 lei, in accordance with the decisions of the UVT Senate. The application fee for the admission exam is paid only once per faculty, regardless of the number of master's degree programs for which the candidate has applied within the same faculty. If the candidate has applied to degree programs in different faculties, they will pay the application fee for each faculty. If a candidate applies and wishes to pursue two master's degree programs simultaneously at UVT, they must submit a separate application on the admission platform for each of these programs and pay the corresponding registration fee for each. These fees are published on the website of the West University of Timișoara.

(2) The categories of applicants exempt from paying the application fee for the master's degree admission process, based on supporting documents uploaded to the online admission platform, are:

- a) children of all staff in the pre-university education system in Romania (teaching, auxiliary teaching, and non-teaching staff), whether currently employed or retired;
- b) children of all staff in the Romanian higher education system (teaching, teaching support, non-teaching, and central university library staff) who are currently employed or retired;
- c) all staff in the higher education system and in central university libraries in Romania;
- d) applicants with one or both parents deceased, as well as those from single-parent families³;
- e) applicants from foster care facilities or the social welfare system;
- f) applicants at risk of losing the ability to meet their daily living needs due to illness (proven by a medical certificate attesting to a chronic condition), disability (proven by a corresponding certificate), poverty (proving that they received a social scholarship during their final year of high school, in the case of high school graduates from the current class, or through other supporting documents demonstrating that they received financial support from the Romanian state), in accordance with the decision of the faculty-level admissions committee;
- g) athletes with outstanding achievements (CSU-UVT athletes—upon the recommendation of CSU-UVT; athletes from sports clubs and sections with which UVT has collaboration agreements; or athletes who have won medals at national, European, and world competitions—upon the recommendation of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports or CSU-UVT).

³ According to Law No. 277/2010 on family support allowances, a single-parent family is defined as one consisting of a single person and the children in their care who live with them, the single person being someone who is in one of the following situations:

- a) is unmarried—a situation proven by a certificate of single status for the candidate's parent issued by the Public Population Registry Service;
- b) is a widow—a situation proven by the marriage certificate of the candidate's parents and the death certificate of the deceased parent;
- c) is divorced – a situation proven by the divorce certificate or court judgment regarding the dissolution of the candidate's parents' marriage;
- d) has a spouse declared missing by a court order – a situation proven by the court order attesting to this situation;
- e) has a spouse who is in pretrial detention for a period exceeding 30 days or is serving a custodial sentence and does not contribute to the children's support—a situation proven by the court's ruling in this regard;
- f) has been appointed guardian or has been entrusted with or placed in foster care with one or more children and is in one of the situations described in subparagraphs (a) through (c)—a situation proven by a court ruling issued in this regard.

h) candidates who have been declared valedictorians (class of 2026) in a bachelor's degree program at the West University of Timișoara (UVT).

(3) Athletes with outstanding achievements (CSU-UVT athletes—upon the recommendation of CSU-UVT, athletes from sports clubs and sections with which UVT has collaboration agreements, or athletes who have won medals at national, European, and world competitions —upon recommendation by the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport or CSU-UVT) and candidates who were named valedictorians (class of 2026) in a bachelor's degree program at the West University of Timișoara (UVT) are exempt from paying the enrollment fee for master's degree studies.

(4) Exemption from these fees is granted solely on the basis of supporting documents uploaded by candidates to the online admissions platform and submitted in original form at the document collection points for the admissions process located at UVT campuses or at the county admissions centers organized by UVT. Approval of the exemption is granted by the faculty-level *Admissions Committee* through validation on the online admissions platform.

(5) Applicants from countries outside the EU, the European Economic Area, and the Swiss Confederation pay an admission application fee of 100 euros (for processing the application in preparation for the admission process).

(6) Upon confirmation of the place obtained following the admission competition, in accordance with the admission process schedule mentioned in Article 7 of these regulations, admitted candidates pay the enrollment fee.

(7) By **July 28, 2026**, for the July admission session, and by **September 17, 2026**, for the September admission session, students admitted to the master's degree program in fee-paying places are required to pay 30% of the annual tuition fee. In the event of non-payment by the established deadline, the student will lose their allocated spot.

Article 18.

(1) The Faculty of Sociology and Social Work establishes an *Admissions Committee*, responsible for the proper organization and conduct of the admissions process at the faculty level, and an *Appeals Committee*, both approved by the Faculty Council.

(2) The faculty-level *Admissions Committee* consists of the associate dean responsible for Academic Strategy, student relations, and administrative matters; two faculty and research staff members from each department; and one doctoral student from each department, whose role is

to review and validate application files, and at least two faculty members for each program, responsible for evaluating the entrance exams.

(3) The duties of the members of *the Admissions Committee* are:

- a) participating in training sessions;
- b) communicating with applicants;
- c) verifying and validating the application files submitted on the platform;
- d) final verification of applications and posting of results;
- e) verifying and approving fee waivers, in accordance with the university's admission policy;
- f) evaluating the exams.

(4) The Faculty-level *Appeals Committee* consists of the Dean of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, the Vice Dean responsible for international relations, research, and relations with the socio-economic environment, and the director of the master's degree program.

(5) The duties of *the Appeals Committee* are:

- a) reviewing appeals;
- b) resolving appeals;
- c) communicating the resolutions of the appeals to the candidates.

Article 19. These regulations, as well as *the UVT Regulations on the organization and conduct of the admission process for master's degree programs*, are binding on both the faculty's *Admissions Committee* and the applicants, and are made known to them by posting on the website of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work and on the website dedicated to the UVT admission process – www.admitere.uvt.ro.

Article 20. The Faculty of Sociology and Social Work is not responsible for:

- errors in registration or calculation in the official documents requested from applicants as part of the admission process (diplomas, transcripts);
- errors made by candidates when filling out the application form on the online admission platform;
- the candidate's failure to complete the admission application on the online admission platform (after paying the application fee or uploading supporting documents for exemption from the application fee via the online admission platform, the application must be completed and submitted; payment of the application fee does not constitute submission of the application).

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Annex 1

Specific admission requirements for master's degree programs in the field of SOCIAL WORK

Admission methodology: mixed

The specialized knowledge assessment exam is essay-based

The average score is calculated based on:

- (a) the grade on the specialized knowledge exam (10% weight), with a minimum grade of 5;
- (b) the overall grade from the bachelor's degree exam (50% weight);
- (c) the overall GPA for the years of study (40% weight).

Tie-breaking criteria:

1. The average grade for the years of undergraduate study (for candidates who have completed multiple undergraduate programs, the admission average for the most recently completed program is used);
2. Overall GPA for the final year of undergraduate studies;
3. Period of volunteer work in the social sector, demonstrated by a volunteer contract (if applicable).

Argumentative essay:

The essay will be uploaded to the admissions platform.

The topic of the argumentative essay is:

The main competencies of a social worker in the current context

The evaluation will be based on an analysis of how candidates address the following aspects:

- Identifying three competencies of social work in the child protection system
- Identifying three competencies of social work in the elder care system
- Identifying three competencies of social work in the system for the protection of adults in need

Technical criteria:

- Text formatted in TNR 12, 1.5 cm line spacing, text alignment—Justify;
- diacritical marks in the text;
- margin sizes: 2.5 cm top, bottom, right, left;
- length: approximately 2,000–2,500 words.

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Appendix 2

Specific admission requirements for master's degree programs in the field of SOCIOLOGY

Admission methodology: mixed

The exam to assess specialized knowledge is essay-based

The average is calculated based on:

- (a) the grade on the specialized knowledge exam (10% weight), with a minimum grade of 5;
- (b) the overall grade from the bachelor's degree exam (50% weight);
- (c) the overall GPA for the years of study (40% weight).

Tie-breaking criteria:

1. The grade obtained on the final bachelor's degree exam.
2. The grade obtained on the general and specialized knowledge section of the bachelor's degree exam.

Exam Topic: Human Resource Management in Organizational Administration (HRMOA)

The essay topic is: *The role of human resource management in creating and sustaining a dynamic organizational culture.*

The evaluation will be based on an analysis of how candidates address at least one of the following aspects:

- The definition and importance of organizational culture;
- The elements of a strong organizational culture (clear values, transparent communication, visionary leadership, employee engagement);
- How human resources management can influence organizational culture (through recruitment, training, performance evaluation, and the rewards and recognition system);
- The impact of a strong organizational culture on performance, employee satisfaction, and the organization's reputation.

Technical writing guidelines:

- Text formatted in Times New Roman 12, 1.5 line spacing, text alignment—Justify;

- diacritics in the text;
- margin sizes: 2.5 cm top, bottom, right, left;
- length: approximately 1,500–2,000 words.

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Exam Topics: Social Entrepreneurship and Community Development (ASDC)

The essay topic is: *The Impact of the Social Economy on Community Development*.

Assessment will be based on an analysis of how candidates address at least one of the following aspects:

- Stating the definition of the social economy;
- Outlining the principles of the social economy;
- Providing examples of the organizational forms of the social economy;
- Providing examples of the social economy's contributions to societal development;
- Presenting two concrete examples of the impact of social economy organizations

on the community;

Technical writing guidelines:

- Text formatted in Times New Roman 12, 1.5 line spacing, text alignment—Justify;
- diacritics in the text;
- margin sizes: 2.5 cm top, bottom, right, left;
- Length: approximately 1,500–2,000 words.

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Exam Topic: International Migration and Global Social Change (IMGSC)

Write a 2,000-word essay (including references) on an aspect of international migration that you consider relevant, within a context of your choice. Among other topics, you may explore the causes of migration, forms of control and border policies, the relationship between mobility and immobility, the effects of migration on places of origin and destination, social and economic changes, public discourse, personal experiences, perceptions, collective emotions related to mobility, as well as new forms of citizenship, institutions, and infrastructures.

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