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Assigning Topics for Bachelor's and Master's Diploma Theses, Dissertations, and Rigorosum Theses, Their Submission, How They Are Made Accessible to the Public, and the Related Record Keeping

Contents: In accordance with Act No. 111/1998 Sb., on universities and

on the amendment and modification of other acts (hereinafter referred to as the "Universities Act"), the Rector of UP issues the present instruction to define how topics are assigned for Bachelor's and Master's diploma theses, dissertations, and Rigorosum theses, how they are submitted, how they are made

accessible to the public, and the related record keeping.

Drafted by: Vice-Rector of UP for Study and Students' Affairs

Date the instruction comes into force: 3 November 2009

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In accordance with the existing distribution list, the following persons shall be notified of the effect of the new regulation:

Rector, Vice-Rectors, Bursar, the Rector's Office,

Deans and Secretaries of Faculties,

Manager of the Accommodation and Dining Facilities,

Managers of the Computer Center, Library, University Press, Project Service, Science and Technological Park, Academic Sports Center Managers of the Economic and Technicaladministrative, Operational, and Research Departments of

the Rector's Office, Archives of UP,

Legal Department of UP,

Internal Audit and Inspection Department of UP,

Organization and Management Department of UP,

Heads of Students' Offices.

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Article 1 Introductory Provisions

Within the meaning of the Universities Act the present instruction defines how topics are assigned for Bachelor's and Master's diploma theses, dissertations, and Rigorosum theses (hereinafter referred to as "theses"), how they are submitted, how they are made accessible to the public, and the related record-keeping.

The instruction of the Rector of UP, Assigning Topics for Bachelor's and Master's Diploma Theses, Dissertations, and Rigorosum Theses, Their Submission, How They Are Made Accessible to the Public, and the Related Record Keeping, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 47b of the Universities Act without prejudice to:

- a) the protection of data protected by law,
- b) the protection of trade secrets,
- c) the protection of the legitimate interests of third parties worthy of special consideration,
- d) the protection of data which could be used by UP to obtain the legal protection of industrial property rights in accordance with applicable legal regulations (e.g. application for a patent under Act No. 527/1990 Sb., on inventions and rationalization proposals, as amended).

The parts of theses which contain such information do not have to be made accessible to the public if this fact and the extent of the unpublished parts of the theses have been specified upon its assignment, or if the supervisor has stipulated so during work on the thesis or upon its submission, always subject to the respective Vice-Dean's approval. Students shall design and structure their theses in such a way that the part accessible to the public contains full information about the thesis objectives and achieved results. Subject to the approval of the respective Vice-Dean, supervisors define the date on which the reasons for not making the thesis accessible to the public expire and when the full thesis will be made public.

If making the thesis accessible to the public is postponed because there is a legal regulation preventing it, supervisors draw up a written record which shall be submitted to the respective Students' Office or the Research and Development Department, and shall be responsible for the verifiability and relevance of the regulation in question.

Article 2 Assigning Topics for Diploma Theses

- 1. The student is required to choose the topic for his or her Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or for his or her dissertation (the topic of the dissertation shall be decided on by the Subject-area Board of the respective doctoral program of study within the admission procedure) and to fulfill all formal requirements for the assignment of the topic for the thesis in individual phases and forms of study as required by and within deadlines defined by the respective faculty (usually in the winter semester of the penultimate year of study).
- 2. The student is fully responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all data in the "Details for the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation" form which shall be entered in the Study Information System through UP Portal (http://portal.upol.cz); for the procedure for students see Appendix No. 1 hereto. Applicants for the State Comprehensive (Rigorosum) Examination do not enter the "Details for the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation" form in the Study Information System.
- 3. In the "Details for the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation" form the student fills in details about the assignment of his or her respective thesis in the Study Information System, namely:
 - a) Thesis title in Czech
 - b) Thesis title in English
 - c) Thesis supervisor
 - d) Guidelines for writing the thesis (together with the thesis or dissertation supervisor)
 - e) Recommended bibliography (together with the thesis or dissertation supervisor)
- 4. The student prints the "Details for the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation" form in triplicate, has them signed by the supervisor and submits them at the workplace where the thesis is assigned and where it will be submitted (in the case of the dissertation, the form shall be submitted at the Research and Development Department).
- 5. The workplace usually a department or institute at which the thesis is assigned (hereinafter the

- "workplace") shall check the details of the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation in the Study Information System and on the printed "Details for the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation" form, and the head of the workplace shall attach his or her signature.
- 6. The assignment shall be recorded at the work-place, and the checked and signed forms shall be filed. Another printout of the form with all particulars shall be referred to the Students' Office of the faculty or to a workplace designated by the Dean, and the last printout with all particulars shall be returned to the student.
- 7. The Students' Office of the faculty or designated workplace records the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation, files the "Details for the assignment of a Bachelor's or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation" form in the student's file and copies the details from the form into the Study Information System (for the procedure, see Appendix No. 2).
- 8. The Dean may determine a different method of entering the assignment of the topic of the thesis in the Study Information System.

Article 3 Diploma Thesis Submission

- 1. Theses are processed at UP in accordance with applicable legal regulations, including, but not limited to, Act No. 121/2000 Sb., on copyright, rights related to copyright, and on the amendment of certain acts (the Copyright Act), as amended, and ethical principles; the infringement thereof (plagiarism etc.) shall be considered a disciplinary infraction, for which the student may be expelled from studies under Section 65 of the Universities Act. All submitted theses must be checked in the theses.cz system for the detection of plagiarism.
- 2. Together with the submission of the printed thesis (in a minimum of two copies) by the date and at the place defined by the respective faculty, the student is required to enter its electronic version (unless the very nature of the thesis prevents doing so, e.g. a concert performance) in the Study Information System (for the procedure for students see Appendix No. 3), and complete the following details of their thesis:
 - a) Thesis title
 - b) Thesis title in English
 - c) Parallel title and subtitle (if they are stated on the front page)
 - d) Abstract
 - e) Key words
 - f) Abstract in English
 - g) Keywords in English
 - h) Loosely attached appendices (if there are such)

- i) Appendices attached to the thesis
- j) Thesis length
- k) Language of the thesis
- Applicants for the State Comprehensive (Rigorosum) Examination shall submit the Rigorosum thesis both in the printed and in the electronic form. A Rigorosum thesis shall include all details under (a) to (k) hereof on a special page at the end of the thesis.
- 3. Unless circumstances worthy of consideration (see Article 1 hereof) determined by the thesis or dissertation supervisor prevent it, when entering the thesis in the Study Information System access shall be granted to the public (ANO zpřístupnit veřejnosti) with immediate effect after its submission ("Ihned po odevzdání práce") by the student.
- 4. Should the thesis include personal or sensitive data within the meaning of Act No. 101/2000 Sb., on the protection of personal data and on amendment to some other acts, as amended, the supervisor shall arrange for making such data anonymous before the electronic version of the thesis is entered in the Study Information System. The student must enable their supervisors to check the anonymity before the thesis is entered in the Study Information System. Supervisors shall advise students thereof.
- 5. The student is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all details in the "Thesis details" form in the Study Information System.
- 6. Students' Offices of faculties or designated work-places are required to check the formal aspects of the annotation and the "Details of a Bachelor or Master's diploma thesis or dissertation" form if such documents are required by the faculty, record the thesis, and file the checked form in the student's study file.
- 7. Students' Offices of faculties or designated work-places enter the final date of the thesis submission in the Study Information System (Graduate section). After the final record of the thesis at the Students' Office or the Research and Development Department the details may not be changed any more, they may only be consulted.
- 8. The Dean may determine a different way to enter the electronic version of the thesis in the Study Information System.

Article 4 Making Theses and Theses Reports Accessible to the Public

1. Theses which have been submitted for their defense are made accessible to the public a minimum of five working days before the date of their defense at UP Portal (http:// portal.upol.cz) in the "Study (STAG)" and "Final theses" sections, unless there is a legal duty preventing the thesis

- from being made accessible to the public (see Introductory Provision).
- Authors of theses are deemed to have consented to making their work accessible to the public under Paragraph 1 hereof regardless of the defense results.
- 3. Workplaces shall ensure that the electronic versions of the reports on the theses are entered and made accessible to the public in the Study Information System in the Graduate section University final theses Files (see Appendix No. 4) and inform the student that the reports have been made public. In the case of dissertations, the Research and Development Department shall send
- copies of the external reviewers' reports to the student. A minimum of one report is drawn up for a Bachelor's diploma thesis, the supervisor's and reviewer's reports are drawn up for a Master's diploma thesis, and two external reviewers' reports are drawn up for a Rigorosum Thesis. The dissertation shall be reviewed by a minimum of two external reviewers appointed by the Dean of the respective faculty.
- 4. Theses are published without any intended profit, including the respective reports and results of the defense, through a theses database accessible at UP Portal (see Paragraph 1). Information may be filtered according to the following criteria.



Article 5 Final Provisions

The present instruction comes into force once it has been signed by the Rector of UP, and comes into effect upon its publication on the official website of UP, i.e. the sixth day after its coming into force.

In Olomouc on 3 November 2009

Prof. RNDr. Lubomír Dvořák, CSc., in his own hand, Rector of UP

Appendices:

Appendix No. 1: Procedure for thesis registration by UP students

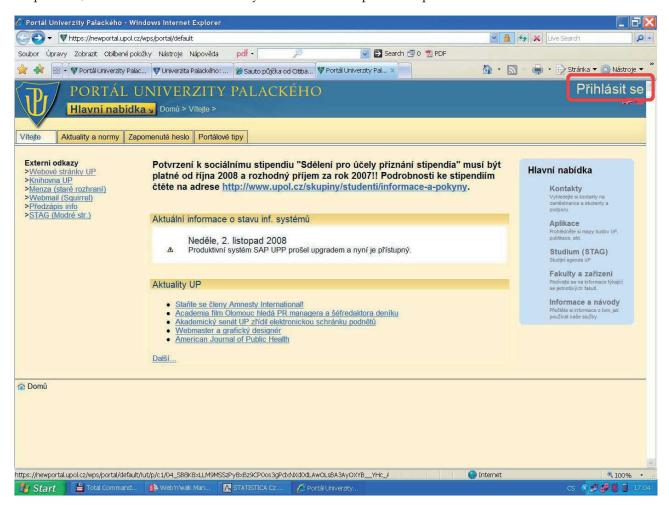
Appendix No. 2: Procedure for the Students' Office to enter the theses assignment in the Study Information System

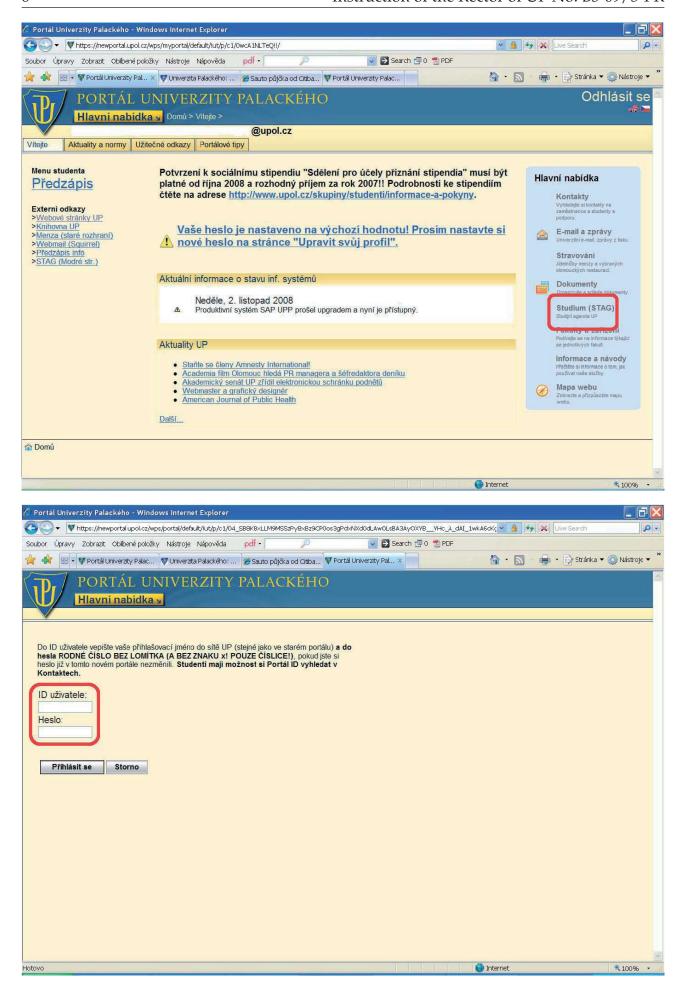
Appendix No. 3: Procedure for students to enter their theses in the Study Information System

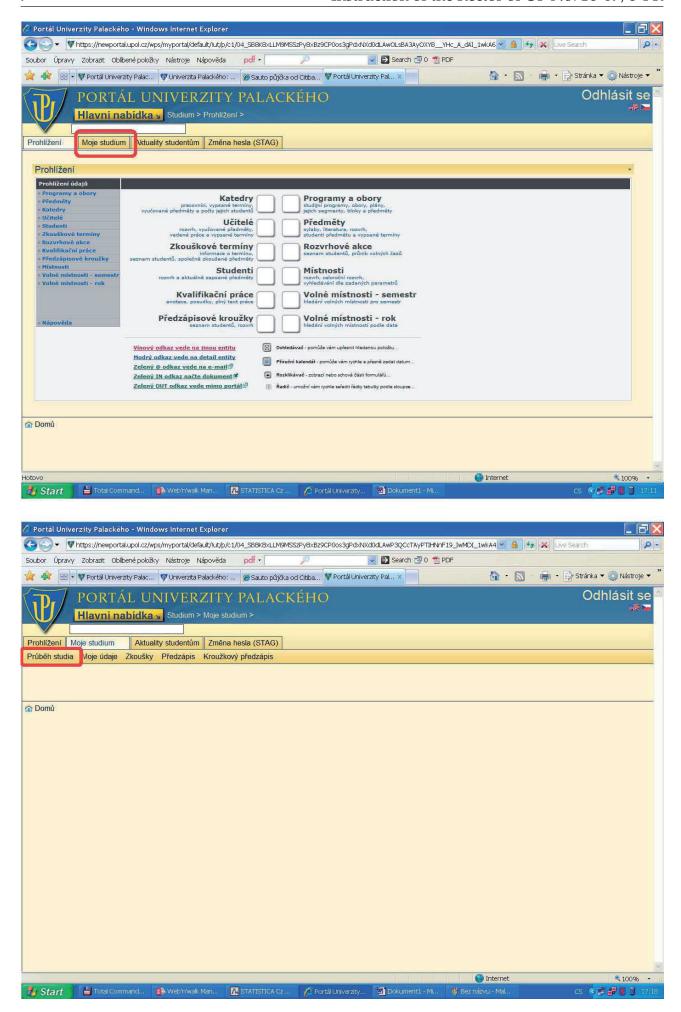
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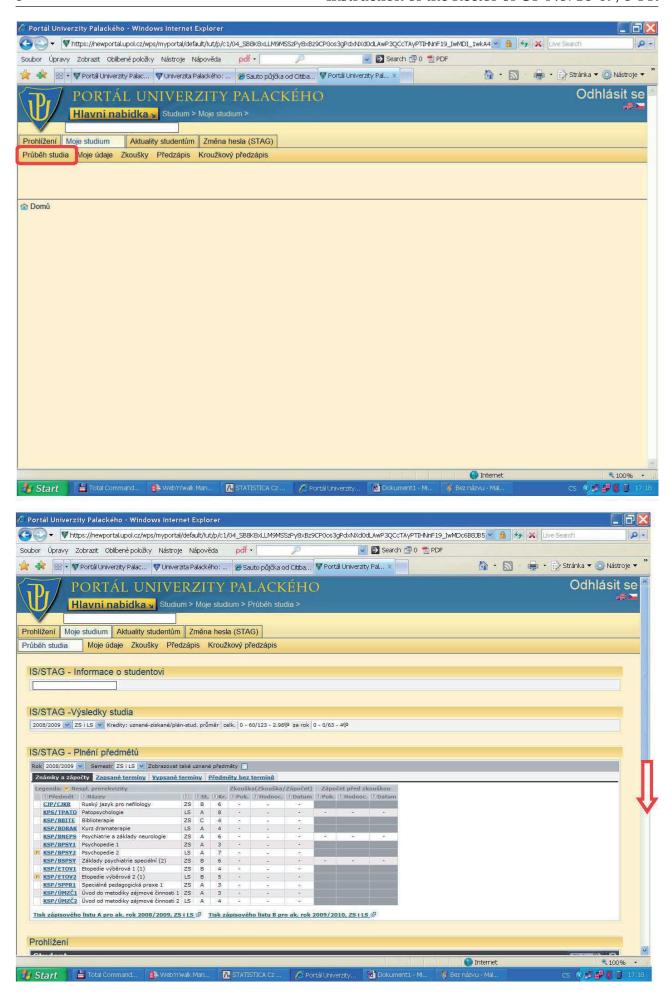
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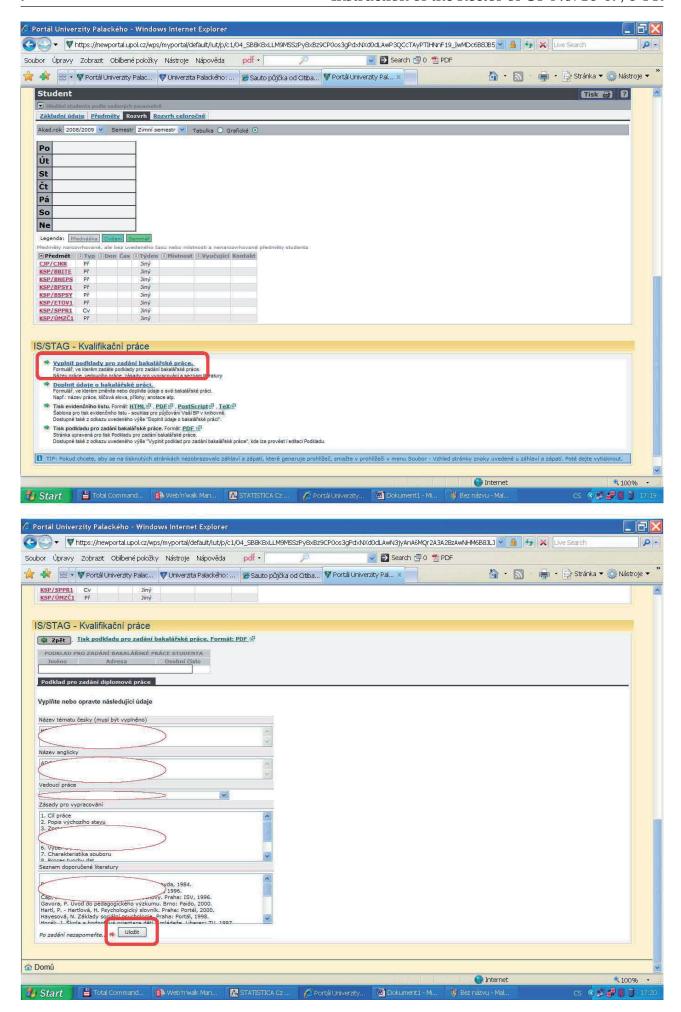
- 1. Log into UP Portal.
- 2. Choose the "Studying" tab in the main menu.
- 3. Choose "My Studies" and "Course of Studies" tabs.
- 4. Choose "Enter details for the registration of a Bachelor's and Master's thesis or dissertation" at the bottom of the "Course of Studies" tab.
- 5. After all details have been entered, save them and choose "Print the form for the registration of a Bachelor's and Master's theses or dissertation in the PDF format".
- 6. Print the form out in the required number of copies, sign it, have it signed by the thesis or dissertation supervisor, and submit it at the secretary's office of the respective department or institute.



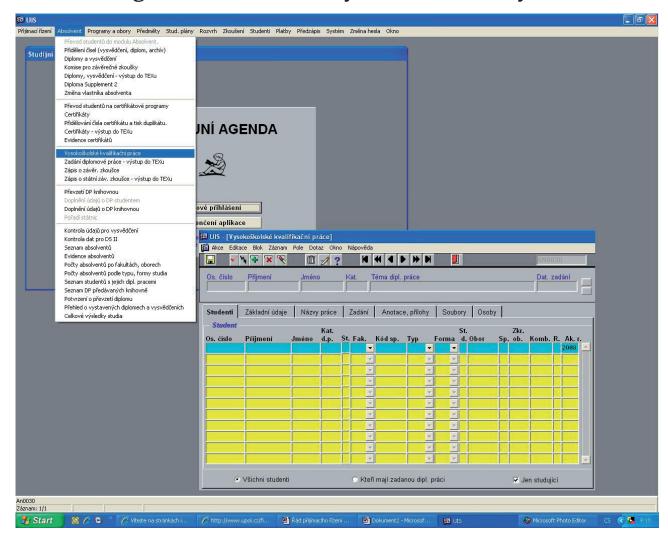


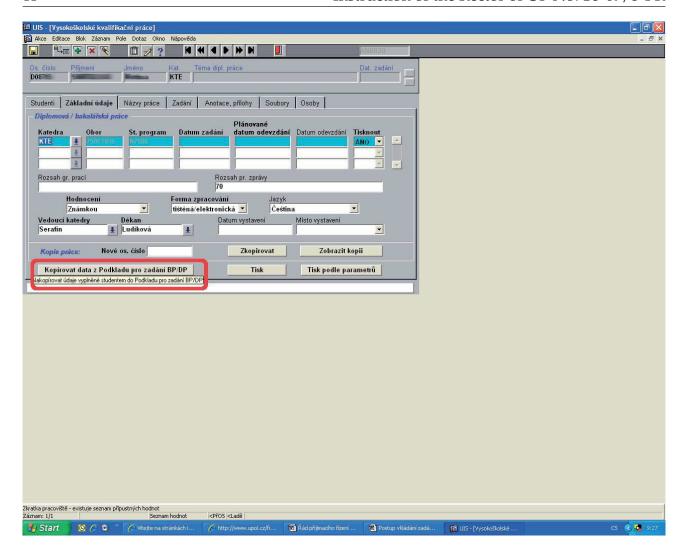






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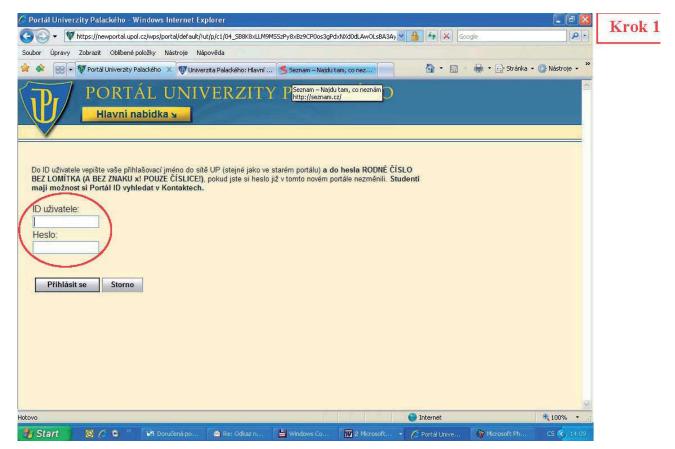


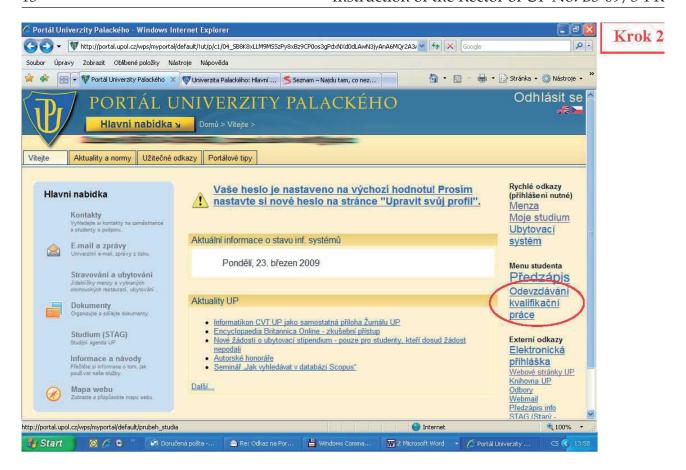


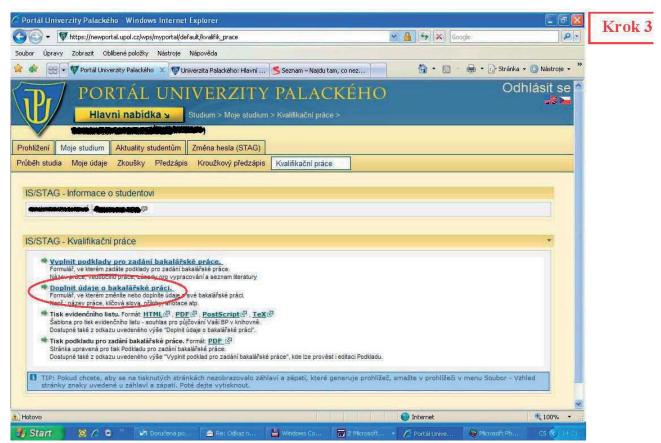
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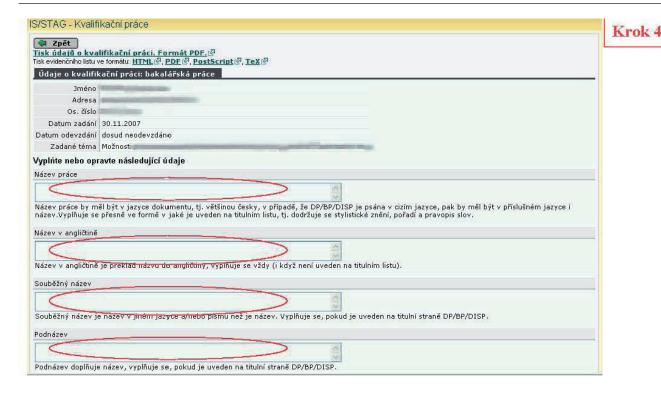
(theses shall be entered in the Study Information System by the deadlines defined by the respective faculty for the submission of a printed version of the thesis)

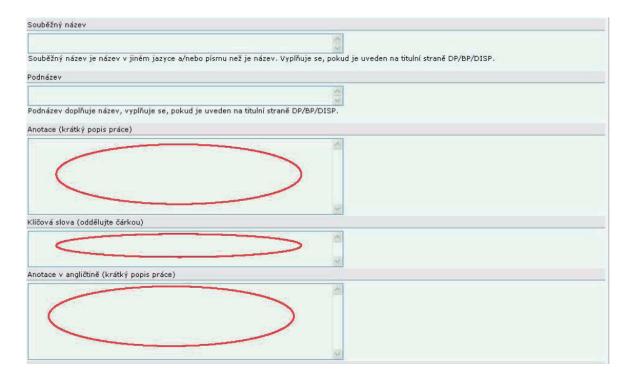
- 1. Log into UP Portal (portal.upol.cz).
- 2. Select "Submit Final Thesis" menu (on the right hand side in the middle).
- 3. Select "Complete thesis details".
- 4. Complete thesis details and save them.
- 5. Select "UPLOAD FILE" (Submit an electronic version of the thesis). The name of the file should include the student's name and the title of the thesis. The maximum file size is 60 MB, but for this size the uploading of the file takes a lot of time if the internet connection is slow. It is better to use UP network!
- 6. Enter the link to the file with the thesis and upload it.
- 7. Select the thesis file type.
- 8. Unless circumstances worthy of consideration prevent it see the Rector's instruction (decided by the thesis or dissertation supervisor), access to the public shall be granted ("ANO zpřístupnit veřejnosti").
- 9. Unless circumstances worthy of consideration prevent it (decided by the thesis or dissertation supervisor), the thesis shall be made accessible to the public immediately after its submission ("Ihned po odevzdání práce").
- 10. Click "Upload file and save it ..."
- 11. If the thesis details are required by the faculty in a printed form, select "Print thesis details. PDF format," by which a document is created, which you subsequently print out.

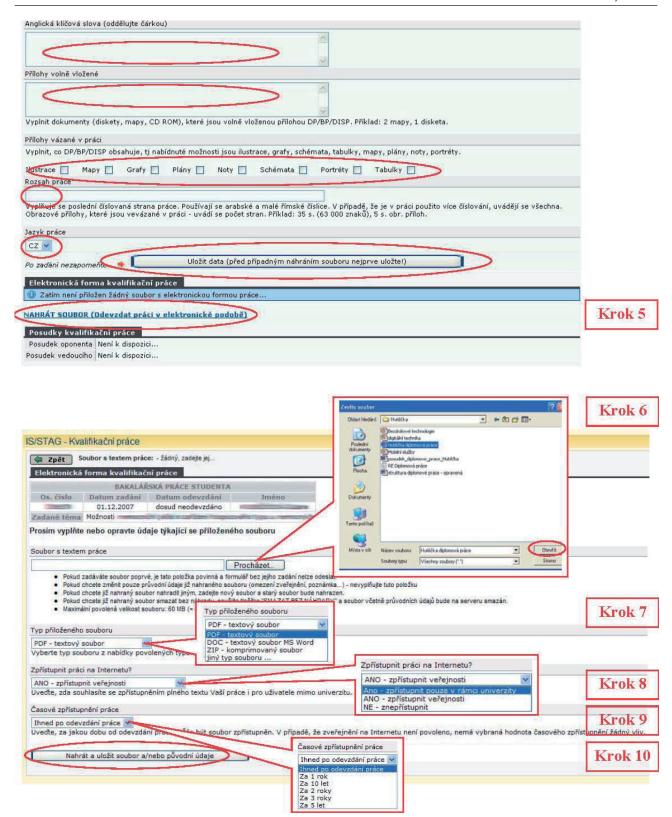


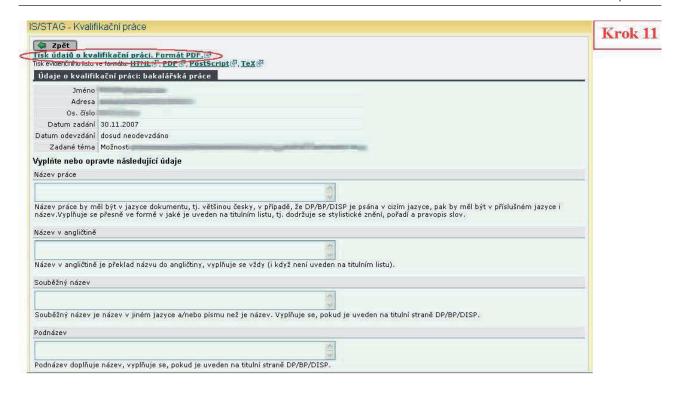


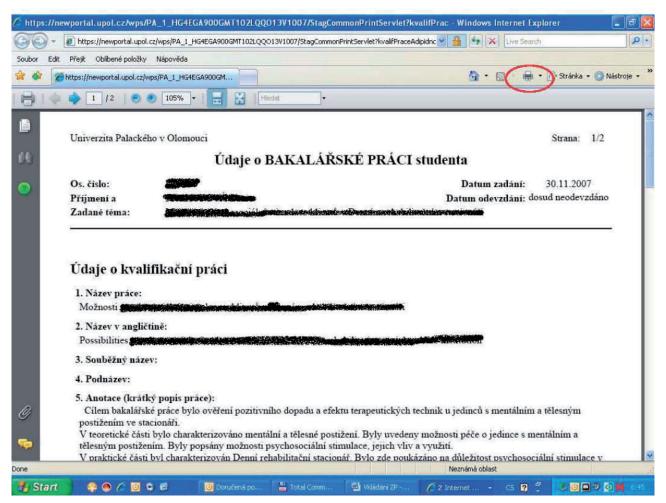


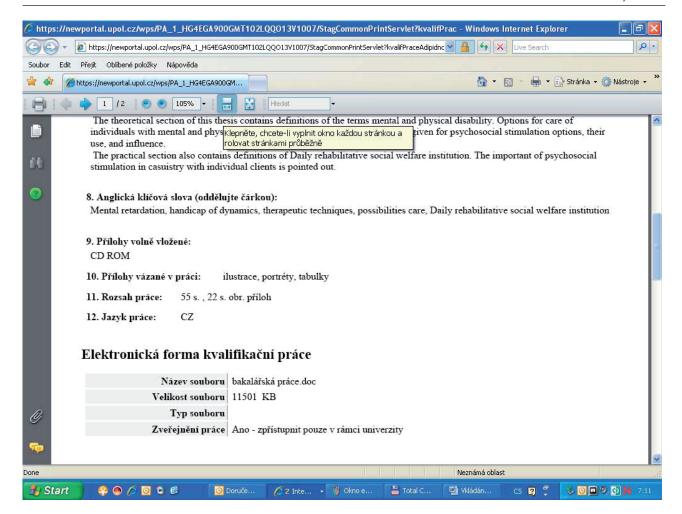












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