



## **TRANSLATION OF THE ORDER**

No. DV-205 as of 26 March 2026

### **ON THE USE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN STUDENTS' FINAL THESES AND INTERIM RESEARCH ASSESSMENTS**

Following the paragraph 36 of the Regulations of Vilnius University Life Sciences Center, approved by the Resolution of the Senate of Vilnius University No. S-2016-8-2 of 20 September 2016 "On the Establishment and Approval of the Regulations of Vilnius University Life Sciences Center" (Resolution of the Senate of Vilnius University No. SPN-77 of 17 November 2020) the following procedure for the use of English during the final theses and interim scientific assessments of students studying at the Vilnius University Life Sciences Center is established:

1. At the Life Sciences Center of Vilnius University (later – LSC), student scientific works that are defended before a committee (scientific project, research practice, research project, term paper, research practice, professional practice) must be written and defended in correct Lithuanian.
2. Cases, when student scientific works can be written and defended in English:
  - 2.1. Study program is conducted in English;
  - 2.2. Thesis supervisor, consultant, or the student is non-native speaker of Lithuanian.
  - 2.3. In other cases the student must obtain permission from the Study Program Committee (later – SPC), for example:
    - the reviewer of the student's scientific work is non-native speaker of Lithuanian;
    - the student conducts research in an international research group.
4. A student whose supervisor or consultant is non-native speaker of Lithuanian must inform the SPC about their intention to defend their work in English for the entire study period, indicating the supervisor's name and surname, the name of the research laboratory, and the preliminary research topic. This information must be submitted directly to the SPC chair or the study program administrator in the form of a free-format statement.
5. Information about the language in which the student's scientific work will be written and/or defended, or a request for permission to defend it in English, must be submitted by the student together with the topic of the assignment to SPC, but no later than one month before the planned defense date.
6. If a student wishes to prepare a scientific work (final or interim) in English while the study program is conducted in Lithuanian and the student's supervisor and consultant are not foreigners, the student must submit a motivated request through the VUSIS system to the LSC Study Department, which will forward the request to the SPC.
7. The request must include a justified explanation for defending the work in English and the approval of the student's thesis supervisor. The student will be informed of the SPC's decision via their university email address within 20 working days of receipt of the request.