

REGULATION

GRADUATION PROGRAM IN PHYSIOPATHOLOGY AND SURGICAL SCIENCES (*PG- FISIOCIRURGIA*)

TITLE I

THE PURPOSES

Art. 1 - Graduate Program in Physiopathology and Surgical Sciences (*PG-FISIOCIRURGIA*), Master's, Doctorate and Postdoctoral Programs, aims to train highly-qualified personnel for research activities and for college teaching, linked to the organization chart of the School of Medical Sciences of the Rio de Janeiro State University.

Sole paragraph - The Program aims at training the research surgeon and other professionals in the Health Area and the like, as well as other professionals with a full graduation who are included in the Program's research lines, capable of developing a critical posture in the face of the physiopathological phenomenon and its repercussions on surgical and experimental activity, aiming at understanding, controlling and treating diseases, through experimental and clinical-surgical models.

TITLE II

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

Art. 2. - *PG-FISIOCIRURGIA* will be taught by the School of Medical Sciences (FCM), with the participating Academic Unit being the Roberto Alcântara Gomes Biology Institute (IBRAG) and other UERJ Academic Units, linked to the Biomedical Center, which are effectively authorized to participate in the Program. Academic Units from other UERJ Sector Centers may act as collaborators.

Art 3. - *PG-FISIOCIRURGIA* will be coordinated by a Committee, the Committee of Coordination of Physiopathology and Surgical Sciences Graduate Studies (CC-FISIOCIRURGIA), constituted as follows:

- a) One (1) General Coordinator, who will be the chairperson
 - b) One (1) Deputy Coordinator
 - c) One (1) Teaching Coordinator
 - d) One (1) Research Coordinator
 - e) One (1) Publication and Dissertation Coordinator
 - e) One (1) Coordinator of Key Focus Area of Operative Technique and Experimental Surgery
 - f) One (1) Coordinator of Key Focus Area of Urogenital System
- One (1) representative of the students, and his/her respective deputy.

Paragraph 1. - *PG-FISIOCIRURGIA* will have an Office responsible for the academic and administrative control of the Program, located at the School of Medical Sciences.

Paragraph 2. - The professors who will be part of the CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will be elected by the permanent professors accredited in the Program.

Paragraph 3. - The student who will be part of CC- FISIOCIRURGIA, and his/her respective deputy, will be elected by students regularly enrolled in PG-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Paragraph 4. - The result of the election of the CC-FISIOCIRURGIA must be sent to the Director of the FCM, who will designate the chosen ones for their proper functions, based on three-name lists obtained with the vote of the permanent professors of the Program, the result being ratified by the FCM Departmental Council.

Paragraph 5. - The teaching members of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA must be permanent professors of PG-FISIOCIRURGIA and belong to the active staff of UERJ.

Paragraph 6. - The General Coordinator will have the right to speak and vote on the Committee of Coordination of Biomedical Center Graduate Studies.

Paragraph 7. - The terms of the professors of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will be two (2) years, with only one consecutive reappointment allowed.

Paragraph 8 - The Deputy Planning and Administration Coordinator is responsible for replacing the General Coordinator in his/her absences and impediments.

Art. 4. - The representatives of the students at CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will be elected for a term of one (1) year, with no consecutive re-election allowed.

Sole paragraph - The effective student representative will be the most voted in the election, with the second one placed as deputy.

Art. 5 - The CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will meet by convocation of the General Coordinator or the majority of its members, with a minimum frequency of bimonthly.

Paragraph 1 - The decisions of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will be expressed by a simple majority of votes.

§ 2 - Other professors or students of the Program may participate in the meetings of the CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, with the right to speak but with no right to vote.

Paragraph 3 - The decisions of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA may be the subject of an appeal filed, in the second instance, at the Departmental Council of the School of Medical Sciences.

Art. 6 – The CC-FISIOCIRURGIA is responsible for:

- a) elaborating the global planning of the Program, as well as approving the programs of the activities and courses;
- b) coordinating and assessing the implementation of the programs of activities and courses;
- c) reviewing, whenever necessary, the composition of the professors of PG-FISIOCIRURGIA, in order to ensure high technical and scientific standards;
- d) determining the number of vacancies to be offered in each selection process for the Program and published in a public notice, after approval by the Sub-Presidency of Graduate Studies and Research;
- e) designating the candidate Selection Committee for the Program and monitoring the different stages of selection;
- f) deciding on requests for enrollment withdrawal, exemption or postponement in the fulfillment of course/activity requirements, in compliance with the provisions of the present Regulation and its attachments;
- g) approving the appointment of the names of “*ad-hoc*” Consultants who will issue opinions on the versions for the oral examinations on Theses and Dissertations;
- h) indicating the names of the members of the Examining Committees of the qualifying exams for the Doctorate;

- i) approving the indication of names of the supervisors of Theses and Dissertations, according to criteria based on scientific production and academic guidance, established annually, in addition to setting the maximum number of persons supervised per supervisor, as recommended by CAPES, in compliance with the rules in force at UERJ;
- j) ratifying the opinions of the “*ad-hoc*” Consultants on the versions for the oral examinations on Theses and Dissertations.
- k) approving or replacing the names of the members of the Examining Commissions for the oral examinations on Theses and Dissertations and respective deputies, indicated by the Supervisor, as provided in Art. 39 of these Regulations.
- l) approving the results of the examinations of Theses and Dissertations, communicating it to the competent authorities;
- m) appointing students to receive scholarships made available to the Program;
- n) monitoring the management of financial resources allocated for the maintenance of the Program, respecting the University Commandments on the matter;
- o) to ensure the faithful compliance with the University Commandments related to Graduate Studies;
- p) deciding, in the first instance, on any omissions regarding the Program;
- q) convening, by decision of the majority of its members, special meetings of the Committee;
- r) proposing to the Board of the School of Medical Sciences and its Departmental Council, any changes to be implemented in these Regulations.

TITLE III - ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER I – THE TEACHING BOARD

Art. 7 - The PG-FISIOCIRURGIA will be taught by professors, and the academic regime and their title must obey the federal norms and other University Commandments in force.

Paragraph 1 - The members of the teaching staff of PG-FISIOCIRURGIA will be required to exercise creative activity, demonstrated by the scientific production in their area of expertise, experience and adequate academic education, represented by the degree of Doctor or Full Professor, recognized by law.

Paragraph 2 - The Teaching Core (ND) will be constituted by professors of university that present publications at the levels required by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, and who have taught courses and supervised students in the last three (3) years.

Paragraph 3 - Scientific production must be proven by annual curriculum update.

Paragraph 4 - National or foreign specialists, not teaching at UERJ, may be invited to develop activities related to the Program, in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1.

Paragraph 5 - In special cases, at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, the degree of Doctor or Full Professor, recognized by law, may be dismissed, provided that the professor or researcher demonstrates high qualification due to his/her experience and knowledge in his/her field of activity, having been approved for inclusion by the Higher Education, Research and Extension Council (CSEPE).

Art. 8 - The work regime of the permanent professors must be, mostly, full-time (40 hours).

Sole paragraph - Each professor on a part-time basis may supervise up to two (2) students.

Art. 9 - The supervision of the Thesis or Dissertation by professors not belonging to the UERJ staff will be allowed, at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, maintaining the requirements of title and scientific production provided for in Art. 7 of these Regulations. The supervisors will be accredited for each selection, according to the following criteria:

Paragraph 1 - Master's Thesis Supervisor - prove scientific production of at least three articles published in journal B2 or higher, at least one of them classified in B1, in the last three years.

Paragraph 2 - Doctorate Dissertation Supervisor - prove scientific production of at least three articles published in journal B2 or higher, at least one of them classified in B1, in the last three years.

Paragraph 3 - CC-FISIOCIRURGIA may accept a co-supervisor, respecting the criteria mentioned in the previous paragraphs, noting that the accreditation for co-supervision will be specified for one student, not implying full accreditation with the Graduate Program.

CHAPTER II

ENROLLMENT AND SELECTION

Art. 10 - The PG-FISIOCIRURGIA is intended for holders of full undergraduate degrees in medicine and in health and related fields, as well as other full undergraduate degrees that are included in the program's research lines, granted by an official or accredited institution, by the National Board of Education.

Art. 11 - CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will publish in a public notice, based on the availability of human and material resources, the maximum number of vacancies offered in the selection process for the Program per program and key focus area, after approval by the Vice-President of Graduate Studies and Research.

Sole paragraph - CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will define the periodicity of disclosure of the selection notice, and the doctorate may follow a continuous flow, according to the selection calendar, also disclosed in the notice.

Art. 12 - Applications for enrollment in the selection process must indicate the program and the intended key focus area and be forwarded to the Program Office, in accordance with the calendar published in the notice.

Paragraph 1 – The enrollment will be formalized upon submission of the following documentation:

- a) copy (two-sided) of the full degree diploma;
- b) copy of the academic record transcript of the full undergraduate degree corresponding to the program of the previous item;
- c) copy (two-sided) of the diploma and academic record transcript of the Master's program for applicants to the Doctorate;
- d) curriculum vitae;
- e) two (2) photographs 3 x 4 cm;
- f) copy of the CPF;
- g) copy of the Identity Card;
- h) letter of intent for applicants to the Master's program, justifying the reasons for their choice for the Graduate studies in the area;
- i) three copies of the preliminary proposal of the thesis project for the Master's program and dissertation for the Doctorate, approved by the Supervisor of the university accredited in PG-FISIOCIRURGIA, previously contacted by the interested party.

Paragraph 2 – In the event the Higher Education Institution (IES) has not issued the diploma to which the candidate is entitled at the time of enrollment in the selection process, the IES statement indicating the date of completion of the program and commencement will be accepted.

Paragraph 3 - Candidates in the situation of the previous paragraph must, if selected, meet the requirement of item “a” of Paragraph 1 of this article, within a maximum period of twelve (12) months, counting from the date of start of his/her activities in the program.

Art. 13 - At the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, applicants who do not hold a Master's degree may be accepted in the Doctorate program.

Paragraph 1 – The applicants to the Doctorate program referred to in the caput of this article must demonstrate high qualification and regular scientific production, being judged by a specific Commission, designated by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Paragraph 2 - For candidates who do not hold a Master's degree, the diploma of an undergraduate program granted by an official or accredited institution and a complete academic record of the relevant program must be submitted, in addition to the other documents provided for in Article 12, sole paragraph.

Art. 14 - In the case of an agreement or similar instrument signed with other institutions, national or foreign, the admission of applicants will comply with the terms of said instrument, respecting the provisions of this Regulation and attachments hereto, with explicit mention of the agreement or similar instrument in the notice of selection.

Art. 15 - The selection of applicants will be carried out by a Committee appointed by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA and will consist of at least three (3) professors of PG-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Art. 16 - The selection of applicants will be carried out in accordance with items I and II that follow:

I for the Master's:

- a) at the result of an eliminatory written test;
- b) at the result of an interview with the selection committee; when the applicant's thesis project and letter of intent will be evaluated;
- c) at the result of the examination of comprehension of a text in English, in accordance with the rules established by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA and disclosed in the notice;
- d) at the analysis of the curriculum vitae.

II for the Doctorate:

- a) at the result of an interview with the selection committee, which will include the analysis of the dissertation project;
- b) at the evaluation of the ability to understand and write a text in English and another language, which can be chosen between French or Spanish;
- c) at the analysis of the curriculum vitae.

Paragraph 1 - Foreign candidates, coming from non-Portuguese speaking countries, will additionally take a proficiency exam in Portuguese.

Paragraph 2 - The criteria for approval, classification and tiebreaker will be disclosed in the selection notice.

Paragraph 3 - A reclassification in the selection process will be allowed in case of vacancies for the approved and unselected applicants, according to the reclassification calendar published in the selection notice.

Paragraph 4 - In the analysis of the preliminary proposal of the dissertation project for enrollment in the Doctorate, the Selection Committee will take into consideration, as a priority, the adequacy of the project to the lines of research developed in PG-FISIOCIRURGIA.

TITLE IV – THE ACADEMIC REGIME

CHAPTER I

STRUCTURE AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

Art. 17 - PG-FISIOCIRURGIA will consist of core courses and activities and optional courses, as provided for in Annex II, for the Master's and Doctorate programs, in the two key focus areas of the Program.

Art. 18 - The period for completion will have the following duration:

- a) the Master's program will have a maximum duration of twenty-four (24) months and a minimum of twelve (12) months;
- b) the Doctorate program will have a maximum duration of forty-eight (48) months and a minimum of twenty-four (24) months;

Paragraph 1 - The completion of the period mentioned in the caput of this article will be computed from the start date of the program until the date of the oral examination on the Thesis or Dissertation.

Paragraph 2 - The student must not exceed the maximum duration provided, with all the time during which his/her enrollment is withdrawn being computed, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 26. Exceptional cases, duly justified and documented, after endorsement by the student's supervisor, will be assessed by the CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Art. 19 - The student may, with the due authorization of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, carry out academic activities outside the headquarters of the Program, in the country or abroad, provided that the existence of qualified supervisors, a creative environment and adequate material conditions are ensured.

CHAPTER II

THE CREDIT REGIME

Art. 20 - The basic unit for the evaluation of academic work will be credit, in accordance with the rules in force at UERJ.

Paragraph 1 - Up to eight (8) credits may be granted for the Master's degree, and up to twelve (12) credits for the Doctorate, related to the academic and scientific production of the Graduate student in the theme of the Thesis or Dissertation, at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, according to the following rules:

- a) one credit for every two presentations at national congresses, with publication in Conference Proceeding;
- b) one credit for every presentation at international congresses, with publication in Conference Proceeding;
- c) two credits for each publication of a scientific article at a Qualis B or C international journal, in the program sub-area at CAPES;
- d) Three credits for each publication of a scientific article at a Qualis A international journal, in the program sub-area at CAPES;

Paragraph 2 - Rules a and b, and rules c and d, referred to in the previous paragraph, will not be cumulative, when dealing with the same work, and the rules corresponding to the largest number of credits shall apply.

Art. 21 - To complete the PG-FISIOCIRURGIA, the Master's student must complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits, and the Doctorate student, a minimum of thirty-six (36) credits, respectively, as detailed in the Annex II. Sole Paragraph - In the completion of the number of credits required for the Master's and Doctorate, the student must fulfill all credits related to the core courses, with the remaining credits being his/her free choice, with the supervisor's agreement in the elaboration of his/her plan of

studies.

Art. 22 - The reapplication of credits obtained in a *stricto sensu* (degree) graduate program, accredited by the National Board of Education, or in equivalent programs from foreign institutions, at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, will be allowed.

Paragraph 1 - Only credits from courses that have been successfully completed, at most, four (4) years before the student's enrollment in PG-FISIOCIRURGIA can be accepted.

Paragraph 2 - The maximum number of credits that can be reapplied cannot exceed one third (1/3) of the total of credits required to complete the program: Eight (8) credits in the master's program and twelve (12) credits in the doctorate program.

Paragraph 3 - Only if the credits have been obtained in PG-FISIOCIRURGIA, there will be no limit for their reapplication, in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 1.

Art. 23 - The student will complete the graduate program under the regulations in force at the time of enrollment.

Sole Paragraph - In case the enrollment is withdrawn, the student must adopt the regulations in force at the time of reopening the enrollment, and must make the necessary adaptations.

CHAPTER III

ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM AND IN COURSES

Art. 24 - The selected applicants will be invited to enroll by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, which will determine, in a public notice, the deadline for the enrollment and the necessary documents for its effectiveness.

Sole Paragraph - The approved and selected applicants who do not enroll in the period defined in the selection notice will be eliminated from the selection process and there may be reclassification according to Art. 16, paragraph 3.

Art. 25 - In each academic semester, the student must enroll in courses, in accordance with the calendar established by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA and with the individual study plan, in compliance with the academic calendar published by the Vice-Presidency of Graduate Studies and Search.

Paragraph 1 - The student may request cancellation of enrollment in a particular course, core or optional, provided that no more than 15% of the respective hours have been taught.

Paragraph 2 - After the limit established in the first paragraph, the student who leaves the course will be considered as failing it.

Art. 26 - Master's and doctoral students may request CC-FISIOCIRURGIA to withdraw his/her enrollment for a maximum of six (6) months, interspersed or not.

Paragraph 1 - The enrollment withdrawal period will be considered for the purposes of completion.

Paragraph 2 - The student who has exceeded the legally permitted withdrawal period, as provided in the caput of this article, can only be enrolled after approval in a new selection process.

Paragraph 3 - The withdrawal of enrollment in the first semester after the selection is forbidden.

Art. 27 - Students enrolled in other accredited graduate programs, may, after approval by the Coordinating Committee of the Program of origin, and at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, enroll in courses of PG- FISIOCIRURGIA, as isolated courses.
Sole Paragraph - Special students who take isolated courses in PG-FISIOCIRURGIA will receive a declaration of attendance and grade at the end of the term, with an indication of passing or failing.

CHAPTER IV

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE CHECKING AND EVALUATION

Art. 28 - The evaluation of academic performance will be individual, being carried out at each course, by the responsible professor.

Paragraph 1 - Academic performance will be expressed by numerical degree, from zero to ten, referring to each course.

Paragraph 2 - The student who obtains, in each course, a grade equal to or higher than seven (7.0) and a minimum attendance of eighty-five percent (85%) of the course load will be entitled to credits.

Art. 29 - The student can only retake a course in which he/she has failed only once. A second failure in the same course will cause his/her dismissal from PG-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Sole Paragraph – The dismissal from PG-FISIOCIRURGIA will also apply to students who:

- a) exceed the maximum period allowed for completing the program, as provided for in Art. 18.;
- b) remain one academic semester without taking any course, unless he/she is solely pending the oral examination on the Thesis or Dissertation, or enjoying the benefit of withdrawal of the enrollment;
- c) fails twice the qualification exam for the doctorate.

Art. 30 - The PG-FISIOCIRURGIA student's final average will correspond to the arithmetic average of the grades obtained in the oral examination on the Thesis or Dissertation and in the academic performance, which will be calculated as the weighted average of the grades obtained in all courses taken, with success or not, considering the credit numbers of the courses as weights.

CHAPTER V

QUALIFICATION EXAM FOR MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE PROGRAMS

Art. 31 - Within a maximum period of twelve (12) months for the Master's Degree and twenty-four (24) months for the Doctorate Degree, from the date of beginning of his/her activities in the program, the applicant must be submitted to a public qualification exam on his/her dissertation project and an assessment of knowledge about physiopathology.

Paragraph 1 - CC-FISIOCIRURGIA will be responsible for defining the theme for the assessment of knowledge in the field of physiopathology, as provided for in the caput of this article.

Paragraph 2 - The Examining Committee for the qualification exam will consist of three (3) professors appointed by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Paragraph 3 - The Examining Committee will be responsible for assessing and commenting on the dissertation project and the pertinence of the bibliography presented, with each examiner issuing a written opinion within a maximum period of fifteen (15) days.

Paragraph 4 - The thesis project will be considered sufficient or insufficient by the Examining Committee.

Paragraph 6 - The applicant whose dissertation project is considered insufficient may submit to a new exam within a maximum period of three (3) months after the first evaluation.

Paragraph 7 - The applicant who fails the second time in the qualification exam will be dismissed from the PG- FISIOCIRURGIA and will obtain a performance statement in the courses taken with approval for attendance and grade.

THESIS AND DISSERTATION

Art. 32 - At the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, the Thesis or Dissertation work may be carried out in other research and teaching institutions, in the country or abroad, as long as the requirements established in Art. 7 and in Art.19 of this Regulations are ensured.

Art. 33 – To take the oral examination on the Thesis, the Master's student must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) be regularly enrolled in the program;
- b) having accumulated a total of, at least, twenty-four (24) credits;
- c) having obtained a favorable opinion from an “ad-hoc” Consultant, approved by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, in the version for the oral examination on his/her thesis, in accordance with items “g” and “j” of Art. 6;
- d) present proof of having had at least 1 article accepted for publication or published in Qualis B3 or higher journal during the Master's period, with the supervisor as co-author of the work. If there are other graduate student(s) from the program associated with the article, its absolute value will be divided by the number of associated graduate students. For example, an article with 3 graduate students, counts as 0.33 of an article.

Art. 34 – To take the oral examination on the Dissertation, the Doctorate student must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) be regularly enrolled in the program;
- b) having accumulated a total of, at least, thirty-six (36) credits;
- c) having passed the qualification exam;
- d) having obtained a favorable opinion from an “ad-hoc” Consultant, approved by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, in the version for the oral examination on his/her dissertation, in accordance with items “g” and “j” of Art. 6;
- e) presenting proof of having had an article accepted for publication or published in a Qualis B1 journal or higher, and proof of having had at least one other article submitted in a B2 or higher journal, during the Doctorate period, with the supervisor as co-author in both articles. If there are other graduate student(s) from the program associated with the article, its absolute value will be divided by the number of associated graduate students. For example, an article with 3 graduate students, counts as 0.33 of an article.

Art. 35 - A copy of the version for the oral examination of the Thesis or Dissertation work must be sent to CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, by the Supervisor, to be analyzed by an “ad-hoc” Consultant, who will issue an opinion on the adequacy of the work to the objectives and proposed methodology.

Paragraph 1 - The appointment of the “ad-hoc” Consultant will be carried out by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA by considering the compatibility between the theme of the Thesis or Dissertation and the area of activity of the professor or researcher responsible for the evaluation.

Paragraph 2 - The Consultant must hold the degree of Doctor or Full Professor, recognized in accordance with the law, who can only be dismissed when dealing with a specialist with proven experience in the area, at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Paragraph 3 - When assessing the Thesis or Dissertation, the Consultant must issue an opinion within a maximum of thirty (30) days, containing:

- a) comments on the importance of the Thesis or Dissertation, and its contribution to the area of knowledge;
- b) evaluation of the text presented, especially with regard to:
 - introduction to the problem addressed;
 - objectives and work plan;
 - methodology used in the study;
 - relevance of the results obtained;
 - pertinence of the discussion presented;
 - How up-to-date are the bibliographic references;
 - adequacy of the abstract and the title.
- c) final recommendation to CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, indicating whether the Thesis or Dissertation should be approved or rejected.

Art. 36 - After the favorable prior examination, the Supervisor must suggest to CC-FISIOCIRURGIA the date for the public oral examination on the Thesis or Dissertation at UERJ, as well as the indication of names for the composition of the Examining Committee.

Paragraph 1 - The submission of the Thesis or Dissertation must take place up to thirty (30) days before the date scheduled for the oral examination, however, a shorter interval may be granted, at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Paragraph 2 - When presenting the version of the work to be submitted to the Examining Committee, five (5) copies of the Thesis must be delivered, in the case of the Master's Degree, and seven (7) copies of the Dissertation, in the case of the Doctorate, with good graphic presentation and in compliance with the specific rules on the matter by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Art. 37 - The Examining Committee, in the case of the Master's Degree, will consist of three (3) members, and in the case of the Doctorate, by five (5) members, chosen by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, preferably among the members of the list of names proposed by the Supervisor, being required to have the degree of Doctor or Full Professor, accredited according to the legislation, or, exceptionally, equivalence granted by the National Board of Education.

Paragraph 1 - One (1) internal deputy and one external deputy will also be appointed, in order to replace the effective examiner who is impeded for any relevant reason, in the event of force majeure, and the same degree established in the caput of this Article is required.

Paragraph 2 - Mandatorily, at least one (1) of the members of the Examining Committee, in the case of the Master's Degree, and at least two (2), in the case of the Doctorate, must be professors who do not act as a professor at PG-FISIOCIRURGIA and who do not belong to the active staff of UERJ.

Paragraph 3 - In the event of simultaneous impediment of more than one Examiner, the General Coordinator of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA may appoint the deputy(ies), in order to ensure the execution of the exam on the due date.

Art. 38 - The Examining Committee and the date of oral examination on the Thesis or Dissertation will be submitted to CC-FISIOCIRURGIA for approval.

Art. 39 - The oral examination on the Thesis or Dissertation will be held at UERJ and in a public session, widely disseminated by CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Paragraph 1 - The chairman of the examination session shall be the member of the Examining Committee with the highest and oldest degree.

Paragraph 2 - The Thesis or Dissertation that achieves an arithmetic average equal to or greater than eight (8.0), among the grades attributed by the members.

Art. 40 - In the specific case of the Doctorate, at the discretion of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA, a collection of, at least, two (2) articles related to the subject of the Dissertation, published in indexed journals, can be presented instead of the traditional format of Dissertation, and the following mandatory sections must be added to this collection: an Introduction, a Discussion, the Abstract in Portuguese and the Bibliographic References.

Art. 41 - The oral examination on the Thesis or Dissertation will comprise the following steps:

- a) installation of the Examining Committee;
- b) presentation, by the applicant, of the main results obtained in his/her Thesis or Dissertation, within no more than forty (40) minutes, in the case of the Master's Degree, and fifty (50) minutes, in the case of the Doctorate;
- c) argument of the applicant by the Examiners, in a time not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes, with equal time for response;
- d) the applicant's argument in the form of dialogue, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) minutes, may be made at the proposal of one of the parties, upon mutual agreement;
- e) final judgment of the Examining Committee, whose minutes will be drawn up immediately, in the proper book, and which will include the status to be publicly disclosed.

Paragraph 1 - The supervisor will not award a grade.

Paragraph 2 - After the argument, the applicant must introduce in his/her Thesis or Dissertation, when applicable, the corrections and suggestions proposed by the Examining Committee, with a maximum period of thirty (30) days for delivery of the final and approved version to the CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Paragraph 3 - The Supervisor will be responsible for the faithful compliance with the requirements of the Examining Committee, within the deadline stipulated in the previous paragraph.

Art. 42 - The result of the judgment by each member of the Examining Committee will be expressed in a numerical grade from zero (0) to ten (10.0).

CHAPTER VII

ACADEMIC DEGREES OF MASTER AND DOCTOR

Art. 43 - The Master's student who has passed the oral examination on his/her Thesis, according to the criteria established in this Regulation and in the University Commandments in force, will be granted the Master's Degree in Science, in the key focus area studied.

Art. 44 – The Doctorate student who has passed the oral examination on his/her Dissertation, according to the criteria established in this Regulation and in the University Commandments in force, will be granted the Doctorate Degree in Science, in the key focus area studied.

TITLE V

GENERAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Art. 45 - The acts necessary to comply with the present Regulation will be the responsibility of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.

Art. 46 - All other articles of the General Regulation in force referring to the Graduate Programs of UERJ (Resolution Nr. 117/85) and the School of Medical Sciences (Resolution Nr. 007/93) are incorporated into this Regulation. Art. 47 - This specific Regulation must be revised after two (02) years of effectiveness, or at any time, in case of reformulation of the General Regulation of Graduate Programs of UERJ or at the initiative of CC-FISIOCIRURGIA.