



As enacted on

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Article 1. Organization of the University

1.1 The University

- The National University of Versmark is an institution of the Department of Education, within the greater Ministry of Culture and the Arts. It is the sole institution within the Sovereign State of Versmark that is sanctioned to offer and confer post-secondary degrees.
- The University shall be composed of numerous colleges that shall facilitate academic study and teaching to enrolled students, who follow a field of study in pursuance of a degree or other certification.

1.2 The Chancellor

- The Chancellor of the University, an office held *ex officio* by the Director of Education, shall be the executive head of the University. The Chancellor shall be appointed at the pleasure and discretion of the Minister of Culture and the Arts.
- The Chancellor shall be tasked with:
 - Hiring the respective staff and faculty required to operate the University, with the advice of the Board of Regents,
 - Appointing the Deans of the Colleges,
 - Coordinating with external organizations and agencies in conjunction with the Board of Regents.

1.3 Deans

- Deans shall be appointed members of faculty responsible for the administration and oversight of one or more of the lower colleges of the University. They shall serve indefinitely, and shall continue to serve as the head of their appointed college(s) during good behavior.
- The Deans shall be tasked with the following items:
 - a. Administration of staff & faculty members within their respective college(s);
 - b. Oversight on curriculum and courses offered;
 - c. Enforcing University codifications.
- The Deans shall have the executive authority to:
 - a. Expel and/or suspend the enrollment of a student under reasonable pretenses,
 - b. Modify a curriculum to align with set University standards.
- A decision made by a Dean may be appealed to the Board of Regents.

1.4 Board of Regents

- The Board of Regents shall be the highest authority within the University, only subordinate to the Director of Education and all dignitaries of higher authority. The Board of Regents shall be responsible for the business dealings and administration of

the University, and shall comprise, at a minimum, the Chancellor, the Minister of Culture and the Arts, and either two other members of faculty appointed amongst themselves, or two members of the Versmarkian government if there are not enough faculty hired for this process to occur.

- The members of the Board of Regents shall serve indefinitely during good behavior, and shall always maintain an internally elected Chair of the Board, a member of the Board who shall serve in a capacity to operate meetings of the Board. The Chair of the Board shall have the authority to:
 - a. Call meetings of the Board, provided a quorum of at least three (3) members is met.
 - b. Organize the appointment, election, or dismissal of regents to the Board,
 - c. Bring forth an agenda to each meeting of the Board, to which the Board may deliberate on.
- If a seat on the Board of Regents is vacant, is it the Chair's duty to host an election amongst the Board in order to fulfill the positions, not governed by other offices.
- The Board of Regents shall be required to convene at least twice (2) annually.

Article 2. Colleges

2.1 Organization of Colleges

- Colleges shall be established for the study and instruction of a certain academic or scientific field of study. They shall be headed by a Dean, as defined in §1.3, which shall be responsible for the administration of a college.
- Each field of study administered by a college shall have a Chief Instructor, responsible for that specific program, and shall be divided into courses administered by Senior Instructors.

2.2 Established Colleges

- The University shall be composed of the following colleges, which cannot be dissolved at any point, whether by the Board of Regents or by further amendment to these By-Laws:
 - College of Liberal Arts,
 - College of Legal Studies,
 - College of Micropatriology,
 - Klanift Research College.
- Further Colleges may be made or dissolved at the discretion of the Board of Regents.
- The naming of these Colleges may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Regents.

Article 3. Enrollment & Faculty

3.1 Enrollment Requirements

- Any individual that shall attend the University must:
 - a. Be a citizen of the Sovereign State of Versmark, a Protectorate Citizen, or an approved participant of a foreign-exchange program,
 - b. Be at least fourteen (14) years of age,
 - c. Prove basic competencies through the completion, and passing, of the Versmark Standardized Aptitude Exam (VSAE), the contents and benchmarks of which are to be determined before each term's beginning by the Board of Regents and the Deans.
- All enrolled students must complete at least one course per month during a semester to meet the University's activity requirement. All students that do not meet this activity requirement, and violate such a requirement three (3) consecutive months in a row, shall be expelled without appeal from the National University of Versmark.

3.2 Student & Faculty Code of Conduct & Ethics

- All students must abide by the following code of conduct & ethics and violation shall result in disciplinary punishment as determined by the Board of Regents:
 - a. No student may alter submitted material, plagiarize material, falsify or generate material through the use of artificial intelligence, or otherwise cheat on official examinations or assigned work,
 - b. No student may enter romantic or sexual affairs with staff members of the University,
 - c. No student shall commit felony offenses.

Article 4. Courses

4.1 Organization of Course Structure

- The National University of Versmark shall operate within two terms over the course of a calendar year, with one term lasting from May 15th to August 15th and another from November 1st to February 1st of the next calendar year. During these terms, classes, exams, and all other academic operations may take place, with the exception of Board of Regents meetings and other administrative processes.
- The University may offer degrees and otherwise certifications to enrollment upon completion of required coursework. All current types of degrees and certifications, and the amount of credit-hours required to obtain each type, shall be listed below:
 - (1) Juris Doctor; (35) credit-hours
 - (2) Licentiate in the Arts or Sciences: (25) credit-hours
 - (3) Diploma; (15) credit-hours

(4) Certification; (8) credit-hours

- A field of study shall be a defined set or list of courses in which a student must complete either some or all of the courses to be conferred with a degree within the specified field.

4.2 Specific Courses & Requirements

- Enrolled students may take courses in order to obtain relevant credit-hours within a specific field of study.
- All individual courses must be incorporated by a syllabus, which shall be a detailed document stating the items that enrolled students must show proficiency, or a degree of understanding in, as well as an accompanying passing exam, in order to pass a course. All course syllabi shall contain the following elements:
 - a. Awarded amount of credit hours,
 - b. Chief Instructor or senior official in charge of instruction,
 - c. Curriculum standards, divided into individual items within units,
 - d. Principle objectives, missions, and purposes.

4.2 General Education Course Requirements

- All degrees and certifications granted by the National University of Versmark shall be required to contain a minimum of at least four (4) credit hours, regardless of type of degree or certification in pursuance towards general education requirements.
- The College of Liberal Arts shall be responsible for the instruction to the student in accordance with this requirement.
- A course in Versmarkian civics must be taken by all fields of study, counting for two (2) credit hours, of the four (4) credit hour requirement. The remaining two (2) credit-hours may be at the student's discretion.

4.3 Elective Courses

- Elective courses are courses offered either by the University in general or by a specific College. Elective courses shall be defined as any course not required for a field of study, and offered to students for their personal enrichment or choice.
- Elective courses may only count for credit hours towards a field of study, if it is made available as a substitution for another course.

4.4 Faculty Authority in Coursework

- Unless absolutely necessary, Senior Instructors are discouraged from altering their coursework once assigned.
- The decision from a Senior Instructor to change coursework during a term may be appealed to the Board of Regents.

4.5 Credit-Hours

- Each course shall have a set amount of credit-hours, which shall contribute to the amount of coursework required to graduate for each level of degree.
- A course may be no less than two (2) and no greater than five (5) credit-hours, and shall correspond with the length and importance of the material to the field of study.
- If an incoming student wishes to transfer credits from another micronational university with which the University has a standing agreement, the University will determine the appropriate amount of hours to award to said student.

*Ratified by the Minister of Culture & the Arts, and the Director of Education & Chancellor
for the National University of Versmark on April 5th, 2026.*

