

WORDING OF THE MATRICULATION AND GRADUATION VOWS

Matriculation Vows

During the matriculation ceremony, students of the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University take the following vows:

I promise,

as a student of Masaryk University, that I will make every effort to attain the deepest possible knowledge, and master every skill that is necessary for professional work in the field of study to which I have been admitted; that I will follow the advice of my teachers and observe the study regulations of the University and the Faculty during my studies, and that I will not harm the generally-recognised good reputation of Masaryk University and its Faculty of Arts by my actions.

Graduation Vows

At graduation ceremonies for graduates of Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral studies, a condition for the award of the relevant academic degree is the swearing of an oath in the prescribed wording, the essence of which is a promise undertaken by the graduate in the presence of the promoter.

At the graduation ceremony for a *doctor honoris causa*, or honorary doctorate, the text of the oath is modified to meet specific requirements.

The language of the oath is Latin for Doctoral students, and Latin or Czech for graduates of Master's or Bachelor's studies.

Latin text of the Oath

Promoter:

[Dr.: Doctorandi, Mgr. Bc.: Scholares] clarissimi, examinibus, quae ad eorum, qui [Dr.: doctoris, Mgr.: magistri, Bc.: baccalaurei] nomen et honores consequi student, doctrinam explorandam lege constituta sunt, cum laude superatis, nos adiistis desiderantes, ut vos eo honore in hoc solemni consessu ornaremus. Prius autem fides est danda, vos tales semper futuros, quales vos esse iubebit dignitas, quam obtinueritis, et nos vos fore speramus.

Spondebitis igitur:

Primum vos huius Universitatis, in qua [Dr.: summum in philosophia, Mgr.: magistri, Bc.: baccalaurei] gradum ascenderitis, piam perpetuo memoriam habituros, eiusque res et rationes, quoad poteritis, adiuturos; dein honorem eum, quem in vos collaturus (-a) sum, integrum incolumemque servaturos; postremo studia humanitatis impigro labore culturos et propecturos non sordidi lucri causa, nec ad vanam captandam gloriam, sed ut veritas

propagetur et lux eius, qua salus humani generis continetur, clarius effulgeat. Haec vos ex animi vestri sententia spondebitis ac pollicebimini?

Doctorandi, vel magisterii baccalaureatusve candidati singulatim:

Spondeo ac polliceor.

Promoter:

Itaque iam nihil impedit, quominus honores, quos obtinere cupitis, vobis impertiamus. Ergo ego promotor rite constitutus (promotrix rite constituta) vos ex decreto ordinis mei [Dr.: doctores, Mgr.: magistros, Bc.: baccalaureos] creo, creatos renuntio, omniaque [Dr.: doctoris, Mgr.: magistri, Bc.: baccalaurei] iura ac privilegia in vos confero. In cuius rei fidem haec diplomata Universitatis Masarykianae sigillo firmata vobis in manus trado.

English text of the Oath

Promoter:

Dear [Dr.: Ph.D., M.Sc., B.Sc.: degree candidates], you have successfully passed the examinations prescribed by law to test the knowledge of those who wish to attain the honorary degree of [Dr.: Doctor of Philosophy, M.A.: Master, B.A.: Bachelor]. You now come before us with the request that we confer upon you at this solemn assembly the degree for which you are applying. Before that, however, you must first swear an oath that you will always act with the dignity of the honour that you are to receive requires of you, and that we also confidently expect of you.

And so, you promise:

Above all, that you will keep this University, at which you have attained [Dr.: the highest degree of Doctor of Philosophy, M.A.: the degree of Master, B.Sc.: the degree of Bachelor], forever in grateful memory, and that you will always encourage it to prosper and support its interests to the best of your abilities;

and that the honour of the degree which I shall confer upon you shall be preserved without spot or blemish;

and finally, that you will cultivate and develop, with untiring diligence, the study of human affairs, not for sordid gain or vain glory, but in order that the truth may be spread, and that its light, in which lies the welfare of the human race, may shine ever more brightly.

Do you pledge yourself to these ends, and promise to keep your oath in good conscience?

Doctoral students or candidates for a Master's or Bachelor's degree individually: *I pledge and promise.*

Promoter:

So, there is nothing to prevent you from being bestowed the degree you desire to attain. Therefore, I, the duly appointed promoter, by the authority of my Office, appoint you [Dr.: Doctors of Philosophy, M.A.: Masters, B.A.: Bachelors], publicly announce your appointment, and grant you all [Dr.: the rights and privileges pertaining to Doctor of Philosophy, M.A.: the rights and privileges pertaining to Master, B.A.: the rights and privileges pertaining to Bachelor]. In witness whereof I place in your hands the following diplomas bearing the seal of Masaryk University.