

Regulations of the Doctoral School of Philosophy at Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities

INTRODUCTION

Section 1

(1) The Doctoral School of Philosophy is an operative unit of the Faculty of Humanities, where doctoral education towards a PhD degree is conducted in a number of disciplines of the philosophical sciences, consisting of the Institute of Philosophy, the Institute for the Theory of Art and Media Studies, the Institute of Art History and the Department for Religious Studies.

Instructors and staff of other universities or research institutes participate as core members or as guest supervisors/instructors.

(2) The Regulations of the Doctoral School of Philosophy is ratified by the Doctoral Council of the University (EDT) based on the opinion of the Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Humanities (BDT).

(3) In any issue not regulated by The Regulations of the Doctoral School of Philosophy the respective stipulations of the University Doctoral Regulations (EDSz) and the Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Humanities (KDSz, EDSz Appendix 6/2.) should be observed.

THE HEAD OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL AND ITS ADMINISTRATION

Section 2

(1) The head of the Doctoral School can be a core member of the School who is a regular or a corresponding member or a doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, or is a Doctor of Science (henceforth: doctor of the academy), and a university professor. The head of the Doctoral School is appointed or relieved by the Rector of the university upon the proposal of the Doctoral Councils of the Faculty and that of the University with the consent of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee. The head of the Doctoral School is responsible for the scientific standards and the education work of the school.

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Doctoral School of Philosophy at Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities (FDI)

THE INSTRUCTORS OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Section 3

(1) Instructors holding a scientific degree are entitled to teach in the doctoral school. The instructors are approved by the Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Humanities upon the submission of the head of the Doctoral School as stipulated in the University Doctoral Regulations.

(2) The instructors of the Doctoral School conduct courses advertised in the doctoral curriculum, hold lectures, practices, and workshop seminars, and incorporate the doctoral students into their research work. Based on the decision of the Council of the Doctoral School (DIT) they supervise the work of one or more doctoral candidates. Supervision includes the compilation and control of the education plan of the doctoral student, the preparation of the student for the comprehensive doctoral examination and continuous consultations during the writing of the dissertation.

COUNCIL OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL (DIT)

Section 4

(1) The head of the Doctoral School is aided in his or her work by the Council of the Doctoral School (DIT), which holds regular meetings, makes decisions regarding the practical and theoretical issues of education, drafts and submits recommendations for consideration to the Doctoral Council of the Faculty. It continually exercises its rights and duties as laid down in the EDSz. It secures that the doctoral programmes operate in a way matching the accreditation document and the decrees of the Hungarian Accreditation Council.

(2) The DIT is an autonomous institution; it is not subordinated to the Institute of Philosophy, the Institute of Art History or the Institute for the Theory of Art and Media Studies.

(3) The members of the DIT are the heads of the doctoral programmes, who are elected by the instructors of the doctoral programmes; the election is done by secret ballot. 50% of the instructors plus one person must participate in the election.

(4) The DIT consists of a minimum of 3 members.

(5) The mandate of the members of the DIT lasts for three years.

(6) The chairperson of the DIT is the head of the Doctoral School. The deputy chairperson of the DIT, who is also the deputy head of the Doctoral School, is elected by the heads of the doctoral programmes from among the heads of the advertised doctoral programmes.

(7) A member of the Student Union of doctoral students, who is a registered doctoral student or doctoral candidate of the Doctoral School, participates in the work of the DIT as a non-voting member. The delegation of the representative is regulated by the statutes of the Student Union of doctoral students of the University.

(8) The chairperson and the members of the DIT are approved by the Doctoral Council of the University, their credentials are signed by the chairperson of the Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Humanities (BDT).

(9) The duties of the DIT include especially:

- a) assessing the new doctoral education programmes for the BDT
- b) forwarding proposals to the BDT regarding the members of doctoral education programmes and their leaders
- c) allocation of members and chairpersons on entrance examination committees
- d) decisions about the allocation of state-subsidized scholarship places among the doctoral education programmes
- e) compiles and presents the doctoral education plans to the BDT and determines the amount of credit points required to obtain a pre-degree certificate taking into consideration the guidelines defined in the KDSz and the EDSz.
- f) passing decisions and forwarding these to the BDT on the specific requirements for application to the doctoral school, when these differ from the general requirements
- g) passing decisions and forwarding these to the BDT on the professional requirements on obtaining a doctoral degree, taking into consideration the regulations of the University and the Faculty
- h) evaluation and forwarding of individual study plans to the BDT
- i) allocation of supervisors of doctoral students and forwards these to the BDT
- j) making proposals to the BDT on the main and subsidiary topics of the comprehensive doctoral examination and the members of examination committees (in contentious issues the head of the doctoral school may exercise his or her right in these matters)
- k) making proposals to the BDT on the official opponents and the members of defence committees
- l) making decisions about the finances allocated to the doctoral school by the faculty and compilation of annual financial reports to the BDT
- m) compilation of regulations of the doctoral school especially in view of the points a)–l) above and forwarding these to the BDT

DOCTORAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Section 5

(1) The doctoral school establishes doctoral education programmes in the disciplines and in the sub-disciplines it represents

(2) The educational programmes of the Doctoral School:

Analytic Philosophy Doctoral Program

The analytic tradition in philosophy has been prominent in the English speaking world since the second half of the 20th century and became influential in Hungary since the 1990s due in large part to János Kelen's teaching and research as well as his participation in launching the Doctoral Program in Analytic

Philosophy in 1995. Several faculty members instructing in the Program are internationally renowned scholars in analytic philosophy; the majority of whom regularly teaches English-language courses. Hungarian as well as international students with an MA in Philosophy (or equivalent) can apply to the Doctoral Program, which has a Hungarian as well as an English version. The Analytic Philosophy Program encompasses the following areas: philosophy of language, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology, epistemology; ethics, metaethics, moral philosophy; history of analytic philosophy; analytic approaches to feminist philosophy; analytic aesthetics and philosophy of art; analytic political philosophy. Further areas covered through cooperation with other doctoral programs in Philosophy, primarily the Doctoral Program in Logic and Theory of Science: philosophical logic; philosophy of mathematics; mathematical logic; philosophy of science.

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy Doctoral Program

The program, which was launched in 1995, admits two or three doctoral students per year, doing research work on the philosophy of the Greco-Roman world or on the thought of the Middle Ages.

The establishment and accreditation of the program was initiated on the consideration that the study of ancient philosophy is one of the oldest traditions of our Faculty. Our program aims to follow a method of rigorous close-reading of the works under scrutiny, which was introduced by Endre Simon into philosophy education at our Faculty and was later continued by Kornél Steiger, the founder of our program.

The courses of our program rely on the tradition of reading ancient texts with commentaries. This practice allows our students to realize on the basis of their own experience that the reading and interpretation of commented texts gives rise to new, alternative explanations that in some cases cancel older ones; in other words, that ancient philosophy is intimately bound up with the history of the reception of Classical philosophical doctrines. This insight enhances the students' ability to subject entrenched interpretations to critical scrutiny and to formulate fresh ones. In addition to the focus on the commentary tradition, another important characteristic of our program is the insistence on the importance of using the Greek and Latin original texts, which is an indispensable precondition of developing relevant philosophical interpretations of the works under examination. The program was restructured in 2010 so as to include medieval philosophy as well, the study of which is based on similar principles.

Moral and Political Philosophy Doctoral Program

The Doctoral School of Political Philosophy at Eötvös Loránd University Budapest seeks to offer an overall view of modern and contemporary political philosophy. With special emphasis on modern, especially 18th century history of ideas, the Doctoral School intends to cover both classical authors (from Machiavelli to Rawls) and the main currents of political thought (from conservatism to neoliberalism). Within a wider range of positions normative conceptions of the political are given a certain priority.

Aesthetics Doctoral Program

The Aesthetics PhD. Program has been launched as an independent doctoral program in 1995. It was integrated into Doctoral School of Philosophy some years later, but the program preserved its independent profile. According to the first principle the Aesthetic Doctoral Program does not limit the possible subjects for dissertations, but remains open for all high quality and well-founded research project. According to the second principle it is not a general, but higher level formation remaining in the framework of university teaching, but a very specific scientific activity. The core of the teaching in the Aesthetics program is the history of aesthetics and philosophy of art. The most important teaching method is tutorial consultation. We organize at the end of each semester a conference where all doctoral students have to present their actual work.

Phenomenology Doctoral Program

The program of Phenomenology has been part of the Doctoral School since 1993. Its founder was László Tengelyi, professor of our University until 2001, then professor of philosophy until his death at the University of Wuppertal. He played a significant role in the contemporary international phenomenological movement. The importance of the program is due to the fact that Phenomenology is not only one of the philosophical movements of 20th century, but also the common starting point for the different thinking methods of Continental philosophy. Phenomenology has not only influenced 20th century philosophy in general, but also the human sciences (anthropology, psychology, sociology, etc.). The doctoral program of phenomenology has been working together with young scholars (mainly former students of the Program) of the Hungarian Phenomenological Society (founded in 2005), that organizes conferences, workshops and summer universities, and edits a philosophical review (Aspecto) and a book series (Aspecto könyvek) printed by the publishing house L'harmattan-Budapest.

Film, Media and Culture Theory Doctoral Program

The Institute of Art Theory and Media Studies of Eötvös Loránd University launched its Doctoral Program in the Theory of Film, Media and Culture in September 2007.

This PhD program is the main center for the research of contemporary culture at the Faculty of Humanities. The faculty members of the institute that hosts the program are outstanding professionals of Hungarian film- and media research. Their activity entails both the research and the production of media. The scientific background of the program involves both traditional disciplines like the history of film and television, theories of genre and of public sphere, and contemporary cultural studies as well as new theories of visibility. The program pays special attention to the social rooting of the emergence of meaning in culture. It also focuses on the political character of the technologies of the creation and reproduction of knowledge. The program considers the transition between disciplines in the analysis of contemporary culture important. Continuing the tradition of the faculty, the program stresses the importance of the textual and aesthetic aspects of film and media. It relates these perspectives to researches regarding the production, technology and regulation of analogue and digital contents. Besides the classical aspects of the aesthetics of reception, the program devotes attention to the examination of the creation and consumption of contemporary culture. The program is connected to the most important domestic scientific and professional workshops and builds lasting partnerships with influential universities abroad. The program considers the intensive joint workshop activity of doctoral students and professors as a key element in the process of teaching and learning.

Hermeneutics Doctoral Program

The doctoral program was established in 1993 and is led since by Prof. István M. Fehér. Hermeneutics is an important school of contemporary philosophy, and being the theory of interpretation it plays a significant role in human sciences. Given that philosophy is inevitably presented in texts, the philosophical relevance of hermeneutics is evident. Furthermore, several neighboring disciplines – among others aesthetics, sociology, psychology – rely on theories and concepts of hermeneutics. The doctoral program is organized along following three major aspects: a historical account of hermeneutics from Romanticism to Heidegger, Gadamer – including French developments – is combined with a systematic discussion both in philosophy and in other disciplines. Last but not least the program focuses on the contemporary self-reflection of hermeneutics.

Intercultural Philosophy Doctoral Program

The program offers a framework for students who do research on philosophy or on the history of religion in a non-European tradition. Interculturality here may mean the analysis of another culture with our tools and concepts; or the historical study of the contacts of a culture with Europe; or investigations into the interactions of two Eastern cultures, or of phenomena (like Buddhism) crossing many borders; or finally, a purely theoretical contrastive analysis of analogous theories and concepts in different cultures. The pro-

gram is philologically oriented; a basic requirement is that students have to be able to work directly with original texts in at least one of the languages involved, e.g. Sanskrit, Pali, Chinese, Tibetan or Arabic. Possible research areas are South Asia, East Asia and Islam.

Doctoral Program in Logic and Philosophy of Science

The program launched in 1993 was conceived by the famous Hungarian logician Imre Ruzsa. The main scope of the program is logic and formal approaches to philosophy of science, first of all philosophy of physics and mathematics. We also offer courses and research topics in the fields of philosophy of language and formal semantics, as well as epistemology and metaphysics in connection with philosophy of science. Due to its interdisciplinary nature, the Logic and Philosophy of Science program is open to both Hungarian and foreign students as well who hold an MA/MSc degree either in philosophy or in some other relevant field. The relatively flexible program and the strongly tutorial character of the school bridge the differences in the backgrounds. To bring together the faculty and the students, we have two weekly seminars on logic/philosophy of mathematics and on theoretical philosophy. In several ways, the doctoral program is in harmony with the Logic and Theory of Science MA program. The two programs together constitute an internationally remarkable graduate school in the field of logic and philosophy of science.

Art History Doctoral Program

The principle aim of the Art History Doctoral Program is research in art history mainly in Hungary, from the Middle Ages to our days. The program focuses not only on classical subjects of the history of arts, but deals also with monuments and the theoretical questions of protection of monuments and historical buildings, it analyses and presents for the international scientific research national art collections, follows and researches Hungarian art products in abroad. That is why in the program we accentuate not only theoretical and historical formation of students, but also practical knowledge in the field (museums, collections, restorer workshops, etc.).

Modern Philosophy Doctoral Program

The Modern Philosophy Doctoral Program is part of the Philosophy Doctoral School at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest. We offer courses and dissertation supervision in most areas of modern European philosophy from the early 17th century to the early 20th century.

The Modern Philosophy Program is open to both Hungarian and foreign students who hold an MA degree (or equivalent) in philosophy or in some other relevant field. Most courses offered in the program are available on request in English, German or French, exams can also be held in these languages. The Modern Philosophy Program operates in cooperation with other Doctoral Programs in Philosophy at ELTE.

The head of the Modern Philosophy Program is Gábor Boros.

Core faculty members offering courses and supervision in English (they are based at ELTE Institute of Philosophy unless listed otherwise): Dániel Schmal (Pázmány Péter Catholic University), Tamás Pavlovits (University of Szeged), László Áron, Gábor Boros, István Faragó-Szabó, Mária Ludassy, Csaba Olay, Judit Szalai, Tamás Ullmann.

Further faculty members affiliated with the program: Ferenc Hörcher (Pázmány Péter Catholic University), János Weiss (University of Pécs), Miklós Vassányi (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary), Nóra Szegedi (Central European University), and Veronika Szántó (ELTE Philosophy).

Religious Studies Doctoral Program

The Religious Studies program follows the same principles—and implements them at a higher scientific level—as the Centre for Religious Studies coordinating BA and MA education. To understand the ancient or eastern cultures and the Middle Ages as a whole, even to understand contemporary societies, to interpret their language and literature, it is essential to study the religion(s) of that culture. Ethnography (cultural anthropology), philosophy, and their sub-areas and some of their common clusters (e.g. folk religion,

ritual research, philosophy of religion) are particularly closely related to religious studies, but archaeology and art history also always examine religion- or ritual-related objects. Religious Studies education and research operates in an ideologically neutral framework, and is based on the principles of respect, understanding and tolerance for religious cultures and for the religious human being, as well as on the principle of objective and empathic scientific research, and on the professional, balanced presentation of results.

(3) The heads of the doctoral education programmes propose the study unit lists of the programme, the acceptance of study units during transfer from another programme, the curriculum of the semester, the instructors conducting courses and the supervisors, as well as the evaluation and acceptance of the work of the participants regarding scientific achievements, scientific organisational work, publications and teaching activities.

(4) The establishment, suspension, termination of a doctoral education programme, as well as the leader of the doctoral programme are decided on by the BDT upon the proposal of the Council of the Doctoral School, observing the regulations of the University and the Faculty.

(5) The DIT decides on the doctoral programmes to be advertised in the coming academic year no later than 30 April, and informs the chairperson of the BDT of its decision.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Section 6

(1) The DIT establishes the principles and methods of quality assurance in doctoral education and for the obtaining of the doctoral degree.

(2) The DIT continuously monitors the operation of the doctoral education programmes. It utilises the opinions of the doctoral students, doctoral candidates and those who earned a degree in the doctoral school in the recent past, and hires an external expert consultant if necessary.

(3) In case it becomes necessary the DIT initiates the suspension of the doctoral education programme.

(4) The DIT evaluates the operation of the doctoral education programmes annually.

(5) The DIT analyses the operation of one doctoral education programme in detail annually.

(6) The DIT approves the curricula submitted by the doctoral education programmes.

(7) The DIT approves the professional requirements for the doctoral school.

DOCTORAL EDUCATION

Section 7

(1) Doctoral Education is launched by the doctoral school in the forms of education defined by the University Doctoral Regulations of Eötvös Loránd University.

(2) In the Doctoral School of Philosophy doctoral education can be launched either as a full time training programme (state-subsidized scholarship, or tuition-paying), or as a correspondence training programme. (tuition-paying).

(3) The length of the doctoral training programme is four years.

APPLICATION, ADMISSION

Section 8

In addition to the criteria described in the regulations of the Faculty and the University, the doctoral school set the following conditions:

(1) Conditions of application:

a) A university degree, or the equivalent thereof, graded at least 'good' in the fields of sciences belonging to the purview of the Doctoral School of Philosophy (MA in philosophy, aesthetics, art history or media/communication) according to the following grouping for the doctoral programmes: analytic philosophy, ancient Western philosophy, phenomenology, hermeneutics, logic, political philosophy, history of modern philosophy typically a philosophy degree is required, for the doctoral programmes in film, media and culture theory and aesthetics, any other kind of university degree fitting the other criteria is accepted. For the doctoral programme of art history a degree in art history, for the religious studies doctoral programme a degree in religious studies is required.

b) If the applicant lacks a diploma in philosophy or aesthetics when applying for the programmes of analytic philosophy, ancient Western philosophy, phenomenology, hermeneutics, logic, political philosophy, modern philosophy it may be substituted with a university degree (MA, MSc) in another subject in exceptional cases under exact conditions. If the applicant lacks a diploma in Religious Studies when applying to the programme of Religious Studies, it may be substituted with a university degree (MA, MSc) in another subject after consultation with the head of the doctoral programme in exceptional cases under exact conditions.

c) Applicants for the programmes of the Doctoral School of Philosophy lacking a degree in philosophy or aesthetics may apply in case they declare readiness to take a comprehensive examination in the history of philosophy as specified by their supervisors no later than the end of the second academic year. The subject matter of this examination includes at least four of the six history of philosophy courses; concerning the political philosophy doctoral programme the examination includes the curriculum of Social Philosophy 1. and Political Philosophy courses.

d) A state language examination of the type 'C' in a foreign language, or an equivalent certificate.

e) Applicants who have not yet passed a final examination may apply on condition that they pass it no later than 31 July.

(2) The entrance examination is conducted by the committee formed for the purpose. The committee consists of a chairperson and at least two members, who are designated by the DIT from among the heads of the programmes and are asked to participate by the head of the doctoral school.

(3) The entrance examination takes place annually in the last week of May and the first week of June, at a place and time specified by the DIT. The applicants are informed of the time and place of the examination by the Faculty Office competent in Doctoral Affairs.

(4) The entrance examination consists of an oral part only.

- (5) The considerations for ranking the applicants are as follows:
- a) study progress at the university (examinations, comprehensive examinations, grade of the degree);
 - b) results of research work conducted earlier (student science competition prizes, publications);
 - c) the feasibility of the doctoral research plan
- (6) The order of applicants is established by the DIT based on the numerical and textual evaluation of the examination committee, and based on these the DIT submits a proposal to the BDT regarding its decision on admission. The resolution thereof is issued by the dean of the faculty.
- (7) The decision regarding admission can be as follows:
- a) admission to full time state-subsidized scholarship in regular education
 - b) admission to full time tuition-paying in regular education
 - c) admission to tuition-paying education in an individual study plan
 - d) rejection
- (8) Admission can be achieved to status a) matching the order established by the admission committee depending on the availability of the study places to be distributed by the DIT between the scientific fields represented in the Doctoral School, e.g. philosophy, aesthetics and theory of film, media and cultural studies, art history and religious studies.
- (9) The scholarship can be revoked in case of underachievement in fulfilling the education and the study plan by the DIT upon the unanimous proposal of the supervisor and the programme head. In case of outstanding study progress and scientific achievement upon the unanimous proposal of the supervisor and the programme head tuition paying students can also be awarded a scholarship in case the doctoral school is in possession of available study places.
- (10) Admission takes place to one of the advertised doctoral education programmes.

EDUCATION PLANS

Section 9

- (1) The doctoral education programmes operate on the basis of education plans, which are approved by the BDT/Senate upon the proposals submitted by DIT.
- (2) The education plan contains
- a) mandatory subjects,
 - b) subjects chosen by the supervisor
 - c) mandatory subjects to be chosen optionally from other programmes
 - d) optional subjects
 - e) research activities
 - f) educational activities [henceforth: study units]

The education plan contains study units equivalent of 240 credits, at least half of which are mandatory, to be completed during eight semesters. Individual doctoral education programmes also take into considera-

tion the education carried out in the other doctoral programmes and they make it mandatory for the students to choose at least 4 from these study units as elective courses.

STUDY PLAN

Section 10

The study plan of the doctoral student determines the work to be carried out by the student within the framework of the doctoral programme.

The study plan of the doctoral student working according to an individual study plan also contains the duties which have already been fulfilled previously, recorded as such, as well as the time for the completion of studies.

The study plan of the doctoral student is approved by the head of the programme upon the proposal of the supervisor.

REGISTRATION

Section 11

(1) Registration for the doctoral education programme is to take place prior to the deadline stated in the admission information.

(2) The doctoral student has to register at the beginning of each semester in the University's electronic registration system. Registration is only possible until the end of the registration period.

COURSE ATTENDANCE

Section 12

The conditions and consequences of course attendance are regulated by the Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Humanities, of which the students have to be informed at the beginning of the semester. This description can be found in the electronic registration system of the University.

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

Section 13

Academic assessment is regulated by the KDSz in the following manner:

(1) Assessment of the completion of courses can be carried out according to a five-grade scale [excellent (5), good (4), satisfactory (3), pass (2), fail (1)]

(2) Assessment of the research and educational activities can be carried out according to a two-grade scale (pass, fail). The requirements of the comprehensive examination are published on the University's website.

COMPLETION OF STUDIES

Section 14

The completion of the doctoral programme, the fulfilment of the academic requirements shall be verified by the pre-degree certificate (absolutorium) issued by the Dean or the Vice-Dean based on the recommendation of the topic supervisor, on the basis of the verification of the head of the doctoral school pursuant to the method prescribed in the faculty doctoral regulations.

THE CONDITIONS OF OBTAINING A DOCTORAL DEGREE

Section 15

(1) The conditions of obtaining a doctoral degree are as described in the EDSz and KDSz:

- a) the obtainment of the pre-degree certificate verifying the completion of the doctoral programme
- b) preparation of the doctoral dissertation,
- c) preparation of the abstracts preparing the subject, methods and results of the dissertation
- d) proof of proficiency in foreign languages required for academic research or – if the topic does not require proficiency in a specific language – proof of proficiency in either English, German, French, Russian, Spanish or Italian in the form of a complex [type “C”] intermediate level (B2) state-certified language exam or an equivalent certificate, including a school leaving certificate or university diploma providing proof of secondary or higher education qualifications in the given language,
- e) proficiency in another language at the level specified in the faculty doctoral regulations
- f) verification of at least three academic publications
- g) uploading the details of the academic publications into the HAS bibliographic database pursuant to the Rector’s order on the register of the publications of the University
- h) discussion of the doctoral dissertation in an in-house defence
- i) defence of the doctoral dissertation in a public disputation.

(2) Content and Formal Requirements of the Doctoral Dissertation

The doctoral dissertation must adhere to the standards of a scientific monograph in its volume, argumentation as well as in its documentation. Its minimum volume is 320 000 characters with spaces, its maximum volume is 560 000 characters with spaces. Dissertations utilizing the tools of mathematical-logical formalisation are exceptions from the rules governing the minimum/maximum volume of the dissertation.

- a) if it is necessary to submit appendix volumes, the abovementioned limit of 560 000 characters with spaces only applies to the ‘body’ text which includes the citations and the bibliography.
- b) the dissertation must contain the bibliography of its topic
- c) the bibliographical data has to be given according to the conventions of the Humanities in Hungary
- d) the dissertation can be submitted in a foreign language

THE PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A DOCTORAL DEGREE: THE IN-HOUSE DEFENCE

Section 16

(1) As to the full administrative procedure (starting the procedure, the comprehensive doctoral examination, public defence) the regulations of the University and the Faculty have to be observed.

(2) The doctoral dissertation has to be discussed at an internal defence (in-house defence). The basic conditions and circumstances of the in-house defence:

- a) The manuscript of the finished dissertation has to be made available 14 days before the in house defence to the staff of the department concerned with its topic, the doctoral students of the doctoral programme concerned, as well as for anyone interested or any expert in the field.
- b) The defence is organised by the head of the doctoral programme together with the department concerned. Two or three pre-opponents are required, possibly one of the instructors of the doctoral education programme, a fellow doctoral student and, if possible, an instructor who is not employed by the university in his/her civil servant capacity.
- c) The in-house defence starts by the presentation of the keynote speakers or the pre-opponents. Anyone can participate in the debate, the summary of the comments and the answers have to be noted in the minutes of the meeting.
- d) The internal defence has to be held at least 90 days prior to the public defence in order to enable the results of the discussion to be incorporated into the dissertation. Based on a written recommendation from the Head of the Programme, this 90-day period can be decreased to a minimum of 30 days by the DIT in exceptional and justified cases. This decision can be delegated to the Head of the Doctoral School by the DIT.
- e) The defence has to be documented in minutes to be made in three copies, one of which is kept by the doctoral candidate, another by the head of the respective doctoral programme, the third copy has to be submitted to the Faculty Office competent in Doctoral Affairs no later than five days after the debate, while an electronic copy has to be sent to the head of the Doctoral School.
- f) The outcome of the internal debate does not directly influence the public defence of the dissertation to be held as part of the doctoral procedure.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES OF THE DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Section 17

The doctoral school supports doctoral students in carrying out teaching activities during their studies, following the relevant regulations of the University and the Faculty, and their participation in the teaching of subjects of philosophy at the Faculty, receiving at least 8 credit points for a taught course.